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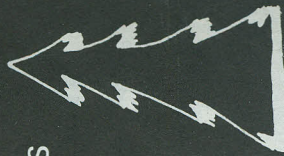


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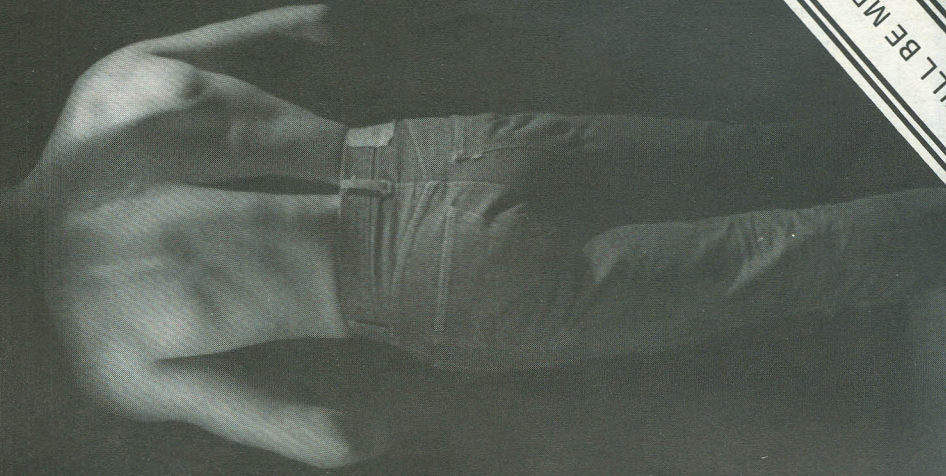


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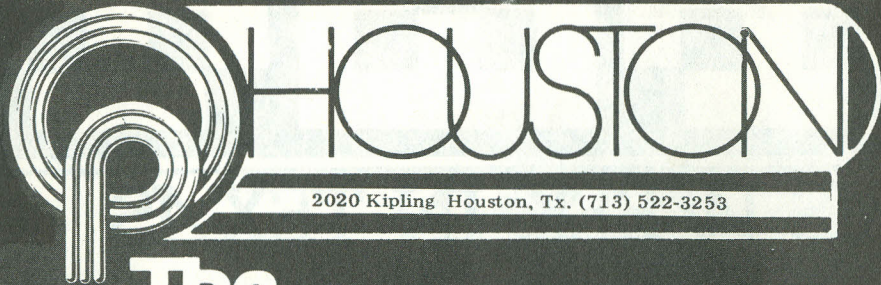
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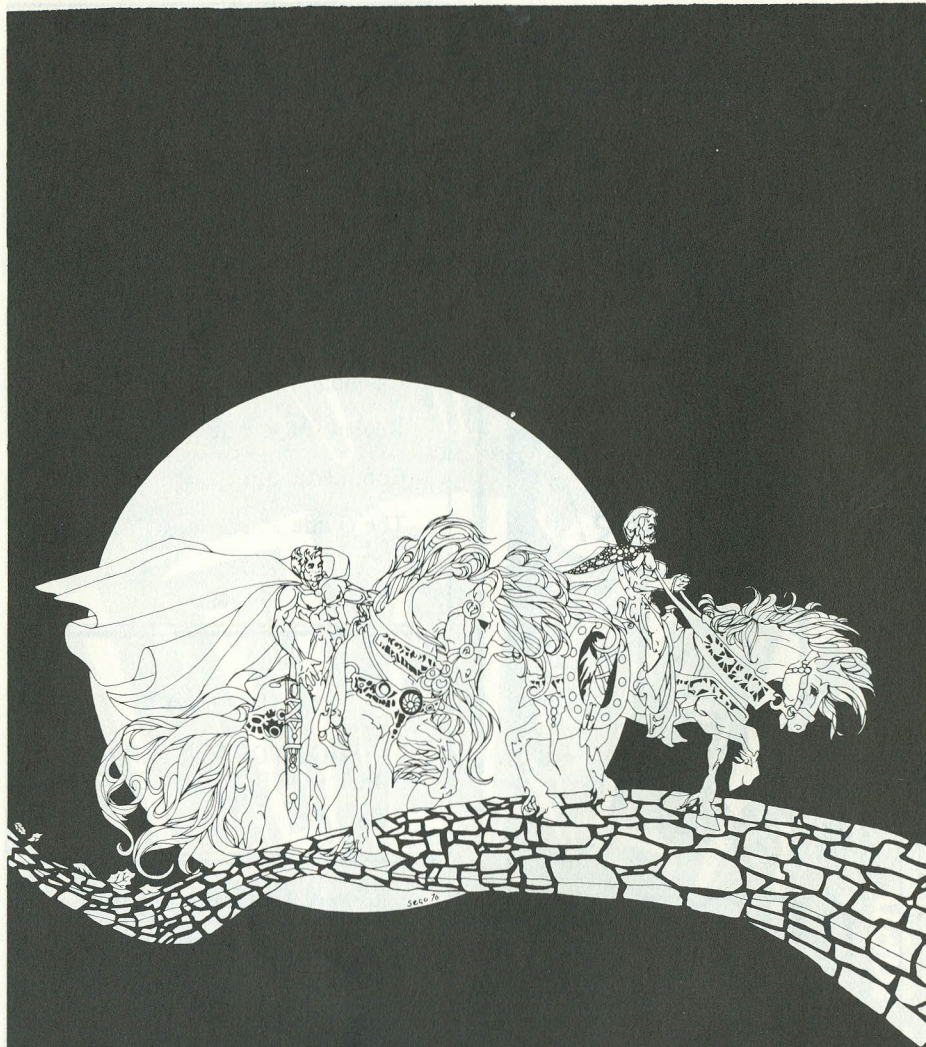
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news up front

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The tally is now in from the Service Station DAIR benefit on Thursday, November 18. Dallas bartenders raised over \$1,300 at the sparkling show. Added to other contributions from individuals, this brings the total to \$2,500 collected from the general gay public in Dallas. Gay business in the Metroplex have contributed over \$3,500 to DAIR, so the total kitty now amounts to more than \$6,000. Good going, Dallas! TWT commends your generous support of the battle against oppression.

MOTORCYCLES ON BROADWAY?

The Houston Motorcycle Club and the Texas Riders have finally done it. They have combined their many talents into one gigantic effort to produce the show of shows--the major event to close 1976! It hits the boards at the OP Houston on December 15 and 16 and will utilize all the OP's fantastic lights and sensurround sound. Reserved, ushered seating only. Advance tickets will soon go on sale at the leather shop behind Marys and at the desk at OP Houston.

UNCLE CHARLIE'S?

Is it a disco? Is it a deli? Is it a bar? Is it an eatery? Is it for real? When TWT asked Uncle Charlie, he said, "Wait and see"--So, we will!

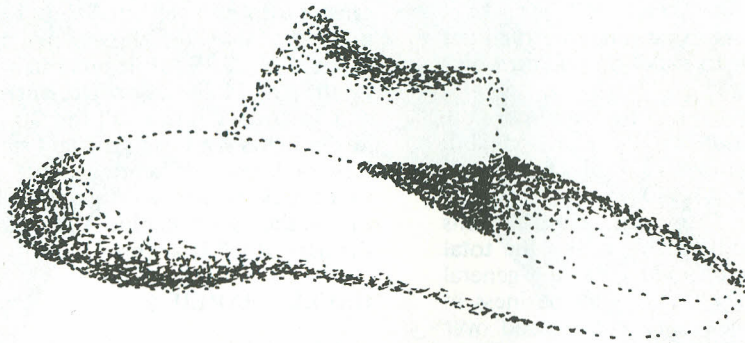
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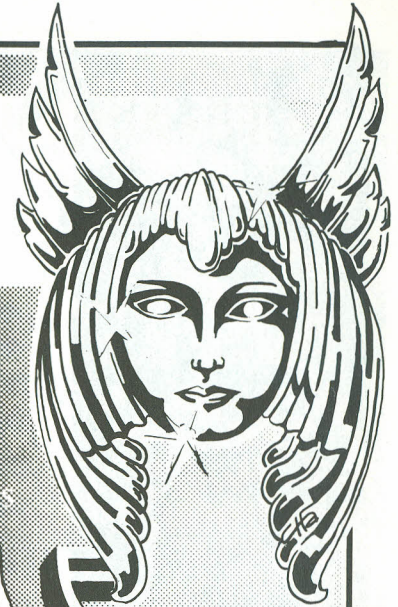
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FIRST ANNUAL MR. COWBOY TEXAS

The first annual Mr. Cowboy Texas Contest will take place December 2, 3 and 4 at Houston's Levi's. Any gay business anywhere in Texas can enter one contestant to represent the stock of its lot. Entries are rolling in daily, so select a stud and market his pud. Entries will be accepted 'til 5pm Saturday, November 27. Please contact Bob or Kerry for entry forms and additional information. RSVP 528-8637

MICHAEL GREER RETURNS

That ever-popular, talented, funny showman is coming back to his hometown of Dallas. Yes, Michael Greer is an alum of Oak Cliff High, and, while he won't be performing there, his many Dallas fans will have a chance to see him at the OP in a special road-show engagement on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, December 5, 6, and 7 at 9:30pm. Greer will bring his show to Houston the following week, December 12, 13, and 14 at the OP Houston. Advance reserved seat tickets are now on sale at the OPs in Dallas and Houston. Ticket price for the Sunday performances includes a scrumptious buffet before the show.

CLUB TABOO

Beaumont's Club Taboo has a hot drag show that you don't want to miss this Saturday, November 27. Starring Helena, Monica, Misty and Special guest Judy Joint, the show starts at 8pm. Bill and Rosie urge you to get there early.

UNCLE CHARLIES IS COMING

OP ANNIVERSARY

The Old Plantation in Houston is getting ready for their first-year anniversary with plans for a full week of partying, special prices, and free gift drawings every hour (for TV's, stereos, records, radios, etc.) during the week of December 6-12. Be sure to register at the front desk of the Houston OP. The OP's new four-ball light show is "turned on" and hot. It's very west coast and adds a whole new dimension to "boogie".

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FOR ALL SIGNS: The Moon begins the weekend in Pisces (creativity) and changes over into Aries (impulse and action) by Tuesday. The week winds down with a Taurus Moon by late Thursday. As the Moon rules the public and your emotion, the changes will be felt by all signs.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 22): It's really your time with the Sun now in the sign of the Archer. Therefore you are probably feeling more Sagittarian than usual i.e., more independent, blunt, daring and charming than usual. People are just naturally attracted to your personality these days.

CAPRICORN: (December 23-January 20): Since November 15th when Venus the planet of love moved into your sign, love has been going better. In fact Capricorns may find others chasing them. And, you're more care-free than usual.

AQUARIUS (January 20- February 19): You should be just coming out of a rather stressful period and by December 10th when Venus moves over into your zodiac sign love interest will take more concrete form.

PISCES (February 20- March 20): Since there are no planets in your sign except the moon for two days this weekend, this period should neither be dull nor exciting; just routine. Saturday and Sunday could find you moody.

ARIES (March 21- April 20): Tuesday November 30 and Wednesday December 1 are days to soft peddle your emotions as you'll be more prone to impulsive action than usual thanks to the emotion-ruled Moon which will spend 2½ days in the sign of the Ram.

TAURUS (April 21- May 20): Take note that December starts off on a positive note as the Moon will come into the sign of the bull on December 2nd. This would be a good time to start a new project or set a goal for a fruitful benefit.

GEMINI (May 21- June 21): The sun is now in your opposite sign which can easily deplete your energy levels and place you under stress. But, by next weekend your health should receive a boost. Your love life is being opposed too. You may find you are attracted to your opposite type.

CANCER (June 22- July 23): Loving moon children should be enjoying better times now than practically any previous time this year. Since Saturn left Cancer early this past summer, events have been falling into place. Any problems you are having are not as serious as you think and will work out to your advantage.

LEO (July 24- August 23): The loud lion feels more like a meek kitten these days. Actually this is good though since you may get farther in your pursuits by using charm and humbleness rather than usual Leo push

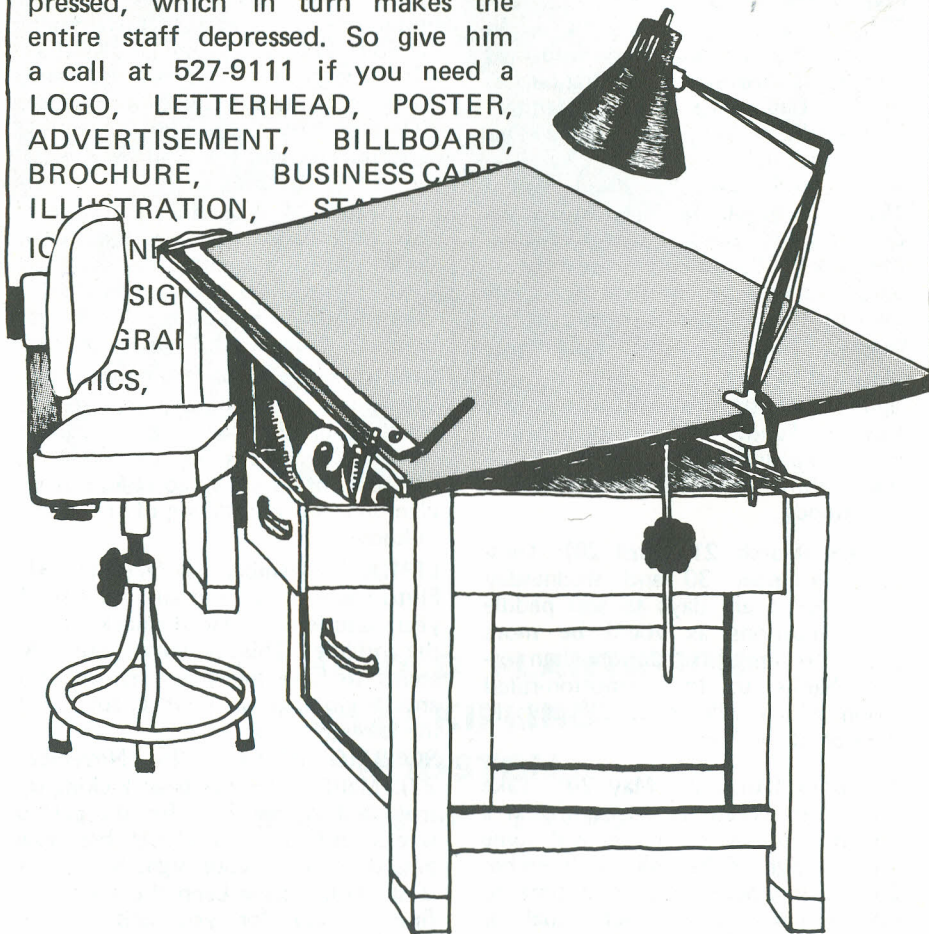
VIRGO (August 24- September 20): The moon will oppose your sign this weekend causing some best laid plans to go awry. This will cause you to pull one of those Virgo reactions by clamming up and taking off to points unknown

LIBRA (September 24- October 23): Pluto has been in your sign for several years and is now placed smack dab in the middle. This is why your life seems to have many sudden endings and beginnings as your chapters of life take quick turns.

SCORPIO (October 24- November 22): Malific Mars has been kicking up trouble for Scorpions for the past 6 weeks but the red planet has now passed clear of your sign. November 21st should have been the start of a finer period for you and trouble should continue to diminish.

give our artist a job

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS has a problem. We have a depressed artist on our staff. It seems he doesn't have any work to keep him busy. And when that happens, he gets very depressed, which in turn makes the entire staff depressed. So give him a call at 527-9111 if you need a LOGO, LETTERHEAD, POSTER, ADVERTISEMENT, BILLBOARD, BROCHURE, BUSINESS CARD, ILLUSTRATION, STATIONERY, IDENTIFICATION, SIGNAGE, GRAPHICS,



boogie talk

THAT MOTOWN SOUND!

The last half of the sixties: The Motown machine in Detroit is churning out an unprecedented stream of hits. "Where Did Our Love Go," "Baby Love," and "I Hear A Symphony." "Reach Out, I'll Be There," and "It's The Same Old Song."

All those records were written and produced by the same 3-man team: Holland-Dozier-Holland. The Holland brothers, Brian and Eddie, and Lamont Dozier also recorded Martha and the Vandellas, Marvin Gaye, and the Miracles. But in 1968, the H-D-H trio broke away from Motown with bad feelings on both sides. They set up their own label, Invictus, and had hits with Freda Payne and The Chairmen of the Board.

As for the "Reach Out" and "Baby Love" artists...the Four Tops left Motown years ago, with unsettled lawsuits behind them. They've since recorded for ABC, but never with the same success. The Supremes, of course, were never the same after the departure of Diana Ross, but she, and they, have stayed with Motown.

Martha Reeves, The Jackson 5 and others have not. As Motown ventured into moviemaking, their influence on rhythm and blues lessened.

"Motown" isn't in Detroit anymore. It's on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood. It's a sprawling combination of offices and studios and it turns out a steady stream of products. The Temptations release albums every few months—the most recent produced by themselves. Junior Walker and The Miracles are still with Motown too; but the hits are fewer and further between.

While it was radio that helped make Motown in the sixties, it's disco that may give it new life for the last half of the seventies. The success of "Love Hangover" has spurred em-

phasis on the development of new Motown talent—much of it disco-oriented, and their service to clubs is excellent. The Miracles' "Down to Love Town" seems like one step toward a comeback for the "Motown Sound."



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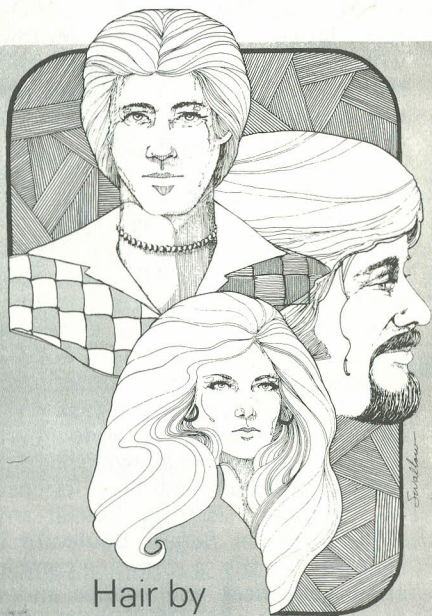
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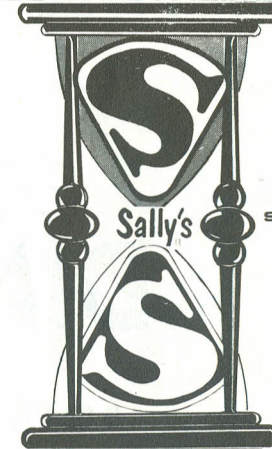
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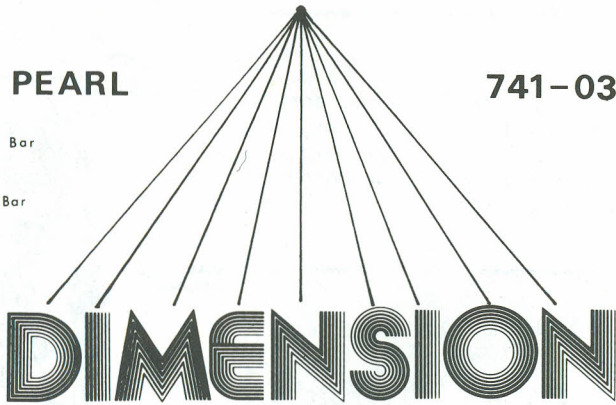
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Life with vera

by John Gardner

A good feeling. A warm feeling. Cozy. A night with Zachary.

Buffalo Speedway was deserted. No hint of the rush hour traffic and noise that would begin in a few hours. Burt drove glowingly toward home, the warm air of the car heater brushing softly over his feet, protecting him from the pre-dawn winter cold. Quiet. The car radio silenced. Burt wanted no extraneous noise to diminish his thoughts of Zachary. And his love.

Few mattresses were as old and worn as Zachary's. It sagged horribly in the middle. But when Zachary filled the space, covered with two blankets and a quilt, there could be no greater joy for those who shared that space with him. Burt knew.

Passing Vera's house, Burt was suddenly startled to see the light was on in the garage. And the garage door was open. Burglars?

He slowed and stopped, parking a few houses down from Vera's. He quietly got out of the car to investigate. Not quite sure exactly what he would do if it were a burglar. Or burglars. But relief came when he recognized a familiar form inside the garage. Vera.

"What are you..." Burt began to ask.

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!" Vera screamed. "Police Brutality!"

"I'm sorry. Didn't mean to scare you. What are you doing out here in the garage? At this hour?" Burt inquired.

"Lord, don't ever sneak up on a person like that!" Vera gasped, fanning himself with a placard he was holding. "I thought I had been captured by the enemy."

"What enemy?"

"Don't you know, honey? There's a war. The South is being attacked again. From Dallas. It's in all the papers."

"I haven't been keeping up with the news, lately." Burt confessed. "I've had something else on my mind. What's going on?"

"Well you just better clear your head, sugah. They're comin' after us."

"Who? Who's coming?"

"The gorillas! But we're gonna beat 'em this time. I'm takin' my survival kit. And my book on birthin' babies. Ain't gonna be no fuck-ups this time. This time the South is going to rise. And stay risen!"

"Who! Who! Who is coming!" Burt yelled.

"The Dallas police! They're going to crucify us! On crosses shaped like big D's."

"Why! What's the reason?"

"Reason? They've never needed one before." Vera smirked.

"What are they doing?" Burt asked.

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"You're going to Dallas? What's that sign in your hand? That poster?" Burt inquired.

"That's my 'T. T. G. T.' sign" Vera advised.

"I can see the letters," Burt continued. "What does it stand for?"

"It's our battle cry. T.T.G.T. ---Time To Get Tacky!" Vera boasted. "One of my own creations. Now help me load the car. I need to get on the road before the sun comes up."

"But this is Houston. We're safe." Burt noted.

"Oh, are we?" Vera warned sternly. "That's like telling a patient with lung cancer to rejoice because the disease hasn't spread to the rest of his body. Yet."

"Okay, okay. Don't ridicule." Burt reasoned. "You're absolutely right. But what are you going to do? What's this stuff we're putting in the trunk?"

"Battlefield essentials, honey." Vera boasted. "A tasteful collection of fine garments designed for the well-dressed Woman at War. And my record of the Andrews Sisters singing 'Over There'."

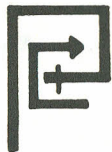
"Gas masks, combat boots, a canteen? Army fatigues! Where'd you get all this stuff?"

"Phoebe and I spent yesterday at the army surplus store. Poor child is still too depressed over Gary Von to take to the front lines of battle. But I told her I would forgive her and grant her a deferment is she would help me buy supplies."

"And she agreed?" Burt asked. "Not right off. But after I pulled her out from under the bed, it was easier to convince her. I think the sunlight was hurting her eyes."

"I know Phoebe needs cheering

THE PLEASURE CHEST

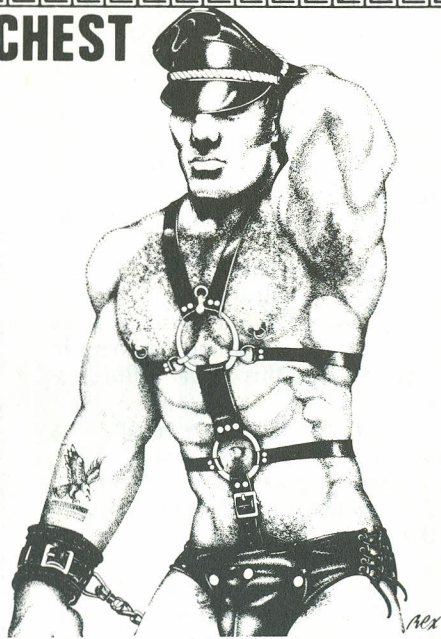


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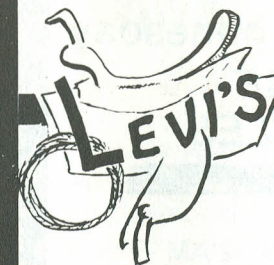
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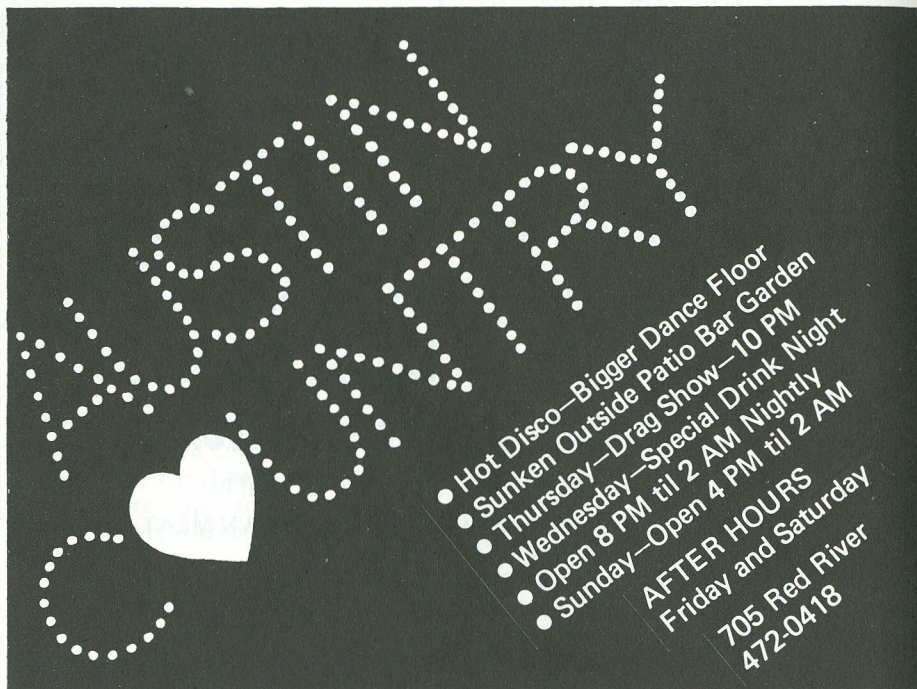
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up after being dumped on by Den-smore, but I don't think you should resort to torture." Burt offered.

"Who knows, I may need the practice for when I get to Dallas. War is hell, you know. I've already got scars. Lord, I couldn't tell you how dangerous it is shopping in an army surplus store. I couldn't touch anything, without fear it would snap shut! Or explode!"

"And you're going to wear all this stuff? You!" Burt laughed.

"Let's not get offensive, toots. I'll admit that green is not my favorite color. Except in purse interiors. But green seems to be the army's favorite color. And are you just going to stand there or are you going to be a good boy and help me get the lid on the trunk closed? Push!"

"It's too full." Burt observed.

"You'll never get the lid down. Try sitting on it."

"I'm sure you meant that as a compliment," Vera retorted.

"And I'll be damned if I'm going to sit on it at these temperatures. My ass would stick to it and I would be an invalid till the spring thaw! Here, I'll put some of this stuff in the back seat. Take these dresses."

"I knew the butch clothes would lose out in favor of the dresses," Burt wryly commented.

"Well even soldiers have to sneak off to the bar now and then. The agonies of war, you know. But I am taking precautions. Only Joan Crawford suits. Those shoulder pads could protect you from Patton!"

"How long will you be gone?" Burt asked.

"Who knows," Vera continued. "As long as they need me. But no sacrifice is too great. 'Cause if it's not all over by Thursday, I'll have to come back to Houston to get my

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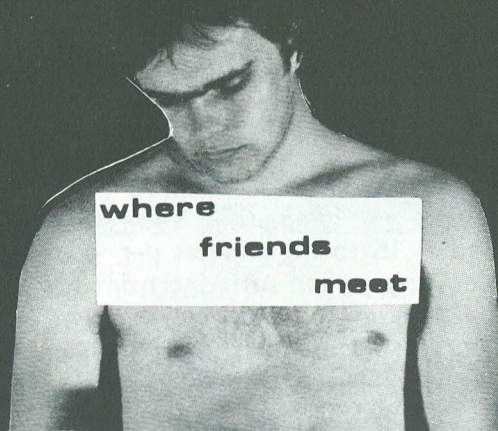
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"Hold down the fort, Burt!" Vera yelled, careening down the driveway. "And if I don't make it back alive, here's looking at you kid."

Burt stood patriotically in the driveway, as Vera's car spitted and choked into the sunrise. In the distance he heard a famous voice exclaim--"Don't worry, darlin's. Help is on the way!"

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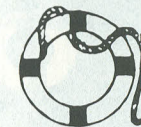
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The BOOK STORE syndrome! It's the madness grasping more gays as they realize it's an easy place to meet friends.

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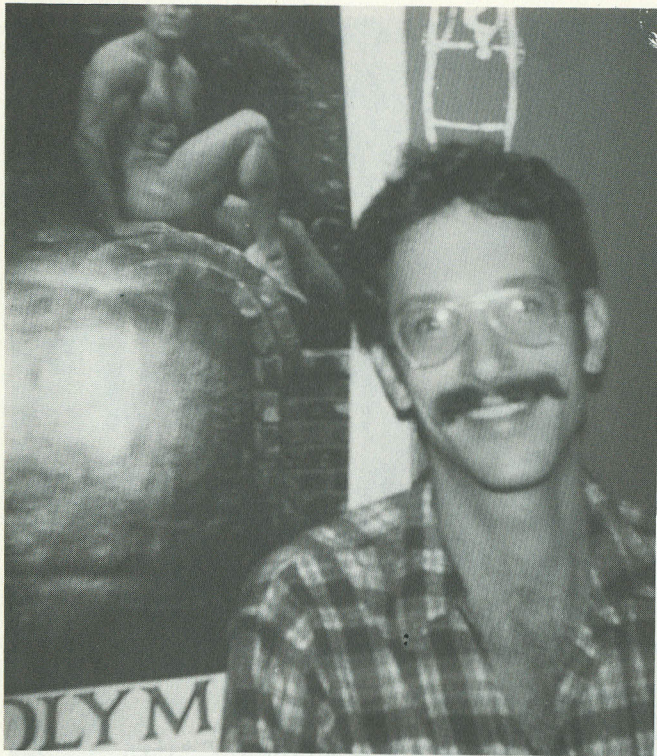
Today there are over 100 stores but these are "the places to go". There's Diners News, a long time fun spot in Montrose.



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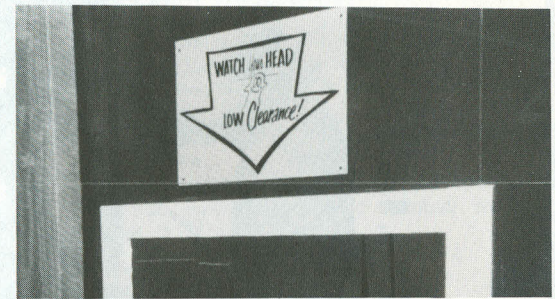


Also on Alabama is the maverick of cozy book store maze and success, STUDZ NEWS listed in Bob Damrons Guide as "very popular" where popular personalities like Tom (lower left), Tim (lower right), Rick Mac and Chuck hold forth. Those new to Houston just discovering the arcade are quick to become habitual book store hawks. Book stores are full of movies, books, magazines, 'porn', and of course very friendly customers.

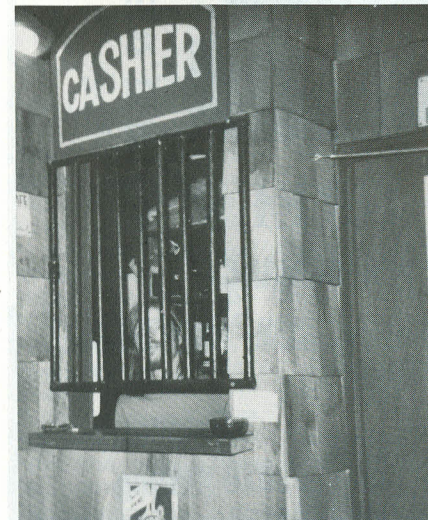
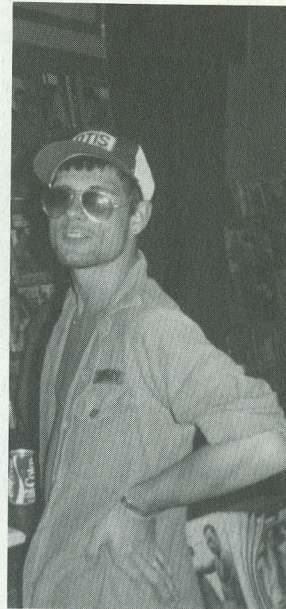


Just down from Studz on Richmond are two more stores. The newest Climax.. where there are two arcades. The other is The Warehouse where Vince (upper left) and Dana (lower right) welcome much walk-in trade. The store once was Carters (lower left) who has his own new store downtown on Louisiana where a lot of non-Montrose faces frequent.

Also downtown is the newest innovation Mr Peepers Glory Hole which is membership club with foam rubber floor areas, slippery slides, private rooms, wide screens and the largest movie arcade in Houston (bottom right) and a hard hat upper level (middle). Mr Peepers Telephone Rd store is wild as in the one in Austin. If you're not into book stores, you're missing action and new faces. The book store syndrome is here. It's as much a part of gay life as bars, discos, parks, baths, or life! BOOK STORES! get into it!

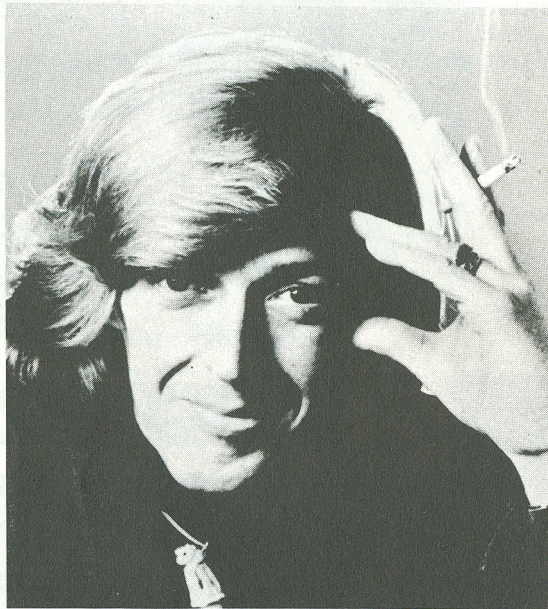


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- *Private Cellar Happy Hour all day. Beer 45c; Well 95c
- *New Apartment Happy Hour 3-5pm
- *Volleyball game 3pm Ramsey Park, W. 44th & Rosedale, sponsored by GCS
- *Austin Country Beer Bust Buffet 7-9pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- *Austin Country Special Drink Nite 8pm-2am. \$2 cover. Beer 10c; Well 25c Prize drawings.
- *Private Cellar Free Keg Party 9-11pm No Cover.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- *Club Taboo Happy Hour 1-7:30pm
- *Club Taboo Disco-Sunday and Wed. No Cover.

DALLAS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- *OP After Hours 2am-?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- *Ram Rod Bourbon Day 5-6pm. Double bourbon \$1.
- *Sundance Kid Free Draft Beer. 7pm til keg runs dry.
- *Tool Box Beer Bust Barbecue. 6pm \$1 admission.
- *Villa Fontana: 10c draft 4-7pm
- *OP: Free hot dog & draft beer 7-9pm
- *OP Drag Show 9:30. Jann Russell & the Pantomaniacs "Living Dolls," Alain Allison, Apple & guest stars.
- *EntreNuit show 9:30pm.
- *Crews Inn II, Pool Tourney 7pm
- *Bon Soir: Bloody Marys & Screwdrivers 75c. 1-8pm.
- *Boot Camp: Bloody Marys & Screwdrivers

50c. 1-5pm.

- *Swamptrash Hot dog buffet. All afternoon.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- *Service Station, Pool Tourney 7:30pm
- *Swamptrash: 50c beer; 75c well.
- *Ram Rod Scotch Night 10-12pm. Double Scotch \$1.
- *Terry's Mail Box Beer Bust 9-12pm
- *OP: 15c draft beer. No Cover.
- *Crews Inn II, Dart Tourney 7:30pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- *Club Dallas Buddy Night: 2 for 1 admission. 6pm-2am.
- *Ram Rod Rum Night 10-12pm Double Rum \$1.
- *Swamptrash: Free Pizza 7-9pm
- *Bachelor Quarters: \$1 day.
- *Munchies (in OP) Restaurant. All you can eat 7-9pm
- *OP: 90c Margaritas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- *Sundance Kid: Free Draft and 50c can beer 10-12pm
- *Club Dallas Discount Card Day. Buy a discount card, get a free locker.
- *Ram Rod Cowboy Night. 50c beer & 50c well if wearing western hat.
- *Boot Camp Pool Tourney 7:30pm with prizes.
- *Ram Rod Numbers Night. \$1.45 doubles if you wear a numbered football shirt.
- *OP: 1/2 price drinks

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

- *OP: 75c Tequila Sunrises

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- *500 Club: Special shows thruout evening. 25c draft from midnite til 1am.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

- *500 Club Drag Show 10:30pm.
- *Aub's: 25c draft. 6:30-9:30pm.

HOUSTON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- *Venture Inn: Babbs & Baldy performing 9-2am. No cover.
- *Sparkle Plenty After Hours
- *Loft: Western Band 9-1am
- *"Saturday's Child" rap session at MCCR. Noon til 2pm.
- *Levi's: \$1 Beer Bust 3-6pm.
- *Detour: Bartender's Special 75c 10am-4pm
- *Fribzys: \$2; 12am-10am. Free Doughnuts 7-9pm.

*Now or Never: Happy Hour 5-7pm
 *Hi-Lite Ranch after hours
 *Inside Outside: Bloodys and Screws.
 60c singles; \$1.20 doubles.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

*Frizby's: \$2. 12am-10am. "Come Down"
 two time periods for \$3. Enter 4pm-12am
 *OP: Buffet and beer. 6-9pm.
 *OP Show with Ernestine, Naomi, Jessica,
 Carmelita, & Jennifer. 9:30pm
 *Levi's: \$1 Beer Bust 3-7pm, only 75c
 with western hat.
 *Sally's Survivor Party. 9pm-midnight.
 Cocktail hour prices.
 *Sparkle Plenty: \$1 cover. 50c beer; 75c
 well.
 *The Loft: \$1 Beer Bust 4-7pm
 *Club Houston locker \$2 each 8am-4pm.
 *Locker: \$1 Beer Bust 7pm til?
 *Inside Outside: Bloody Marys, Screw-
 drivers, 75c singles; \$1.25 doubles
 *Briar Patch: Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers,
 & beer 50c 2-7pm.
 *Inside Outside Countryside Liquor Bust
 *Venture Inn: Babbs & Baldy 7-12am.
 *Detour: Beer Bust Noon til 6pm.
 *Now or Never: 25c Draft Beer
 *The Barn: Noon til 2 am.
 *Hi-Lite Ranch Happy Hour 7days, 12-4pm,
 85c bar. Happier Hour 4-7pm, 50c beer,
 50c bar.
 *Hi-Lite Ranch: Buffet 5 til ?

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

*OP Special Drink Nite. \$1 cover
 35c beer & well. Mon-Thurs.
 *Mr. Peepers Glory Hole:: Leather Nite.
 50c with membership.
 *Sparkle Plenty: \$3 cover. All drinks free.
 *Lamp Post: Pool Tourney 9pm.
 *Sallys: Happy Hour 7am-noon & 5-8pm,
 M-W-F, all day Tues & Thurs.
 *Briar Patch: Cocktail Hour daily, 4-7pm
 50c bar & well drinks.
 *Venture Inn: Happy Hour 10am-6pm, M-F.
 Now or Never: Chili Night, 10pm.
 *Detour: Bingo 8:30-10:30pm
 *Galleon: Happy Hour every day 4-8pm.
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 *The Barn: Happy Hours M-F, 10-7,
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 *Inside Outside: Happy Hours weekdays,
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 *Inside Outside: Draft beer 35c every day,
 7am-7pm.
 *Lamp Post: Happy Hour M-F 5-7pm.
 50c beer; 75c bar.
 *Our Place: Happy Hour M-Thurs, 5-7pm

*Now or Never: Happy Hour daily 5-7pm.
 *DepositoryII: No Cover, 75c bar drinks.
 *Frizby's "Funch-Time". In after 10am,
 out by 2am, \$1.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

*Depository II: \$1 cover. Tues & Thurs.
 50c bar drinks.
 *Frizbys: "Funch-Time" in after 10am, out
 by 2am, \$1. Membership discount 4pm til
 midnight, \$1. Under 26 with ID, 4pm-mid-
 night, \$1,
 *Mr. Peepers Glory Hole: Western Nite.
 *Our Place: 25c beer bust, 11am-7pm.
 *Locker: Free movie 9:30. "Soldier Blue."
 *Inside Outside: Pool Tourney 8pm
 *Depository Skate Nite: Carousel Roller
 Rink, Katy Frwy, 9-11pm.
 *Now or Never: Butch's Nite Out. 25c
 draft beer all night.
 *Detour: Happy Hour 10am-midnight.
 *Levi's Dinner 6-10pm.
 *VD Clinic: Action Book Store, 11am-2pm.
 *VD Clinic: Glory Hole 7-8pm.
 *Sparkle Plenty: No Cover. Doubles for
 price of singles.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

*Sparkle Plenty: \$1 cover & Beer Bust.
 *The Loft: Hump Nite 9-12pm.
 *Depository: \$2 cover, 10c bar drinks.
 *Frizby's: "Funch-Time" In after 10am,
 out by 2am, \$1.
 *Levi's: Steak Nite 7pm. Potatoes & salad
 free
 *Hi-Lite Ranch: Pool Tourney 9pm.
 *"Wilde'n Stein" KPFT-FM after evening
 news, approximately 9-10pm.
 *Locker: Hat & Color Nite, 1/2 price drinks.
 *Club Houston: Buddy Nite. 2 lockers for
 price of 1. 4pm-midnight.
 *Mr. Peepers Glory Hole: Bare Chest Nite.
 50c with membership.
 *Detour: Spaghetti Nite, 7-10pm.
 *The Barn: Pot Luck Dinner 8pm on.
 *Now or Never: Queen's Nite Out. 25c
 draft beer all night.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

*Detour: 2 well drinks for the price of 1,
 10am-12pm.
 *Now or Never: Ladies Nite Out. 25c draft
 all nite.
 *Levi's: Dinner 6-10pm
 *Frizby's: "Funch-Time". In after 10am,
 out by 2pm, \$1.
 *Sparkle Plenty: \$2 cover. 25c well drinks.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

*After hours at OP, Sparkle Plenty, De-
 positoryII, & Hi-Lite Ranch.
 *Exile: Laverne & Co., 9til1am.
 *Venture Inn: Babbs & Baldy 9 til 2.
 No Cover

*The Loft: Western band 9-1am.
 *The Barn: Bridge Party 8pm til. Bring
 your friends & cards.
 *Now or Never: Drawing for case of beer,
 1 am.
 *Frizbys: "Funch-Time." In after 10am,
 out by 2pm, \$1.

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*David's Warehouse Drag Show 9:30pm
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

*Mary Ellens Outdoor Barbecue
 *Penney's Pub Boys Beer Bust 12-6pm
 *Mary Ellens Hangover Day

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

*Mary Ellens Pool Tourney 7pm
 *Mary Ellens Stew Pot 8pm
 *Penney's Pub Oldies Nite & Chug-a-lug
 contest 8pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

*Penney's Pub Western Nite
 *Friendly Lounge Pool Tourney 7pm.

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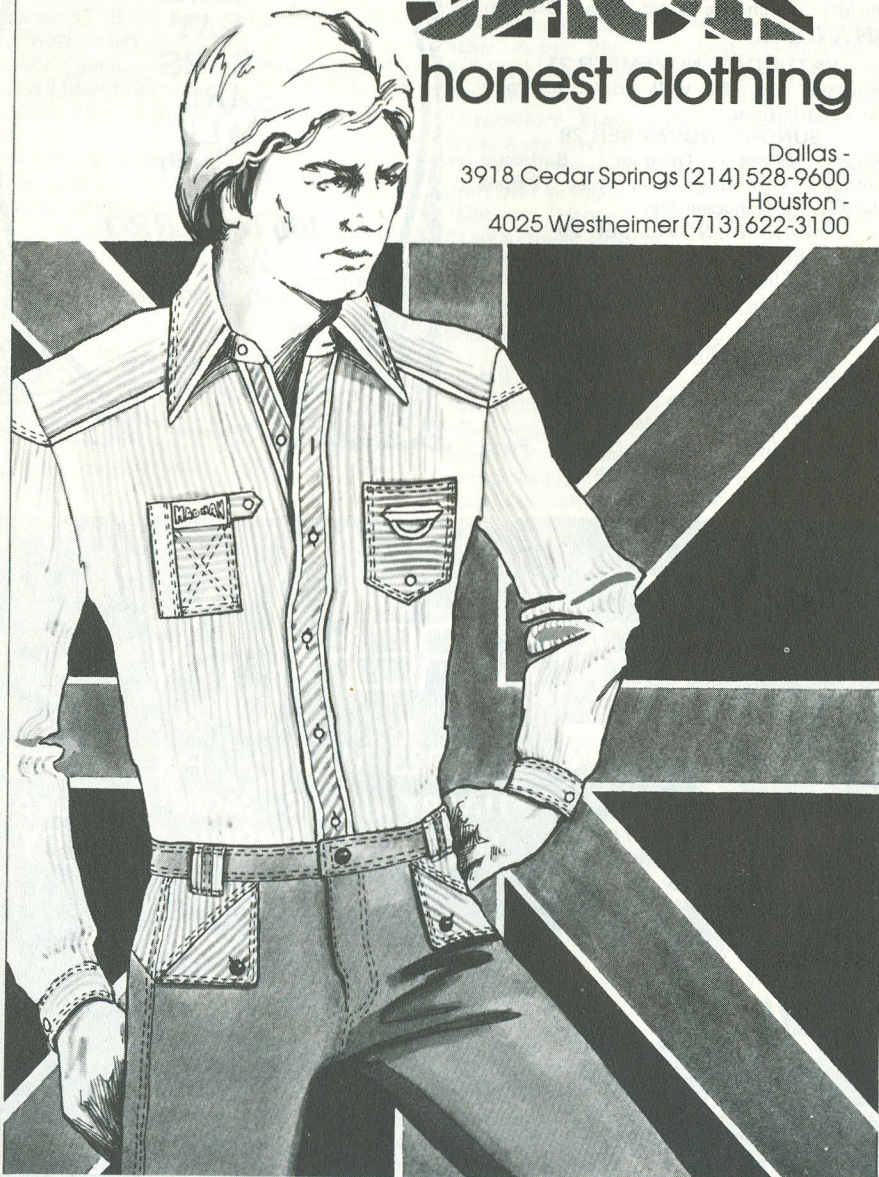
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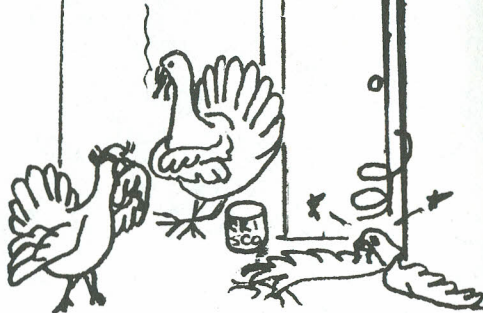
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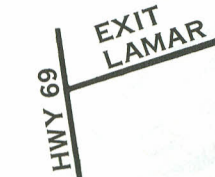
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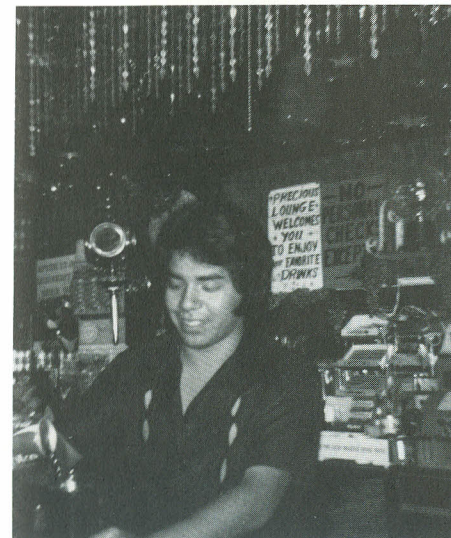
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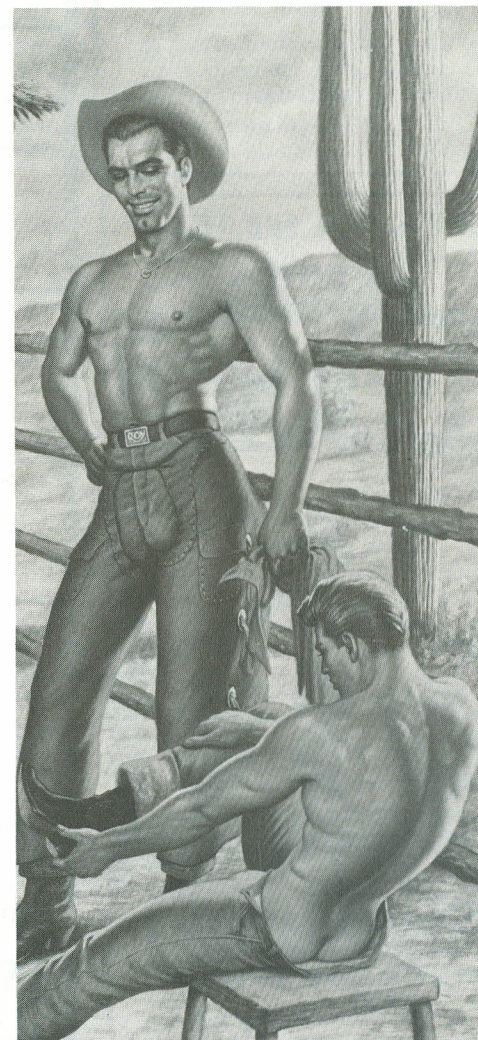
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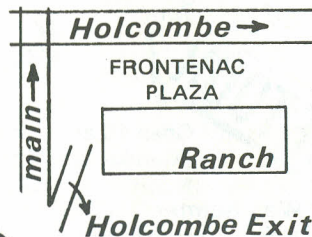


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Telekinesis (or the power of thought to move inanimate objects) is the subject for Brian De Palma's gore-drenched *Carrie*, playing multiples statewide through December. It's based on a "factual" novel by Stephen King and sloppily adapted to the screen by Lawrence D. Cohen who manages, in his taste for blood and guts specifics, to evade the mystery (not to mention sensitivity) of King's original story.

Carrie White is a withdrawn high school student who is tormented by fellow classmates when she begins menstruation during gym class one day. The girls laugh at her, back her into the shower, and begin stoning her with tampons, sanitary napkins, and paper towels. She screams and cries for help. And to the rescue comes the pretty and with-it Miss Collins (P.E. coach) who whisks her away to the principal's office for some serious counseling. It seems that Carrie's mother has sheltered the teenager so severely that female problems are as alien to her as good taste is to producer Paul Monash. She's promptly sent home where religiously fanatic mom slaps her around for committing the "sin of blood" and then drags her screaming through the house and locks her in a dungeonish closet to pray for her sins. (We begin to suspect this is a nightly routine as Carrie becomes more and more withdrawn and self-pitying.)

But Carrie, like most disturbed teenagers, has a lot of uncontrolled metaphysical power which surfaces from time to time in bursts of psychic energy and randomly hurls things through the air, breaks things, and moves things. And so Carrie, sullen and rejected by all, turns to the

library to further alienate herself from reality and to reading books to further develop these hidden powers. And does she ever!

Revenge is sweet, and this psychic lass gets her fair share with interest as she becomes the target for a horrendous practical joke during the high school prom and in retaliation releases more power in that one evening than bloodshot little Reagan ever dreamed of in her totally possessed state.

Well that's the plot, folks. A movie to miss, right? Not necessarily. Although Producer Monash obviously released his film as a low-budget money-making *Omen/Exorcist* spin-off, Director Brian De Palma struggled valiantly to give *Carrie* an artistic look and somehow even managed to transcend Cohen's generally weak script.

The cast, all things considered, is rather good. Sissy Spacek, as Carrie, has a hauntingly wistful demeanor that makes for good screen appeal. Piper Laurie, as Carrie's eccentric mom, emotes amazingly well and has the healthy, youthful glow usually associated with someone so deeply disturbed. Betty Buckley, as the understanding Miss Collins, is pretty enough to hypnotize her way through a thankless role. And there's even a surprise appearance by John Travolta (of *Welcome Back, Kotter* fame) that proves refreshing if not totally disconnected from his TV character.

Carrie will probably not frighten you. Or for that matter will it even enlighten you. But there's a good chance it will entertain you, as it did us. And we're always more impressed by low-budget films creatively directed than overproduced ones with little or no imagination shown behind them. by Tom Goreman

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Perry's determination to prove otherwise has resulted in the foundation and growth of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

The Fellowship now has member churches, missions, and study groups in every major city, and in many smaller cities and communities in the U.S., with churches in Britain, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa. The Fellowship is one of the fastest growing Christian denominations in the world.

By providing a supportive and loving atmosphere for its membership and encouragement to gay Christians in other denominations, UFMCC has become a major force in changing religious attitudes about gay people.

Ten years ago, the only position the various denominations expressed on the topic of homosexuals was that we were grave sinners deserving their condemnation and sympathetic intolerance. Today, almost every American denomination has either an internal gay organization or some form of study commission considering theological plans for the graceful acceptance of gay membership.

For believers UFMCC has provided a religious haven and the base for reform in traditional denominations; for non-believers UFMCC has provided an alternative theology to the Bible beating all gay people used to receive.

TWIT country has four MCC groups: MCC Dallas is the oldest and largest and has recently moved into new and impressive facilities; Agape MCC in Ft. Worth and MCC of the

Living Spirit in the Arlington/ Grand Prairie area give good coverage to the Dallas/ Ft. Worth metroplex; MCC of The Resurrection in Houston and a new study group in Austin show the trend toward growing outreach of the denomination.

Metropolitan Community Churches are first and foremost churches and their primary function is to provide spiritual guidance and support to the believers who come there, but their outreach and function include more than that. The Fellowship takes the widest view of Christian responsibility and addresses itself to the relief of human suffering and support of human dignity wherever its churches are found.

MCC's are not activist organizations but neither do they turn aside when brothers and sisters suffer discrimination and abuse. The ministers and members of UFMCC are frequently in the front lines of the battles to improve the social and political position of gay people. Yet most of the membership of any local church can attend services to worship and pray without being dragged out of the closet to get involved in the activities of reform conducted by those who choose to help the effort.

The church phone is an important connection to the gay community. The callers can find knowledgeable counselors for their personal or relationship problems. The various churches can provide information to help overcome the religious objections to gay life styles that may result in an improved relationship between a gay person and his/her parents. Church staffs are frequently called on to provide speakers for improved public understanding of gay people or just to be there when a brother or sister needs someone to talk to.

MCC membership is composed of persons from every religious back-

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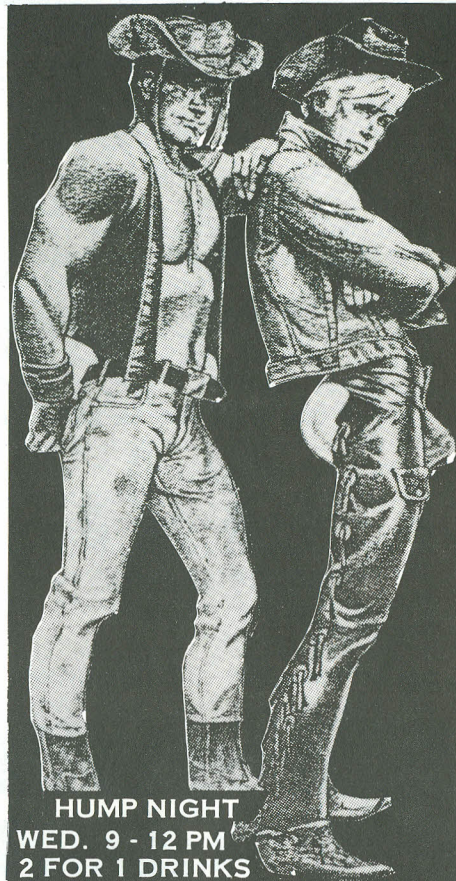
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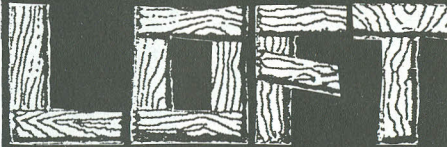
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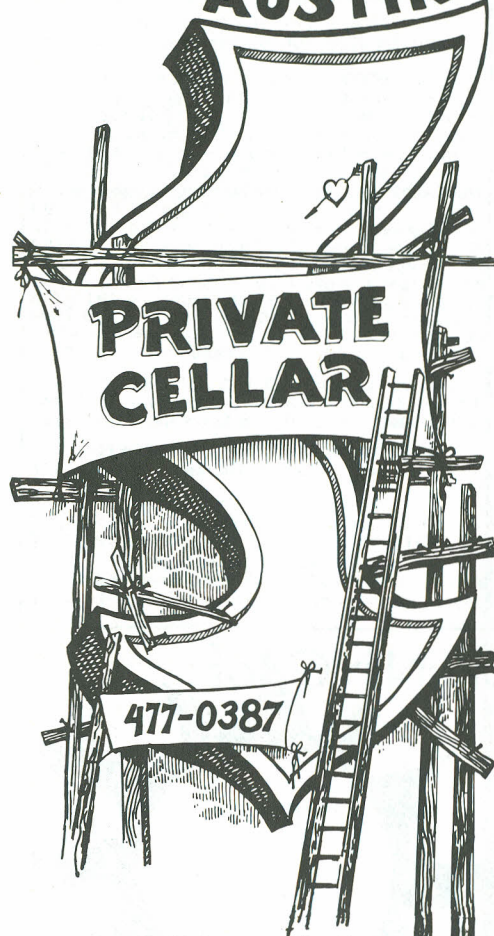
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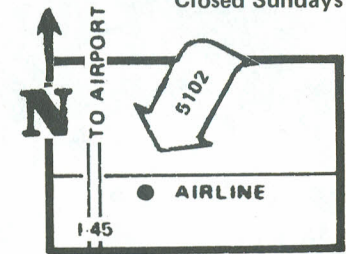
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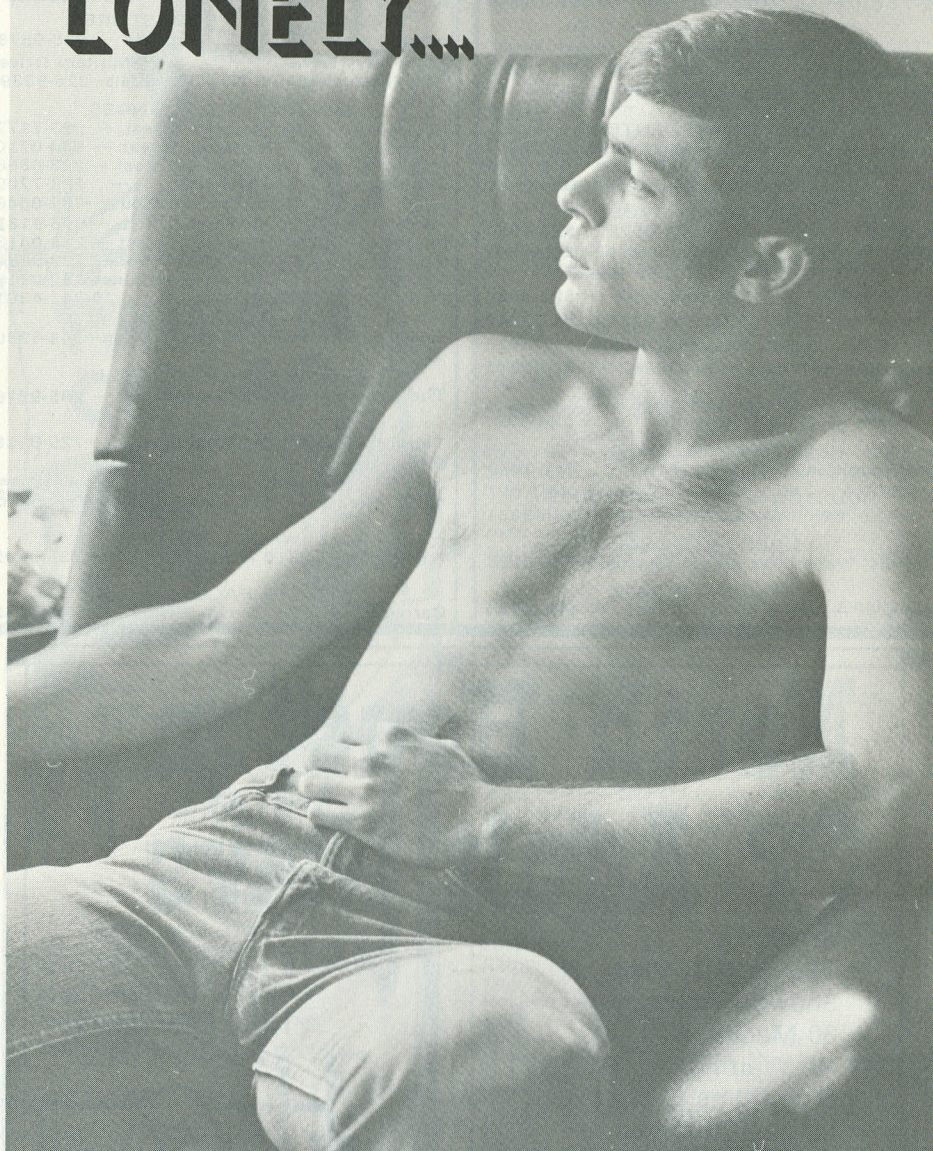
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