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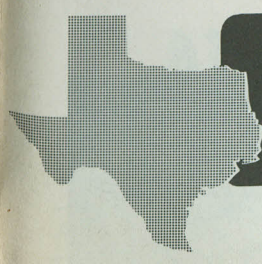
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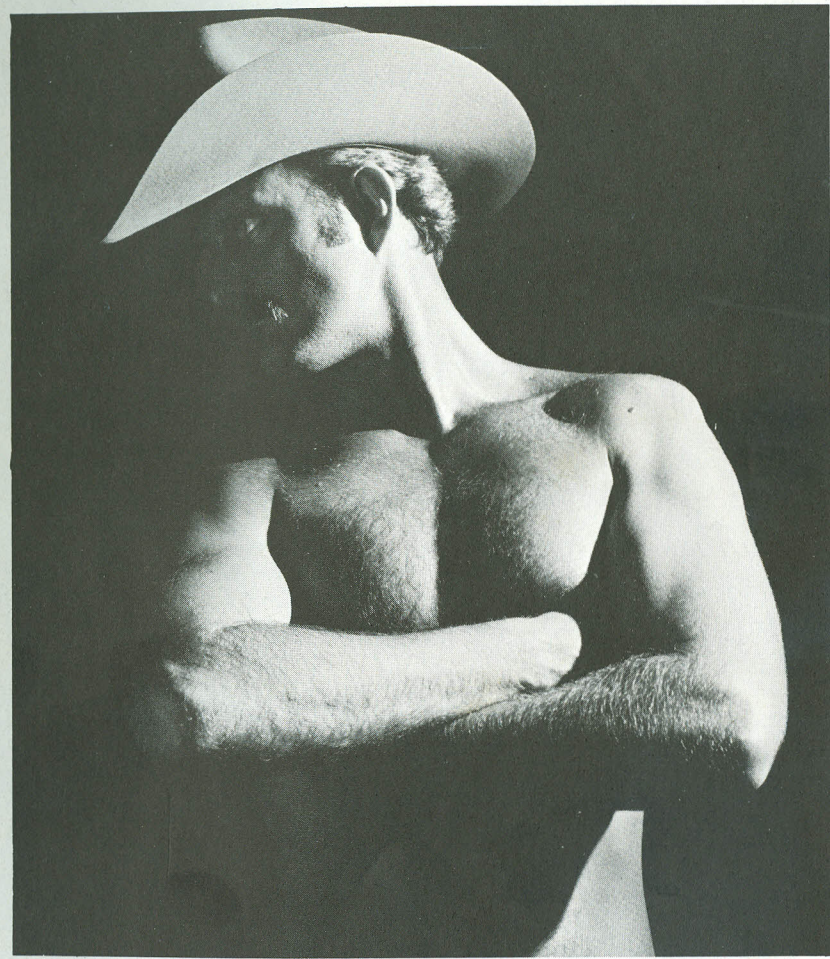
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THE OFFICIAL GAY GUIDE TO TEXAS



E. D. Lloyd, Hi Kamp, Houston, Texas

AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

SAN ANTONIO

Cover Dish Party at San Antonio's Free Clinic, 1136 W. Woodlawn, 7:30 pm.

HOUSTON

Gay Political Caucus, **Farmhouse**, 10-12 pm. Register to vote.

DALLAS

Jan Poole will be singing at 9pm, **Olive Branch Saloon**.

GALVESTON

San Antonio Show plus local talent, **Robert's Lafitte**. Three shows starting at 9pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

GALVESTON

Kon Tiki Baths will begin girls nite, starting at 6pm through 8am. The price is \$5.00.

San Antonio Show continued at **Robert's Lafitte**.

CORPUS CHRISTI

The "Regulars" plus Javier doing straight "butch" numbers in the special show "September Song," **Chez Paris**.

HOUSTON

Gay Political Caucus for voter registration at **Dirty Sally's** from 4-6 pm; **Mary's** from 5-7 pm.

First drag show at the **Odds and Ends II**. The whole cast from the old Odds and Ends plus some new talent (Torch

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

DALLAS

Bartenders Drag Show, **Chuck's**, 9pm. All proceeds go to the building fund for the MCC Church.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

GALVESTON

Mexican Independence Day Celebration at the **Kon Tiki**. Buffet at 9pm.

HOUSTON

Nostalgic Roaring 50's Night, 9:30 to 10:30, **Farmhouse**.

TADS meet at the **Spur**, starting at 4:30 pm.

FT. WORTH

AGAPE-MCC's open rap, **Bailey Street Wherehouse**, 7:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ODESSA

Beer Bust at **Fisherman's Wharf**. Draft beer 25 cents from 8-12pm.

HOUSTON

Gay Political Caucus meets at **Inside Outside**, 7:30pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

HOUSTON

INTEGRITY/HOUSTON. Guest speakers from Ann Barnett & Associates will present "Being Gay is OK." This is a Super-Event! Also, the Gay Political Caucus will be present for voter registration.

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FT. WORTH

AGAPE' MCC Movie Night, "The Robe," at 251 S. Vacek, 7:30 to 10pm. Seventeen and under, \$1.00; eighteen and over, \$1.50.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

HOUSTON

The Owner and employees of **Mary's** invite you to their Second Anniversary Cocktail Party, 9am until 2am, an all day sucker. Funtime begins at 9pm. Costume contest hosted by Passandra.

Gay Political Caucus at **Dirty Sally's**, 4-6 pm; **Farmhouse**, 1-12 pm.

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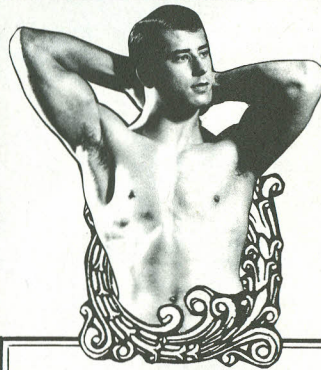
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new bar is called **El Vaquero**. Line up, people. . . . The movies this week are biggies. Really Biggies. The Houston crowd can enjoy the Mel Brook's camp classic "The Producers" at the **Locker** on Tuesday night, the 16th. And at the **Bayou Landing**, James Caan, the James Caan, stars in "Brian's Song," the made-for-TV tearjerker about two football players and the love they felt for each other. Go. Enjoy it. And don't be ashamed to cry. It's Monday night, the 15th. . . . The manager of Houston's **Odds and Ends II**, Jim, says phase II of their plans will be complete in October -- a country-western bar. Also in October, the phase III plans for a leather bar should be underway, while the phase IV show bar is slated for November and the phase V piano bar is set for December opening. . . . In the "You Gotta Catch This" bracket, trot on over to Bert Hollister's if you're in the need of a present, but don't know what to give. They've got stuff for the man who has everything, because no one could have all the unique things Bert offers. He's on South Voss in Houston, 1343 to be exact. . . . Somebody owe you money? Did they give you a hot check? Want to make out some sort of financial arrangement with your lover? Need budgeting advice? **Credit Systems National** has opened up a Houston office and they enjoy working with gay clients. They're good people. Get to know them. You may need them someday. . . . On Tuesday night, the 16th, the **Hi-Kamp** will honor Lulu, known also as Ray Gene, who is the

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SCREEN

SHOP

By Christopher Savitch

Cher's back. Boy, is Cher back!

The surprises and suspense surrounding the premiere show of **Cher's** second season has finally come to an end. During the taping of the show earlier, the **Cher** set was closed to the public. Everyone wanted to know what was happening inside. Would the new "family hour" rule of the National Association of Broadcasters force Cher to tone down her show of flesh in her early-evening time spot? Would she have to hide her navel from kids that might be watching? Would **Sonny** make a surprise guest appearance? Would she talk about her marriage-separation-marriage to rock singer **Greg Allman**?

Well, now we know. No, Cher did not tone down her erotic attire. In fact, the young lass showed more bosom in her show-opening number than has ever been seen before in a produced-for-television regular series. But make no mistake about it, she gets away with it because no matter how you measure it, Cher is **the** big thing in showbiz now. Popularity means dollars, and dollars get their way. No. Sonny did not show up. Yes. She did talk humorously of her recent marital ups and downs, but did not mention either Bono or Allman by name.

So much for the gossip, what about the show itself? Suffice it to say that Ms. Allman has lost no charisma during her summer hiatus. She's hotter than ever. And her production staff has acquired a sophistication to match last year's slickness. They've mastered the

art of packaging Cher advantageously. They present her as a multi-faceted goddess and she fits the role well.

Her set designers spent much of the summer re-grouping. The wow that was the trademark of the old Cher has been tempered with a Streisandesque subtlety that implies a deepness of Cher's character, whether actually existent or not. Ditto her costumes. And even those who weren't overwhelmed by the opening show in its entirety are joining the Cher cult in praising the show's new opening sequence. If you missed it this time, make a mental note to catch it next week. It's truly incredible, not just cliched incredible.

It is also pleasing to see the Cher folk tightening up their production values, much in the manner of the **Carol Burnett** staff. A few years ago, all variety shows were done with tracing paper. You have a star, you have guests and at many points in the show, the star and the guest engage in dull, idle chatter. It was that philosophy that killed the **Judy Garland** show on CBS back in 1963-64. Some performers are just not cut out to do the idle chatter bit. Judy wasn't. Cher isn't. But now Cher has the advantage. They've thrown out those old ideas. Now it's Cher. She performs. She has guests. They perform. And now and then they perform together. But they don't sit around drinking tea, talking about what they're doing or "getting to know" the common folk. The new variety show formats call for crisp, clean cuts between acts. And the format fits Cher ideally.

Her premiere show guests were not as much an asset as perhaps they could have been. But with any regular variety show series, the quality of the guests will rise and fall. It's the star and the way she is packaged by her production staff that assure overall high, and continuing, quality. And in this respect, the Cher people deserve only plaudits. Well done. More! More!

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manager of the **Second Sun**, at their V.I.P. night. Houston's **Tooter's Restaurant** is changing their hours of operation. More details on that can be found elsewhere in this issue. . . . At **Mary's II** in Galveston, the world-renowned and popular **Granny** has just received a letter from the Lasker Home for Homeless Children in Galveston. The letter thanks **Granny** for all the work done in the "Christmas in July" program which raised hundreds of needed toys for the tykes. **Granny** heard of the needs of the youngsters, staged the toy-raising program, and pulled the whole thing off with a massive effort. Good goin', **Granny!** . . . Our "Hurry Up and Catch It" listing this week is for the **AGAPE-MCC** in Fort Worth. The organization is holding an Italian dinner with free wine on September 12th at the piano bar at the **Bailey Street Where-**

house, at 7:30 p.m. Incidentally, the organization now has new quarters at 251 South Vacek and they are establishing a gay community center at that location. Their weekly rap sessions are still going strong on Tuesday nights at the **Bailey Street Warehouse**. . . . And from San Antonio comes word that the gay switchboard there has now set up permanent hours from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. daily. You can't imagine just how helpful those dedicated workers are. Ring 'em up at (512) 733-7300. . . . Moving on to Dallas, the **Entre Nuit Bar** now has shows on Sunday nights, **Cindy Birdsong** and the **Kopy Cat Review** currently head the bill. The show is at 9:00 p.m., with \$1.50 cover. They still have their very popular two-for-one drinks from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sundays. . . . And finally, you folks in Wichita Falls should know your **Sandbox** is moving. The new location will be announced soon. That's all for now. Go register to vote. And I'll see ya next time.

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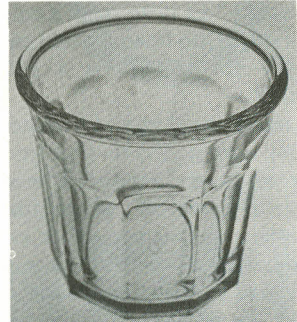
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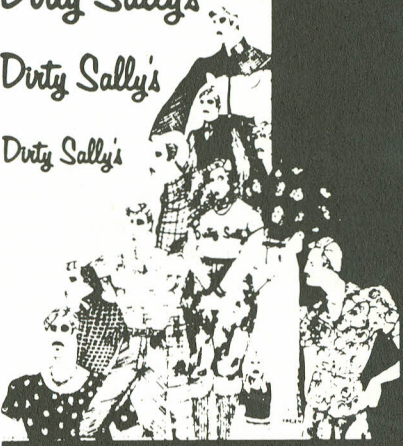
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by John Radt, M.D.

In all the years I have been voicing certain facts and philosophies in public, either in print or from the lecture podium, I have always refrained from recommending any specific diet. To me, it has always been futile, if not potentially dangerous, to extoll the merits of any specific regimen before a large crowd of people. No one diet is right for all people, whether measured in physical or emotional terms. But recently, a diet has been "popularized" that I think deserves your attention.

But before you get your hopes up, I must tell you that this is not a diet designed to make you lose weight. It's more basic than that. This diet, whether you are skinny or fat, has only one purpose -- to extend the length of your life. And much medical evidence now being assembled appears to testify to its value.

The key to the diet is roughage. The food we eat is digested primarily in the intestinal tract, a lengthy "tube" of many coils and folds. Unfortunately, foods can get trapped inside the folds of the intestines. Foods which have little roughage stick inside the little cracks and crevices of the intestines like globs of paste wedged between the cracks of the sidewalk. This would be no great problem except for the possibility that the chewed food stays trapped there, never being excreted. It then begins to ferment and decompose, in simple language, it begins to "rot."

This was not a problem to our ancestors. The food that was low on roughage was cleansed by the food that

did have the higher roughage. The high-roughage foods forced the intestines to work harder, and consequently, all food was removed from the intestines, including that of low roughage.


But the problem of modern man is that we no longer consume enough high-roughage foods to compensate for the increasing amount of low-roughage in our diets. The problem has been especially compounded by the development of the processed food industry and the fast-food franchises -- which sell low roughage foods to the millions.

The advocates of the high-roughage diets say it greatly decreases the possibility of cancer of the colon, gallstones, coronary heart disease, hernias and hemorrhoids, and many other diseases. And while this might be somewhat of an overstatement, it is not improbable that they are basically correct. Surely there is a fundamental benefit to be derived from getting the intestines to rid themselves of putrifying foods in the body.

Basically, the diet consists of eating high-roughage foods. Many advocates simply add pure whole bran to their diets, sprinkling it on food a couple of times a day. One heaping teaspoon full each day appears to be a sufficient amount.

But much roughage can be acquired in simply training the diet for that goal. Eating large or regular amounts of watermelon, potatoes, whole grain and non-white breads, bananas or cabbage are good, while reducing the amounts of white bread or processed foods.

If you are surprised that potatoes or watermelon are roughage foods, it's not surprising. Roughage in food is not necessarily the same as the popular conception of what "rough" foods are. For this reason, and for more information on the entire subject, I recommend acquiring one of the many books on the topic now available. It's worth your time.

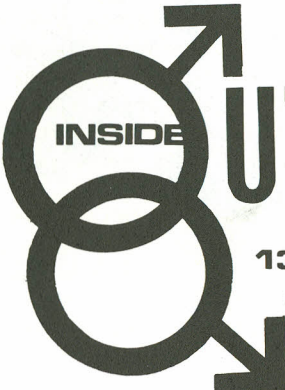


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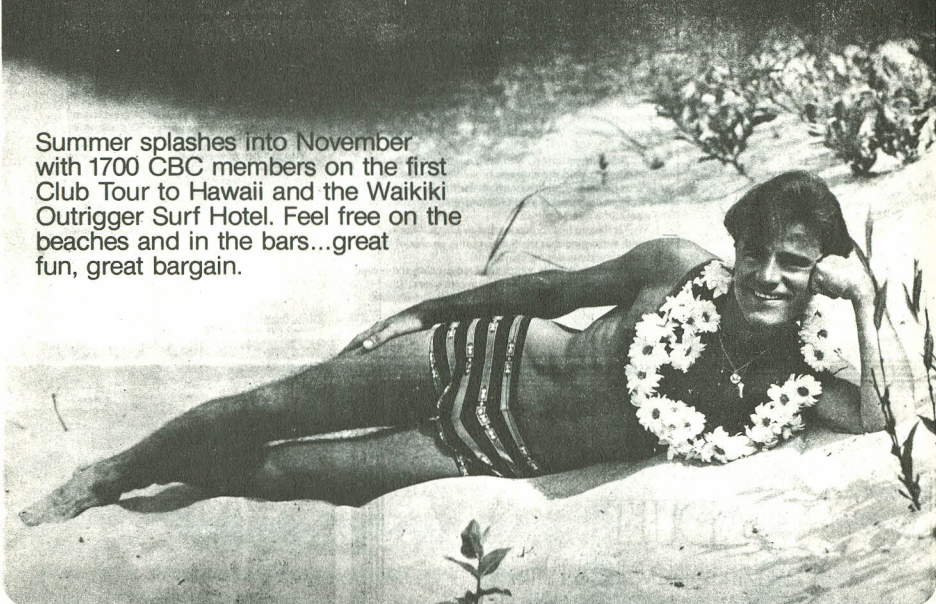
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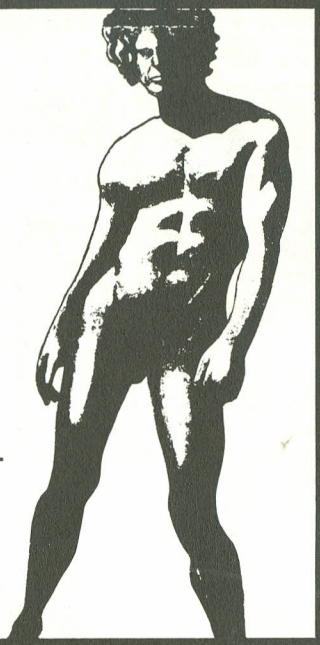
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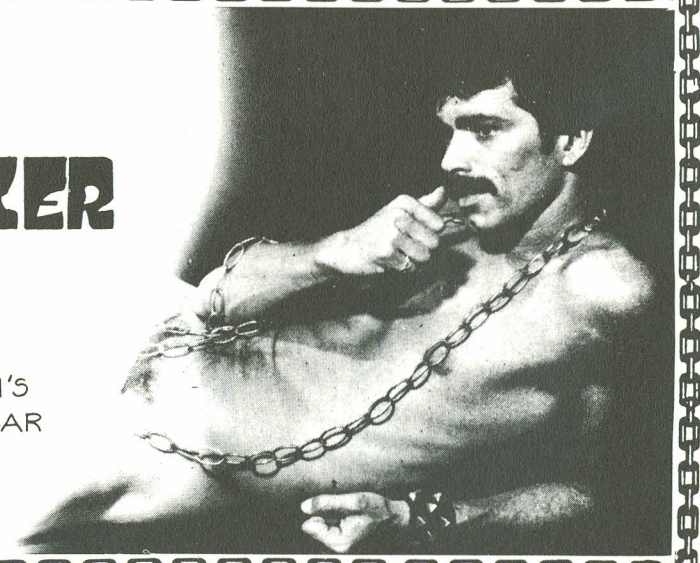
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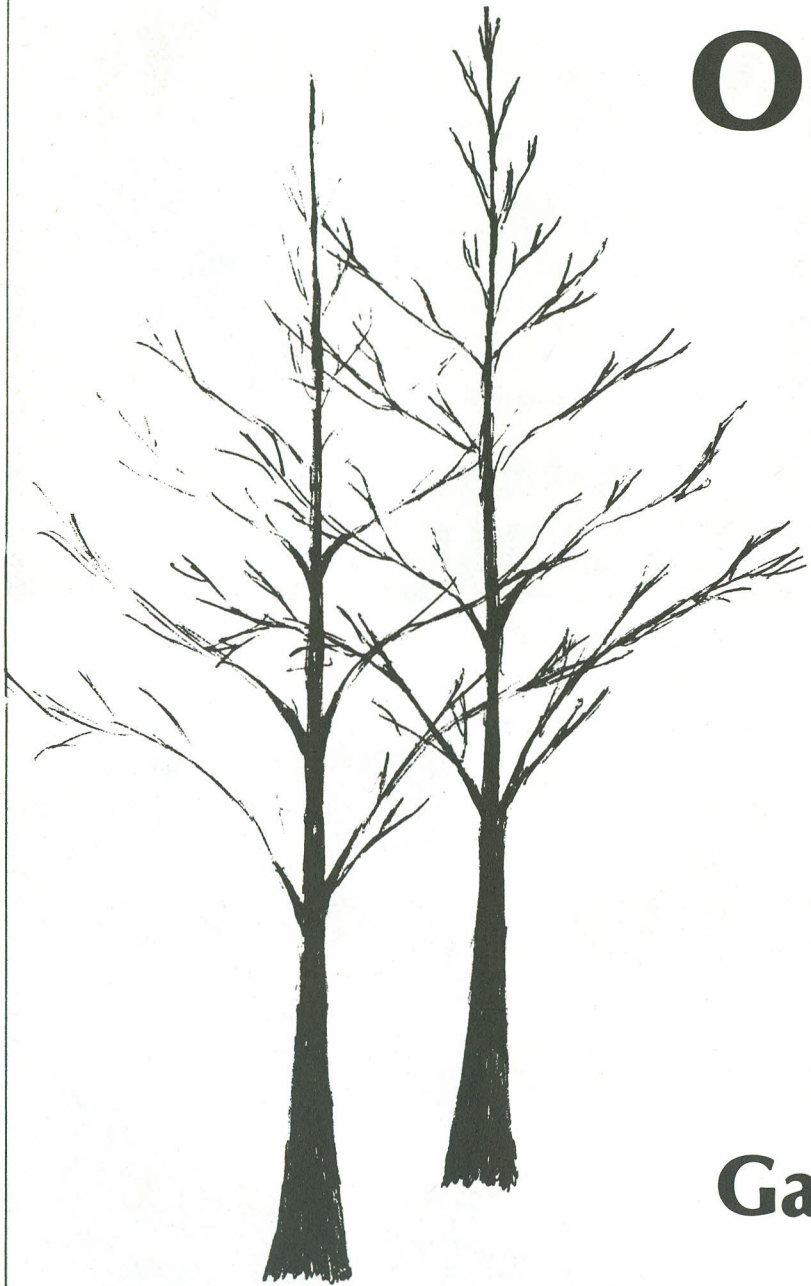
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ANSWERS BY EVE

by Eve Williams

Dear Eve,

This summer my lover's brother (who is 21) has stayed periodically a week at a time with us to go job hunting. He's low on cash and in need of help, so big sister came to the rescue. As things have turned out, he finally got a job and is going to move in with us semi-permanently until he is better established.

Our problem is, is that he doesn't know we're gay. The apartment is small and the tension is becoming unbearable. I've tried hinting but he doesn't seem to catch on. Being around him enough, I have often wondered whether he is gay -- but I'm just not sure. I have been tempted so many times to just tell him about us to relieve the situation but I'm not sure what he'll think. What should I do?

Nervous

Dear Nervous,

Quit suffering! Get "big sister" to sit down and tell her brother. There is a time when gay people must set a limit to the constant creation of straight illusions -- especially in their own home! It can't be good for you and your lover's relationship -- so do it to it.

To tell you the truth, it sounds like a Mexican Stand-off, where both brother and sister are gay but both are afraid to tell each other for fear of the reaction.

Truth time in this instance is really important if you two value your relationship and wish to maintain your sanity gayly.

Eve

Dear Eve,

I am a woman in her late twenties who has been gay since I was in college. I had led a fairly active life in college in sports, etc., but since then my active days have fallen off due to my job. My problem is that now I am quite overweight and find it rather difficult to attract any women whom I like. The last thing I want to be referred to as is a "diesel dyke." I feel I have a lot to offer someone in the way of economic stability, warmth, caring and love. Whatever happened to the old adage "beauty is only skin deep." How can I improve my situation?

Fat

Dear Fat,

Obviously, you are not happy in your present condition -- that is being overweight. Granted, beauty is only skin deep, but best not cover up too much of your warmth and caring with too much fat. Especially if you feel that you aren't succeeding in expressing the real you and meeting those women you wish to.

Why not get to work on what's really bothering you. Start with a sensible diet; that is, don't cut out anything (although perhaps most sweets), just cut down. Then find the time for those activities you once enjoyed. Check your city for facilities, Y's, etc.

Some people erroneously believe that increasing activity also increases your appetite; when actually vigorous exercise, as jogging, before mealtime will temporarily kill an appetite. More importantly, however, is the fact that increased activity increases body metabolism, thus helping the body burn calories more efficiently and faster, instead of storing it all into fat.

Give it a try. Start out slowly, then build a routine. With a little patience and stamina, you'll be amazed at the new you that will emerge!

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ANSWERS BY ADAM

by Adam Dennis

Dear Adam:

A very close friend of mine died recently. His parents knew he was gay and they always held it against him. They also know that I am gay. They have gotten word to me, in no uncertain terms, that I am not welcome at the funeral. Should I go or stay away?

Gene S., Houston, Tex.

Dear Gene:

Let me preface this answer by saying I'm as much of a gay liberation activist as anyone else, but I really think under this special set of circumstances, you shouldn't go. First off, if worse comes to worse, the family can have you legally removed from the premises. Under such circumstances, the wishes of the family come first. But more importantly, what would your friend have wanted? Despite the fact his parents are bigoted, they were the ones who brought him into the

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world and raised him. Chances are his parents' attitudes concerning gays reflect inner guilts and doubts. They are to be pitied, not hated. Especially during their time of loss. Show them that your heart is bigger than theirs. Tastefully decline to attend. But just in case this person was not just a "close friend," but was your lover, forget all the above advice. Go. Lovers are very special people.

Dear Adam:

From your experience, who is the most desirable sex partner in the gay community, someone who is skinny or someone who is fat?

Terry A., Okalahoma City, Okla.

Dear Terry:

I think it depends on degree. Someone who is slightly hefty is often called "hunky," while slightly skinny people are often called "trim." Both groups have their own set of admirers. People who are really, really skinny, are just really, really skinny. But in most gay circles, people who are really, really fat are called "death." And avoided like the plague. Which, in many ways, doesn't say much for the humanity of our lifestyle, does it? But that's the unfortunate fact. We all diet together, friend.

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