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FROM THE STAR NEWSPAPER CHAIN

2500 marched in New Orleans, as many as 8000 in Houston

Gay people by the thousands turned out last week to protest the ideas of Anita Bryant Green and to demand equal protection under the law in such areas as housing and job security.

An estimated 2500 marched from Jackson Square through the New Orleans' French Quarter to Rampart Street, site of a singing appearance by Bryant. The marchers sang "We Shall Overcome" as they made their way to the Municipality Auditorium.

Organizers said that the crowd would have been much larger had afternoon rains not

kept many indoors.

A rally and march two days earlier in Houston was also a success, said the organizers. The Star initially reported that 3000 took place in the Houston march, but that figure has been revised. It now appears that as many as 8000 people showed up at the rally and 4500 made the walk to City Hall and back.

In both New Orleans and Houston the pro-Anita Bryant forces also staged demonstrations, but on a much smaller scale — only 35 in New Orleans, perhaps as many as 200 in Houston.



These are scenes from last week's gay march in Houston.

Gay vets may qualify for a re-classification

Gay people who were discharged from the Armed Forces because of their homosexuality may qualify for an upgrade under President Carter's special discharge review program available to Vietnam-era veterans.

Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army Paul Phillips said in a letter to National Gay Task Force Co-Executive Director Dr. Bruce Voeller, "... individuals separated from the Armed Forces on the basis of their homosexuality may qualify for upgrading within the special discharge review program."

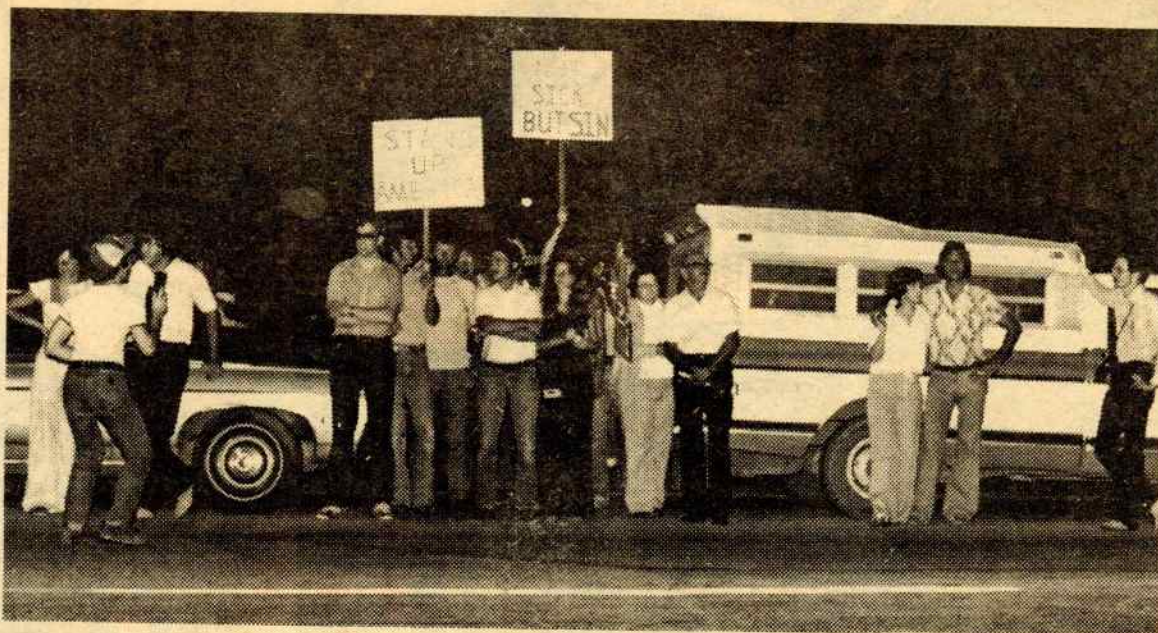
Phillips added, "It is not required that their discharge be characterized in a certain manner simply because of their homosexual function of many factors including the means by which their sexual preferences were expressed and/or revealed."

The Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army indicated the cases of gay service people would be reviewed and a change in status would be made "providing the circumstances of their service and separation meet the criteria of the program and

do not constitute a bar for upgrading."

Dr. Voeller said, "This policy statement is a major breakthrough by the Armed Forces on matters concerning gays in the military. At the White House meeting between the N.G.T.F. and representatives of the President last March, we requested the immediate upgrading of all military discharges for homosexuality from World War II to the present. We feel that the present policy change is an important step in that direction."

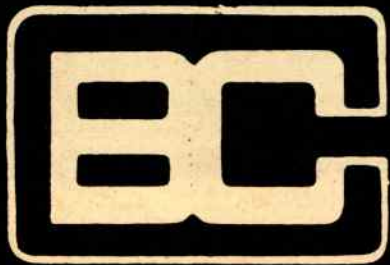
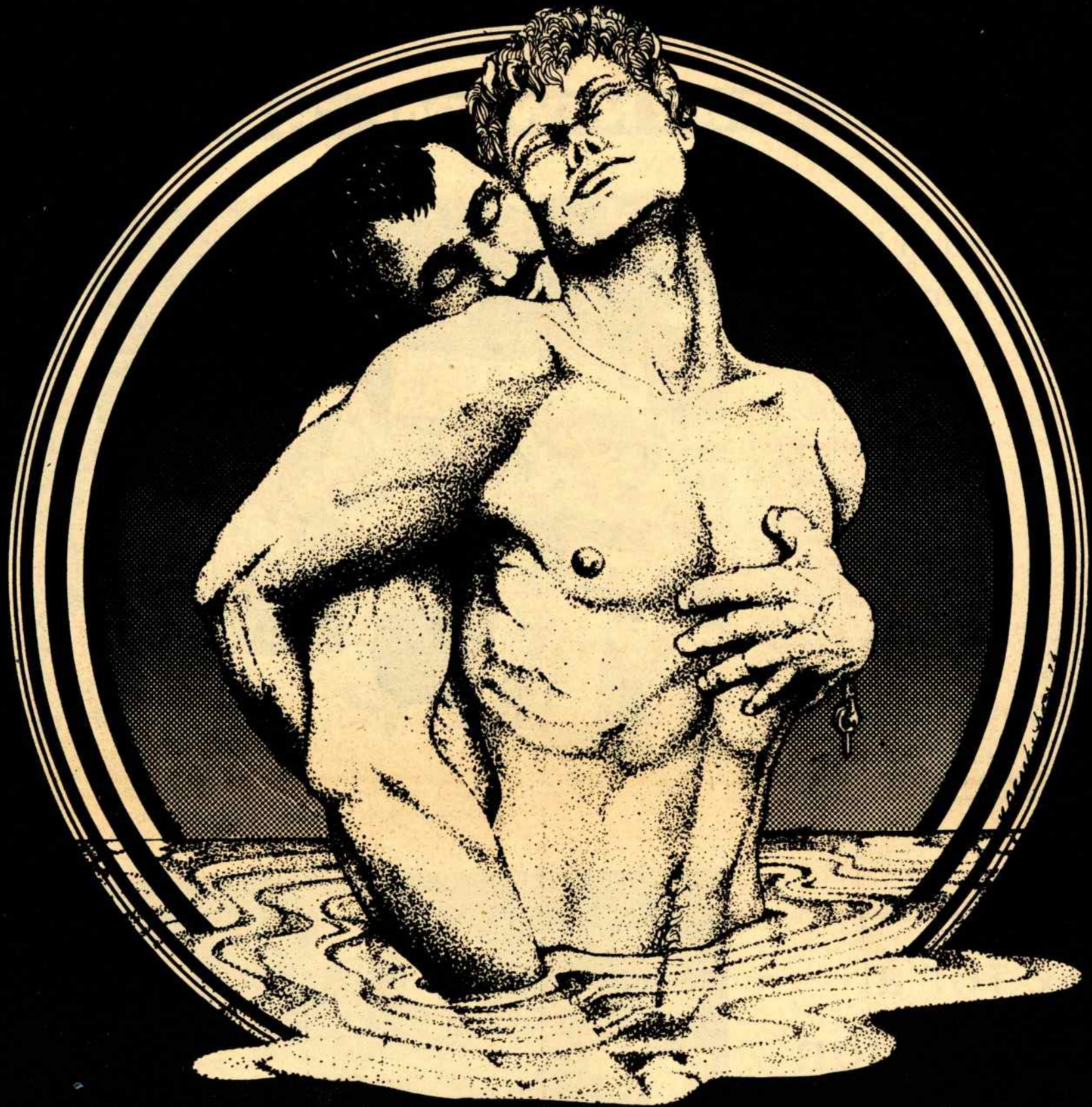
The toll-free number for the special discharge review program is 1-800-325-4040. However, since it appears unlikely that Congress will extend veterans' benefits to persons whose discharge have been upgraded through this program, gay veterans may prefer to apply for upgrading through the regular discharge review system, which includes such benefits, although this process may take several months longer to complete. The regular discharge review process is also available to



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Mother's Column

'I can't remember the trip, but we ended up in the Big Apple'

New York, New York — it's a wonderful town! Before I get into the details of this flashomatic experience, I want to let you know that no one goes home from the bars before dawn so our days were spent in dazed recuperation, and since we only had two (and one of them had to include the trip back to D.C.)

everything had to be done quickly and efficiently. So this is the story of two very efficient girls on a mad flight to take a big bite out of the Big Apple and not screw any worms in the process.

More D.C.
Sarah Serena Saratoga's

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Gravity is the enemy this week, Ari. Down is negative. Up is positive. Elevate, motivate, levitate if need be, but get your affairs out of the doldrums. Search old book for new answer. Week ends with amazing grace, good wishes and gaiety.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The piper has been paid, Taurus, and you have a few free dances coming. Old accomplice offers new twist that puts wings on your heels. Emotional jet-lag on last day must be guarded against. Forewarned is forearmed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your mind may be made up, Gem, but reserve the sacred right to change it. A little "backing and filling" now could save some major strip-mining later. Someone younger shows the way. Week ends in utter confusion, but you're used to that.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The serene darkness of the other side of the moon invades your sunny domain. Wisdom gained now by assigning greater value to spiritual life. Keep shallow person from your secret space by posting DO NOT ENTER signs. On last day, Moonbaby, you enjoy welcome sounds of silence.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Like the baby birds ready to leave the nest, you feel urge to try your wings, Leo. Flutter around a bit and get used to the feel of it. Flying is one-quarter flap and three-quarters coast. The trick is learning not to flap when you should be coasting. On last day you ruffle a few feathers — not all of them your own.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Not every frog is a handsome prince, Virgo. But keep searching the lily pads, for this week romance is favored for those born under your sign. If, however, you are waiting for a kiss from "the fairest of the fair" then first you must get her attention. Leap high, wide and handsome. Week ends with a "croak"!

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): You're feeling boxed in now, Lib. Explore all four corners. Old familiar faces as well as cast-away "toys" take on a special glow in the light of your present stars. Everything is cracked up to be what it seems — and then some. Week ends with a sigh.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Play closer attention to needs of loved one, Scorp. Don't be fooled by mask of gay insouciance. It may be defense mechanism. If business (or whatever) keeps you occupied, then the least you can do is arrange for a "designated hitter."

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): One who has been flickering in and out of focus should appear in 3-D Sensoround. You won't have time to grab much before this whirlwind hits, but hang on to your best smile because this is a "take". It's lights, camera, action from here on out. On last day you can expect a "print".

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): Getting those good vibrations will keep you tuned, toned and tanned, Cap. Avoid those with a heavy rap. Deep philosophies are a winter pastime. What you really need is to keep on the run in the sun, hon!

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): You're as free as a bee with funny honey, Aquari. Choices are many. This time pick something YOU want. One ball and chain per lifetime is more than enough!

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Others know how you are naturally intuitive, Pisces, and signals are coming in on all three lines. Leave recorded message that you've "gone fishin'" for when you stop receiving, they'll stop sending. On last day peel out for parts unknown where more may be biting than just the fish.

mouth had been under lock and key ever since that smarmy Elizabeth Ray affair, but what she had going — honey, it was too good to tell! Little did her Senator sweetie know that Serena's cute little Georgetown hideaway was right on The Block.

The Block? Well, this is what the Circuit must have been like in its heyday. It made big news one administration ago when Henry the K (that's what we call the old boy here in D.C.) moved into a swankiend only a half block from the action.

Picture a full block ringed with prowling cars and a free-standing boy on every square yard, let alone on the corners, walking up and down, gaudying the night away, negotiating as discreetly as possible. And this goes on all night long, and on the weekends there is simply too much simpatico, if you know what I mean.

Needless to say, Serena and I were having a time-and-a-half. We never had to go to the bars, but you can imagine what her Senator sweetie's liquor bill must have been like! (By the way, we were so crafty that he never knew I was staying there. Serena never did tell me exactly who he was, either, the sly bitch, but she'll never know I caught her circling his name in the Washington Post. My lips are signed, sealed and delivered on that one. Mmmmm — smack!)

By that first weekend, though, I had had enough. (Or was it too much?) Serena got sick and tired of hearing me croon "I'll take Manhattan" so we mobilized for New York City. And so one one Friday evening, less than an hour after she got off work (I have no idea what she does — she certainly doesn't type) we had packed our skimpiest overnight bags and were on the Metro subway to Union Station.

Making Tracks

I can't remember much of the trip — we were that stoned. It seemed like everyone was either a business commuter or some trashy hippie on the way to see Led Zeppelin at Madison Square Garden. I spent most of the time in the bathroom pretending to be mainlining New York; when I was bumped by a couple who started fornicating in there before the door was even shut, I demanded a private car and found one at the wrong end of a dead bar car, but it was there we reposed serenely into Penn Station.

Now if the bathrooms there had not stunk so badly we would have spent more time freshing up, but the sooner we locked our bags up in a station locker the better and we were off on the subway to Greenwich Village.

One of the most striking things about New York is the trash — the streets are covered with it. But N.Y.C. is Trash City please turn to inside back cover

Figleaves



Texan, Minnesotan get NGTF positions

Pokey Anderson of Houston and Steve Endean of Minneapolis were elected Co-Chairpeople of the National Gay Task Force by the N.G.T.F. Board of Directors, meeting in New York over the June 11 weekend.

Anderson has been active with the Houston Gay Political Caucus, and Endean heads the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights. Both have been N.G.T.F. board members since 1976.

Charles Brydon was elected to the office of Secretary and Meryl Friedman was elected Treasurer. Brydon, who joined the board in 1975, is president of the Dorian Group in Seattle, and Friedman, who has been a board member since N.G.T.F.'s inception in 1973, is associated with the New York City Gay Teachers Association.

Newly elected to the N.G.T.F. board by the membership were Bobbi Bennett of Reseda, Calif. (Lesbian Rights Task Force); Jack W. Campbell of Miami (Dade County Coalition for Human Rights); William B. Kelly of Chicago (Illinois Gay Rights Task Force); Sean Reynolds of Chicago (Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Metropolitan Chicago); Jacqueline St. Joan of Denver (Colorado Lesbian/Gay Legal Workers); Peter Scott of Los Angeles (Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles); and Barbara Weinstein of Richmond, Va. (Richmond Lesbian Feminists).

Re-elected, in addition to the

board officers, were Charlotte Bunch of Washington, D.C.; Robert Carter of New York; Jean Crosby of San Francisco; Frances Doughty of New York; Gerald Gerash of Denver; Barbara Gitting of Philadelphia; Franklin Kameny of Washington, D.C.; Barbara Love of New York; Joseph Norton of Albany, New York; and Kay Whitlock of Philadelphia.

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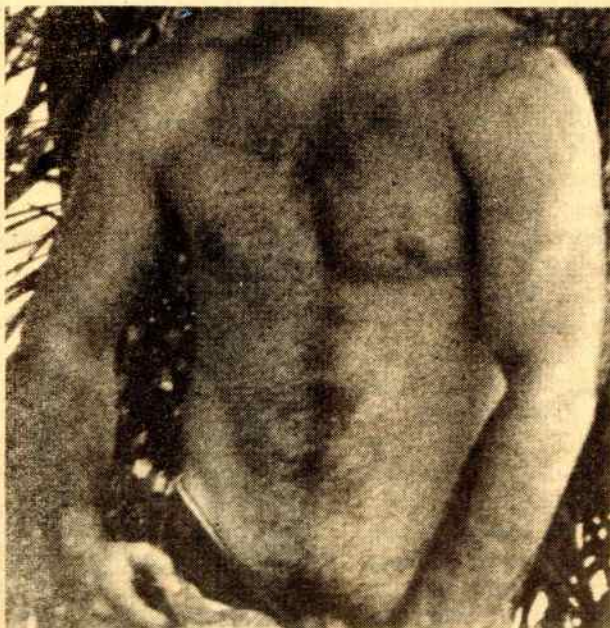
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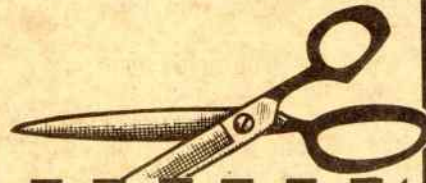
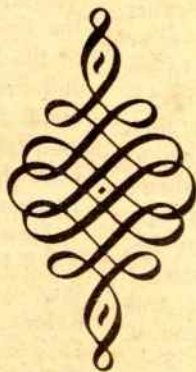
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Friday Night

Live entertainment at the One Way Inn, Dimension 3.
Chicken night at Dimension 3.
Free draft at the Boot Camp, Sundance, Sassy's.
After-hours at the Old Plantation.
Special on frozen margaritas at Sassy's.

Saturday Morning

Cedar Springs Flea Market opens.
Happy hour at the Boot Camp.

Saturday Afternoon

Discounts on Bloody Marys & screwdrivers at Swamptrash.
Happy hours at the Boot Camp, T.J.'s, Ram Rod, Crews Inn.
Beer bust at Chuck's.

Saturday Night

T-shirt night at Dimension 3.
Live piano entertainment at One Way Inn, Old Plantation, Sassy's.
Free draft at Boot Camp.
Drag show at the Service Station.
After-hours at the Old Plantation.

Sunday Morning

Cedar Springs Flea Market opens.
Worship services at MCC.

Sunday Afternoon

Happy hours at the Boot Camp, Ram Rod, Crews Inn.
Cookouts or buffets at Boot Camp, Chuck's, Bon Soir.
Special prices on Bloody Marys, screwdrivers &/or greyhounds at Swamptrash, Boot Camp, One Way Inn, Chuck's.
Pool tourney at Chuck's.

Sunday Night

Live entertainment at Sassy's.
T-shirt night at the Old Plantation with buffet, beer bust & special prices on mixed drinks.
Free draft at Sundance, Boot Camp.
Worship services at MCC.
Drag show, buffet at Dimension 3.

Regular Weekday Mornings

Discount lockers at Club Baths.
Happy hour at Boot Camp.

Regular Weekday Afternoons

Happy hours at Ram Rod, T.J.'s, Service Station, Crews Inn, One Way Inn, Swamptrash, Tex's Ranch, Boot Camp.
Discount lockers at Club Baths.

Monday Night

Beer busts or special prices on beer at Sassy's, Dimension 3, Old Plantation, Sundance, Boot Camp.
Special prices on mixed drinks at Old Plantation, Dimension 3.
Specials on collins at Sassy's.
Pool tourneys at Service Station, Boot Camp.
Live band at Chuck's.

Tuesday Afternoon Special

Dollar day at Bachelor Quarters.

Tuesday Night

Buddy night at Club Baths.
Bowling tourney at the Boot Camp.
Specials on collins at Sassy's.
Beer busts or special beer prices at Dimension 3, Sundance Kids, Old Plantation, Sassy's, Boot Camp.
Specials on mixed drinks at Dimension III, Old Plantation.

Wednesday Afternoon Special

Discount card day at Club Baths.

Wednesday Night

Happy hour at the Ram Rod.
Club Night at Sundance.
Open house at Community Resource Center.
"Just Before Dawn" airs on KCHU.
Pool tourney at Chuck's.
Buffets or cookouts at Sundance, Bon Soir.
Free draft at Sundance, Boot Camp.
Special on mixed drinks at Old Plantation, Sassy's.
Drag shows at Dimension 3, Old Plantation.

Thursday Afternoon Specials

"Just Before Dawn" airs on KCHU.
Buddy day at Bachelor Quarters.

Thursday Night

Live entertainment at Jugs.
Chicken night at Club Baths.
Special on mixed drinks at Dimension 3, Old Plantation.
Beer busts or specials on beer at Old Plantation, Sundance, Dimension 3, Sassy's, Boot Camp.
Special on collins at Sassy's.

Fort Worth Calendar

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Friday Night

After-hours at Daddy Jacks.
Drag show at Aub's.
Pool tourney at the Tender Trap.

Saturday Afternoon

Special on Tom Collins at In-Between.
Beer bust at Lou-Lou's.
Happy hour at Daddy Jack's.

Saturday Night

After-hours at Daddy Jack's.
In-Between.
Drag show at Aub's.
Western night at the Tender Trap.

Sunday Morning

Worship services at MCC.

Sunday Afternoon

Specials on Bloody Marys, screwdrivers at In-Between, Other Place.
Pool tourneys at Lou-Lou's, In-Between.
Beer bust at Lou-Lou's.
Cut-off afternoon at the Trap.
Happy hour at Daddy Jack's.

Sunday Night

Free BBQ, dance contest, special mixed drink prices at Daddy Jack's.
Happy hour at Bailey Street.
Drag shows at Aub's, Daddy Jacks, In-Between, Bailey Street.
Worship services at MCC.
Beer bust at the Other Place.
Trap shoot contest at the Tender Trap.

Regular Weekday Afternoons

Happy hours at Daddy Jacks, Other Place, In-Between, 651.

Monday Night

Happy hour at Bailey Street.

Tuesday Night

Happy hours at Bailey Street, In-Between (ladies only), Aubs.
Pool tourney at Aub's.
Beer special at Lou-Lou's.

Wednesday Night

Happy hours at Bailey Street, Other Place.
Drag shows at Aub's, In-Between, Bailey Street.
Pool tourney at the Other Place.

Thursday Night

Happy hours at Bailey Street, Daddy Jacks, Aub's.
Special on margaritas, tequila sunrises at Other Place.
Record give-away at Daddy Jacks.
Special on mixed drinks at In-Between.
Pool tourney at Lou-Lou's.

Friday Afternoon Special

Discount on draft at Lou-Lou's.

Texas activist gives view

It is unfortunate that the citizens of Dade County Florida have let irrational myth, misinformation, and emotion rule over intelligent thinking, human reasoning, and human compassion by their refusal to extend civil rights to the homosexuals of their community.

It is difficult to understand how and why their citizenry could view an extension of human rights to a large segment of the human race as a threat to the well being of their society.

Futhermore, it is hard to believe that the issue of civil rights for certain American citi-

zens could be determined by a public referendum.

Should the idea of extending the concept of "freedom of religion" to the Catholics, Jews, Mormons, and Moslems, back when Protestant America was being established, have been put to a popular vote?

Should the issue of slavery have been voted on in Atlanta, Georgia after the Civil War in 1865?

Should the extension of the right to vote for women have been determined by a public referendum?

All of these situations would

probably have been defeated due to the popular consensus at the times they were debated. So why determine civil rights for homosexuals in this way? Such hypocrisy on the part of American society is inexcusable!

Today, homosexuality is viewed through glasses scarred by myth, bigotry, and hatred. We are committed, therefore, to do everything within our power to stem this flow of ignorance.

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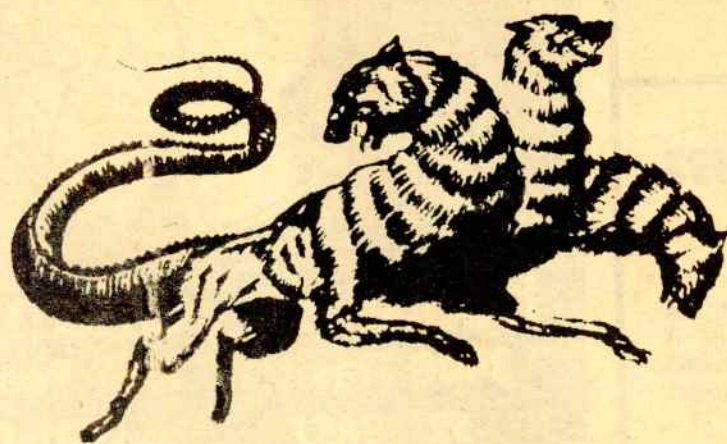
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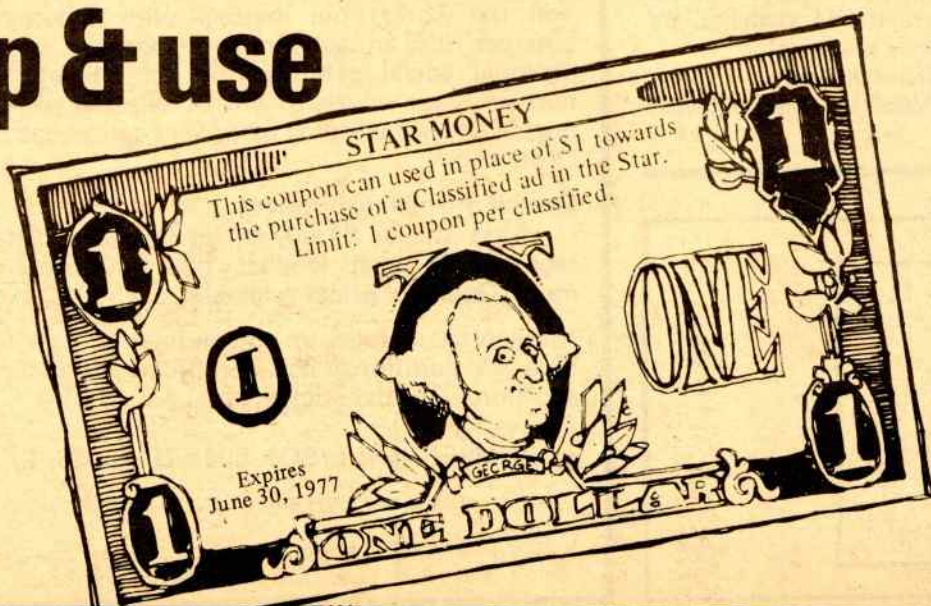
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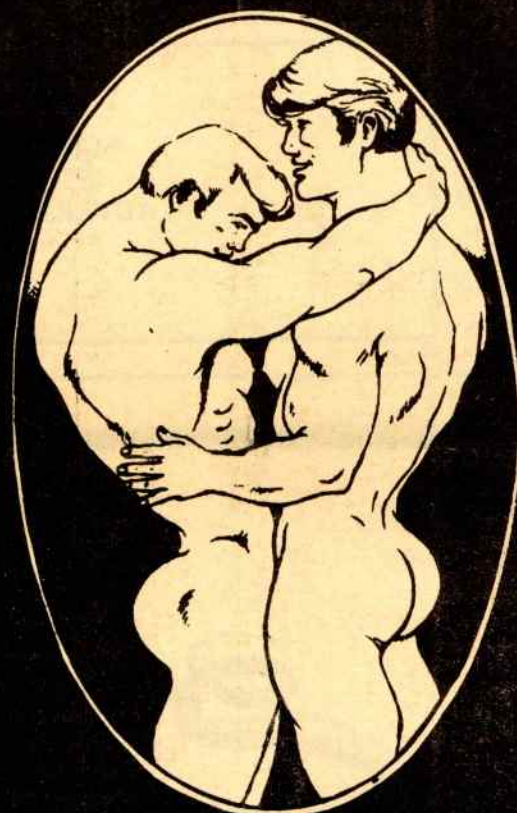
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MOTHER'S COLUMN

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in more ways than one, as we soon found out as we headed to Christopher Street and the Village bars. It was midnight, and things had just started happening.

Christopher Street

We started out on one end of Christopher Street and hit Uncle Paul's, Boots 'n Saddle, Ty's and Danny's First, then followed a gang of leather queens to Tenth Street and hit Sneaker's, the Ramrod and Badlands.

At Badlands we met a ballet master and his houseguest, the mayor of Zurich, and they led us to the Stud International, one of the famous "back bars" and the back room was packed for a lusty hard-core movie playing on the wall.

But it wasn't until we got to the Anvil that we knew we were really there. Honey, Anita Bryant would have had a heart attack!

Truman Capote used to come here back when he was famous; Jackie Kennedy once accompanied Rudolf Nureyev and they spent several lovely hours under one of the trapezes. When we arrived, the worst drag queen in the world was performing; as it turned out, she was the bar's only and New York's leading drag and they all loved her to death, even though she had an awful body (she stripped during her final number). Then six go-go boys started dancing wildly on the bar, swinging from the ropes and toeing the patrons. There was a bald one (a monster!), an Indian one (in full headdress regalia), a sailor, a gorgeous number in a leather pouch, and a few of them had no qualms about utter nudity.

The whole bar was aroused — from the instant dance floor to the deep, dark tunnels in the back, from which lascivious noises were brazenly being emitted. Serena wasn't satisfied until she had promised four different men she'd go home with them — and we took off in a taxi with the fourth. (There was no trouble getting a cab — they were lined up in front of the bar. All the good drivers know where the bars are by name.)

Death in the Afternoon

Our host had to work Saturday — he was an art forger at the Metropolitan Museum — so when we rose half-heartedly at noon it was off to Broadway. We stopped in one of those trashy Times Square pick-me-ups for coffee, then picked up tickets to see "The Shadow Box," a play about death — which was very apropos, since we both were quite near it ourselves. I mean, it had won all those awards, and I certainly didn't want to see "Rollercoaster."

We had dashed out into Manhattan without showering, and that became a must, so we picked up our bags at Penn Station and took the subway to the Club Baths where we were licked, steamed and showered clean. The baths there are just too chichi, complete with garden room furnished with peacock chairs.

Two old men in the sauna told us about the hot baths, the EverHard, that had burned down two weeks before; they said it was wonderful because half the clientele carried whips.

We threw our bags back into the Penn Station lockers, smoked a joint in a park at the intersection of Broadway and Avenue of the Americas and

dashed to the Morosco for our drama. It was very dramatic. It concerned three people dying of cancer and how they and those closest to them coped with the inevitable. Since it already had the Pulitzer and the Tony, I decided there would be no harm in giving it the Mother, too.

Terminal Cafe

It seemed apropos to go to

the Terminal Cafe afterwards for a bite to eat, and then we grabbed our bags and joined our host, who took us to Twelve West, a "private" disco. Well, it obviously had hundreds of members — it was like a gymnasium with a moving floor. And here's the clincher — no booze. It was strictly a "juice bar." You better believe you can assume that everybody was well-drugged

— and everyone was smoking marijuana. I was too stoned to believe it.

We left at dawn, and later that afternoon dragged ourselves together and caught the train back to D.C., where I slept for the next three days.

Next week: Mother gets into a taxicab near the White House and says, "Take me to Philadelphia — and step on it!"



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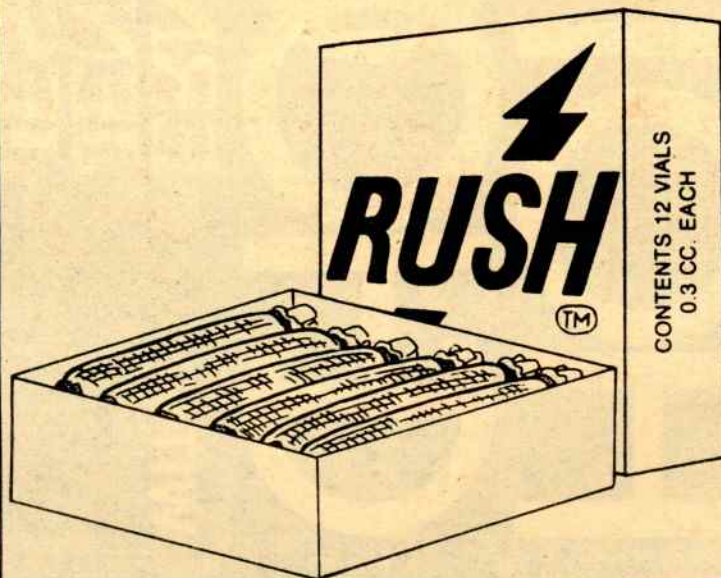
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