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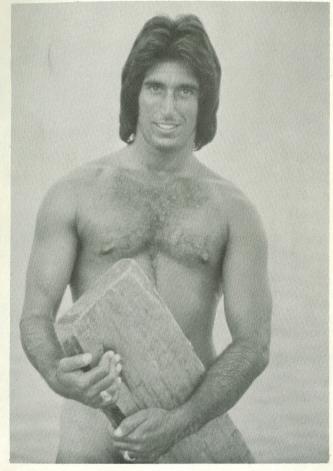
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STEVE DUGAS, HOUSTON

AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

A Selective Guide to Entertainment and Events of Unusual Interest

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

FT. WORTH

AURA General Meeting at T.J.'S BACKDOOR, 7:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

HOUSTON

CAUCUS GAY POLITICAL INSIDE Meeting, 7:30pm, OUTSIDE, upstairs.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

FT. WORTH

Ronnie Carson, 500 Club, 10pm. | DALLAS, 8-11pm.

HOUSTON

DIGNITY/HOUSTON: Special election for chairperson, St. 2140 Annes Church Westheimer, 8pm.

INTEGRITY/HOUSTON guest speakers, Ann Barnett and Associates. Subject: "Handling myself in the dating game" and "Selecting a mate." It meets at, but is not affiliated with, First Unitarian Church, corner of Southmore, Fannin and 7:15-8:45pm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

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The Tonight Show starring Free V.D. Health Clinic, CLUB

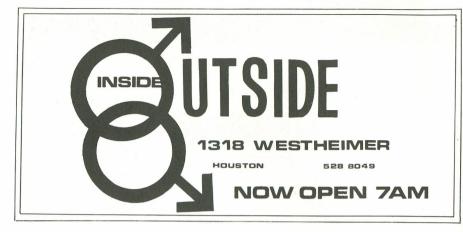
Sampling texas

Let's all calm down, now, Holiday '75 now goes into the history book and we begin the year 1976 with the search for stability, and for most of us, some much needed rest. Ah, what a holiday season it was, though. The biggest ever throughout the state. But now, back to a semblence of normalcy. . . . Bar owners and gay business managers certainly outdid themselves to provide all the hoopla and thrills the community could stand during the past week. But now, everyone senses that a "recovery" is necessary and, consequently, a peaceful and sedate mood prevails. The bars are concentrating on their long-standing weekly specials to ease the headaches, hangovers and strained pocketbooks. Check out the ads in this issue for those weekly events (free beer, live entertainment, free movies, free buffets, discount prices, etc.). . . . In the "Tving Up Loose Ends" department, we should mention the overwhelming success of the Mr. Mary's contest held in Houston at the bar of the same name. The winner of the more-than-just-hot event was Houstonian Jim Densmore. who will wear the title of "Mr. Mary's" for one year. Also sharing the honors was runner-up Matthew Baumann. Judges for the occasion were Ron Wells, Garry Hillard and, get this, Tiffany Jones. We're impressed! . . . By the way, Mary's will be closed from January 5 to January 7 to do a little clean up work. Actually, they're working on their restrooms, but that would be too crude to mention. So we won't. . . . And speaking of cleaning up, we need to clarify an error previously made. Please note: The Stud Leather Master Auction announced for

Houston's Filling Station in February is not an auction. It should have read: "The Stud Leather Master Contest." We don't ordinarily make mistakes, but then, the Filling Station is no ordinary bar. Who cares what they call their events, just go. Besides, I don't know why the Filling Station should care about names anyway; it's their numbers they can be proud of...

. Glimpsing tidbits here and there please be informed that Eartha Kitt Maya and Diana Wright are now doing their thing at Houston's Lamp Post. And in San Antonio, the Sagittarius has joined the Rhapsody Street there in offering exciting after-hours sessions on Friday and Saturday until 4:00 a.m. . . . Steve Sego in Dallas has now cleared his appointments calander to begin offering first class advertising layout and campaigns on a free-lance basis for all interested. Take it from us, the work is incomparable and the results provided are all you could ever expect. And quite a bit more. . . . In Fort Worth, the Gay Switchboard is in full operation - and with a new telephone number. Get your pencils, kids. The new number is: 335-6301. Got it? Good, who knows when you may need it. . . . And a special salute from This Week In Texas goes to a very special person in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. His name is Ken Cyr, and he has just become the new producer of the gay radio show Just Before Dawn, heard on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon on station KCHU, 90.9 on the old FM dial. Ken replaces Albert Lemke, who moved to New Orleans. We wish Ken the best of luck. while knowing full-well that a man of Ken's talent and sincerity doesn't need luck. But it sounds nice, anyway. . . . And speaking of sounding nice, the best thing I can think of to say right now is, "See ya next week." I'm gonna go home and sleep off New Years Cheers, comrades,

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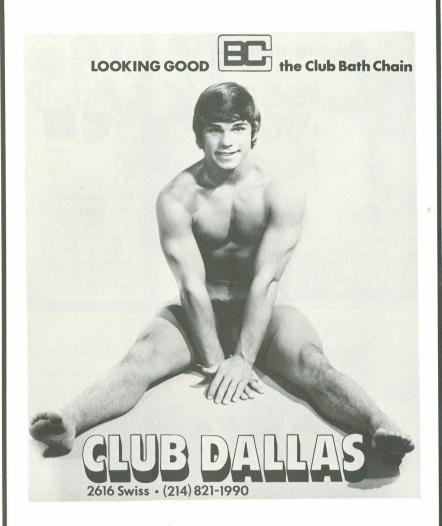
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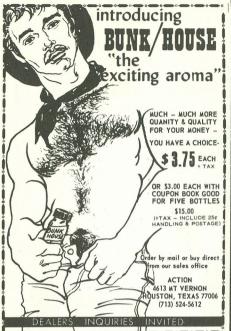
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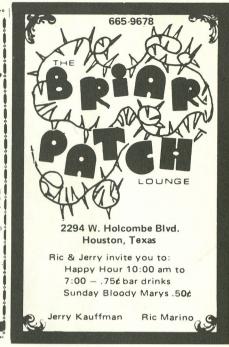
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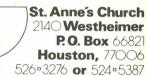
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A FAIRY TALE OF SORTS

THE COQUETTE

Fiction by M.W. MacDonald

He was my friend, and he sat two tables away from me in a dead bar alone. Hugh's victimization had me stupefied, and I wandered through the days then skipping like so many good wood nymphs out of Orpheus and Eurydice, ignorant of the varmints lurking. Heavy thoughts: we had reached an impasse on the narrow one-to-one bridgelike structure of our relationship. He would not speak of it, and I dared not ask for fear of imposing on the privacy of his pain.

They had met, oh, three months previous. Time in those days was an irrelevant measure and seemed to bloat and atrophy alternately as I tried to pigeonhole feelings and events. Love is timeless — on one hand you think you've loved forever; on the other, not at all.

Thomas, like so many negligent offenders in romance, was incorrigible. Seventeen, he had the standard features: the large blue innocent eyes and flawless complexion; long, thinly disposed hands of an artist, the pink curved mouth of a child addicted to candy. Eyes, as T.S. Eliot said, that could fix you in a formulated phrase. Fix you and pin you and make you say yes. You've seen them.

At one time I was vulnerable to those eyes, could have fallen for that face, would have answered yes to any demand which might have issued from that mouth; and sought them all shortly—the space of two chance encounters, three dates and many drinks contributed in noisy bars, the sandy foundations of fast-born hopes. But I gave up

on him as meticulously and precisely as my friend announced a serious interest in him. I chose consent over contention and wished him luck.

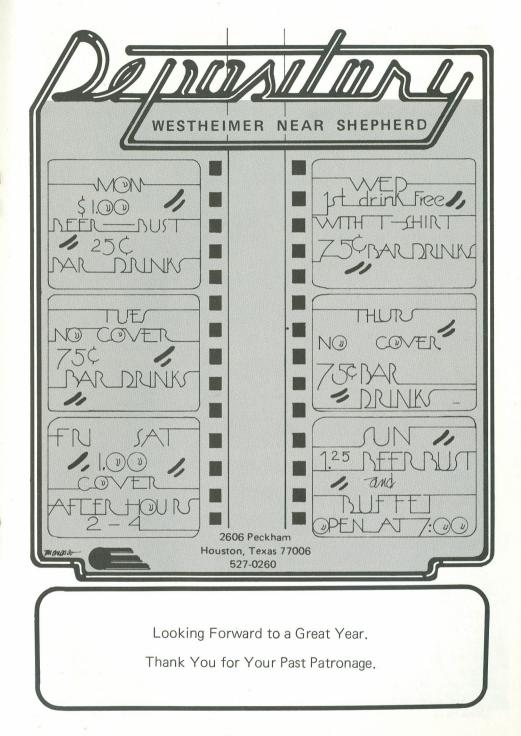
I've been spared a lot. There is something in me of the eternal spectator, and nowadays I make no secret of my preference to observe more than participate in the often painful pursuits of my fellow men. I shall take in one dose all that death has to give me, and waste no time in life on the many sampling of it. And so I watch, fascinated. It keeps me out of love.

They became lovers inside of a week. It was my observation, later confirmed, that Thomas needed security both financial and emotional. He looked for it in fact, as many young boys unemployed and pretty are apt to do. Hugh, ten years older and acquisitive of a yearly income upwards of thirty five thousand dollars, fit the bill. They made a nice couple, both having blonde hair (Hugh's graying) and light tans.

Hugh told me once how the boy would sleep exhausted in his arms, his head wedged firmly over Hugh's shoulder and an arm tight over his chest, making not one sound or a single move for twelve hours in a night. I listened remembering a similar experience of my own; perceiving in his happy enthusiasm my own practiced tendency to remember some things and forget others, to so lose caution and grow ever more easily deceived. He was coloring the affair for me and believing it himself. "I'm glad for you," I said. "You seem very happy."

I happened a month later that the boy told Hugh he wanted to go out of town for a day or two, and that Hugh needed to be alone to get his thoughts together.

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A POEM

texas sunrise

sucking bud and sniffing poppers is no longer new to me cowboy jock stud exmarine but god its a hell of a way to go on confessing to priests and barmates and cruising exprisonersofwar with screwedup stories of combat on old war buddies and the night i took a hundred gookboys to the arms of the bhudda when they only wanted to go home like you marine like me like god looking for a way to surface through the oilslicks and sick on the stink of tritinol air in vomitgreen i hate that to be the only thing i know and lying abed with a pretty trick watching the end dangle overhead in ballsmells and dirtysheets hoping for the explosion of junk meant to give life to some poor worm waiting out his turn to come alive again god why do you come on so strong marine and feel corded knees and hiss rangey talk about neworleansinthemorning and harriscountyiail and why your stepfather hates you and why you hate him so dont you see i am strung out on the belly of an owl like the lice on the rice phd who bores myass defining the fluid dynamics of the averageblowjob god what a trip you are hanging onto me and crying some baptist sunday dinner chickenass story about your stepfather commanding your young cock under the table and smiling at yourmother and acting pretty as you

how could you know that he would spread poisonivy on yourprick heavy at sixteen and now you know it was only clap and easily cured and hidden from yourmother and i understand how it is to be alone and young and in despair with all the good and right you know hanging on what someone will say in the records there was a god jewboyshrink who came innocent whitecoated on my face because the tests told him it would be ok in my case when i only wanted to be young happy again and ontop in the playdream where gay means cloudriding joy to live the fireworks of last suppers and worship his therapy of tenderlovesex without quilt because i thought he was a boymarine i want you to love me cowboy and let me fill the holes in your dreams with love for the tenderlovingchild whos turned his gift of malebeauty into a bayonet to use against you are something else cowboy marine strutting your stuff for me you do not owe your beauty and vital parts just for my being here when your triphammer needed a fair fatherfigure of god yourgear should be cast in hotwax but youll cry when i do it because you know i am of the otherside and you are a live artform to consume with craving and i will leave you moresick than your realfather who shot himself and a mom tripped out on your untouchable cock and stepfather who read your number before you knew it was published ohboy continued on page 16



think he is

A POEM continued from page 14

are you good to have now and when light returns to texas you will be my son to hold and i will be the pap you yearn for

god

how do you feel

in the aftercome i feel bad for awhile but serve me prettyboy by getting it on now and stretching your parts to me like

god

trying to save the creation of sickmess

god

gassed wasps strickensunflowers oldsoldiers and

god

randy young bucks who split ass to

give to me boy and we will talk about war and faith and texas sunrise later and about mom and dad and about god

what are you doing what a hell of a way to screw with another sentient creature you phoney bastard of

god

you pointless queen

- Jacques O'Toole Houston, Texas November, 1975

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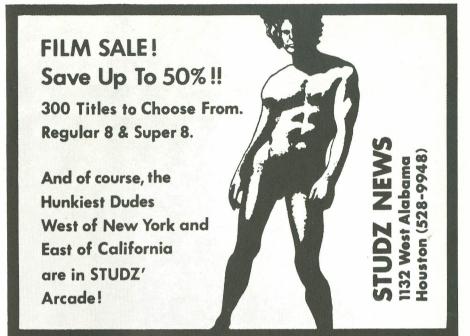


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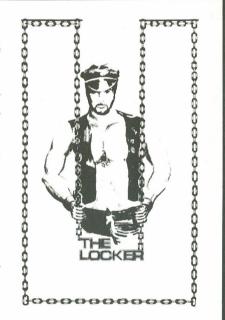
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Rex V. Corpus Christi, Tex.

Dear Rex.

Every will, gay or straight, is challengeable by persons interested in the estate. In general, wills are subject to challenge on any one of the following grounds: 1) improper execution, 2) lack of mental competency of the deceased, 3) undue influence, or 4) fraud.

The probable ground for contesting such a will would be that the deceased had been unduly influenced in the preparation and execution of the will. Undue influence has been defined as an influence so potent as to take away and overcome the power of the deceased to act freely and upon his own volition. Undue influence does not exist merely because there is a relationship of affection or friendship between the parties. To the contrary, such a relationship is a circumstance favorable to the upholding and sustaining of a will. A person is entitled to bequeath his property to whomever he should desire. and nothing is more natural than to bequeath one's property to one for whom one has an emotional fondness. Moreover, that a person is said to have

ingratiated himself with another in order to encourage a bequest is not cause for upsetting a will. However, and as you might suspect, there is a gray cloud that could come along with the silver lining. A lot could depend on the area or part of the country in which the will is brought up for legal consideration. If you live in the Bible Belt or some other area where "God" is placed on a higher plane than decency and common sense, you could be ripped off by the Bible-beating Puritans. For despite all general rules, undue influence is ultimately a question of fact to be decided by a judge or jury. It is possible that the judge or jury might consider an affectionate relationship between gays so improper as to constitute undue influence. If so, you'd probably have to take it to the next higher, and more liberal, court. Good luck.

A FAIRY TALE OF SORTS continued from page 12

Hugh disagreed, said he didn't need to be alone, didn't want to, and that he'd be upset if Thomas left.

Thomas left anyway, and apparently joined somebody in the next town, for he never came back.

I saw Hugh alone in the bar the next day, and a week later his car reportedly smashed through a quardrail on the Interstate 7 bridge and plummeted down into the river, causing another accident on the bridge which killed one person and seriously injured three

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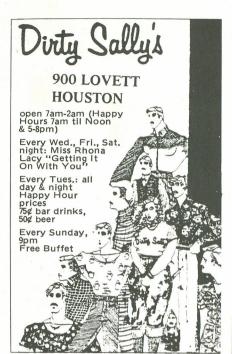


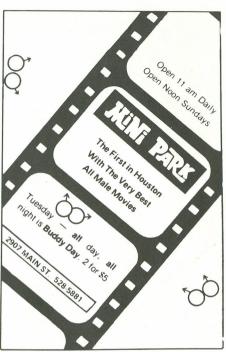
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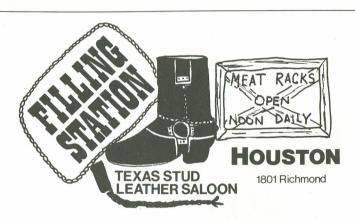
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