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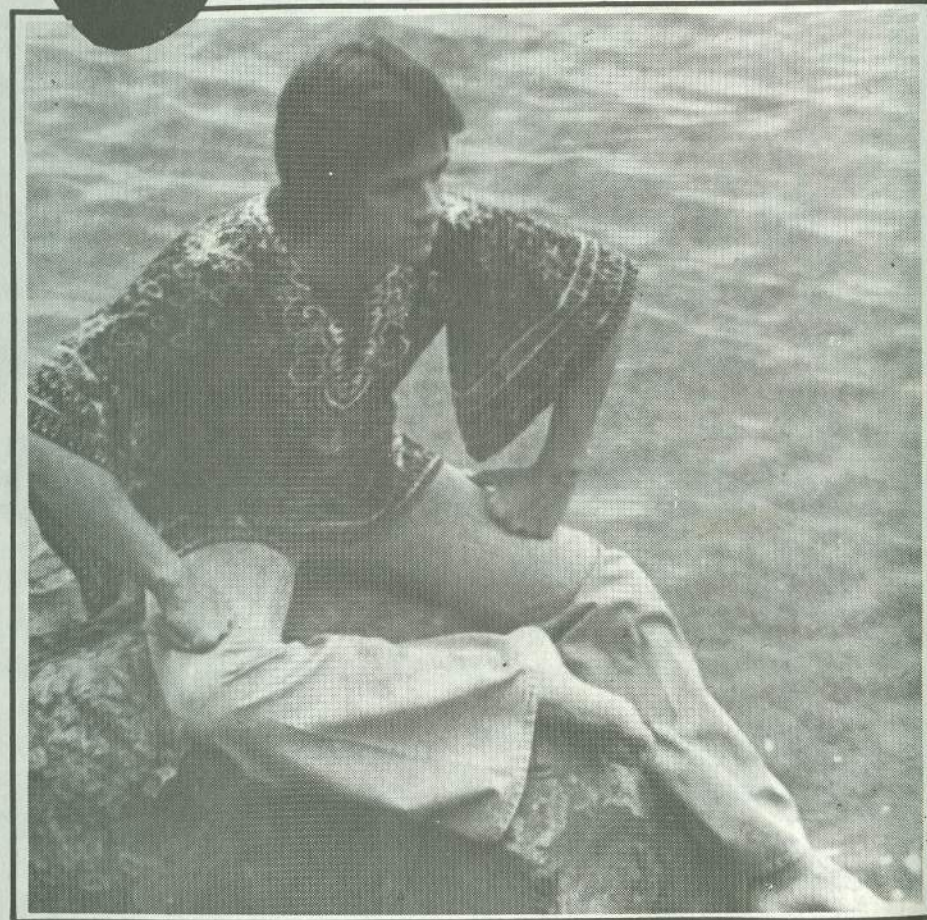
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Getting those good vibrations will keep you tuned, toned and tanned, Cap. Avoid those with a heavy rap. Deep philosophies are a winter pastime. What you really need is to keep on the run in the sun, hon!

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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.

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.

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.

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.

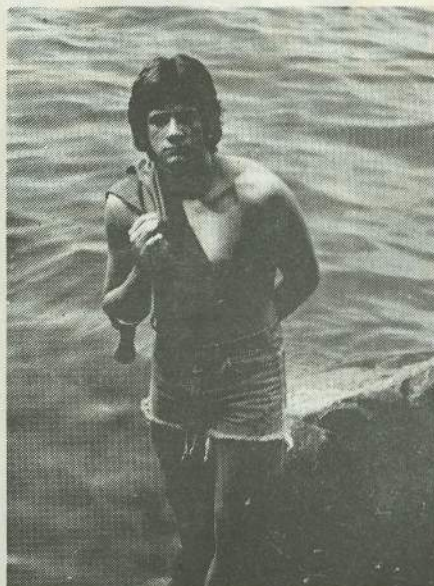
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Like baby birds ready to leave the nest, you feel urge to try your wings, Leo. Flutter around a bit and get used to the feel of it. Flying is one-quarter flap and three-quarter coast. The trick is learning not to flap when you should be coasting. On last day you ruffle a few feathers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

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 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 attention. Leap, high, wide and handsome. Week ends with a "croak"!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Play closer attention to needs of loved one. 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."

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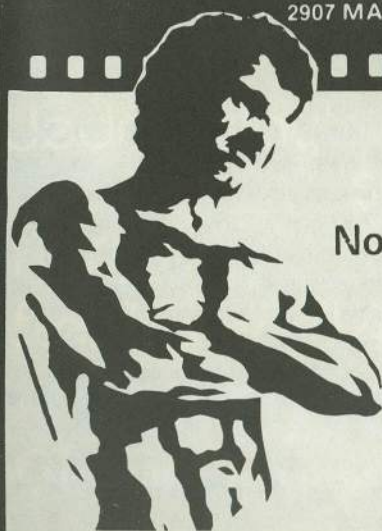
To the left is another shot of The Star's cover model, Rodney Jones. He recently moved to Houston from Dallas, where he was the winner of the Mr. Club Dallas contest a few months back. Rodney is currently employed by the Old Plantation in Houston.

Our feature article in this week's Star is an interview with former pro football star Dave Kopay, who was in Houston for the recent Man's World International convention.

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Dave Kopay now mainly involved in a gay goodwill tour

Dave Kopay, former pro football star and author, was in Houston this past week to attend a convention of the top staff of Man's World International, which is in the process of developing into a chain of gay-oriented hotels and resorts throughout the nation.

Kopay first became well-known in the gay world two years ago when the Washington Star did a series on gay men in sports.

Kopay decided that it was time somebody in the sports world came out and identified himself in public as a sports figure who was gay.

Reaction was immediate. To quote

from Kopay's book, "The David Kopay Story," "When my mother called after the article was publicized, she was crying hysterically." His father told him that if he could be in Washington, he would kill his son.

The letters to the Washington Star were overwhelmingly negative, but most of the other response around the nation was positive.

Since his book came out a year ago Kopay has mainly been involved in a speaking tour around the country.

"I was in Ames, Iowa just recently and there must have been at least 500 people packed into a 650-seat auditorium, and at least half of them

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were straight. And at Stockton State College in Pomona outside of Atlantic City — the same thing."

Kopay, commenting on his treatment in the media since he came out in 1975, said, "The media kind of goes out of its way to be fair with me. A guy at the Des Moines Register just did an article that I was very pleased with. It was very fair."

Kopay said that in the past few months he has been involved in the gay movement as a kind of "behind the scenes lobbyist. I have been doing what I can. I have really enjoyed doing what I can. I've been sort of an educator to the public."

While Kopay stated that one's sexuality doesn't necessarily belong on the sports page, he added, "Until such a time as it's no longer an issue, it belongs there."

When asked if people in the sports world have become more accepting of gay people in the sports world, Kopay said, "I don't know. It's kind of hard to tell. They may have with me, but not with gays in general. I think it has helped a bit, but overall the antagonism towards gays in the sports world is still there."

Kopay told The Star that he has received mail from hundreds of young people who have expressed thanks to him for "just being there, being available to see that gays aren't bad."

He said, "I have received mail from young kids, 15, 16 and 17, who tell me that they feel good about themselves for the first time in their lives. They tell me that they really felt good after reading the book."

At the end of his book, Kopay relates how his parents had estranged themselves from him completely. But

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now his father is the one who is the most supportive of him in the entire family.

"The family always wants to know when I'm going to be on TV or where I'm going to be speaking so they can be sure and watch. The change in my family's attitude has been positively amazing," he said.

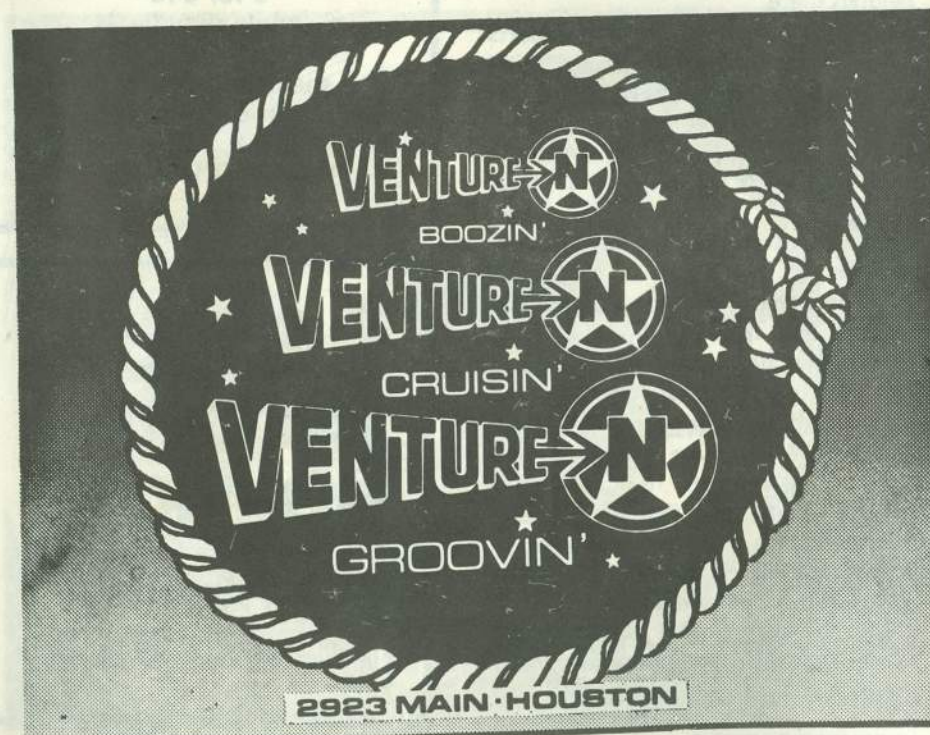
Kopay and his co-author, Perry Young, are currently working on a second book which will update what has happened to him since the publication of his first book and will deal extensively with one's sexuality and its relationship to one's lifestyle. This book should be ready for publication in about six months.

Overall, Dave Kopay feels that the best thing that has happened to him

was his coming out and his manner of doing so.

Fred J. Williams

Please note: The Star had originally scheduled an analysis of the recent series over a Houston TV station called "Boys For Sale." We are still in the process of gathering material for this analysis and it should appear in the next Star.



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Notes & Quotes from California

Honey, my California trip was so ungodly. I never dreamed I would live to tell about it. I mean, I really covered the waterfront! I have just been too delirious to write another column, but here are some ghastly notes I took, and you just better read them!

In LA I met a photographer lady who was trying to seduce a Frenchman at my hotel. When asked where she was from she replied, "The City." Just like that. Some San Franciscans are tacky that way; most of them refer to San Francisco as The City to distinguish it from the surrounding communities in the Bay Area. Although Oakland across the bay is a bigger city, it is really blah, so San

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During midnight showings of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," the first ten rows get up and do the Time Warp dance whenever they do it in the movie.

My most favorite people in S&F, besides the devastating Dida Beth de Medici, whose hospitality was simply gargantuan (with friends like her, who needs Mothers?) ... anyway, they were the little angels who live on Bush Street. They ran around their halls yelling "mushi, mushi" because that's Chinese for "hello" and with the world-famous Chinatown just around the corner you can bet there were chinks galore in that building. Don't forget, that means little holes in the walls, too, and believe me, they did have those!

They also said "Don't tai-stay de mai-stay" which means "don't mention it" (literally, "don't touch the moustache").

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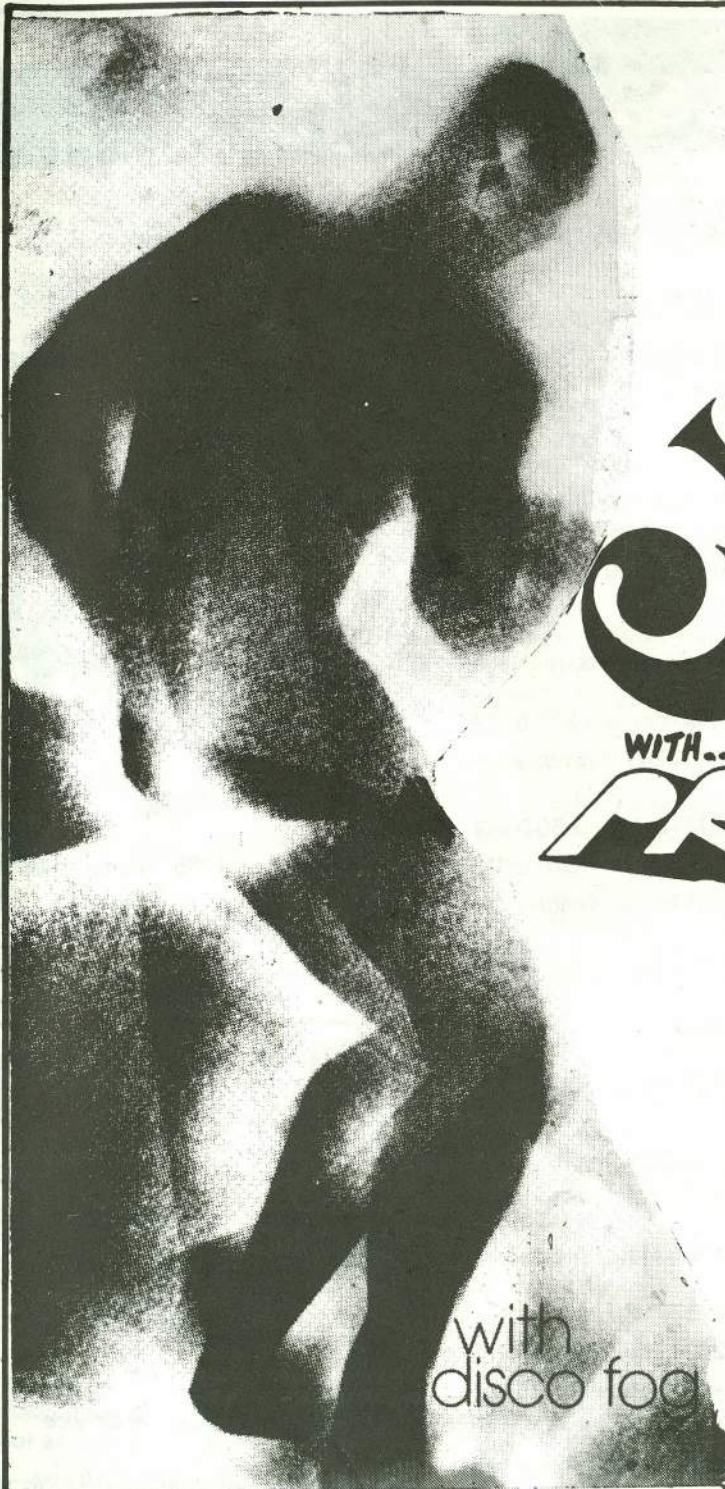
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Minerva put it, "We read each other to bleeding." The circus included Eleanor the Cat (named after Billie Holiday), Eleanor I and Eleanor II from Los Angeles (two very insance but darling ex-movie stars) and last but not least, Piqued Patrice.

Minerva is a private duty nurse who smokes dope with her aunt, Laguna Fell. She has lovers in every major city in California and refuses to touch used underwear, and I could just go on and on about her, she's such a tremendously exciting person, but I never *really* betray the secrets of my friends - do you?

And she is a friend. People are generally friendly in S&F, when it comes right down to it. Oh, you got to have friends!

People who have lived here more than ten years consider The City tacky, tawdry, and terribly hectic, but as one longtime resident put it, "It's been good to me so I don't leave."

Some people have found peace by moving to Marin, but then you have to give up water.

San Francisco is tres gay, but Oakland, oh! across the Bay, is very straight. So you have Homo City and Hetero City only a BART apart (and if that excuse for a subway isn't working, the Bay Bridge is a trip in itself). Oakland is bigger, so watch out, you queers!

After we returned to The City from visiting my dear old friend Veronica in Sausalito - you remember her from the New Orleans scandal - well, she lives in Sausalito and has a divine view. Anyway, Dida asked me how I liked the sleepy little village.

"Oh, it's cute," I replied.

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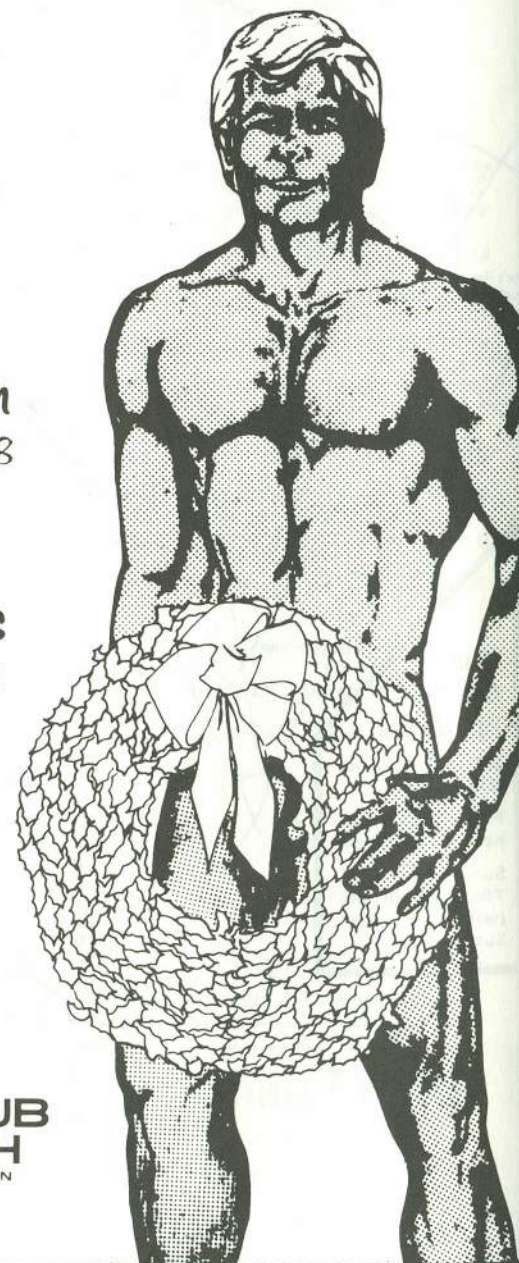
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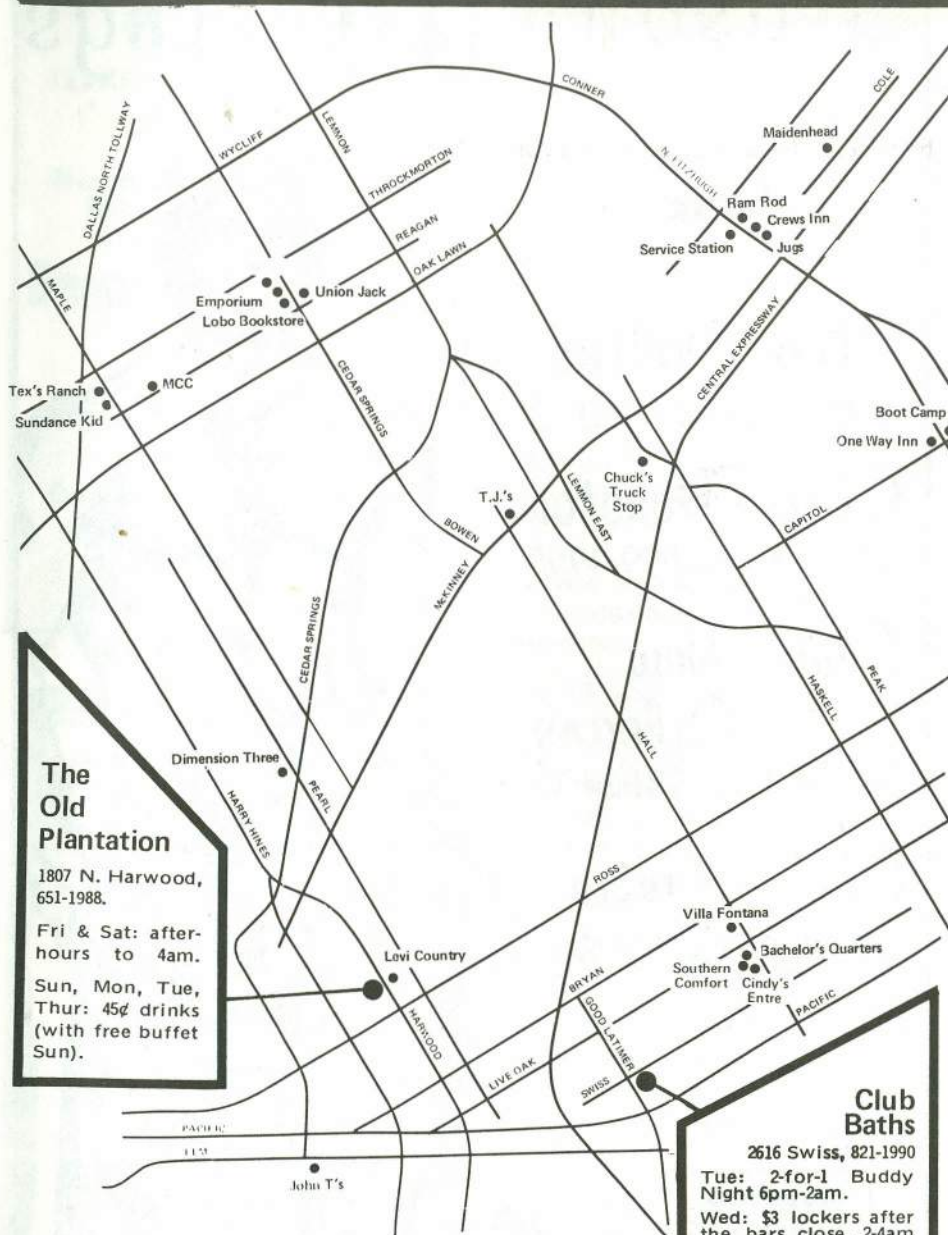
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"Cute?" Dida snarled. "Those people that live there think it's gorgeous! They act like they live on an island in the middle of a lake in Switzerland or something!"

"Well honey, they can have it. I was bored in five minutes and had to spend the rest of the time fucking my boyfriend in the Port-o-Can until another ferry showed up to take us back," said Dida.

I don't know what it is — the altitude, the fresh air, Mexican food or what — but I never had to fart more frequently in my entire life. The people in S&F say, "Okay, who cushed?"

This is something you must learn to control, especially in warm nightclubs. Turns out, however, that in most liberal households, the family gathers in the bathroom when someone tries out a new bowel movement, usually for some family discussion, and many a major decision is made before everyone comes out of their water closets. And if you think that's disgusting, you should see what they do in LA.

The bar scene in San Francisco is great, I could just go on for days. Badlands, Oil Can Harry's, Pendulum, Twin Peaks, N'Touch, Bones, the Castro area in general, believe me, Polk Street (hot), Folsom Street (help!), the Leatherneck, the Stud, oh it was all too delightful. But sometimes Dida and I would have a problem, as in the following conversation:

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M: I know, but there's no one here I'd ever ask. Seriously, Dida, is there anybody here you would ask?

D: No. You're right. Let's dance!

However, I did have a close encounter with an ex-Hell's Angel just outside the N'Touch on Polk Street, but it was not quite a close encounter of the fourth kind (sex). We have a snack at Bob's, catecorner to the bar, where this wonderful drag queen in a short-sleeved blouse with hairy arms waited on us.

His name was Angelo, born in Italy, and he had all these wild tatoos, but when I got back to the N'Touch with him, Minerva was giving me the evil eye so I had to straighten out my act. I told Angelo to give me fifteen minutes to get rid of everybody, but it wasn't enough because Dida walked up, passed out on my back and we had to carry her home where we slept out the night together like three good little girls.

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One was "A Day in the Life of a Death" in which a teddy bear is stabbed to death and then Angels of Light throw a funeral for it.

Silvana Nova is the Divine Light of Mark's cinema and divine is the word! Silvana stars as Dottie Blue in his latest, "The Basket Case." They all live together in fear of their social worker's unexpected visits; only through him can the people of the Haight be financially independent.

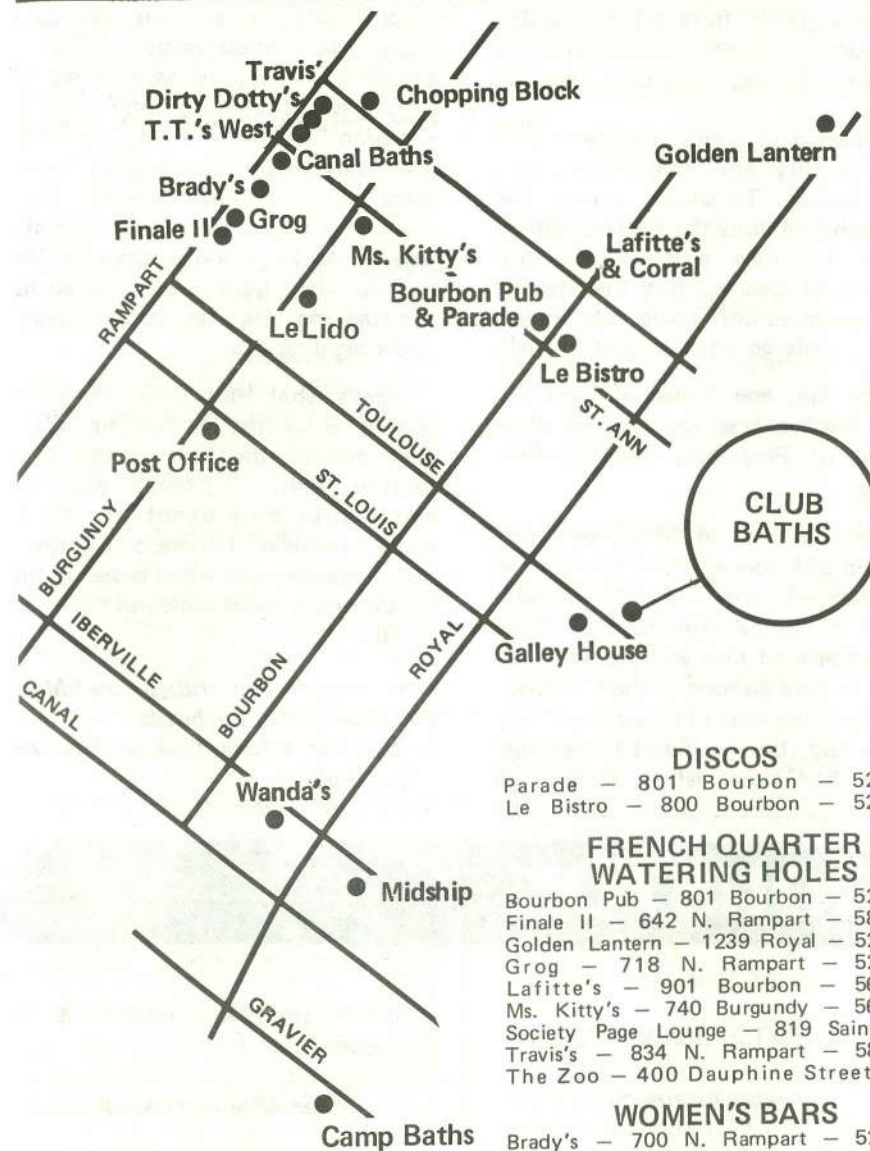
The Haight is also the location of S&F's newest disco, the I-Beam.

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Speaking of views, the best views of The City are from Twin Peaks and Mount Tamalpais across the bay, which boasts the stinkiest public restroom I have ever had the misfortune to behold. But the view is unforgettable. Coit Tower is good, but most people go up there just to fuck.

The King and Queen of San Francisco live in two separate palaces — the Palace of Fine Arts and the Cow Palace.

I met a man at Alfie's who had lived in S&F forever. "San Francisco is the tackiest damn town," he said. "You go home with any of these queens around here and you will find they all have garbage in their homes."

I told him that I had garbage in my house too, but he didn't believe me.

He had been eating alone in a nearby restaurant when an insane

dance instructor and his old lady friend (a 65-year-old version of Shirley Temple in her heyday) asked him over for a drink. The dance instructor had just been fired from his job, and every few minutes he would dash out on the dance floor, whoosh around, then come back to the bar and dip that old lady to death. Smooch, smooch. My man had had quite enough when he accosted me. He was into antiques. Had a big dick, too.

Here's what Herb Caen, the most famous columnist in San Francisco (and one of the best in the 20th century, kids) ... here's what he wrote about mass transit (the Muni, which includes hundreds of cable cars, streetcars and wired buses) in the SF Chronicle (with apologies to Ogden Nash):

*One reason that riding the Muni
Will drive you to the bottle
Is that for a long time no bus will
come along
And then a lot'll.*

HOUSTON

WHAT'S GOIN' ON

Friday Afternoon

"Rough House" starts at the French Quarter Theater.

Friday Night

Bob Williams band performs at the Exile. After-hours disco to 4am at

Cuddle's, the Old Plantation & the Light Co.

Saturday Afternoon

Special on Bloody Marys & screwdrivers at the Barn. Happy hour noon-3pm at the Venture-N.

Saturday Night

Bob Williams band performs again at

the Exile. After-hours disco at the Light Co., Old Plantation & Cuddle's. Drag show 8pm at the Old Surf.

Sunday Afternoon

Happy hour noon-3pm at Venture-N. T-Dance at Cuddle's disco starting 4pm, with 50¢ drinks, \$1 cover. Free buffet at the Barn with special on Bloody Marys & screwdrivers. "The Jerry Vanover Review" 4pm at the Midnite Sun. Open house for everyone at Club Houston, noon-4pm with free buffet & champagne.

Sunday Night

Drag show with Abby at the Cove. 2-for-1 at the Light Co. 50¢ drinks at Cuddle's with \$1 cover. Beer bust, buffet & drag show with Ernestine at the Old Plantation. Bartenders' drag show at the Old Surf.

Monday through Friday

Sunworshippers & bodybuilders' special at Midtowne Spa, 8am-8pm. Happy hour 8am-8pm at the Old Surf, noon-7pm (except Mon.) at Cuddle's Quiet Bar, 4-7pm at the Barn, 4-6pm at the Exile, 2-8pm at the Venture-N. 25¢ Bloody Marys & screwdrivers in the mornings & 25¢ beer in the afternoons at Midnite Sun.

Monday Afternoon

T-shirt day at Club Houston.

Monday Night

50¢ beer at the Midnite Sun. Special

drinks prices with \$1 cover at the Old Plantation, Light Co. & Cuddle's.

Tuesday Afternoon

Chicken day at Club Houston.

Tuesday Night

Special on sunrises and screwdrivers at the Midnite Sun. Special drink prices with \$1 cover at the Light Co., Cuddle's & the Old Plantation.

Wednesday Afternoon

Buddy day at Club Houston with 2-for-1 rates.

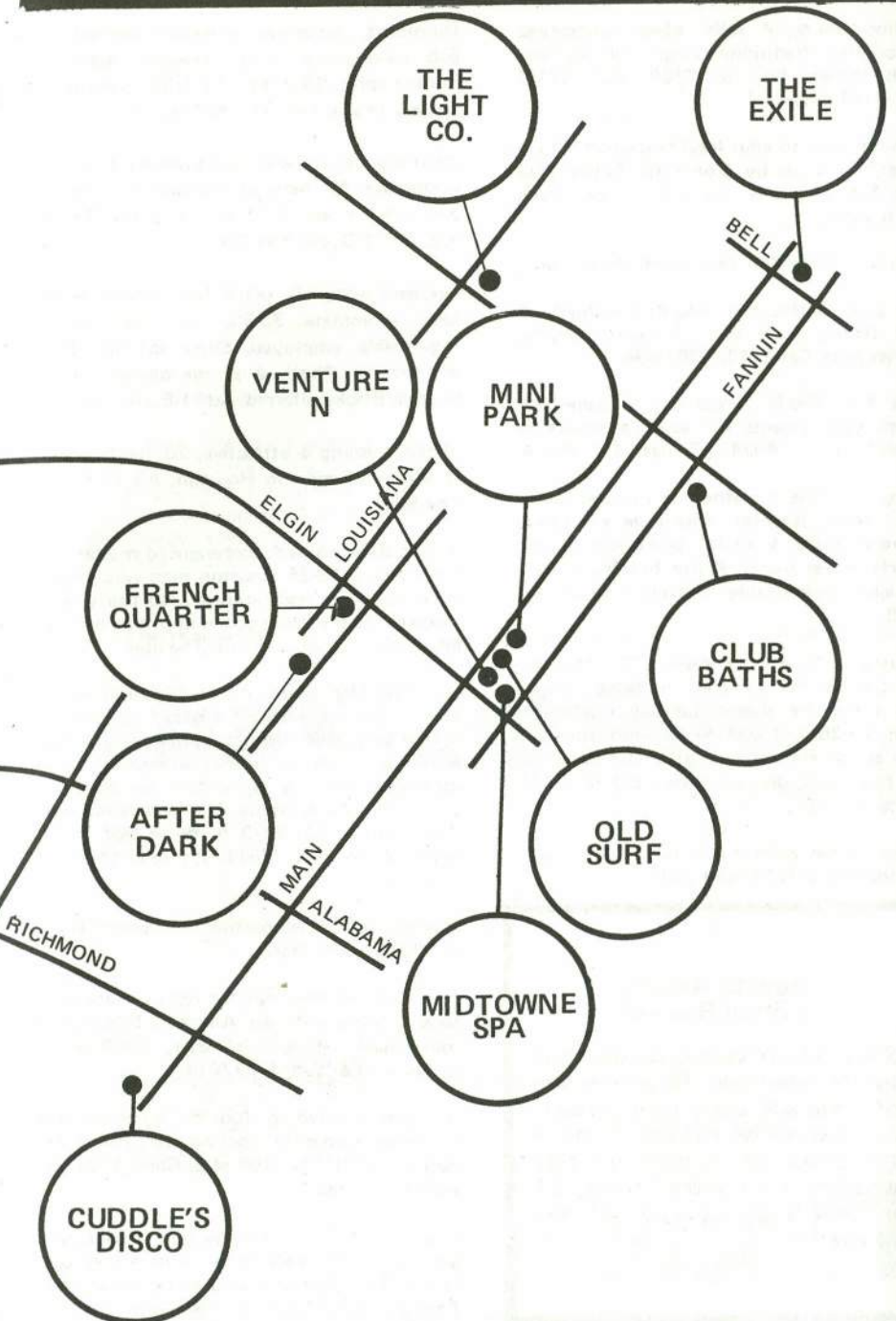
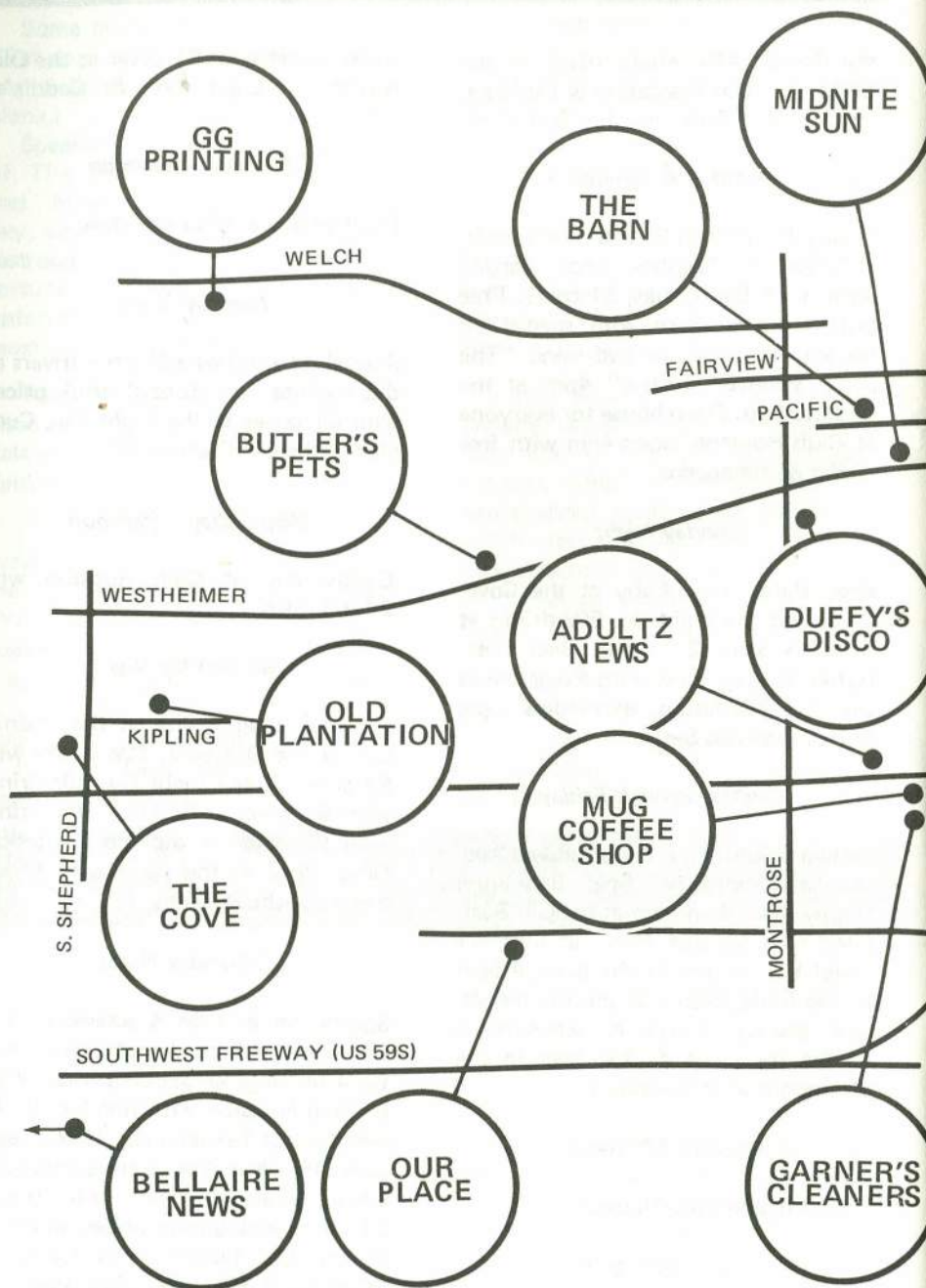
Wednesday Night

Amateur drag nights at the Midnite Sun & the Old Surf. 10¢ drinks with \$2 cover at the Light Co. 50¢ drinks with \$1 cover at Cuddle's. 45¢ drinks with \$1 cover at the Old Plantation. Drag show at the Cove with Champagne, Dachele, Abby.

Thursday Night

Special on sunrises & screwdrivers at the Midnite Sun. Jennifer George & We 4 on stage at Cuddle's. Club Night at Club Houston with free lockers for members of Texas Riders, HMC, Tejas, Colt 45s, and American Leathermen when wearing their club colors. \$1 cover and special prices on drinks at the Old Plantation & Light Co. "Queen for a Day" amateur drag show contest at the Cove with \$50 in prizes.

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WANT ADS

Selling: personal solid silver handcarved Indonesian traditional rings and necklace with stones. \$40 to \$100. Adi. (713) 661-7141 6-8pm.

Coming soon to your local bookstore, "Like Peter," a novel by Don Gail. Better than The Front Runner, said one review. Look for it soon.

Bob B, I Love You very much. From John.

For Sale In Houston: double bed frame, 2 end tables, table with 4 chairs, bicycle, flower pots. Call (713) 528-0894.

One Free World Newsletter. 5 issues \$2. Small cash awards for suitable letters to publish. Box 140247, Dallas, TX 75214.

Long term friend wanted. W/m, later 20s or 30s. Solid, discreet, masculine executive, average looks & build, seeks same. Like sports, travel music. Prefer bi male or very straight. Responsible lifestyle a must. Ad 72-B.

Houston. I'm a black male, 6'2", 160 lbs, 27, looking for someone to share my life and I his. He should be tall, intelligent, w/m, 26-35 and looking for more than a 1 nite stand. He must be attractive & butch. No fats, fems, drugs. I'm versatile. No S&M. Write ad 72-C.

Need clothes washed & ironed? Call Edward in Houston at (713) 649-3587.

How to Answer a Blind Box Ad

Some ads are coded, as requested by the advertiser. To answer one of those ads, place your message in an envelope and seal it. Write the blind ad number on that envelope then place it and \$1 inside a larger envelope and mail to The Star.

Dominant, attractive w/female wanted by submissive male in the Houston area for photography, B&D, etc. If this has ever been a fantasy to you call (713) 661-8173.

43-yr-old slender w/m seeks person 30-45 for roommate. No fems or wayouts. Have small, comfortable apt in Montrose. \$100-125 per mo. Ad 71-D, c/o The Star.

Houston w/m, 50, tall & lean, wants permanent roommate 30-50, tall, lean, sober, responsible, employed. Share apt near Rice & Med Ctr. Photo & phone please. All answered. Black preferred. Ad 71-E, c/o The Star.

Mickey, young & attractive, 20, needs young & attractive man in Houston. Ad 71-F, c/o The Star.

Young slave wanted. Experienced master will train young 18-25 Houston man who enjoys total discipline and bondage. No heavy pain involved. Replies with photo or phone number answered first. Ad 233, c/o The Star.

Good looking Houston-area 19-yr-old would like to meet someone for a lasting relationship. I'm 5', 168 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, Aquarius. I prefer someone equally good looking, preferably blond and tan and who enjoys all aspects of life. My name is January. Phone (713) 331-0822 or write 507 South Bend, Alvin, TX 77511. Pls send photo if possible.

Wanted, racket ball partner in Houston. Write ad 232, c/o The Star.

The Star has openings for representatives in New Orleans and San Antonio. Salary plus commission. Write The Star, 2003 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019.

Odd jobs wanted in Houston. I can do tree trimming, carpentry, roofing, etc. Please call Paul at (713) 522-8759 after 6pm. Your call will be returned.

Help wanted at Midtowne Spa in Houston. Mature maintenance man, semi-retired preferred. Also floor man for night shift. Contact Tony at (713) 522-2379, 10am-2pm.

WANT ADS

Nice 2 bdrm home in good Houston Heights neighborhood for sale. \$39,900. (713) 869-1765.

2 very attractive queens seeking 2 very attractive husbands. Both 19-yr-old, new in Houston. Stephanie (713) 641-0071 & Karen (713) 921-0346.

Help wanted. Strong potential career in Houston for self-motivated, energetic & personable individual interested in printing. Graphic arts, printing or sales experience helpful but not necessary. Will train. Congenial surroundings amenable to your lifestyle. Contact George Barnhart, (713) 521-0100.

One of America's best disco DJ's will make reel-to-reel or 8-track disco tapes for you. You can use them in your house, car, parties, etc. 90 minute tapes for \$20. Write David, 6539 Bayou Glen, Houston, TX 77057. Guaranteed satisfaction.

Need to borrow strobe lights, black lights, gas masks, beads, posters — anything from the period of 1967 — to be used for Equinox Theatre's production of the rock musical "Hair," opening Dec 15. Please bring by Equinox Theatre, 3617 Washington at Heights, Houston.

Cute guy, 25, wants to meet a generous man for weekly arrangement. Send phone # or say where to meet you. Ad 71-B, c/o The Star.

Attractive 21-yr-old lonely Houston w/m, brown hair & eyes, seeks sincere male who wants to be cared for and desires lasting relationship. I have simple tastes & lifestyle and don't want to hurt anyone. Pls write because loneliness is such a sad affair. No S&M pls. Ad 71-C, c/o The Star.

For rent, available immediately, Montrose newly redecorated 1 or 2 bdrm apts. Adults. No pets. Pool. Deposit. (713) 529-0542.

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W/m, 24, interested in meeting straight-looking w/m for companionship, roommate in Houston metro. Should be 21-25, nice build. Example: 5'5" 140 lbs or 5'9" 160-175 lbs, etc. No fats, fems or S&M. Please send photo. My interests are wide. Lucien Templain, POB 1471, Alvin, TX 77511.

I would like to meet GI's in the Army, Marines. Also Spanish & Mexicans for permanent relationship. Darrell E Taylor, 2409 Oakland Ave, apt B, Nashville, TN 37212.

Bill, belated Happy Birthday & Happy 4th Anniversary. Love always & forever, Larry.

30-yr-old attractive, slender but not underweight, Houston hairy blond, seeks dates with unmarried, exclusive gays of corresponding age and build. Simple tastes and lifestyle, not into bars. Enjoy bicycling, gym workouts, adept in electronics, mechanics and music. Stimulated by at least average endowment. Ad 229, c/o The Star.

Wanted, salesperson in Houston. Base and commission. Telephone answering service. 526-1200. Burton. (24-hr phone.)

2 months new to Houston, working 6 days a week. Like to meet people & get to know them, not just have sex. Am 30, g/w/m, college grad. Let's communicate. Ad 71-A, c/o The Star.

Houston photography by Melinda in your home, the park, wherever. If you need any type photos please call me at (713) 961-1899.

Active Christian in Houston, brown hair, beard, 22. Enjoy bars but seeking fellowship on a more meaningful level with others in 20s or 30s. Call Glenn (713) 521-0690.

Attractive Houston w/m, 22, needs place to stay for month or 2. Share rent & utilities. Prefer Montrose. Love people. Have some bdrm furniture and plants. Call Shannon (713) 522-5388.

Honest & sincere Houston w/m, 26, with beard and hazel eyes, would like to meet w/m for friendship & possible relationship. Hobbies include cooking, music, dancing and plants. No S&M or fems. Pls call Tom (713) 523-2965 after 5:30pm Mon-Fri or anytime weekends.

You may not want to get in my pants but I know you'll want to get into my beautiful, expertly sewn shirts & caftans. Call Rafael in Houston at (713) 455-8919. Mornings only, please.

Hello Ronnie Baby!

Houston, good luck and farewell. You've been a wonderful city. Take care of all my friends. Love, Frieda Frog (Fred).

Roommate wanted in Houston to share expenses on mobile home, Gulfgate area. Rent reasonable. (713) 643-4644 after 6pm. Ernie.

JT, 1975 Bay City High School grad. We have your class ring. Club Houston.

47-yr-old w/m seeks young Mexican-type for lover, companion. Have good business in Ohio and will give TLC. Photo & info requested. Ad 72-A.

The Star has an opening for a representative in San Antonio. Duties will include servicing existing accounts and establishing new ones. Also reporting news and social events and distributing copies of The Star each week to clubs. Salary plus commission. Call Henry in Houston at 1-713-528-6848 or write The Star, 2003 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019.

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