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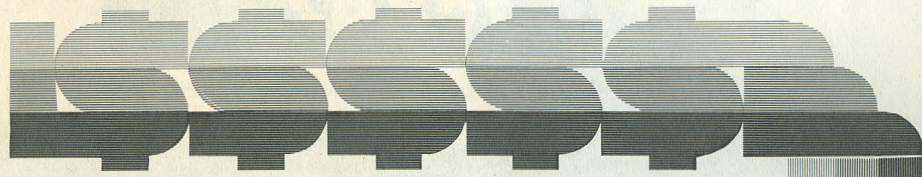
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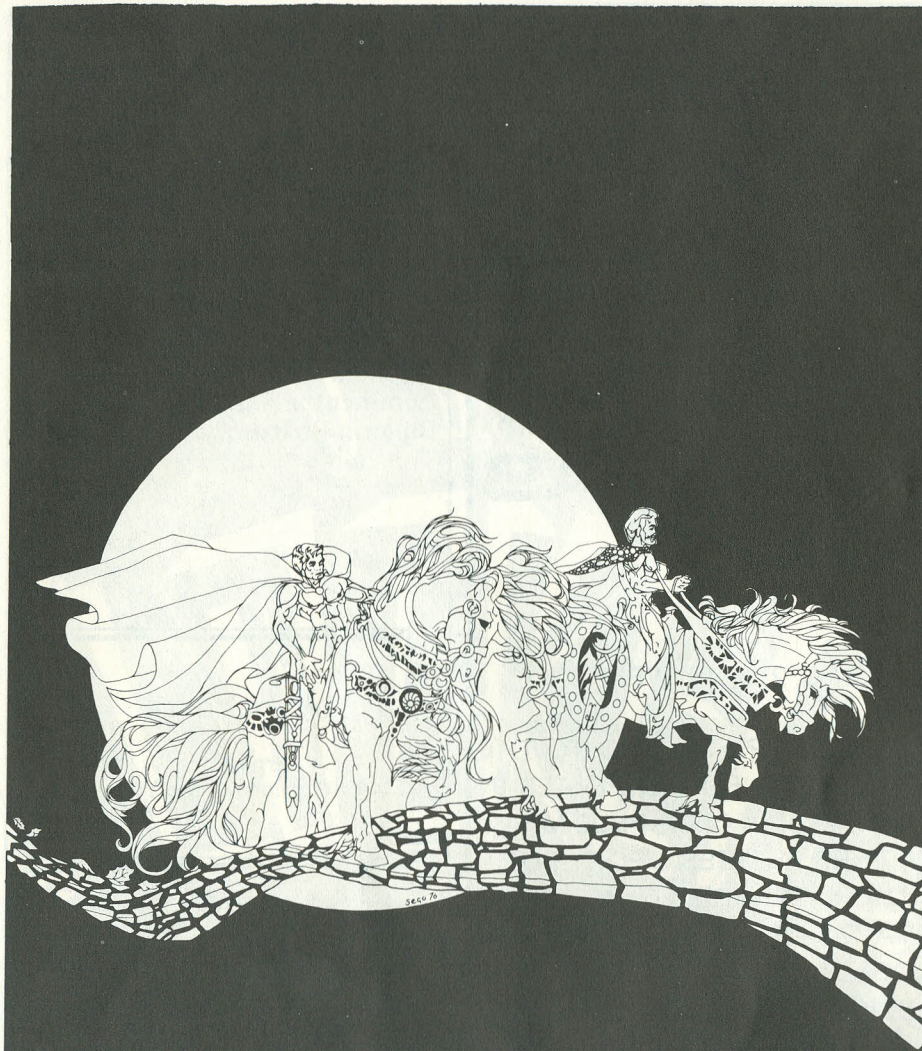
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Ernestine,
Entertainer of the Year

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TURKEY DINNER

A full blown Thanksgiving dinner replete with turkey, dressing, gravy and all the trimmings is on the menu Thanksgiving Day at the Old Plantation Clubs in Houston and in Dallas from 4 pm til 9 pm. Scott Manning of KRLY-FM 94 is now jocking at the OP Houston where a fantastic four ball light show will be plugged in this weekend that will knock your eyes out! The OP has their new sound in too, the only Houston disco with sensurround. Both OP's will have 4 back-to-back nites of afterhours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during Holiday Week.

GPC ON TV

GPC's Gary Van Ooteghem and Pokey Anderson will appear on Channel 39 Saturday, Nov. 27 at 8am for a half hour. The show, which has al-

ready been taped, will be lively.

BEAUMONT JOINS TWIT

This week, we officially welcome the city of Beaumont to the ever growing family of This Week In Texas! Yes, there now is a big, glittery bar in the golden triangle area. It's called the CLUB TABOO and is located at 5760 Port Arthur Rd., off Highway 69 (really!) on the Lamar University exit. Manager Rosie invites you by Wednesday and Sunday nights for disco (no cover) and happy hour on Sunday from 1 til 7:30 pm.

A super drag show is scheduled for Saturday November 27, at 8pm. The bar is open from 6pm to 2am daily and 1pm to 2am Sundays. The CLUB TABOO features multi-level dance floors, several pool table and game rooms, plus lots of new faces who now have a place to go.

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CLUB HOUSTON FACELIFT

O-K, gang, you're gonna get a chance to get your tawdry Yves St. Laurent towels cleaned. The Club Houston will be closed the first week in December for extensive remodeling. According to the club's new manager, Larry Woelich, this is the first stage of a complete face lift for Club Houston. Watch for its all-new image. Coming soon.

BEAT THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY STANDARDS

In early December there will be an important meeting held regarding GPC's response to recent threats to the rights of gays on the part of various groups, including the Committee on Community Standards. Invitations will be sent out to members of the business community who would be most affected if these groups achieved their objectives. In order to effectively combat this threat, members of the business community will be asked to make significant financial contributions to be GPC. Call GPC at 526-2668 to make sure that you receive your invitation to attend.

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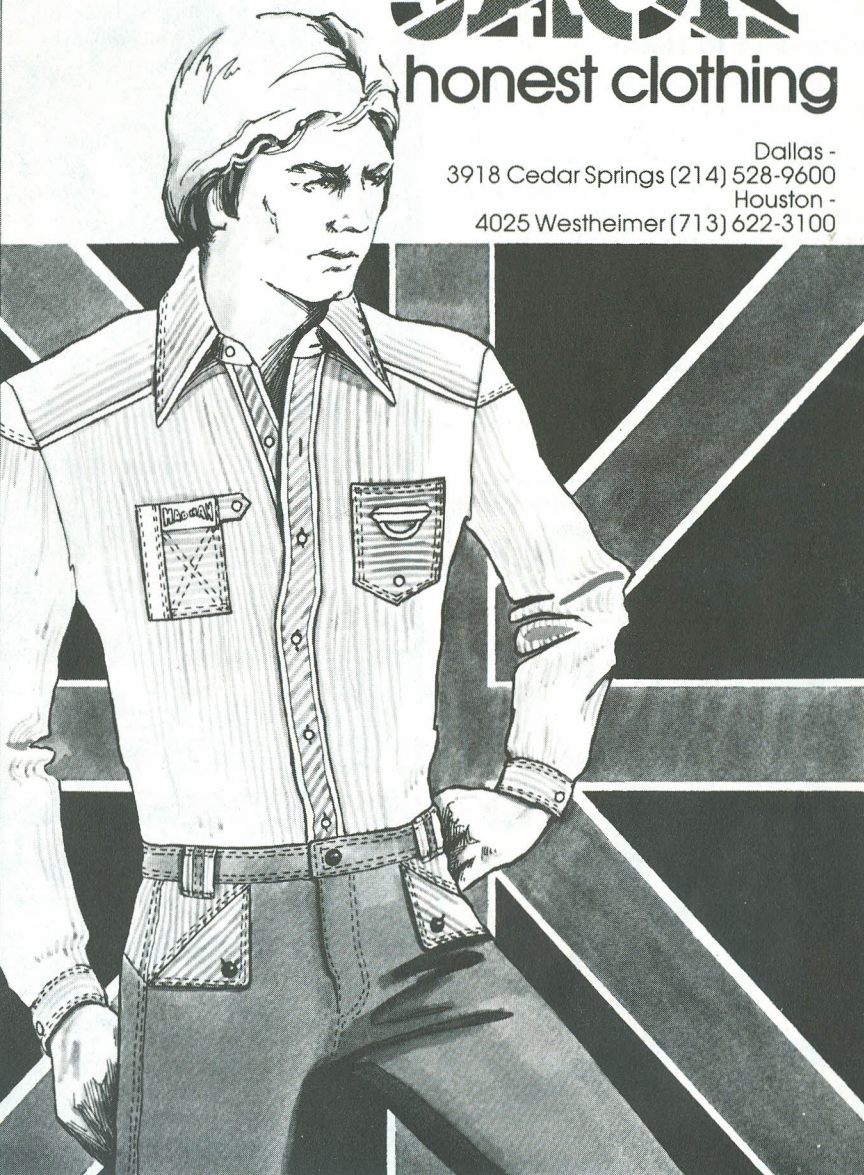
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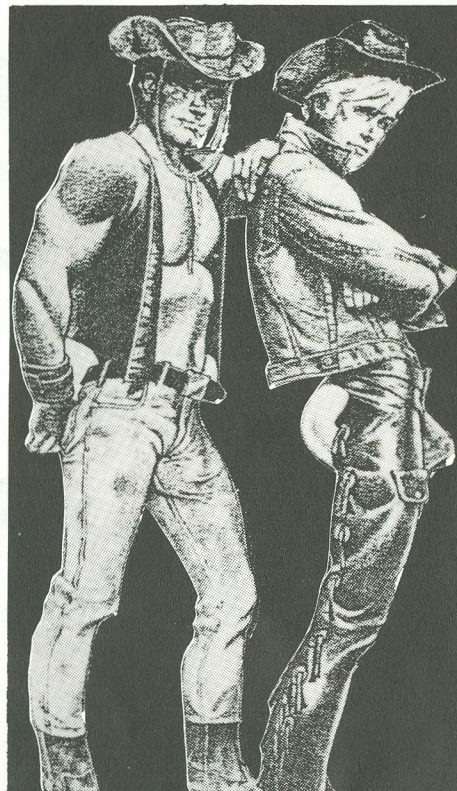
BIGGEST TV IN TEXAS

Austin's Santa Claus, Bunch, has just spent over \$5,000 on a large Advent 4ft by 6ft TV which means AUSTIN COUNTRY has the biggest TV in any Gay bar in Texas. So, drop in from 8 to 10 pm nightly and see all your favorite prime time TV shows on theatre-size television. The Austin Country set also features video-tape play back so they can record the late show on KTBC-TV channel 7 and play it back the next night. Incidentally, The Country whips up a fine menu every Sunday for the buffet and beer bust from 7 to 9.

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TURKEY DAY IN DALLAS

If you're hungry and want to get out of the house, make it on over to Dallas' Boot Camp for their all-day buffet. Featuring traditional Thanksgiving dishes, the buffet starts at 1 pm. If you're looking for good entertainment, the Service Station has put together the annual "Hi-Camp" Awards. The winners have been selected by balloting at various businesses throughout Dallas. Hosted by the popular Ron Sue, the show starts early Thanksgiving evening.

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A TEJAS M. C.

NICKEL BEER

Wow! \$1.00 cover and beer only 5 cents! That's the way DepositoryII will help you celebrate Thanksgiving. And to pad the stomach, Jay and his chefs have a turkey buffet in the oven. By the way, it is true that the Depository II will be starting Sunday Drag shows this December in the upstairs room. The Texas Tornado, Tiffany Jones, will produce and direct the shows, and they will feature soul sister Donna Day plus the return to Houston of that great drag comedienne, Jerry Vanover.

TURKEY WINNERS

The Briar Patch of Houston is giving away turkeys for Thanksgiving with two more drawings this weekend. Last week, Joe B. won an 18 lb butterball turkey. Ramon won the \$15 bar tab and Frank got the \$10 tab. Drop into the Patch this weekend and win a turkey, turkey!

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BRIDGE THE GAP AT THE BARN

Andre and company of Houston's Barn have started a weekly bridge party for all you card buffs. They shuffle the cards on Friday nights, and the winner gets his bar tab on the Barn. By the way, be sure to stop in at noon on Thanksgiving day for another of the Barn's tasty holiday buffets. TWIT understands that master chef, Andre has been rattling the pans again, and that's always a treat for those of us who like big, wholesome meals.

WELCOME

TWIT welcomes a new north Houston bar, The Now or Never, to our family. Go out and visit owners Mona and Shirley any day of the week. Happy hours are 5-7pm every day. And the pinball machine and pool tables are always hot!

GREAT GRAND OPENING

The Houston branch of the nation wide chain of erotic boutiques, the Pleasure Chest, celebrated its official opening at an invitation only champagne gala Sunday, November 14. Manager Greg Beckett and associates John and Jean escorted a large crowd through the Pleasure Chest's large selection of leather and rubber sexual accoutrements and erotic art pieces. If you seek something erotically different in your sex life, visit the intelligent staff of the Pleasure Chest. They're there to help you from 11am til 11pm.

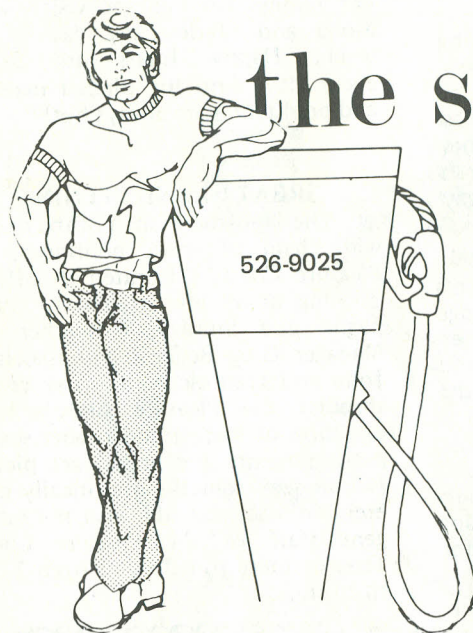
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FOR ALL SIGNS: The Moon in Sagittarius this weekend indicates a public interest in travel & sports. And with the Sun leaving Scorpio and moving into Sagittarius Sunday nite at 10:23pm, the emphasis is double fold.

SAGITTARIUS(November 23-December 22): With the Sun & Moon in your sign this weekend you'll be more independent than usual. And, the new moon makes this an excellent time for Archers to embark on new love & projects for a fruitful windfall.

CAPRICORN(December 23- January 20): Tuesday & Wednesday November 23 & 24 are your best days for pushing your projects through as the Moon in your sign will give you that needed planetary support. So wait til then.

AQUARIUS (January 21- February 19): Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26 are your most favorable days this coming week as the fast moving Moon which rules your emotions will be in your sign. Avoid marriage talk.

PISCES (February 20- March 20): This week finds you having trouble making up your mind. All the facts should be in by next weekend and you'll make a decision next Sat. or Sun., Nov. 27 or 28 when the moon moves into your sign.

AIRES (March 21- April 20): You may be the target of some idle gossip. A friend may let you down. But, be your usual impulsive self and discount it as their problem; not yours.

TAURUS (April 21- May 20): Perhaps others are after your heart; but you'd be wise to soft pedal love and just enjoy people for how they can help you financially and in your career. Practical Taurus should avoid sexual entanglements.

GEMINI (May 21- June 21): Your 11th house of friendship picks up the celestial vibration favorably and this situation could be the vehicle introducing you to a new love interest.

CANCER (June 22- July 23): Remember how sensitive you moon children are to getting your feelings hurt? So, don't do the same to another person. If you've said "Yes" and changed your mind, be tactful, says your ruling planet, the Moon.

LEO (July 24- August 23): With depressive Saturn pressure heavy you find you're losing out in love. Even some new person you've just met is not up to your high standards. And trying to regroup with the one you really love is of little use since he's lost respect for your ways.

VIRGO (August 24- September 23): Fun, fun, fun! Yes, at long last the critical Virgo is loosening up. Thanks to lucky Jupiter, life seems worth living. Even a new love you find is exciting. But, he may not tell you the truth (Mars).

LIBRA (September 24- October 23): You're in the mood to change your appearance, buy some clothes, visit the hairdresser, and to hunt for someone new. That Venus (love) aspect to your Sun sign indicates you'll meet him soon.

SCORPIO (October 24- November 22): Birthday over for another year & you're no further along? The new moon in Scorpio Sunday is a good day to start new goals for your coming birthday year. 1977 looks better for you than '76.



The pageant was hosted by (above) C.J. Harrington who dished and interviewed the stars. (below) Jennifer George wowing the audience with her blonde sensuality and (right) Alvina Grease kickin' up some good country lovin' in a very well done number.



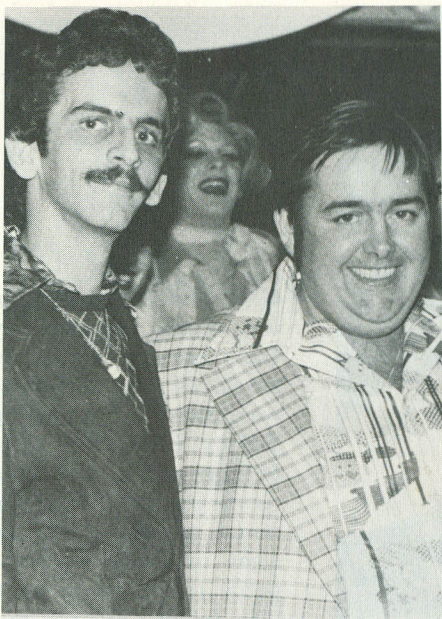
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The first annual ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR AWARDS pageant held last Sunday night at the Old Plantation show bar was a sell out success with people still commenting that it was the best produced and most star studded show they'd seen. The public voting was tabulated by TWIT during October and the Top Eight appeared for the elegant affair. Many arrived by limousines; others bringing flowers and kisses for their favorite stars.



When the vote tabulation was finally revealed by Rick opening the secret envelopes, the top three were (left) 1st runner-up Tiffany Jones, Top Prize to Ernestine, and 2nd runner-up Sadji. Also honored to be in the top eight in Texas were the petite Jessica Landa, stunning Jennifer George, many talented Naomi Simms, Dallas bombshell Alian Allison and Hill Country superstar Alvina Grease.

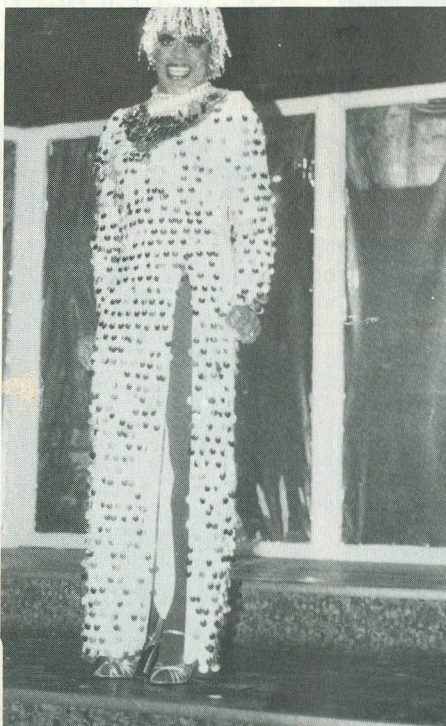




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The ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR awards were made even more alluring by the pomp and flowers offered by (left to right) Ron Oruc & Associates; and the \$500.00 in money plus trophy offered by Bob Fournier, manager of the Old Plantation of Houston.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS and the OP wish to thank all gay Texans for casting a record vote and we all hope to see the top stars in Texas again next year at the 2nd annual ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR AWARDS.



interview

TWIT: Congratulations, Ernestine! Did you think you would win the popular vote?

ERNESTINE: No, I didn't; but I hoped I would. 'Cause when you do comedy, it's opposite from what most people do on stage. I don't dress up pretty and sometimes that's what judges look for.

TWIT: Evidently the public likes comedy as they voted you their favorite.

ERNESTINE: Well, it's harder to do comedy..you look so ratty.. people often overlook ability because of how you look.

TWIT: What is your real name, Ernestine?

ERNESTINE: It's Randy S. Zachary, I'm 25, a Pisces and have a hairy chest! I was born March 12th at 3:10 pm.

TWIT: How did you come up with the stage name, Ernestine?

ERNESTINE: I wanted to do a crazy character like Lily Tomlin. She makes me laugh, so I figured if I did her, I'd make other people laugh.

TWIT: When did you first do the character Ernestine?

ERNESTINE: I did it about four years ago at the old Hi-Kamp show bar in Houston..actually, I did it on a dare.. and look at me now!

TWIT: Where are you from Randy?

ERNESTINE: I am from Houston. I was born, raised, reared, and am still being "reared" here.

TWIT: Randy, since you do comedy, you must have a serious side since all great comedians are serious off stage.

ERNESTINE: (Seriously) I've always just tried to be myself. Just be yourself. If you can't be yourself, who can you be? Most of all, keep smiling; it makes them wonder what you're up to.

TWIT: Really! By the way, who does your hair? It's always so far out.

ERNESTINE: Bob Oliphant. He also has a hairy chest.

TWIT: And your clothes? It seems like we always know what number you're going to do by what you're wearing.

ERNESTINE: Well, I make some of them, others I buy..maybe at a resale joint.

TWIT: Some stars don't like to be interrupted during their numbers by the audience walking up to tip.

ERNESTINE: Tipping is fine! If I'm involved in a serious fast number like Judy Garland I won't take the tip. But when you're out there on stage, you're there to give them a little piece of yourself.

TWIT: Hobbies?

ERNESTINE: Well, I collect antiques, I like to cook and I love to dance.

TWIT: Gay marriages?

ERNESTINE: If you can make it work, fine. Two people should enjoy each other for what time they have each other.

TWIT: Goals?

ERNESTINE: Just take each day as it comes. I'm doing drag because it's a job I enjoy. It's fun. And, if you can make people laugh and forget their problems for awhile, it's worthwhile.

TWIT: A lot of people want to know about your love life, like have you ever had a lover?

ERNESTINE: Randy did not win this contest, Ernestine did, And Ernestine is an entertainer, not a lover.

TWIT: Randy, thank you for taking time after the pageant to talk with us and again congratulations on being selected by the public in Texas as ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR:

ERNESTINE: I'm simply flabbergasted! Again thank you very much. I really appreciate it..and, you all can sit in my face.

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This is the 5th in a series of articles on the Occult written by the author of starscope.

MEDITATION

There are many books on the market these days on the very popular subject of meditation including the rather expensive TM method books. But, the best book we have read is a new one, just out, called "Psychic Meditation" written by Houston psychic Grethe. It is but one of a number of messages already taken by Grethe while in a trance. Grethe is from Denmark and has been taking messages in trance for over 10 years. It has been endorsed by professional men.

According to the book, meditation helps you learn to accept life on life's terms because through meditation you realize you do not have the power to change life.

When you learn this, Grethe says, you can look at yourself and begin to accept yourself whatever you are. And, when you begin to accept yourself, you can begin to like yourself and eventually love yourself. Without this you can not like or love anyone else because you can not give something you have no knowledge of. If you don't know what love is, you can't give it.

Another truth meditation teaches you is that there is life after the physical death. Also, after learning meditation, you realize that everything you do is between you and God only; and not between you and another human being. This is encouraging news for gays who often feel guilty or have trouble accepting themselves.

If gay people can learn to like and accept themselves as they are, then they can cope with life. Your personal life is between you and God. And, as long as you do not hurt anyone else, it is not a sin. Meditation can help overcome your guilt. This does not come overnight. It comes slowly.

Through continued practice of meditation, guilt, anxiety, and fear become less and less til they finally disappear. Meditation will help you restructure your motivation to become whatever you yourself choose and to accept that choice.

One of the most important factors in learning how to meditate is your degree of open mindedness, willingness to learn, and determination to succeed.

Everyone has the ability to meditate and derive its benefits. The mantra, the breathing, the body position, the release of tension, and the rhythmic coordination are all very important but too involved to explain in this brief article.

If you are interested more in how meditation can help the gay individual have a happier and more meaningful life, then read "Psychic Meditation" by Grethe. It is so new it is not out on the book shelves yet, but you can purchase an advance, autographed copy by sending \$7.00 to St. Paul Foundation, 5400 Memorial Drive, Suite 714, Houston, Texas 77007.

It is the only book out that gives instruction, three steps on how you can meditate, and a complete explanation of every term used in meditation.



GRETHE - HOUSTON PSYCHIC

Life with vera

By John Gardner

"Phoebe! Do you hear me? I know this has been rough on you, darlin'. Rough on all of us. But enough is enough. You come out of that bathroom!" Vera requested. "Prolonged periods in the bathroom are hazardous to your health. Especially after the third day. Oh. Burt. What are we going to do?"

"I don't know about you," Burt sighed, "but I've got to get to work. In case you haven't noticed, it is Monday morning."

"You hear that, Phoebe? Monday morning. If you don't come out, you're going to miss Rona. And Erma Bombeck. And breakfast!" Vera continued coaxing. "Pancakes and sausage. Good as House of Pies."

"I'll see you this afternoon, Vera." Burt said. "I've got to get home and get ready for work. Christ, I've been here for 76 hours!"

"Go ahead. Desert me in my hour of need. It's on your conscience, not mine." Vera chided. "Poor child is dead set on spending the rest of her life in my bathroom and you have no compassion. Phoebe's depressed and you have not a shred of sympathy."

"What can I do! If he won't come out of the bathroom, he won't come out of the bathroom. Simple as that."

"Sure, sure. That's easy for you to say. It's not your bathroom. You're not the one who has to go to the Texaco station to primp. And they've started charging me by the hour. Holding my hair dryer as collateral!"

"Couldn't you get him to lock himself in the closet, instead of the bathroom?"

"I tried that," Vera answered, "but she ran in the bathroom while I was looking for a bedpan."

"Are you sure he's still alive?"

"No doubt. She slips a note under the door, every hour on the hour."

"What did the last one say?"
"Just two words. 'I'm Depressed.' Same as all the others. I swear that girl smuggled a mimeograph machine in there."

"I'm going home. Bye." Burt muttered, moving toward the door.

"How can you calmly go to work when Phoebe's depressed!"

"Really, Vera, if I let Phoebe's depression keep me from going to work I would never have held a job in my life. 76! I've been here 76 hours 76! Doesn't that count for something."


"Only in trombones." Vera quipped. "Go ahead. Walk out. Leave us here. Alone. To die."

"I'll be back this afternoon. Bye." Burt exited.

"Yeah, well don't be surprised if we make the front page of the newspaper while you're gone. A major scandal. 'Horror At West University Place.' Reporters will find a poor, frail, broken body with gray roots who tried to claw her way into the bathroom to save Phoebe. And inside the bathroom they'll find a 110 pound skeleton floating on a sea of tears! Phoebe has big bone structure, you know."

For the next hour, Vera pulled

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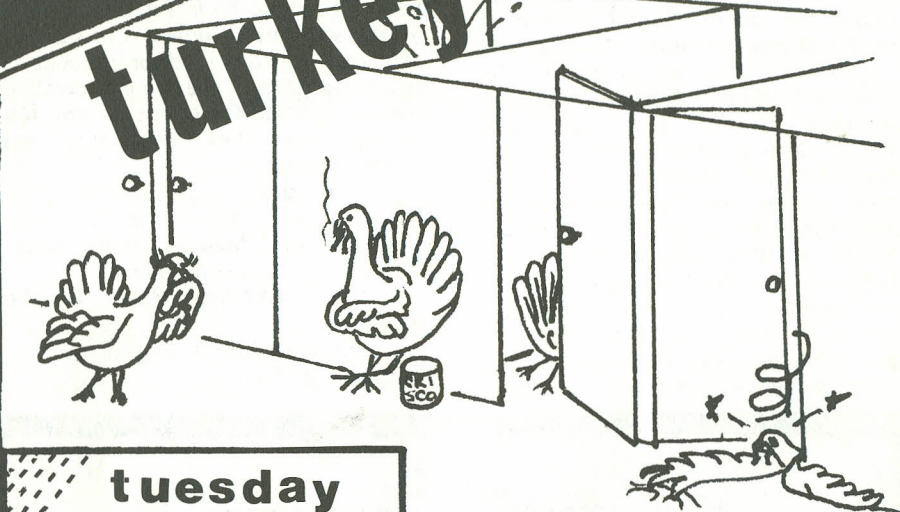
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He read Phoebe's favorite chapters from the Betty Crocker cookbook outside the door. He slid magazine pictures from Sara Lee ads under the door. He put a Twinkie in the keyhole. Failure. No response.

"Okay, Phoebe. That's it. I've done all I can do. If you want to stay in there forever, go ahead. Look, you've lost your lover. You're depressed. Well, so what. Think you have a monopoly on sorrow? Tragedy comes to all of us. But you have to face it. What do you think would happen if we all hid from trouble the way you do? We'd all die of porcelain poisoning, that's what. But if that's the only way you can cope, you go right ahead. But there is one thing

you ought to know. I'm selling the house!"

An anguished gasp was heard from within.

"That's right," Vera continued, sensing he was beginning to make contact, "I'm selling the house. To a family from Brazil with four kids and a dog that chases fat girls. They belong to a wierd religious sect. They only eat Jello. And only every other day. You think Anne Frank had it bad. Honey, you're going to be in Pit City. This is your last chance. Come out or starve."

Vera heard the door unlock. It began to open. The hinges creaked painfully, forced into movement following what they were sure was certain retirement.

There she stood. Or semi-stood. Puffed cheeks. Bags under the eyes. Tear streaked. Mascara to the neck. Wearing the shower curtain.

"VEERRAAAAAAA!" Phoebe blurted.

"PHHOOEEEEBBBBEEEE!" Vera blurted back.

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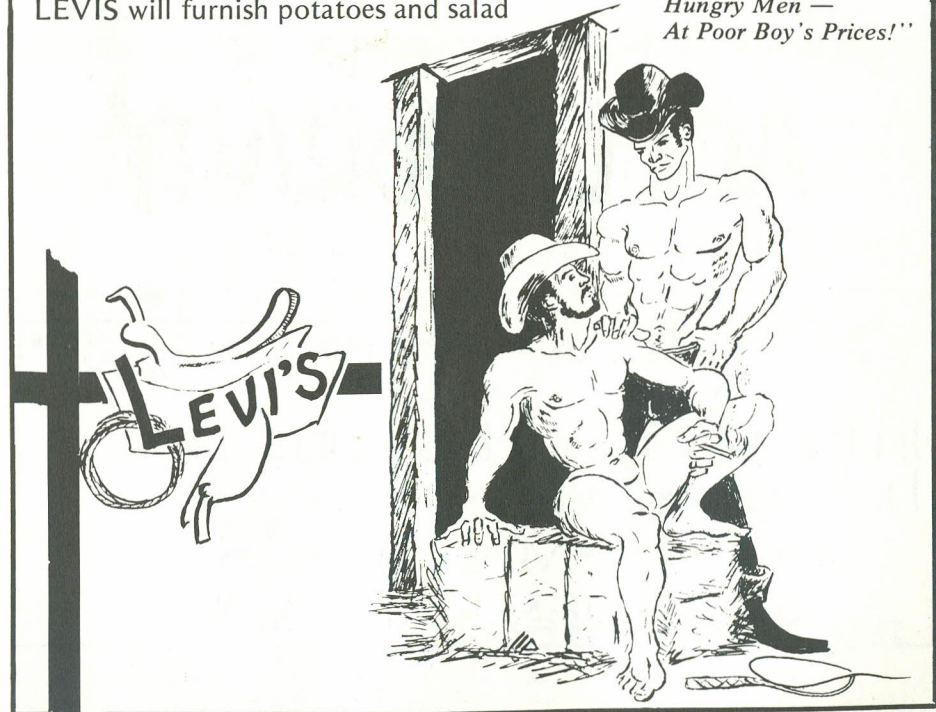
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They embraced for what Vera sensed was an eternity, with Vera feeling silent surprise at Phoebe's apparent retention of strength following the crisis.

"Not too hard, dear." Vera softly gagged. "Those are my best ribs. Now, now. Stand back. Let me take a look at you. There. Feel better? I told you everything would be okay. Where's your wedding gown sugar?"

"I flushed it down the toilet." Phoebe whispered.

"How expeditious." Vera offered. "Of course that means the next 'Bride by Shirley' will have to go it in only a slip and heels."

"Don't worry, Vera. It won't stop up the sewer lines. I cut it up into little pieces before I flushed it."

"How thoughtful." Vera smiled.

"I used nail clippers. There must have been 10 thousand pieces. So it won't stop up the sewer." Phoebe confided. "It was the least I could do. Especially since the dress was rented in your name."

"How thoughtful." Vera smiled, painfully. "I just hope Shirley figures out a way to strain sewage tastefully. Or collect rental from chiffon-laden worms. But never mind, you come with me. We're going to have a long talk."

"Okay, Vera. Whatever you say. I think I'm strong now."

"Good. I want to discuss what we're going..."

"I'll admit I acted silly," Phoebe continued, "but I'm okay now. My courage is back. I can face the world."

"Fine, fine. Now the first thing I think we ought to focus our attention upon..."

"Just like Bette Davis. I had my moment of weakness. Self-pity. But now I see it's time to pack up the old kit bag and smile...smile...smile."

"Wonderful. You set an example for us all. Now I'm certain that the areas in which we need to concentrate our attention are those concerning your outlook..."

"Or like Gloria Swanson. Sure, I was down. Battered. Trodden upon by the entire world. But was I licked? No. I'm coming back. A new leaf overturned. Discovering a sun. A new day. Oblivious to the scars that covered her body, she marched on. Upward to new highs. Stand well back, world. She's coming through!"

"Phoebe, I'm stunned. And so proud of your recovery. I thought when Gary Von..."

"GARY VON! AHHHHHHH! I'M ABANDONED!" Phoebe screamed, racing back down the hall. Vera heard the bathroom door slam shut.

"Now what did I do wrong?" Vera puzzled.

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in my aloneness i see you
more clearly
than were you before my eyes
and i hymn your manhood

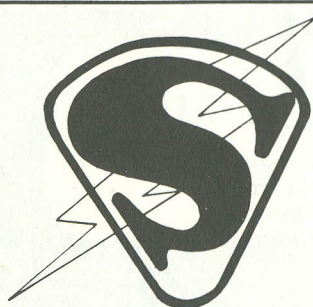
a man you came to me
and you touched and held and loved
together we scaled the heights of passion
and we knew the love of man for man

in my aloneness i see you
more clearly
than were you before my eyes
and i hymn your godhood

a god you came to me
and you breathed life into me
and shared your godhood with me
together we walked infinity's paths
and we knew the liturgy of being

and as the man within me
kneels and chants this hymn
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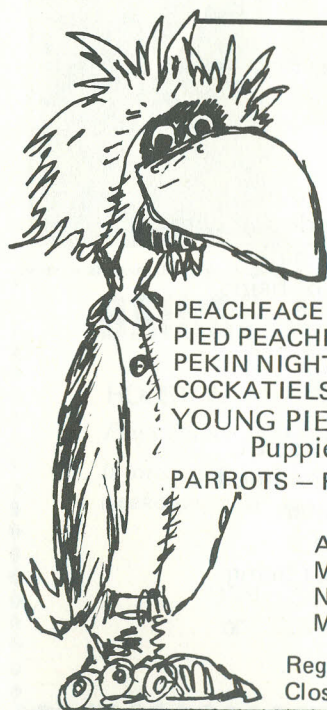
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ORLEANS

With more time and space, I would go on in depth about Orleans as the opening act for Jackson Browne's concert at Houston's Summit; but one of their Top-40 hits remains with me as having the strongest impression. The group, led by John Hall, asks if a certain partner would only DANCE WITH ME and be my lover then "even Fantasy could never be so thrilling..."

SAY A PRAYER FOR THE PRETENDER

Jackson Browne's thought-provoking evening of music left me "drifting on through the night" as the implications of his lyrics continued to sink in.

Browne is probably most remembered for songs (such as AFTER THE DELUGE) in which he envisions the planetary Apocalypse we could experience at any moment ("Don't think it won't happen just because it hasn't happened yet."), and he suggests how we should deal with that constant awareness. His suggestion is that we "take to each other's hearts for refuse."

In his second encore, Browne asks the audience whether they had come to "see the poet bare his soul or had we come to hear the Rock 'n Roll?" —I'd gone to see the Poet for his ideas on love relationships today and how he applies those ideas.

In LATE FOR THE SKY he wonders about those peculiar moments when you look into a lover's eyes and suddenly feel the "empty surprise of seeing someone you'd never known (or would ever know)...I don't know what I loved in you/You don't know what you loved in me...Maybe what you loved in me was a photograph of someone you were hoping I might be...How long have I been dreaming

(foolishly) that I could close my eyes and try with all my might to be the one you need?" Like Orleans, he implies that we can't substitute fantasy or illusion for a lover and hope to make it work. In his FOUNTAIN OF SORROW, Browne again asks how can it be that "your perfect lover can suddenly look like a perfect fool, and so you go off looking for a perfect stranger." Browne believes that the transient nature of relationships today are so prevalent because we have no real faith in the future. He reminds us not to "let the years give way to uncertainty/And the fear of having lived for nothing strangle the will (to survive whatever life offers)."

The point is to live, to survive.

His latest album entitled THE PRETENDER takes the approach that many others have taken today: He wants to be the "happy idiot and struggle for the legal tender. And believe in whatever may be in those things that money can buy."

But Browne's jadedness is not so strong that he doesn't recognize that love does come along "even though (for him) that magic feeling never seems to last." In a song dedicated to his 3-year-old son, Browne sums up his experience with advice to his son we should all take, no matter our age:

*When you find a soul which sees
into yours, Take care of each other.
Just take care of each other.*

— Ron Hageman

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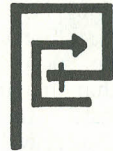
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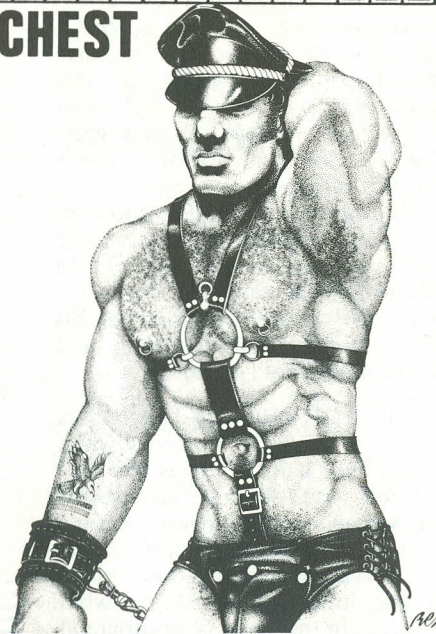


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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- * After Hours 2-4 am at Austin Country.
- * After Hours 2-4 am at Pearl Street.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- * Happy Hour all day at Private Cellar. Beer 45c. Well drinks 95c.
- * Happy Hour 3-5 pm at the New Apartment.
- * Volleyball game 3 pm at Ramsey Park, W. 44th & Rosedale, sponsored by GCS.
- * Beer bust and buffet, 7-9pm, Austin Country.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- * Happy Hour Mon.-Sat. 5-7 pm at the New Apartment.
- * Happy Hour Mon.-Sat. 2-7 pm at Private Cellar. Well 95c, Beer 45c.
- * Free Draft Beer Mon, Tues & Thurs. at Private Cellar, 10:30-11:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- * Special Drink Night at Austin Country. 8 pm til 2 am. Bar drinks 25c, Beer 10c. \$2.00 cover. Drawing, prizes.
- * Free Keg Party at Private Cellar 9-11 pm. No cover at door.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- * Free Draft Beer at Private Cellar, 10:30-11 pm. Keg Party.
- * 10 pm show at Austin Country with Jann Russell, Alain Allison & The Grease Sisters.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- * After Hours at Austin Country, 2-4 am.
- * After Hours at Pearl Street, 2-4 am.
- * Gay Community Services Evening Men Rap Session at 7:45 pm. Call 477-6699

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- * Happy Hour 1-7:30pm at Club Taboo.
- * Disco Sun & Wed Nites—no cover— at Club Taboo.

DALLAS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- * After Hours 2 am - ? at OP.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- * Bourbon Day at Ram Rod; double bourbon \$1.00, 5-6 pm.
- * Free draft beer at TJ's, 7-8 pm.
- * Free draft beer at Sundance Kid from 7 pm til the keg runs dry.
- * Beer bust & barbecue, 6pm, at Tool Box, \$1 admission.
- * 10c draft beer at Villa Fontana 4-7 pm.
- * Free hot dogs & draft beer 7-9 pm at OP.

- * OP Drag Show with Jann Russell & the Pantomaniacs "Living Dolls", Alain Allison, Apple & guest stars, 9:30 pm.
- * 9:30 Show at Entre Nuit.

- * Crews Inn II, Pool Tourney 7 pm.
- * Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers 75c, 1-8 pm at the Bon Soir.
- * Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys 50c, 1-5 pm at the Boot Camp.
- * Hot dog buffet all afternoon at Swamptrash.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- * Pool Tournament at Service Station, 7:30
- * 75c well, 50c beer at Swamptrash.
- * Scotch Night at Ram Rod, double scotch \$1.00, 10-12 pm.
- * Beer bust at Terry's Mail Box, 9-12 pm.
- * 15c draft beer at OP. No cover.
- * Crews Inn II. Dart tourney 7:30 pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- * Buddy Night at Club Dallas — two for the price of one, 6 pm til 2 am.
- * Rum Night at Ram Rod; double rum drinks, \$1.00, 10-12 pm.
- * Free pizza at Swamptrash, 7-9 pm.
- * \$1.00 day at Bachelor's Quarters.
- * All you can eat dinner 7-9 pm at Munchies (in OP) Restaurant.
- * 90c Margaritas at OP.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- * Free draft and 50c can beer at Sundance Kid, 10 pm til midnight.
- * Discount card day at Club Dallas. Buy a discount card and get a free locker.
- * Cowboy Night at Ram Rod, 50c beer, 50c well if wearing western hat.
- * DJ Contest at TJ's, 9 pm.
- * Pool Tournament at the Boot Camp with prizes, 7:30 pm.
- * Numbers Night at Ram Rod, \$1.45 double if you are wearing a numbered football shirt
- * Half price well drinks at OP.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- * Bring your own meat Steak Out at Crews Inn II — 7:30; Baked potato and salad furnished.
- * 75c Tequila Sunrises at OP.
- * Turkey dinner at OP, 4-9pm.
- * Hi-Kamp awards presented by the Service Station.
- * Thanksgiving buffet all day at the Boot Camp.
- * Thanksgiving covered-dish buffet at Chucks, 3pm \$1.00 donation for DAIR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- * Disc Jockey taking requests at TJ's.
- * After Hours 2-4 am at OP.
- * Drag Show at Swamptrash, 9:00 & 10:30.

FT. WORTH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- * Drag show at 500 Club at 10:30.
- * 25c draft beer, 6:30-9:30 at Aub's.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- * Special shows throughout the evening with 25c draft beer, midnite til 1 at 500 Club.

GALVESTON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- * Drag Show at Robert's Lafitte.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- * Happy Hours at Marys Too.

HOUSTON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- * Babbs and Baldy performing at the Venture Inn, 9 til 2. No cover.
- * Western band at Loft, 9-1 am.
- * "Saturday's Child" rap session from noon til 2pm at the MCCR.
- * Beer bust at Levi's, 3-6pm. \$1.00
- * Bartenders Special, 10am-4pm 75c at Detour.
- * Turkey Drawing at Briar Patch.
- * NOW OR NEVER Happy hours (5-7)
- * After hours Hi-Lite Ranch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- * Buffet and beer, 6-9pm, OP.
- * OP Show w/ Ernestine, Naomi, Jessica, Carmilta, and Jennifer. Starts 9:30pm
- * Beer bust at Levi's. 3-7, \$1.00, only 75c with western hat.
- * Survivor party at Sally's, 9pm-midnight. Cocktail hour prices.
- * Free hot dogs 8-11pm at Sparkle Plenty.
- * Beer bust, The Loft, 4-7pm, \$1.00
- * All lockers \$2.00 each, 8am-4pm, at Club Houston.
- * Beer bust at the Locker, 7 til ?, \$1.00.
- * Bloody Marys & Screwdrivers, 75c single, \$1.25 doubles at Inside Outside
- * Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers, and beer 50c, 2-7pm, at Briar Patch.
- * Liquor Bust at Inside Outside Country-side.
- * Babbs & Baldy at Venture Inn, 7pm to midnight.
- * Beer Bust noon-4pm, Detour.
- * Beer Bust-NOW OR NEVER, 25c draft beer. (2-8pm).
- * The Barn 12:00 til 2:00 am.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- * Special Drink Nite at OP disco, \$1.00 cover, beer & well 35c, Mon.-Thurs.
- * Leather Nite at Mr. Peepers Glory Hole, 50c with membership.
- * Pool Tournament at Lamp Post, 9pm.
- * Happy Hours at Sally's 7am-Noon and 5-8pm, M-W-F, all day Tues and Thurs

- * Cocktail Hour 10am-7pm. 85c bar drinks at the Briar Patch daily.

- * Happy Hour noon til 7. Well drinks 85c, at Hi-Lite Ranch. Daily.

- * Happy Hour Mon-Fri 10am-6pm at Venture Inn.

- * Chili night -NOW OR NEVER 10pm.
- * Bingo 8:30-10:30 at Detour.

- * Happy Hour every day at The Galleon, 4-8:30. Two for one. Singles 50c, doubles 90c & beer 55c.

- * Happy Hour 10-7. 50c beer at the Barn, Monday-Friday.

- * Morning Cocktail Hours 7am-noon at Inside Outside. Special prices.

- * Happy Hour 4-7pm at Inside Outside. Singles 60c, Doubles \$1.20, weekdays.

- * Draft beer 35c, 7am- 7pm, everyday at the Inside Outside.

- * Happy Hour 5 til 7. 50c beer, 75c bar drinks, at the Lamp Post, Monday-Friday.

- * Happy Hour Mon-Thurs, 5-7 pm at Our Place.

- * Happy Hour 5-7 pm daily at The Now or Never.

- * No cover: Beer 50c & well 75c at Sparkle Plenty on Mon, Tues, & Thurs.

- * No cover & 75c bar drinks at Depository

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- * \$1.00 cover Tues & Thurs with 50c bar drinks at Depository II.

- * Western Night at Mr. Peepers Glory Hole.

- * Beer bust at Our Place, 11am-7pm, 25c.

- * Free movie night at the Locker, 9:30pm "Have Rocket, Will Travel"

- * \$2.00 night at Mr. Frizby's

- * Pool Tourney 8pm, Inside Outside.

- * Depository Skate Nite at Carousel Roller Rink, Katy Frwy., 9-11pm.

- * Butch's nite out- Now or Never, Draft beer all nite 25c.

- * Happy Hour 10am-midnight at Detour.

- * Dinner at Levi's 6-10pm.

- * VD clinic at the Glory Hole 7-8pm.

- * VD clinic at Sally's 5-7pm.

- * \$1.00, 4pm-12am at Mr. Frizby's.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- * Beans & Beer bust 8-11pm at Sparkle Plenty. \$1.00 cover.

- * Hump Nite 9-12 at Loft

- * \$2.00 cover & 10c bar drinks at Depository II.

- * Steak Night, 7pm at Levi's. Potatoes and salad free.

- * Pool Tourney at Hi-Lite Ranch, 9pm.

- * "Wilde 'n Stein" KPFT radio FM after evening news, approximately 9-10pm.

- * Hat and color night at the Locker-1/2price drinks.

- * Buddy Night at Club Houston-two for the price of one (lockers). 4pm-midnight.

- * Bare Chest Nite at Mr. Peepers Glory Hole. 50c with membership.

- * Spagetti Nite 7-10pm at Detour.

- * Barn now has a Pot Luck Dinner from 8pm, on.

- * Queen's nite out -Now or Never. Draft beer all night 25c.

- * \$2.00 admission with any bath card at Mr. Frizby's, 4pm- 12am.

THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

- * Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at Old Plantation from 4pm-9pm.

- * Free Turkey buffet & nickle beer at Depository II. \$1.00 cover.

- * Happy Hour all Day at Loft.

- * Happy Hour all Day at Venture Inn.

- * Thanksgiving Buffet at Lamp Post. Free, afternoon

- * 2 well drinks for price of one, 10am-12pm at Detour.

- * Turkey Day Specials at Briar Patch.

- * Thanksgiving Buffet 12:00-on at Barn

- * Ladies nite out- Now or Never. Draft beer all nite 25c.

- * Hi-Lite Ranch Thanksgiving Buffet 2 til. \$2.00 with any bath card to Mr. Frizby's, 4pm-12am.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- * After Hours Fri & Sat at Old Plantation, Sparkle Plenty, DepositoryII, & Hi-Lite Ranch.

- * Laverne and Company at the Exile, 9til 1

- * Babbs and Baldy performing at the Venture Inn, 9til 2. No Cover.

- * Western band at the Loft, 9-1 am.

- * The Barn has Bridge Party Friday

- * Bring your friends & cards 8:00 -on. Drawing for case of Beer at 1:00 am

- * Now or Never.

- * \$2.00 nite at Mr Frizby's for members.

LUBBOCK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- * Dtaq Show at David's Warehouse, 9:30

SAN ANTONIO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- * Pay Day Party at Mary Ellens.

- * Beer 50c til 10 pm at Penney's Pub

- * Saturday, NOVEMBER 20

- * Bar \$1.00 til 7pm, beer 75c til 10pm at Penney's Pub.

- * Sunday, NOVEMBER 21

- * Outdoor barbecue at Mary Ellens.

- * Boys Beer Bust, Penney's Pub, Noon-6pm.

- * Hangover Day at Mary Ellens.

- * Monday, NOVEMBER 22

- * 7pm Pool Tourney at Mary Ellens.

- * 8pm Stew Pot at Mary Ellens.

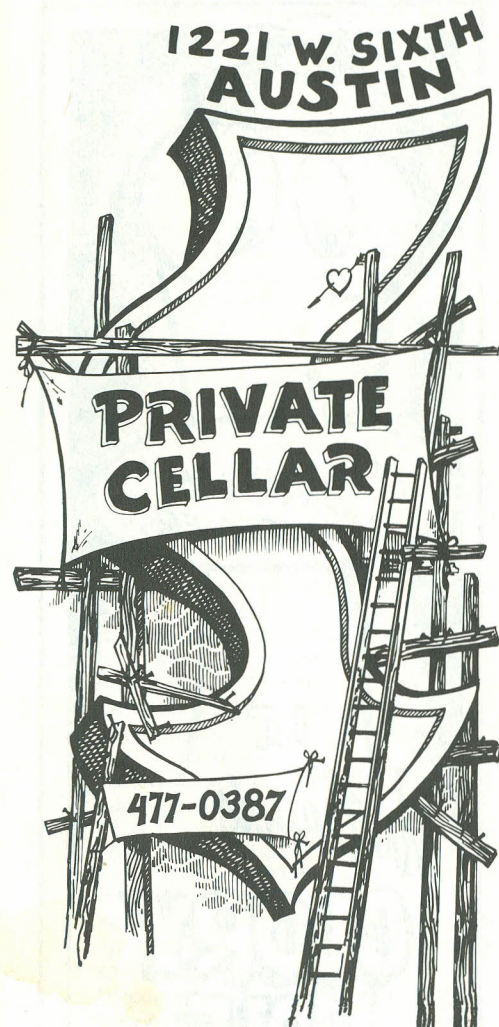
- * Oldies nite & chug-a-lug contest, 8pm at Penney's Pub.

- * Thursday, NOVEMBER 23

- * Western nite at Penney's Pub.

- * Pool tourney at Friendly Lounge, 7pm.

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Gay citizens of Dallas and Fort Worth have encountered intense harassment in the last several weeks. Public officials have openly announced campaigns against the rights of gays. To justify their actions, police officials have strained the interpretation of various state statutes beyond recognition, and have served up the usual line of repressive moral condemnations. Fortunately, the gay communities of the Metroplex have responded to the challenge magnificently. Working together toward a common goal, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the local Metropolitan Community Church, and many other elements of the local gay community have collected over \$6,000. Business persons and professionals, working people and students, activists and non-activists, all have risen to the occasion. Outside help has come from Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church fellowship, and Adam De Dois, director of Gays on the Hill (MCC's Washington lobby). Even non-gay elements of the traditionally conservative area have given support to the newly formed umbrella organization, Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights (D.A.I.R.).

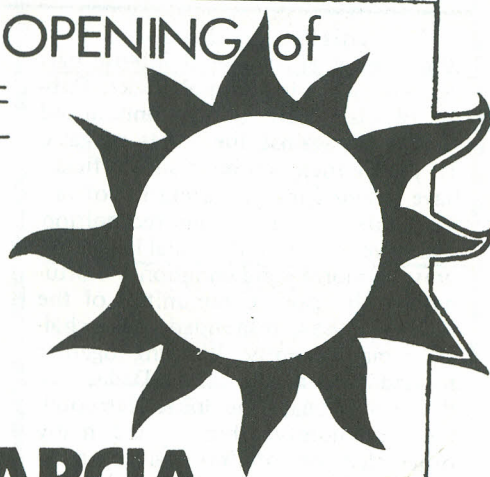
We in Houston have been far more fortunate. Attitudes towards gays here have historically been among the most favorable in the country. While the head of the Dallas Vice-squad was announcing his crusade against gays, officials from Houston's Gay Political Caucus were holding a cordial meeting with Capt. Gaines, who heads the Vice-squad here and is now a GPC police liaison contact. We are fortunate too in having a number of strong gay activist organizations that have a tradition of working together for a common cause. GPC, MCC, GAA, the Houston Human Rights Defense Foundation and many other groups and individuals recognize common goals and objectives, But we must not be too complacent.

Despite many recent gains, basic attitudes are against us: we live in a sexually repressive society. An example of the constant danger we face is a new organization in Houston called the Committee on Community Standards. Ostensibly seeking to combat pornography, the group's interest has been primarily focused on gay activities. It is attempting to have a city ordinance passed which bans obscenity in the City of Houston. One spokesperson for the group included two persons of the same sex dancing together as an example of pornography. GPC, GAA, the American Civil Liberties Union and other interested groups and individuals are responding to this problem. As always, your help is needed. Both your time and money would assist us in maintaining the friendly climate that Houston has offered to its gay community.

Houston, a few other Texas cities, and now the Metroplex are in a better position to respond to problems that appear on the horizon because we have organized in advance. These organizations must be supported by the community during times of relative quiet as well as in times of strife. I believe that other Texas cities must prepare for some form of assault on their basic rights. The time for gay activist organizations to be formed throughout the state is now. Local organizations designed to meet community needs is what it is all about. GPC, GAA and other gay organizations join me in offering our assistance in helping cities without political organizations to organize while there still is time.

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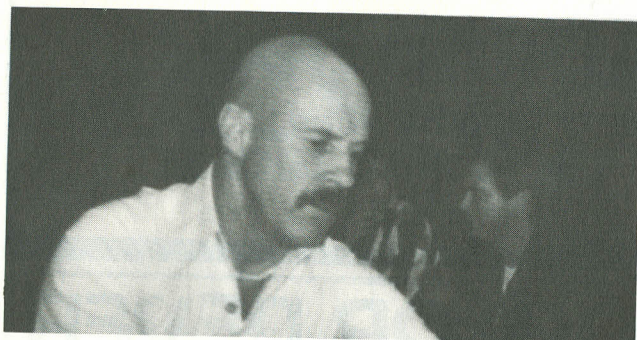
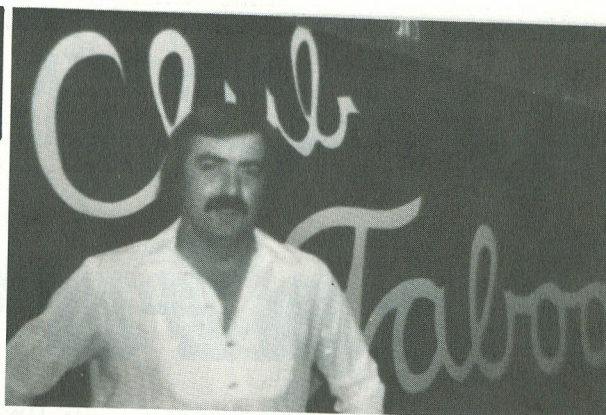
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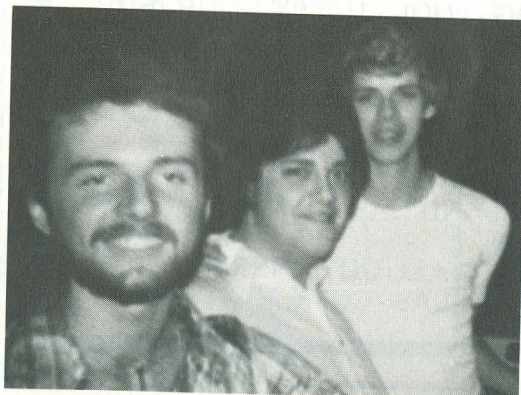
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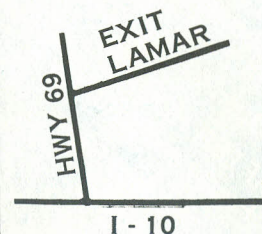
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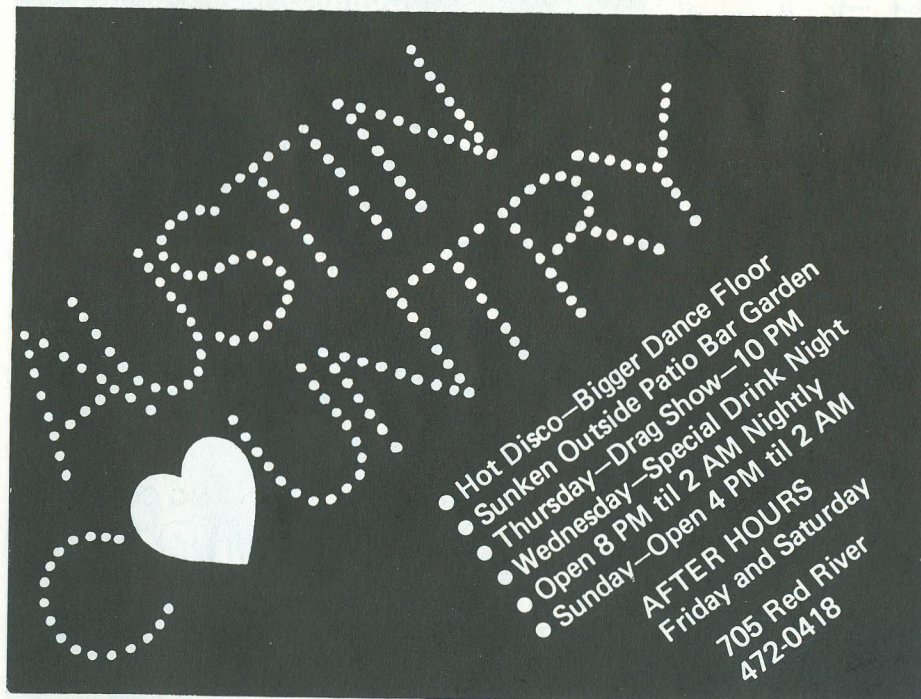
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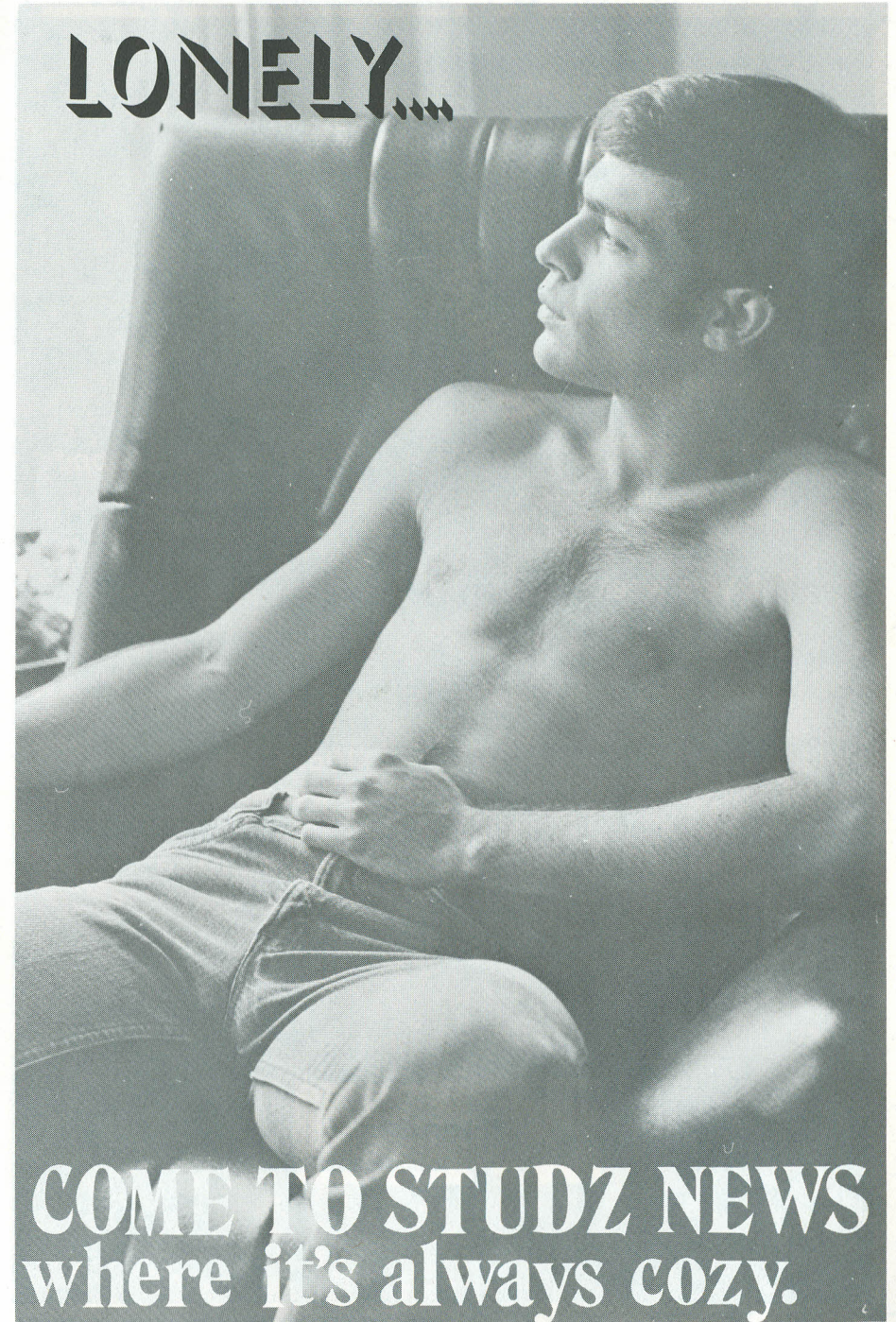
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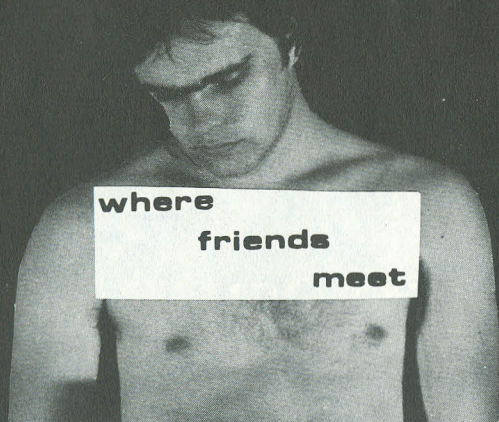
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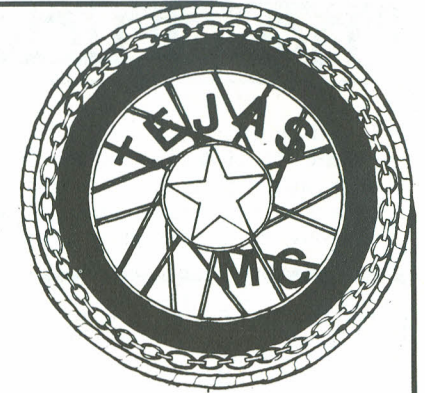
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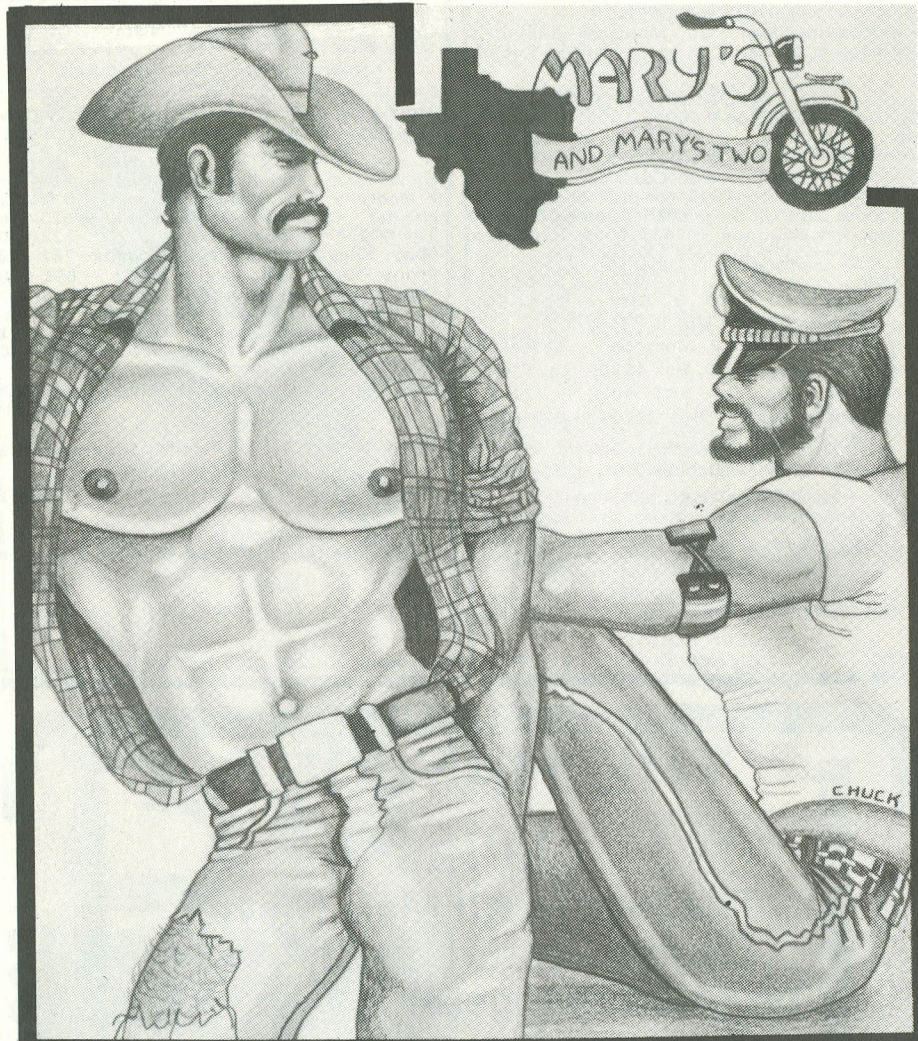
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