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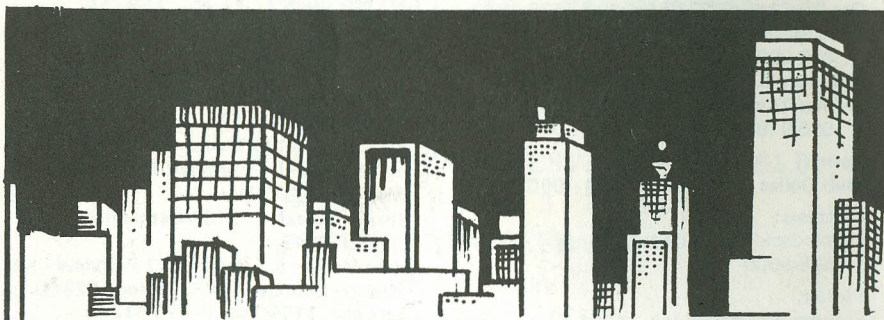
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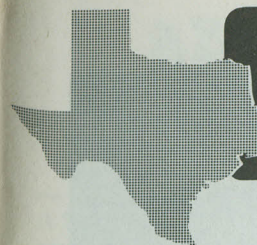
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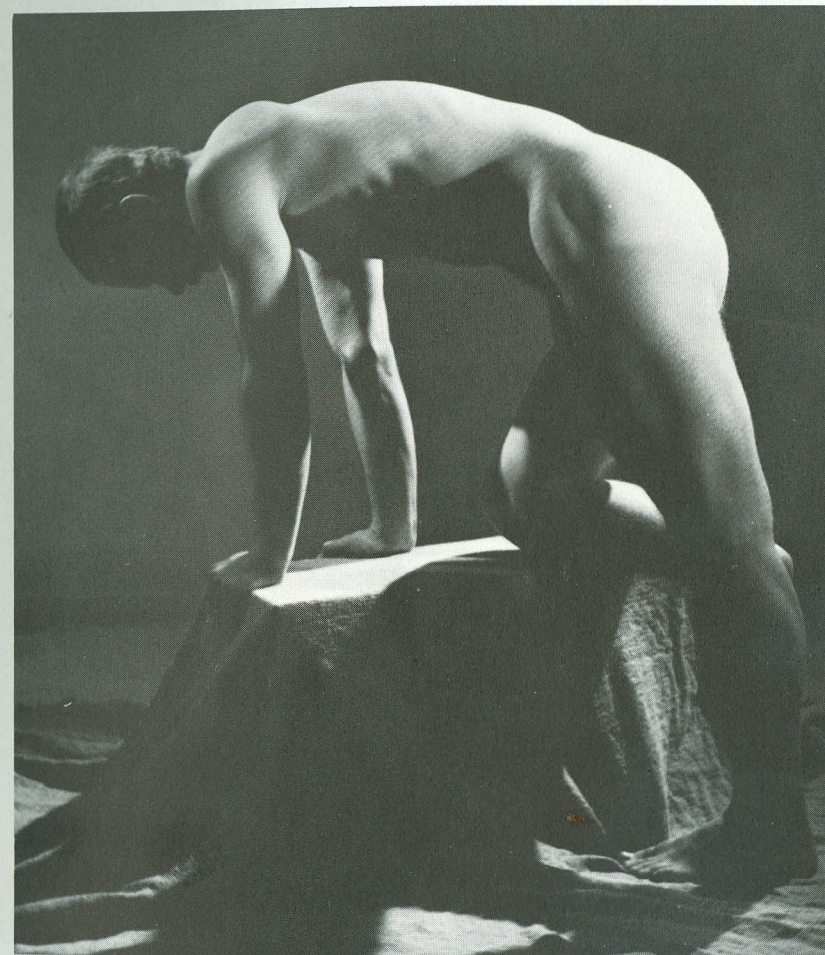
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

CORPUS CHRISTI

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ODESSA

Drag Show at **Fisherman's Wharf**, featuring Miss Gay West Texas, Mr. Rick, and out of town personalities, 11PM. \$1.00 cover.

Houston

Drag Show at the **Lamp Post**, 9PM.

Yard Sale at the **Detour**, 10AM until ?. Sales donated to charity.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

FT. WORTH

Bailey Street Warehouse First Annual Picnic at Queens Point on Garza-Little Elm Reservoir, 1PM. Free beer and food.

SAN ANTONIO

Mr. and Ms. Hypo Contest (chicks and butches only). **Hypothesis, Tonight**.

HOUSTON

Labor Day Extravaganza at the **Spur**. See details on page 23.

Yard Sale continued from noon until ? at the **Detour**.

Boys Night Out, with first drink on the house, **Ursula's**, 5PM. Chili Supper at 7 - 10PM.

DALLAS

Most Unusual Hat Contest at **Chucks**, 2-5 PM.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

HOUSTON

Free for All (amateur drag), for bartenders only, **La Caja**, 4-8 PM.

Miss **Hi Kamp** America Contest, 9PM. First prize, \$100.00 and trophy; Second, \$50.00 and trophy. Contestants should register with Jan Russell.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

DALLAS

Race Car Driving Tournament (Game Machine), **Act III**, 8PM.

HOUSTON

TADS meet at **Mary's**, 4:30PM. TADS can pick up T-shirts at meeting.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

DALLAS

Finals Amateur Drag Contest, **Bayou Landing**. First prize, \$50.00 and trophies.

Jo Shaw singing live at 9PM, **Olive Branch Saloon**.

HOUSTON

Gay Political Caucus. 7:30PM. Inside/Outside.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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AURA Spaghetti Dinner, 8PM till ? at TJ's Backdoor. Donation of \$1.00 to benefit AURA.

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It is with great pride that *This Week In Texas* notes the continuing fine work and new developments spawned by responsible gay public activists and social assistance volunteers.

First off, the **United Homophile Organization** has begun operation of a crisis hotline program for Houston. For any gay being hassled in the Bayou city, or in need of medical care or any form of assistance, legal consultation or whatever, the Houston gay switchboard is the answer. The number for help is, and please write this down, you never know when you will need it, 228-1505. The gay switchboard numbers for other cities is: Dallas, 241-4118; San Antonio, 733-7300; Fort Worth, 338-0128 and Austin, 477-6699. Not all of these switchboards have enough volunteer help to maintain operations 24 hours a day. But they can be reached late in the afternoon to find out what are their complete hours of operation.

Good news from the **Gay Organization of Corpus Christi**. The **Harbor Inn** restaurant in Corpus is allowing the GOCC to use their restaurant after hours on Friday and Saturday to run a breakfast buffet. Members have formed teams to share the work on a rotating basis and profits are divided equally between the GOCC and the restaurant. The most important thing any gay public service organization can have is a base of financial support and the Harbor Inn has set the GOCC well on its way! In a similar vein (no pun intended), **T.J.'s Backdoor** is giving a free pitcher of beer to anyone in Fort Worth who donates a pint of blood to the AURA blood donation pool at John Peter Smith Hospital. The gay AURA organization is gaining true respect from the entire Fort Worth community, gay and straight, for their blood-raising efforts. (Who could ever forget their incredibly successful and creative "Count Dracula Party" to raise blood several weeks

ago.) We love you, AURA.

In MCC news, please jot down that the Fort Worth chapter meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the **Bailey St. Warehouse** for rap discussions and special speakers. While in Houston, the MCC now holds Sunday services at both 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Showtime! Showtime! Houston's **Bayou Landing** presents "The Days of Wine and Roses," with Jack Lemmon and Lee Remick on Monday, September 1, at 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. While "Robin and the Seven Hoods," the Sammy Davis, Jr., Frank Sinatra fun-fest will be cranked out Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. in Houston and the **Locker**. The tragedy of "The Sergeant," with Rod Steiger can be seen Sunday, August 31st, at 9:00 p.m., at the **Sundance Kids** in Dallas. In the not-free, but really worth paying to see category is the film, "Him," which is now playing at the **French Quarter Cinema** in Houston. It'll make you sit up and take notice! And more.

Sad news from Dallas. The ever popular **Mother Eva** has been fired from the Trio restaurant. And the straight owners have given notice to Dallas gays to stay away. They want neither the gay presence or the gay dollars and have dared any homosexual to set foot in the place. Is that a challenge?

And speaking of mothers, but in a happier setting, comes word that Mama Iva (not to be confused with Mother Eva) continues to do her gourmet thing at the **Dallas Bayou Landing**, from 6:00 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday, with breakfast served after 1:00 a.m. (Incidentally, the Bayou also offers wine coolers for 50 cents all night Thursday.)

Also in Dallas, the traditionally packed-full **Old Plantation** still has no cover charge, but offers all mixed drinks at half price on Wednesdays and Sundays. Draft beer is only a dime on Mondays

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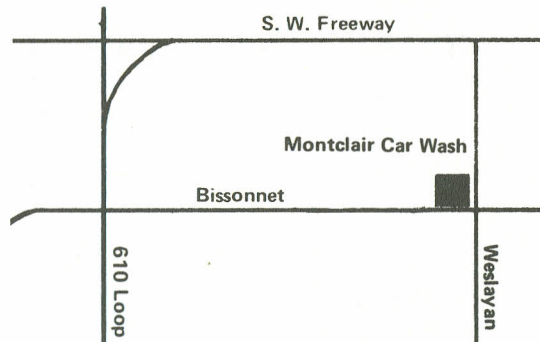
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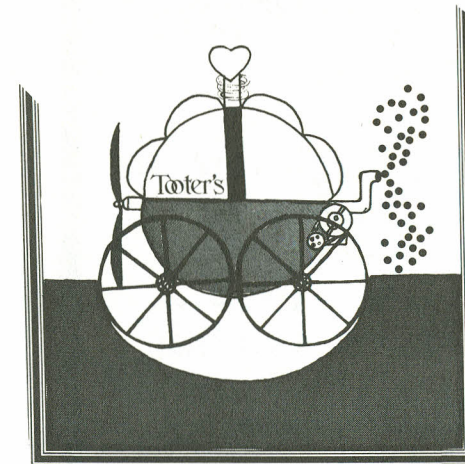
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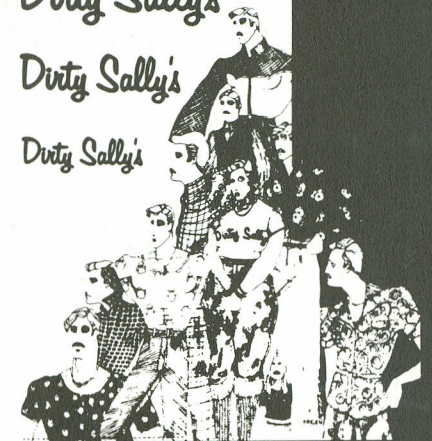
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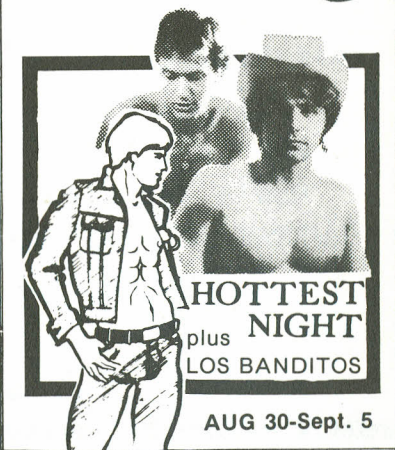
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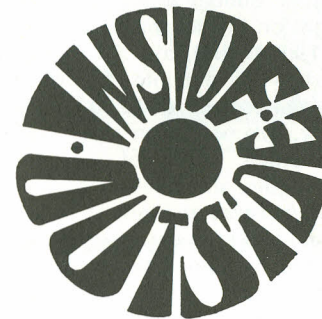


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from 9:00 p.m. till 2:00 a.m. (And in a totally unrelated matter, the Old Plantation is soon to stage a big indoor plant sale -- save your money today so you can walk away with a big fern tomorrow!) Dallas' **Cruise Inn** has a big singles pool tournament every Sunday at 4:00 p.m., with the doubles matches on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, new excitement is being generated in Houston over a new bar called the **Filling Station**. It's the only clean, modern bar in the state to feature a window that gives you a panorama view of the whole place while you're "doing your thing" in the john. You won't miss anything. But be warned, while you are a-lookin' out, the folks in the bar may be a-lookin' in. Talk about fun!! The Filling Station also has "Bareback Night" on Wednesdays, a happy hour from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and a Sunday beer bust. But it's that bathroom with a view that still gets us! At Houston's **Studz News**, big Labor Day discounts are now being prepared. If you ever wanted to start, or increase, your book or film collection, that will be the time. It's time to break the piggy, kids!

Houston's **Locker** entrepreneurs Biff Nolan and Gary Choate will be honored at the **Hi-Kamp's** VIP night on Tuesday, September 2nd. We can't tell you a certain secret at this time, but are Biff and Gary ever in for a surprise! Don't miss it. Meanwhile, preparations are now under way for the Hi Kamp's Miss America Pageant on Labor Day. Call Jan Russell for more details if you are interested in participating.

And finally in the state's biggest city, the **Detour** continues its Sunday Brunch, but is returning its highly-popular Thursday Steak Night to the agenda. We'll bite that.

Moving over to Fort Worth, the

Regency has free keg beer every Tuesday at 10:00 p.m., and a happy hour every day from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At the **500 Club** in Fort Worth, the mammoth **500 Club Follies** is preparing to hit the boards at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, with skits, musical numbers and ensemble productions galore!! Go early to get a good seat. It's heaven.

Big showtime production events are also set for San Antonio. The third annual "Show of Shows" will be presented at the **Hypothesis** on October 19 through 21. The big event is already in rehearsal, with tickets available after September 1st.

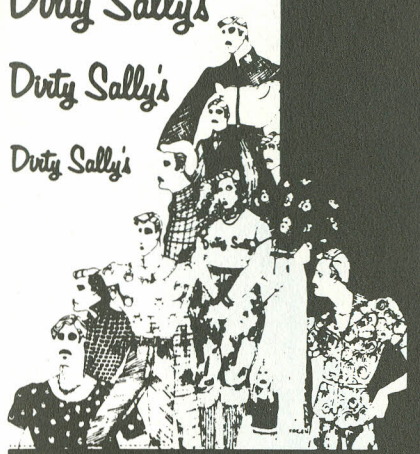
And last, but certainly not least, comes this report from our gulf-side city, Galveston. **Mary's II** there now has a free buffet on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and Steak Night on Wednesdays. While at the **Kon-Tiki Wahini**, at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays, you can get into the line for the bar-b-que special for \$2.00.

And finally, this note from right inside our little office. Many of you have written to inquire about subscriptions to *This Week In Texas* and how to acquire back issues. We are very, very pleased and flattered by your interest, but the *This Week In Texas* staff is simply not up to preparing or processing such an undertaking at this time. But we love ya for caring. That's it for now. Next time?

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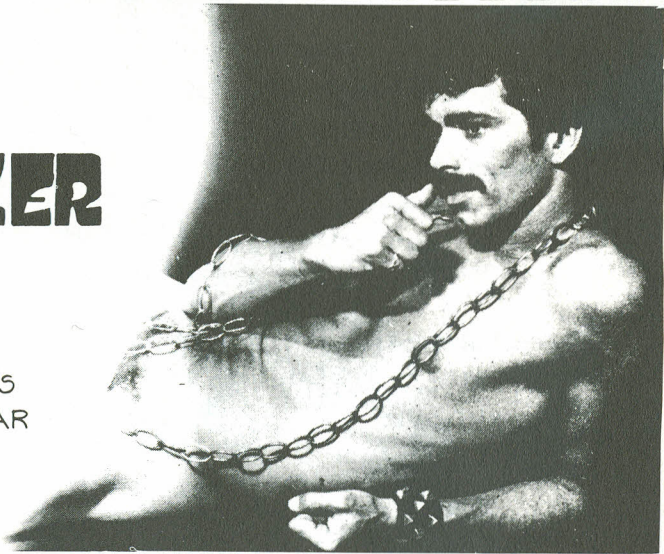
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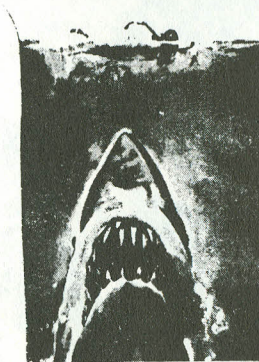
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By Christopher Savitch

JAWS



Okay gang, I don't want any more bitching and bickering over which film has been the number one box office attraction in American cinema history. The verdict is now in, and if you don't like it you're just going to have to live with it.

It wasn't too many years ago that **The Sound of Music** edged out **Gone With the Wind** for the number one spot. And then a few years after that, **The Godfather** surpassed **The Sound of Music** for the distinction of being the all-time American film money maker. But to those who hold a special affection for this film or that film, giving up the number one spot does not come easy. Everyone begins to rationalize.

For example, when **Sound of Music** passed **Gone With the Wind** in dollars brought in, the "GWTW" fans began screaming "foul." They argued that it was not fair to measure popularity in terms of dollars. Sure they admitted that "Music" had brought in more

money than "Wind," but everybody that saw the Julie Andrews spectacular paid three or four dollars, while millions of people in the early 1940's paid only 50 cents to see **Gone With the Wind**. Therefore, it took 7 or 8 people to see "GWTW" to bring in the same amount of money that each individual ticket to **Sound of Music** brought in.

But there can be no future argument now. There is a new champion, and it has all the bases covered. In terms of total dollars brought in AND in terms of total number of individual tickets sold, the new champion wins in both categories. And as I'm sure you've probably guessed, the winner is **Jaws**. More than one million dollars a DAY is going into the coffers at Universal Studios because of the film. Not to mention all the side-line business. Not only can you buy the novel on which the movie is based, but there are now two, count 'em, two, books now on the market concerning the making of the film. **The Jaws Log** and **The Making of the Movie "Jaws."** And T-shirt and decal manufacturers are going crazy trying to keep up with the demand for "Jaws" emblazoned items.

And if all this strikes you as incredible, there's more. **Jaws** is the number one film in American-produced film history, and that does not even include its sell to television or its distribution overseas. If **Jaws** is as popular around the world as it has been here at home, and there's no indication that it won't be, **Jaws** could be the first single film in history to generate more than ONE BILLION dollars in film rentals and all total related incomes. That, my friends, is more money than it took to build the entire Walt Disney empire. One out of every four persons in the United States has seen the movie **Jaws**, and there's no indication that the trend will slow. There are now projections, that seem to have credence in fact, that **Jaws** will be seen by one third of the entire population of the

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DOCTORS BAG

by John Radtz, M.D.

Let's talk about hair. It seems to be something that everyone thinks about now and then. We worry about our hair. It's an important part of "looking good." Like teeth, hair is part of our "cosmetic culture." The appearance of a person's hair in our youth-oriented society has given hair a more important role to us than was biologically intended. We have come to worship hair and the way hair should look. For the cave man, hair was that useful commodity to keep the sun's rays from "cooking" his brain and making him pass out from heat exposure. But for modern man, hair is part of the grooming necessity to insure the "good and sexy life."

The appearance of our hair has become the battle cry on Madison Avenue for the production and advertising of millions of dollars worth of various and sundry products. Hair care is big money. And fear of hair loss on the scalp is a nightmare for all American males, gay or straight. But with the emphasis we place on hair, we have also come susceptible to many myths and rumors concerning that biological outgrowth. A lot of bad information is touted as gospel truth by those persons who want to make a quick buck on the fears and hopes of the person with hair problems. So let's clear the air, with a bit of straightforward information about the hairs we love so much.

Hair grows in cycles. So if you have recently become alarmed that your hair doesn't seem to be growing at the same rate of speed it once did, you may just be in a temporary lull. Also, the growth cycle of individual hairs are not correlated with those of surrounding hairs.

One hair may be growing, while the hair next to it is resting, while a third may be in the transition stage between growth and resting.

Scalp hair has a long growth period (2 to 12 years) and a short resting period (a few months to a year). More than 90 percent of scalp hairs are normally in the growth cycle, while about 10 percent of the hairs are in the resting stage.

Beard hairs grow about a year and rest a month or two. Those persons who say they can't grow a beard should try more than once. It could be that their efforts to grow a beard or moustache occurred when their beard hair was in a "resting" cycle, and that was what produced the "scraggly" look they disliked. Pubic hairs grow for one year, and then rest for one year. Eyebrow hair grows for one month and then rests for three months. While body hairs grow four to seven months and rest nine to twelve months.

The average daily rate of growth for hairs, in millimeters is as follows: scalp, 0.35; beard-moustache, 0.3; pubic, 0.3; body, 0.2 and eyebrows, 0.16 millimeters.

Beard and pubic hair growth increases rapidly at puberty and decreases gradually with age. Scalp hair is less influenced by age, but grows faster in youth than in old age. Warm climate, high skin temperature and good general nutrition tend to be associated with more rapid hair growth. And despite the old wives tales, it is doubtful that hair growth is under significant nerve control. So the old idea that you go bald by "worrying" is false. And that's just one of many myths about hair that we'll dispel next time.

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by Adam Dennis

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Jerome L., Houston, Tex.

Dear Jerome:

I suppose we've all been in that situation at one time or another. And you're right, it can be a tough time or if the hiker looks scraggly, dirty or like a pro hustler, "truckin' on by" is the obvious and easy thing to do. But those, sincere, clean-cut types who honestly look like they're trying to get from one place to another can really give the gay motorist "fits" of indecision. Especially if your goal is to have a pleasant sexual

encounter with the dude, to make a pass.

Trying to make that sort of "pass" has a lot in common with making a "pass" in football. Professional football coaches warn against making indiscriminate passes on the football field. When a quarterback throws a pass, there are three possible things that can happen, and two of them are bad. The receiver can fail to catch the pass, the pass can be intercepted, or, the pass can be successful.

When you pick up a hitch hiker, there are also three possibilities. First, the guy might turn out to be a con artist who will do you financial and/or physical harm. Second, he may be straight or a gay guy who is not turned on by you or is really in a hurry to get somewhere and doesn't have time to "mess around." Or thirdly, it may be just like all your fantasies and dreams and turn out to be one of the most fulfilling, exciting and stimulating experiences of your life. True, "live, live, live," indeed.

So right off the bat, you know you only have one chance in three of attaining the desired goal. But I know from my own experience, and as you have just described, there are some "prizes" that seem to make one chance out of three seem like pretty good odds.

These types of situations are so varied and different, there are, unfortunately, no set of do's or don'ts that fit every single situation. My general "rule of thumb" (no pun intended) is: Never pick up a hitch hiker! But also, deep in the back of our minds is that old axiom, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

All you can do is go by some basic common sense guidelines. First, NEVER pick up a hitch hiker just because you're so horny or desperate that you'll "try anything." That sort of thinking will soon have you picking up dirty street tramps and hustlers. Don't let your need for sex be of such paramount importance that it clouds

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Producers Richard Zanuck and David Brown will each earn at least 20 million dollars apiece, after taxes, for their efforts. And while the stars of the movie were paid a straight salary and get no percentage of gross, their future careers will surely reflect the immense success of their **Jaws** venture. For Richard Dreyfus especially, it's time to move up into that 750 thousand to one-million dollars per film category.

And with the overpowering dominance of **Jaws**, you can be sure there will be imitators. Brace yourself for several quickie-cheap shark movies in the near future. (But the rumor that one sequel, concerning a rabid drag queen in Houston's Montrose, called **Lips** is NOT true.)

So no matter how you slice it, rationalize it, cut it, look at it, or get a perspective on it, **Jaws** is the all-time number one champ, for the time being. And it deserves that honor, for the time being.

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your sense of selectivity. Keep your standards high. From your letter and the description of the hiker you mentioned, I don't think you have a problem in this area.

Second, look closely for any concealed weapons or instruments. I don't care how All-American he may look, never pick up a hitch hiker who is carrying a sack, package or bundle. It could contain a gun or a knife or God knows what! Also beware of bulky clothing, coats or travel bags. If your prospective "pick up" has anything more than his body, shoes, simple blue jeans and a shirt, keep on driving.

And finally, don't expect miracles. He could be straight. If you're his type and he's in "the mood," the gay hitch hiker will make the first move. Never grope a hitch hiker the minute he's in your four-wheeled web. Let him make the first move. Otherwise, you're going to risk having your feelings hurt, embarrassment or a night or two in jail. Being too brazen in the beginning could also ruin something good that night have developed beautifully at a slower pace. Remember, a hitch hiker is just as nervous about you as you are about him. Don't push the issue. Be relaxed, and he will sense those relaxed "vibes" and be more conducive to developing events.

Let your conscience and a healthy stern dose of common sense be your guide. Good luck.

Dear Adam:

A friend of mine uses one of those battery-powered vibrators [pseudo dildos] in the shower. Can that cause any harm?

Jerry R., Lubbock, Texas

Dear Jerry:

Harm what? The guy or the vibrator? The electric current put out by one of those little dandy's is not sufficient to do bodily harm should the shower water produce some sort of short circuit. Also, such an occurrence would be very rare. But on the other hand, he may damage the machine he evidently loves so much. Water could corrode the battery terminals or wiring. Tell him to put a condom over the machine. That should solve all problems. Should he ever decide, however, to graduate from a battery-powered model and go to a plug-in-the-wall type unit, he's asking for instant death if he takes it into the shower with him. Not to mention the shock it's going to give his family when they read of the cause of death. "Dear Mrs. R., your son died when he took a shower while having his ass plugged into Lubbock Power and Light!" Ugh!

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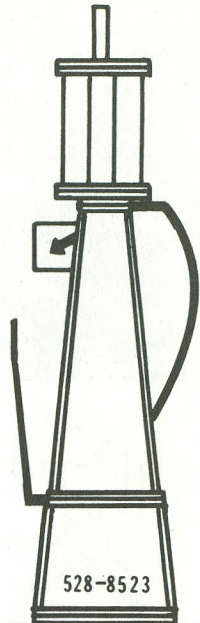
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