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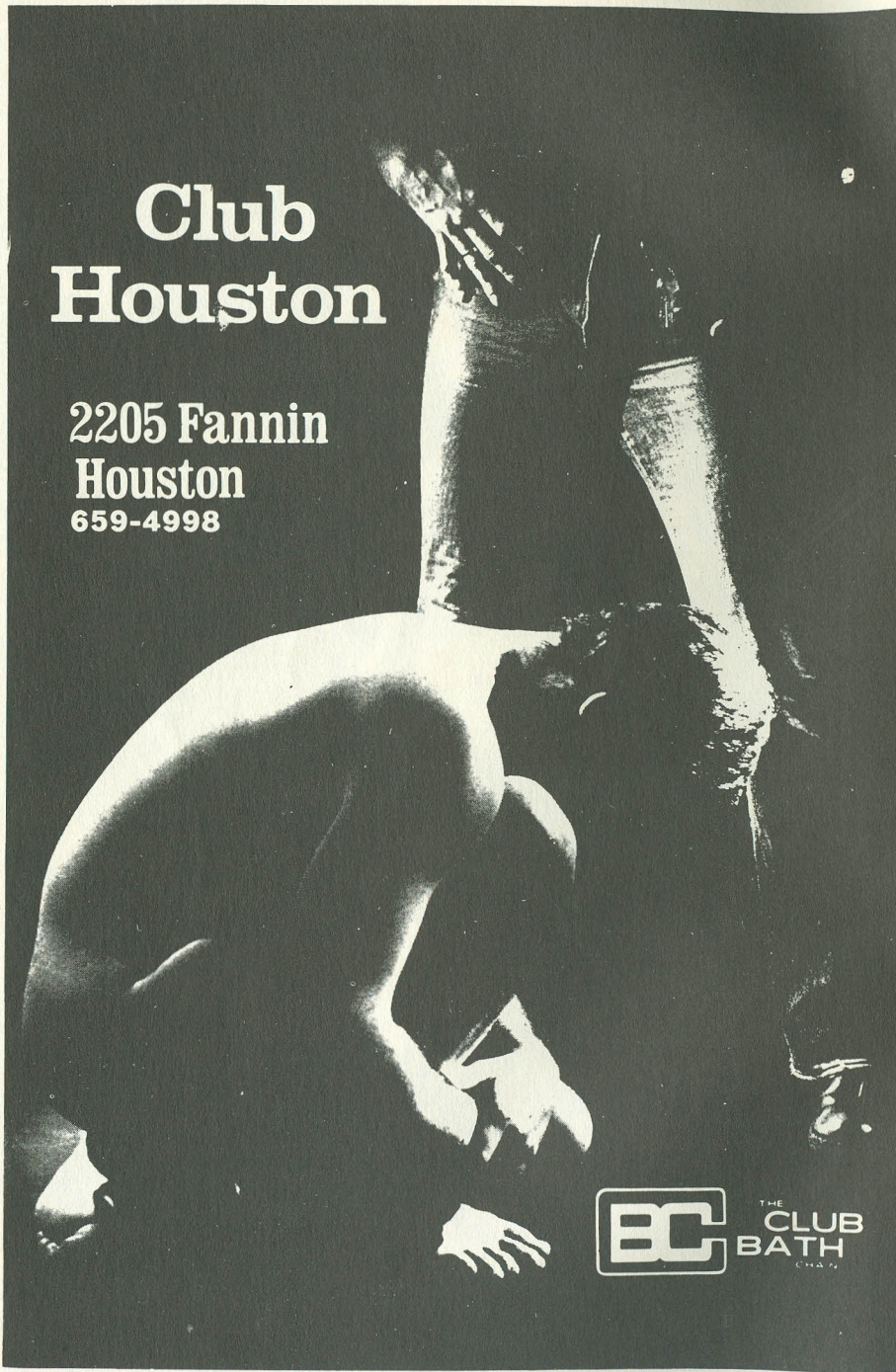
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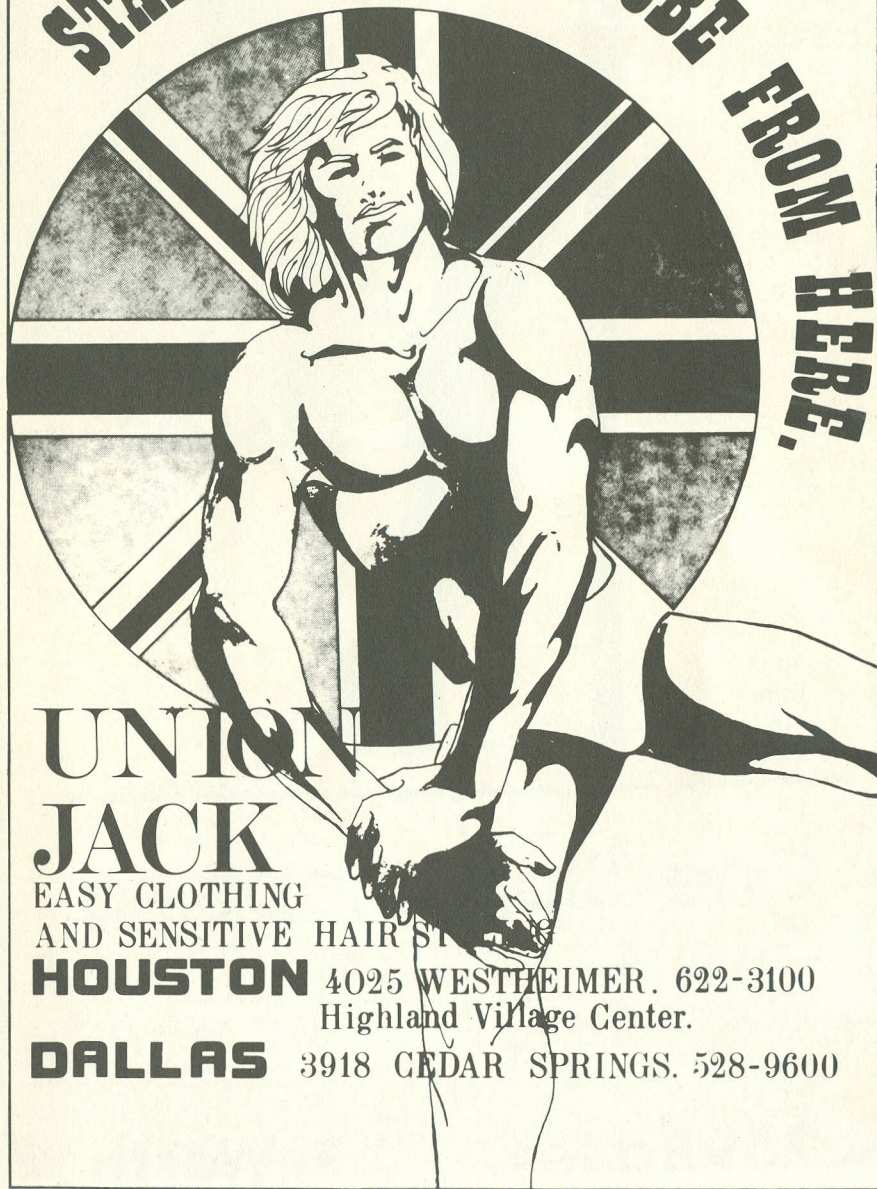
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Friday, May 7, Houston

2nd anniversary at the Locker, 10 p.m. Mr. Locker '76 contest. Winner receives \$150 and the Locker Belt. Free champagne. Barbarian feast, savage style. . . . Grand opening continued at the Levi. Lick it or rim it night. Surprise! . . . Free V.D. health clinic at Dirty Sally's 4-8 p.m.

Saturday, May 8, Dallas

Car wash, Club Dallas parking lot, 12-5 p.m. Proceeds to the Gay Crisis Line.

Saturday, May 8, Houston

Unique garage sale behind the Depository. . . . Grand opening continued, Levi. Surprise drawings for blind date 10 p.m., 11 p.m., midnight, 1 a.m. . . . Nine month anniversary at the Filling Station. Free barbeque chicken and two kegs of free beer, starting 2 p.m. . . . V.D. health clinic at Diner's News, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Discounts on purchases for having blood test.

Sunday, May 9, Dallas

Special drag show at 9:30 p.m. at Entre Nuit.

Sunday, May 9, Galveston

Mother of the year awards, Robert's Lafittes, 9 p.m. Dress as your favorite mother.

Sunday, May 9, Houston

Texas Riders raffle for CB radio and a case of scotch, 10 p.m., Locker. . . . Mother's Day special at Odd's Place, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Can beer 45¢, draft 25¢. . . . Grand opening continued at the Levi. Mr. Torn Levi contest, 9 p.m. \$25 bar tab 1st prize. \$15 tab 2nd prize. Beer bust 3-6 p.m., \$1. . . . Special show for Mother's Day, Exile, 6 p.m. Guests include Tracy, Miss Exile; Champagne, Miss Exile Talent; Andrian St. John from Los Angeles; and Ronnie Sioux. . . . Two free kegs of beer, Filling Station, beginning 6 p.m. . . . Unique garage sale behind the Depository.

Monday, May 10, Houston

Coor's beer comes to Houston with 45¢ Coor's all day, Filling Station. . . . Formation of Houston's National Gay Pride Week coalition committee, MCCR, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11, Houston

Free V.D. health clinic, Old Plantation, 9-12 p.m. Free drink with blood test.

Wednesday, May 12, Houston

LaVern and Band from the Exile perform at Just Marion & Lynn's, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Wednesday, May 12, San Antonio

Live entertainment tonight at Mary Ellen's.

Thursday, May 13, Dallas

Free V.D. health clinic, 8-11 p.m., Club Dallas.

Thursday, May 13, Galveston

Bartender David's birthday party, 9 p.m. Kon Tiki.

Thursday, May 13, Houston

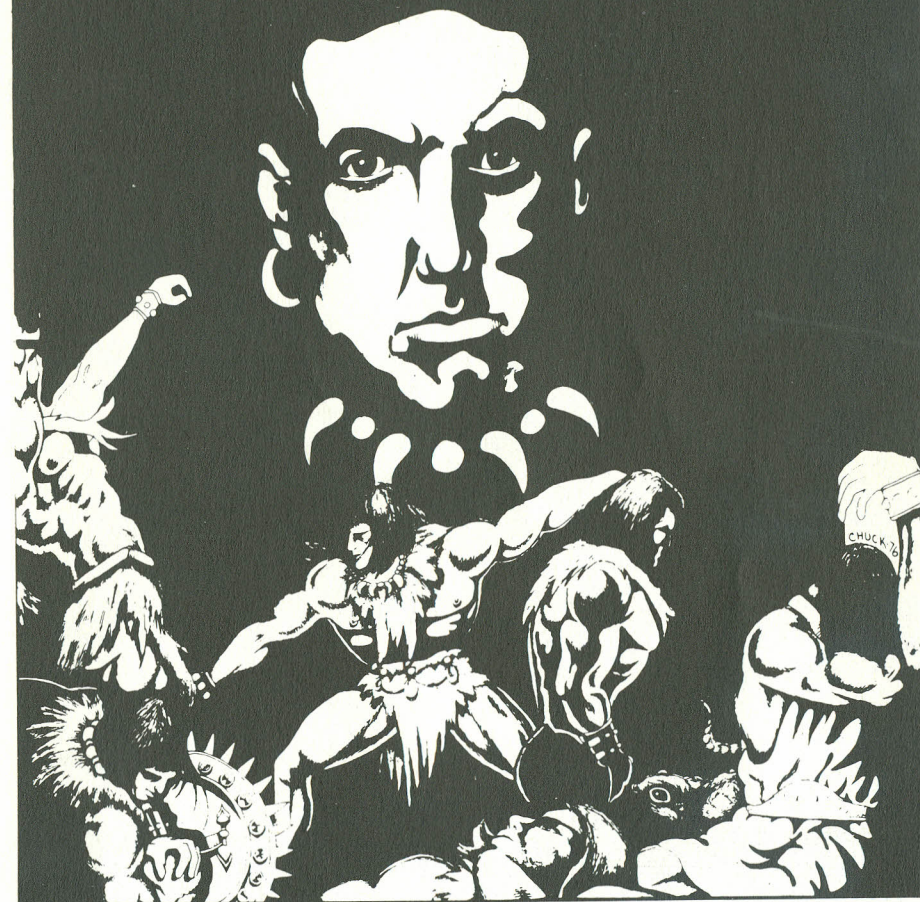
Meg Christian in concert, Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$3, available at Just Marion & Lynn's, Lamp Post, Odd's Place. . . . Nomination and election of 3 board members, Integrity. Also, taped addresses and report from "A Sense of Belonging" featuring Mass. state rep. Elaine Noble and Karen DeCrow, president N.O.W.

Friday, May 14, Houston

Free V.D. health clinic at the Locker, 6-10 p.m., and at Mary's, 9-12 p.m.

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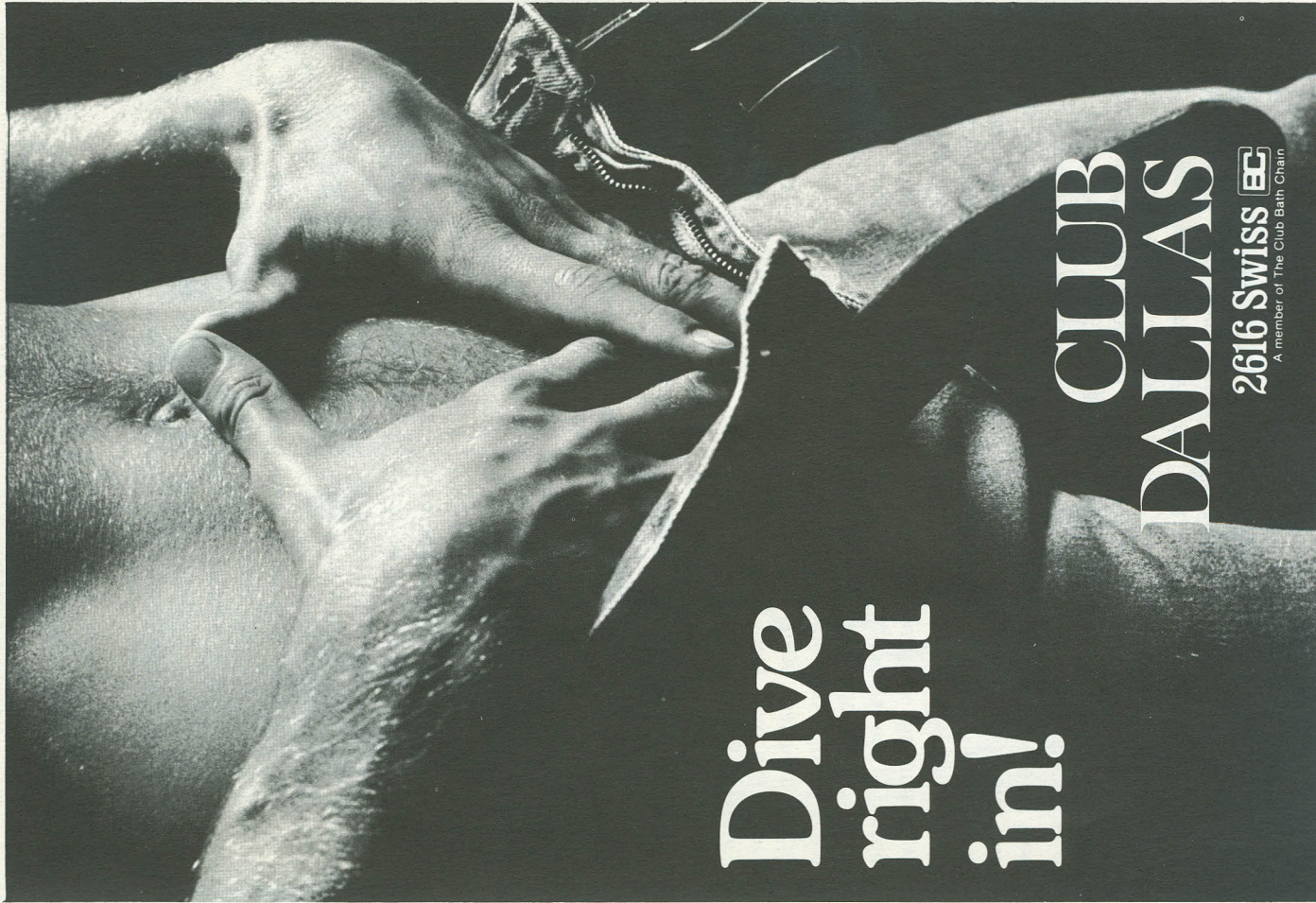


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Let's start off this week with joyous appreciation to all the gay folk that turned out in record numbers in Houston to vote for Ron Waters as state representative. The strongly pro-gay, and kind of cute, Waters won by a margin even more decisive than his vote tally two years ago. Congratulations go to Ron — and the Houston gay community who interrupted a beautiful Saturday to take time to vote and assure this most delightful of victories.

Similar thoughts of appreciation are also extended to all those hundreds of determined souls who made the gay conference in San Antonio such a resounding success. "Gay in San Antonio — A Sense of Belonging" encountered stern homophobic reaction, but with the efforts of those who sponsored and organized the event, the conference not only became reality — but garnered overwhelming attendance. Good goin', kids. There's more on that elsewhere in this issue.

Returning to Houston, for more dirt, please take note that there's a person out there with Club Houston membership card number HOU-11041 who has a color TV. Whether he knows it or not. Of the two color sets given away by Club Houston as part of their anniversary, one set was awarded a winner who was present at the drawing, but the other set, at this time, remains unclaimed. So ya'll check your membership card numbers. And number HOU-11041 — come on down! The

total anniversary week at the C.H. was a smashing success, and manager Gene Saxon asks us to express his appreciation to all. Done.

In Houston, the scene changes: Odd's Place is now having a pool tournament every Wednesday and Sunday night. It starts at 10 p.m. The Odd's Place is now open from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. on weekends and with opening time at 6 p.m. on weekdays.


Over at Dirty Sally's, the sandwich shop is now closed on Sundays. Seems like the place is just too damned crowded for such goin's on. The eats are still available at other times, however.

Diana Wright is now prancing around the stage at the Venture-N every Friday night from 9 to 11. And there are a lot of folk out there who say nobody prances like Diana. Catch the action.

For all of you who enjoy showing a little flesh, and who doesn't, get over to Mary's. On Tuesdays and Thursdays they'll give you drink discounts if you show a little skin. (No telling what you'll get if you show a BIG skin.)

A whole lot's going down. Down at Mr. Frizby's baths. The OR-G (code, girls) room has been remodeled extensively, with festive benches for spectator sports. Check it out. Owner Ted says now that he's off at the door, he'll be able to devote a lot more time to making improvements in and about the premises. Lookin' good.

And finally, in Houston notes, observe that the north side of the city



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In Dallas, the Old Plantation will be closing May 16th so they can cart up all the stuff and move to their grand new location. By the way, if you want an invitation to a private preview party of the new Old Plantation, just drop off your name and address at the Old Plantation - but do it before the 16th, or you'll just be up that old creek without a Plantation paddle.

Big "D" congratulations to Mike Burse, who walked away with first prize (and not a stitch of clothing) in the Club Dallas "Mr. Taurus" contest. Rich Mangham was first runner-up, while Ron Wayne copped second runner-up honors. All the contestants gave it everthing they had. (And showed it too.) Rumors that all winners adjourned to the S.R.O. tri-level music room at Club Dallas have not yet been confirmed.

And now a word for everybody: May 9th is Mother's Day! Don't ya'll forget it. Just remember, every trick you've ever had is the product of a mother. Sometime. Show your appreciation. Buy your own mother a gift. For the really classey stuff, check out the gift possibilities available from our supporters.

It is now time to get out those pencils and start marking those calendars. A lot of hot stuff is coming up soon - and here's a brief rundown.

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Frank, Fred, Mike, Jack, Jim

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In Dallas: On May 30, the Old Plantation has scheduled their annual free beer bust at Queen's Point, starting at noon.

The Olive Branch Saloon will be having a wet T-shirt contest each Monday in June, from 8 to 11 p.m. The \$5 entry fee provides the contestants free drinks, plus a crack at the \$100 first-place prize, with finals to be held the last Monday in June. The contest is open to both guys and gals.

At Club Dallas, the Mr. Gemini Contest is slated for Memorial Day.

Another benefit for Mary Jo Risher is in the works at the Olive Branch May 16.

And we've already mentioned the new Old Plantation is soon scheduled to throw open its doors.

In Houston: The Loft is organizing a Memorial Day weekend trip to New Orleans. The tour leaves by bus on May 29 at 2 a.m. for a three-day, two-night stay. Return is, of course, on Monday. Cost for the trip, including transportation and hotel accommodations, is only \$59. The tour will include 46 people, with registration required by the 15th of May.

In Galveston: On May 16, a big bash is planned on Stewart's Beach, sponsored by several Houston bars, under the guidance of the Old Plantation. Free kegs of beer will be provided. Bars wishing to participate should contact Bob at the O.P.

San Antonio: The super-grand opening of Mary Ellen's will brighten up the night of May 15 in the Alamo City.

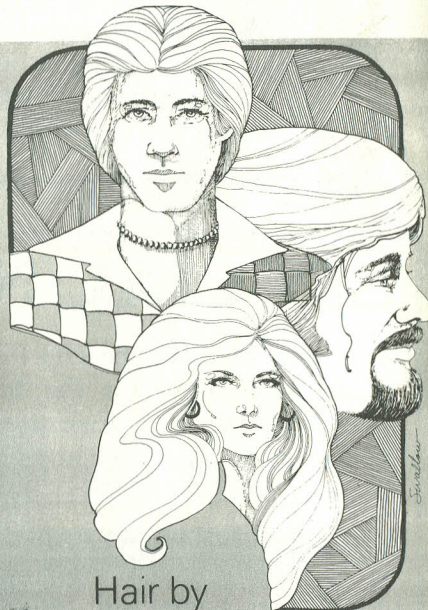
So there you have it. Pick your event. And start your engines. See ya next week.

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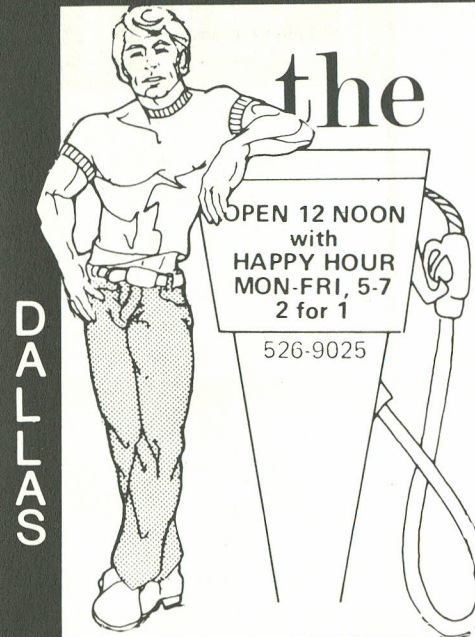
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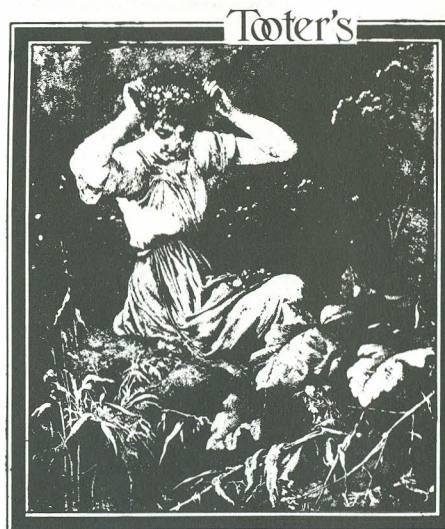
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"Moving day, moving day. I just adore moving day. It's so uplifting," Vera said, as she swirled into the room, twirling Paris originals in each hand. "I'd forgotten I had some of these outfits. It's like finding the gold at the end of the rainbow. With lace."

"Well, I'm glad to see that somebody's having a good time," came the voice of Burt, from under the refrigerator that was moving slowly across the room.

"Now, now," Vera explained, "let's not get grumpy. You know lifting heavy objects would destroy my back."

"So I've been told," came the voice from the refrigerator.

"The last heavy object I lifted," Vera added, "was Killer Heinrich. It was an act committed during a popper frenzy — and damn near killed me. To this day, Club Houston has a mat with dents in it the exact same shape as my shoulder blades. Since then, I've gone strictly topside."

"You're breakin' my heart," Burt grunted, easing the refrigerator into an upright position. "I'm takin' a five minute break."

"You laugh," Vera chided, "but do you know what it's like to have mattress burns on your back. It's worse than sunburn. For three months I couldn't wear anything but dresses that had

low-cut backs. And then, I had to dip my back in Braggi each night — to cover up the redness."

"I think you're making a big mistake," Burt said.

"What brand of bronzer would you use? I've always liked Braggi."

"Not that! About moving! I don't think you should move," Burt snapped.

"Don't be silly, dear boy. It's that time in my life to say goodbye to swinging apartments and hello to the lawnmower. My own home. Heavenly shades of night are falling. It's twilight time." Vera performed.

"But you're moving out of the Montrose. Out of the center of activity." Burt reasoned.

"Posh! West University Place is not the end of the Earth. Although I will admit it comes close. But besides, I'm getting too old to play ring-around-the-apartment-complex. I'm tired of coming home from the bar and falling into a living room that's not mine. Some people are so testy."

"Well, I still think you're going to be awfully lonely stuck out in West University Place by yourself," Burt argued.

"Oh, I've taken care of that. I'm going to rent out the extra bedroom to some good-looking younger guy." Vera explained.

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want to be stuck out there in the wilderness with you."

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"Oh no you don't. Not on your life. There's not anything you could say to make me move in with you." Burt warned sternly.

"Very well. Then I guess I'll just have to tell the police about the corpse you put on the side of the road on the way to Galveston."

"What! That was your corpse! He was your trick! I just helped! You'd go to jail too." Burt threatened.

"Be reasonable." Vera coaxed, "If I get a life sentence, that's only 15 or 20 years, at the most. My rose doesn't have that much blossom left. But if you get a life sentence, that's a good 30 or 40 years in jail. That's one of the few benefits from being old."

"This is blackmail! Outrageous blackmail!"

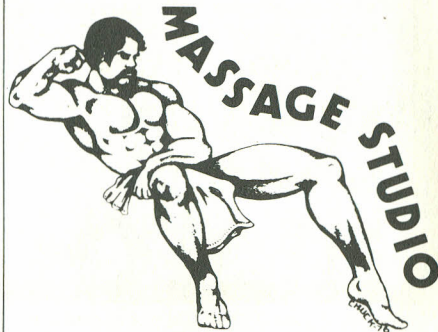
"It is not! Just a bit of reinforced persuasion. What do you say?"

"What can I say at this stage of the game? As usual, you seem to holding all the cards."

"I knew you'd be overjoyed. Here's your key. Moving day. I just adore moving day. It's so uplifting," Vera joyously uttered, en route to grab another handful of dresses.

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SAN ANTONIO CONFERENCE HELD DESPITE CONTROVERSY

by Hugh Crell

The title of the nation's only officially sanctioned gay bicentennial program, "Gay in San Antonio — a Sense of Belonging?" proved to be the compelling question as conference coordinators battled the combined forces of local politicians, media and anti-ERA forces.

More than 400 participants crossed a picket line to attend.

Operating under a \$5000 grant from the American Issues Forum, the two-day program featured as speakers state representative Elain Noble of Mass., the nation's first open-homosexual elected to high office; Karen De Crow, president of the National Organization for Women; and Del Martin, co-founder of the Daughters of Bilitis.

Conference coordinators Bettie Naylor and Kathy Deitsch found themselves without a site two weeks before the event following a blitz of incendiary media coverage.

One local newspaper conducted a "poll" of its readers on the desirability of the conference and a radio announcer urged listeners to phone the Oak Hills Motel, the original site. The motel

received a barrage of negative calls, including bomb threats, and reconsidered its welcome.

The San Antonio Light reported the cancellation with two-inch-high headlines shrieking "Gay visitors tossed out."

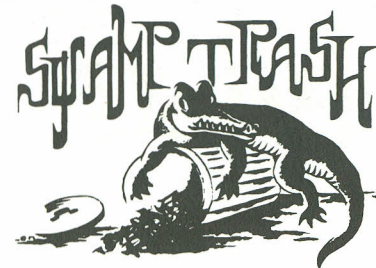
Naylor and Deitsch filed an FCC challenge against the announcer and the station's license.

The conference was finally held at an aged, former public school-turned-community-college on the city's east side.

It is ironic that while the controversy centered on the propriety of using federal funds to promote a gay-oriented program, the protests forced the site from a private motel to a center funded 50% by the city of San Antonio.

Del Martin of San Francisco presented a Friday evening program on the struggle in the 1950s on the west coast. As she recounted gay people crossing pickets to attend the first public costume ball in San Francisco, listeners were unaware they would face the same experience the next day.

Police were summoned Saturday to disperse a small group of protestors carrying signs reading "Gay — No Way," "If I'm Straight, Gays Must Be Warped," and "San Antonio Doesn't Need Gays." There were no confrontations.



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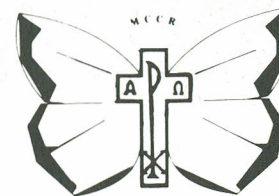
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De Crow received a standing ovation from the early afternoon audience with an address linking the feminist and gay rights movements. Her struggle, she emphasized, is not to promote the rights of women but to work toward a society in which gender is immaterial to how one chooses to live one's life.

She pointed out that straight men face even more severe sex roles than women, but, because society rewards those roles disproportionately, they have less incentive to reject them. De Crow said that if gays fail to perceive their struggle for equality in the larger context of gay/non-gay sex role stereotyping, they have little chance of achieving their goal.

Elaine Noble proved to be the most popular speaker with a presentation titled, "The Future of Gay Belonging."

She attributed her election as a representative to the Massachusetts House neither to the liberalism in Boston or to a gay vote. Massachusetts is erroneously cast as a liberal state, she noted, because it voted for McGovern in 1972. "Actually it's very conservative," she noted, "but because of our long history of political corruption, we're more adept at recognizing crooks."

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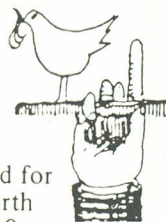
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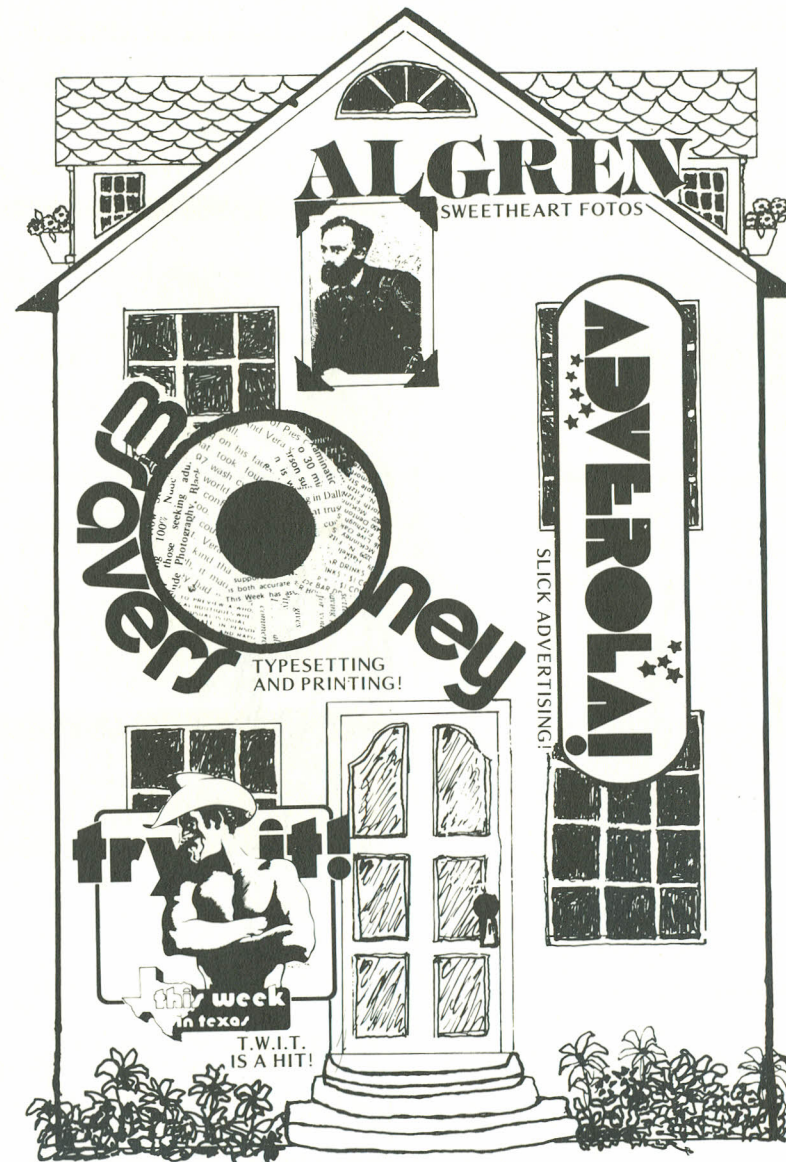
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politician, Noble pointed out that she was elected by a coalition of gays, blacks and senior citizens. She has lost the support of gays who do not support her on non-gay issues but states that she does not want single issue support.

She views gay rights as part of a struggle of people ranging from Iowa farmers to Boston blacks to secure the rights guaranteed in the Constitution.

To her, the route to success lies in building cross-cultural coalitions of people far whom the system does not work.

She recalled an episode in her campaign when a drunk approached her and said, "If you get elected, every broad, nigger and queer will want in."

She turned to him, smiled, and said, "That's right."

The conference closed with a feeling that the gay community does indeed have a sense of belonging, but that if it is unwilling to assert itself and work in cooperation with other minorities, that sense will not be translated into reality.

Dr. Bruce Voeller, executive director of the National Gay Task Force; and Jean O'Leary, NGTF legislative coordinator, were also in attendance. They had flown in from New Orleans where they had successfully secured a U.S. Job Corps agreement not to discriminate against gays.

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The organization stated in its application that its major purpose would be to serve the university community. The primary means of fulfilling this purpose would be the operation of a referral service for professional counseling. The organization also plans to provide information concerning gay life through a speakers bureau staffed by its members.

Despite several assurances from a high-ranking university administrator that a reply would soon be forthcoming, the organization says it had received no answer.

Bobbie Nelson, the Austin attorney who represented the plaintiff in a similar case at the University of Texas in 1974, has been advising GSSO. Due to what GSSO views as delay tactics, rejection of the application is anticipated, in which case the organization says it will file a suit.

LESBIAN SINGER
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by Pokey Anderson

Meg Christian, a nationally-acclaimed lesbian singer, will be giving women's concerts in four Texas cities May 7-16.

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She is scheduled to be in Houston on Thursday, May 13, sponsored by Pointblank Times. Tickets are available at Just Marion and Lynn's, Ursula's, the Lamp Post and Odd's Place.

Christian is then scheduled to go to Dallas for a benefit concert for lesbian mother Mary Jo Risher at the Olive Branch Saloon, Sunday, May 16.

**POLICE DEPT. CHALLENGED
TO A BALL GAME
opinion by Hugh Crell**

Rev. Bob Falls of the Metropolitan Community Church appeared before the Houston City Council April 28 to challenge the police dept. to a softball game during Gay Pride Week, June 20-26. It's a splendid opportunity to break down some of the alienation between the gay community and the police, and to raise money for worthwhile projects. It also opens up some real possibilities for gay humor and camp.

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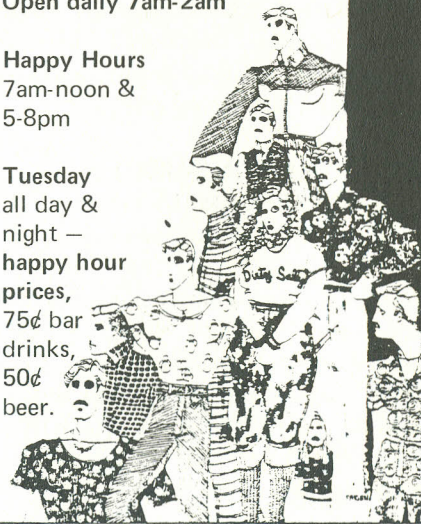
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No doubt the gay community could provide cheerleaders who would blow away the minds of the Houston sports establishment. They could lead the fans in singing "The Butch is Back," "The Boogie Woogie Buggerer of Company B," and, from Brigadoon, "How Are Things in Gay Gemorrah." The S&M set would enjoy "Chain of Love." And there's that old gay favorite "Wait Till Your Son Turns Nelly."

While the flashcard section spelled out S-O-D-O-M-Y, we could demand revision of the penal code by chanting, "Come on team, get your kicks. Drop the cops and twenty-one-oh-six."

Our support of the National Gay Rights Bill (HR 5452) would be demonstrated by a chorus of, "We've got the spirit, to beat the boys in blue. And win passage of House bill fifty-four-fifty-two."

The fuzz are still mulling over Falls' challenge, but they'll have to accept. If they don't, we'll simply announce to the media that they are intimidated by our lesbian players. (Anyone want to take bets that they'll field a team with any policewomen?) Rev. Falls needs all the help he can get. Interested persons of both sexes are urged to contact him at 526-8233.

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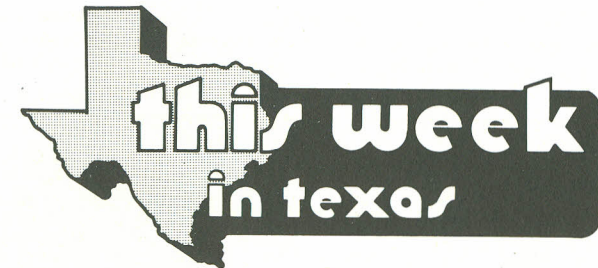
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