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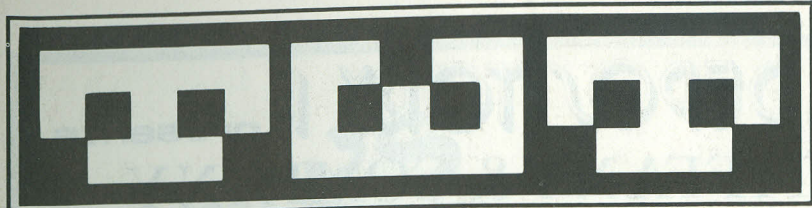
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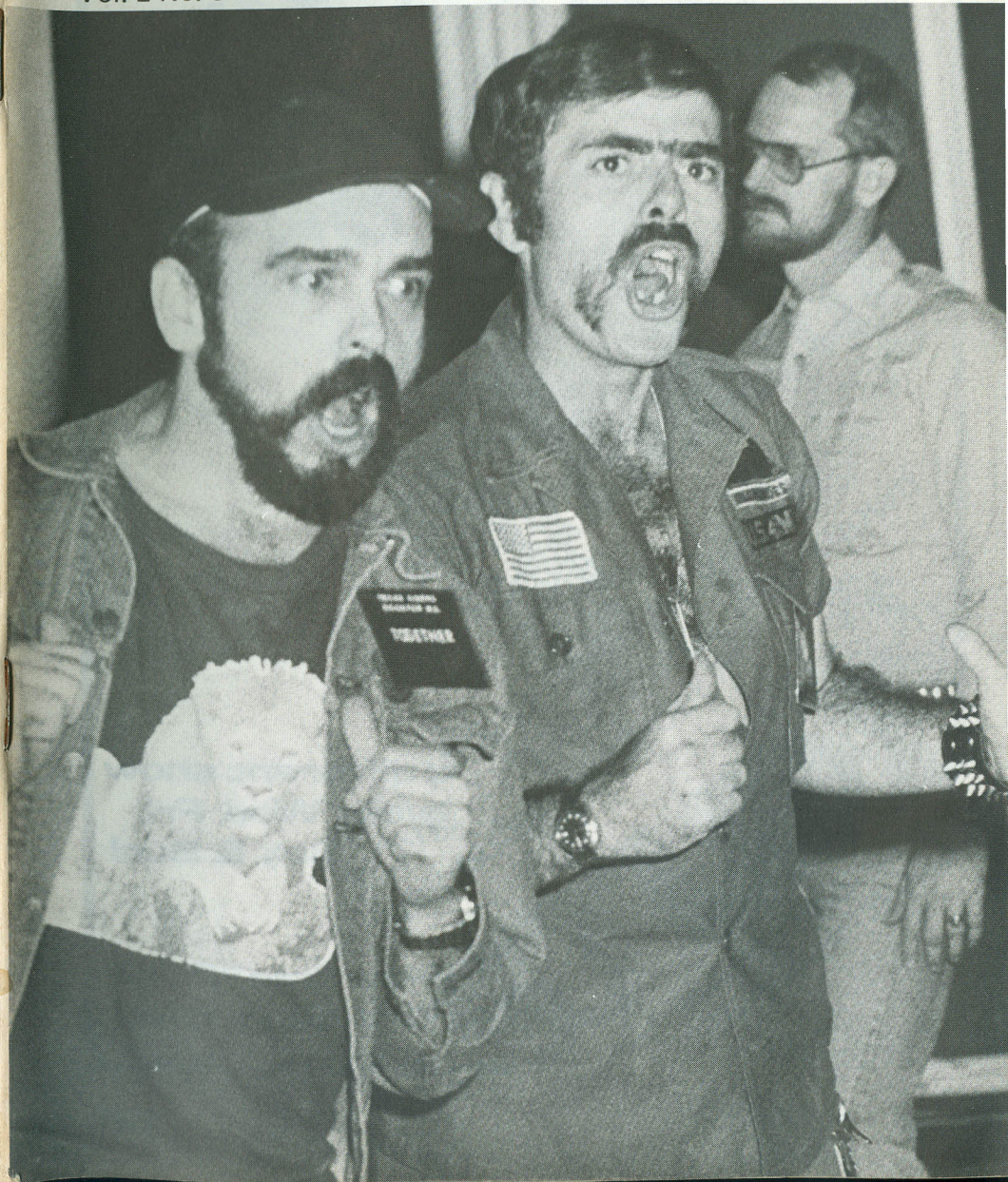
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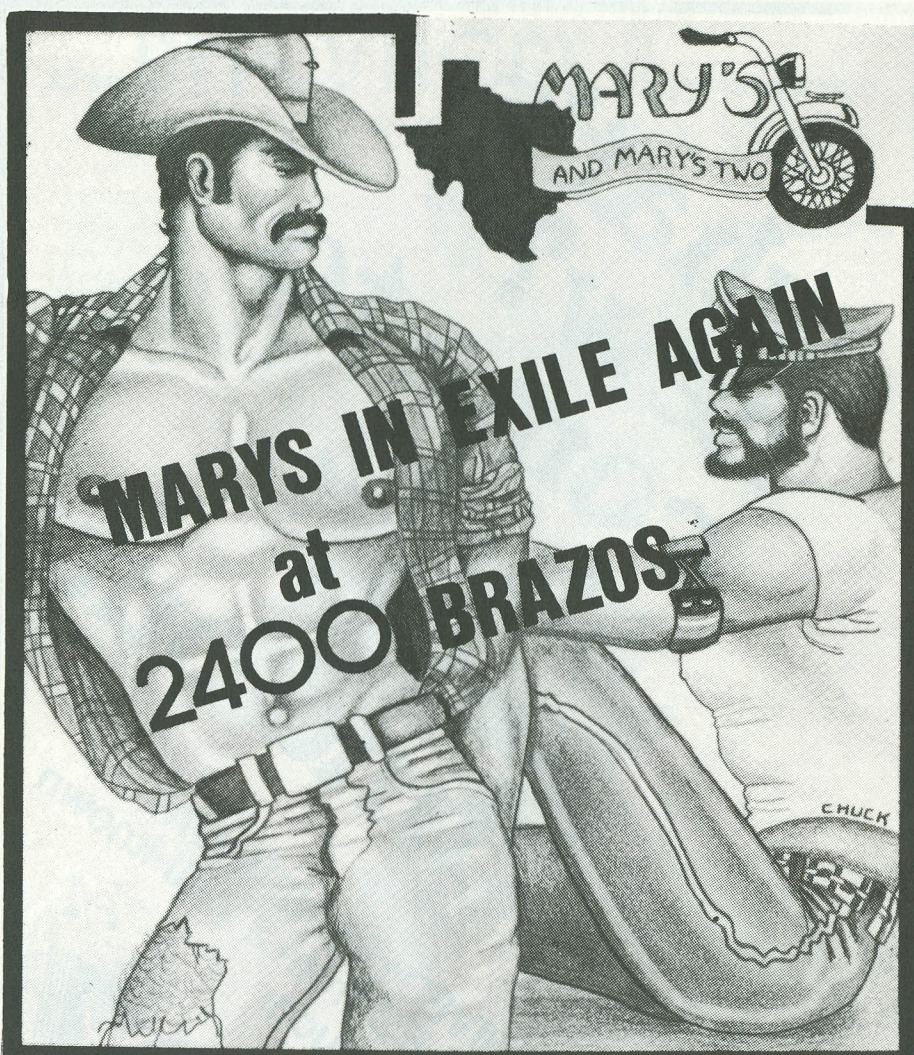
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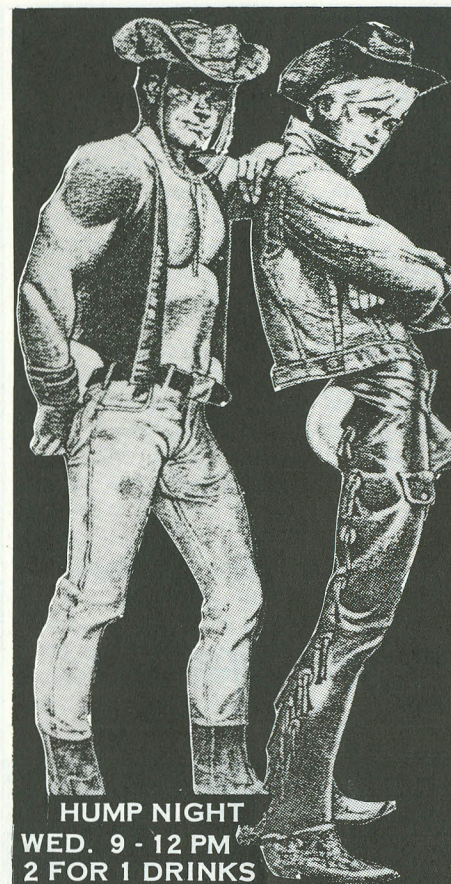
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## news up front

### AMERICAN LEATHERMEN SPONSOR "TOYS FOR TOTS"

Colors were joined recently at the Locker and the Texas Riders and the American Leathermen are under one roof. Christmas will be better for some children with everyone's support for the "Toys for Tots" Party, December 12 at the Locker, sponsored by American Leathermen from 5pm on. Any usable old toy or new toy will do just fine. There will be plenty of hot chili and drink along with a pie-throwing booth and a raffle for prizes. (A pie throwing booth? We just report 'em, folks.)

### NEW HOLLYWOOD IN AUSTIN

A new bar in Austin opened last weekend called Hollywood. It's located at 304 West 4th. Early reports indicated the new disco was attracting a good crowd. TWT extends good luck.

### COUNTRY COMEDY DRAG

Jim and Bill of Houston's Loft are rebuilding the stage complete with a runway to accommodate the new country comedy drag shows that will be playing this month. Bill says the shows will be reminiscent of the shows that used to wow the crowds at the old Odds 'n Ends. A big, international Christmas show is in production.

### DALLAS GETS LIGHT SHOW

The OP Dallas is making plans to install the same light show in the Metroplex that has been such an overwhelming romp in Houston. The Dallas OP will get four ringed Saturn light balls this holiday month. Those Dallas disco patrons who have been to the Houston OP will be ecstatic about this improvement...The OP Dallas is also remodeling the eatery and re-planning the menu.

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### BIG D'S WINNER'S CIRCLE

If they won, placed, or showed, the Boot Camp is bringing back your favorites from all those Halloween drag shows (once is never enough!) in a special Winners Drag Show Wednesday, December 15 at 9:30. And all of Dallas will be the winner Tuesday, December 16 when Dimension 3 presents the 1977 Miss Metroplex Pageant. A \$2 donation at the door benefits DAIR. There will be over \$600 in cash prizes awarded in the contest. To enter, or for information, contact Dimension 3 at 741-0300.

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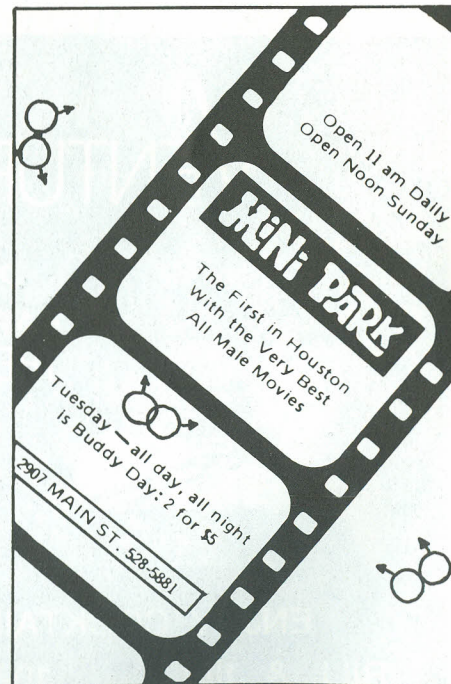
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### FORT WORTH M.C.C.

Agape' M.C.C. in Fort Worth has a new pastor and a new location. Rev. Jerry Sloan cordially invites everyone to drop by the church's new location at 3024 Forest Ave. during the week and to attend services Sunday nights at 7:00. Beginning January 1, 1977 there will be an 11:00 morning service in addition to the regular evening worship service at 7:00. Call 429-5375 for details and directions.

### MR. CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Over 1000 people attended the Club Bath Chain's recent Mr. Club International contest in Chicago. The winner was Art Karopoulos of Boston. 1st runner up was Rick Bernard of Miami and 2nd runner up was Jim Densmore of Houston. Also among the six finalists were Robert Jones of Houston, Gary Rickton of Washington and Bob Heatherington of Philadelphia. It's great to see two Texans among the top six. Congratulations from TWT!



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## FEDS EXILE MARYS

On Tuesday, December 7, the IRS locked Marys up....again. Burt Maurice and Janny say the problems should be ironed out by next week. Meanwhile, all her friends are invited to visit Mary's refuge at 2400 Brazos where additions to Levi's make plenty of space for everyone's fun.

## TREE TRIMMING PARTY

Houston's Briar Patch is ready to don their gay apparel for the holiday season with their annual tree trimming party Monday, December 13, at 8pm. Bring a decoration (or one of your Christmas balls) to hang on the tree and the Patch will give you a free drink (one per person). The Briar Patch is also putting Toys for Tots around the tree. Bring a present for a needy child, give it to Paul, Jerry, or Tony, and he'll give you another free drink on the house.

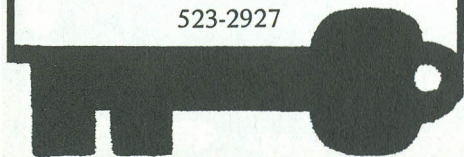
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## DECK THE HALLS

Deck the Halls with Ball and Peaches! Right, and Peaches. The Inside Outside Country in Houston will hold such a festive and gay-la event December 23 at 9pm. Is it a show, a contest, or a marriage? More later.

## BENEFIT HELPS SHIRLEY BROWN

Friday, November 26, Houston's Now or Never sponsored a benefit for Shirley Brown which raised \$200. Shirley is having extensive vascular surgery with arterial reconstruction. The proprietors of the Now or Never thank everyone for their support and will announce several more benefits to aid Shirley. Anyone can send a donation to: Now or Never, 439 W. Mount Houston Rd, or call 713-448-8466.

## FRIENDS & LOVERS

Austin's Friends & Lovers is bringing back the old Steve Reeves and Hercules movies nightly on the balcony level plus Christmas shoppers drink specials on Wednesdays. Tuesday's Happy hour has now been extended til 2am with a \$1 cover after 9pm. Thursday has given way to drag with Lorraine, Rickie, Jean-Marie, and Rene starting at 10:30pm.

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Announcing: "COUNTRY AND WESTERN SHOW"  
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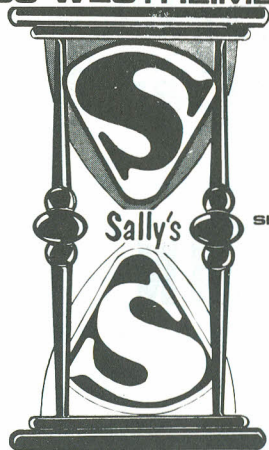


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## news

### MICHAEL GREER: SMASH HIT

Last week's performance of the Michael Greer Roadshow at the OP in Dallas was a sell-out crowd pleaser. This week (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, December 12, 13, and 14) the hit show moves to the OP in Houston. Reserved seating is a must. Call 713-522-2353 for a table.

### TOGETHER SPONSORS CHARITIES

At the "Together" show at OP Houston on Wednesday and Thursday (December 15 & 16) The Houston Motorcycle Club will sponsor the Toys for Tots campaign by providing barrels for tips, instead of tipping waiters. The Texas Riders will sponsor the Food for the Needy campaign.

### GATOR - MR COWBOY

Last Saturday night at Levi's, the muscular Gator was selected as Mr. Cowboy Texas. He represented the Texas Riders. 1st runner up was from C.J.'s Botique at Depository II, the handsome Jessie Rhodes. And Mr. Sidekick went to friendly Jack Lee of Levi's. There were eleven finalists for the first annual event, and the judges had a tough job selecting from all the meat, muscles, and mustaches. See next week's cruise camera for pictures of the finals and the winners.

Some awards were also given in the shed, But TWT's good taste will end the story now.

### LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE

Last week's performance (Nov. 30-Dec. 3) of "Little Mary Sunshine" at the Galveston College Community Theatre is still being talked about as the theatre's first attempt at a musical. It was aptly directed by Douglas Lambert whose credits include two years on TV's "General Hospital," "Boys in the Band" in England, and as the character Eddie Weeks of Eddie and Angie's Isle of Capri Restaurant.

## news

### GAY YOUTH CENTER FOR SAN ANTONIO

Forward Foundation, Inc., of San Antonio, has prepared a grant proposal for creation of the John Patrick Henry Independence House, which will become a coffee house cultural center aimed primarily at gay youth in San Antonio.

The proposal requests \$49,340 in revenue sharing funds and has been submitted to the Bexar County Commissioners Court.

According to Jim Eggeling, Executive Director of Forward Foundation, the foundation is presently handling cases of gay juvenile offenders on a volunteer basis, who have been referred to them by other social service agencies. Eggeling said, "There is no program or staffing to accommodate these clients, nor funding, at any governmental or private agency in Texas,

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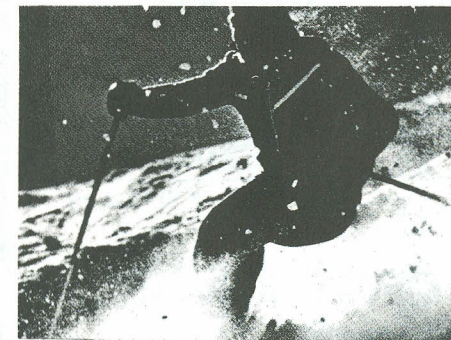
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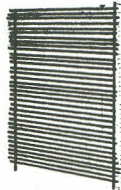
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except for the foundation's volunteer program. We are only beginning to understand the depth and magnitude and diversity of the need."

The foundation proposes to raise \$56,463 on its own in addition to the revenue sharing request.

The Independence House would be located within walking distance of the intersection of Broadway and Houston streets in downtown San Antonio. In addition to the coffeehouse format, the house would offer walk-in counseling and telephone switchboard counseling.

Eggeling emphasizes that Forward Foundation is not a "gay" organization. The foundation was established to combat homophobia—the fear of homosexuality, which is experienced both by homosexuals and heterosexuals—and recognizes homosexuality not as a human condition which is

good or bad, but which just is. When asked if the foundation was in the business of encouraging its clients to be homosexual, Eggeling replied, "Certainly not. Our aim is to help gay youths become good citizens."

A large number of professional advisors have signed on to aid the foundation in realizing this project, including psychologists, sociologists, clergy, physicians, psychiatrists, attorneys, educators, and social workers.

When established, Independence House will expand to provide job counseling for gay youths, and later, to provide a residence for gay youths kicked out of their homes because they are gay.

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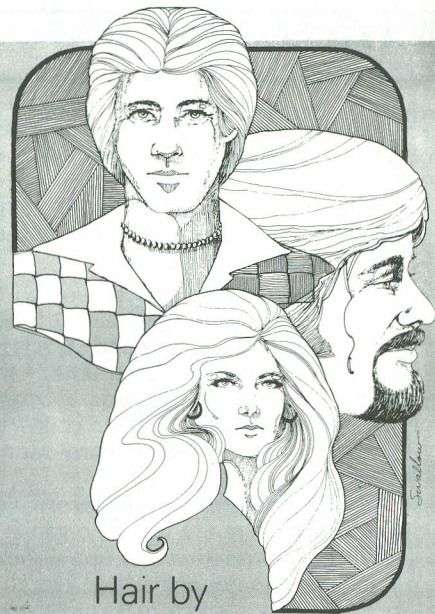
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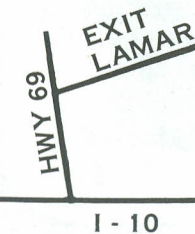
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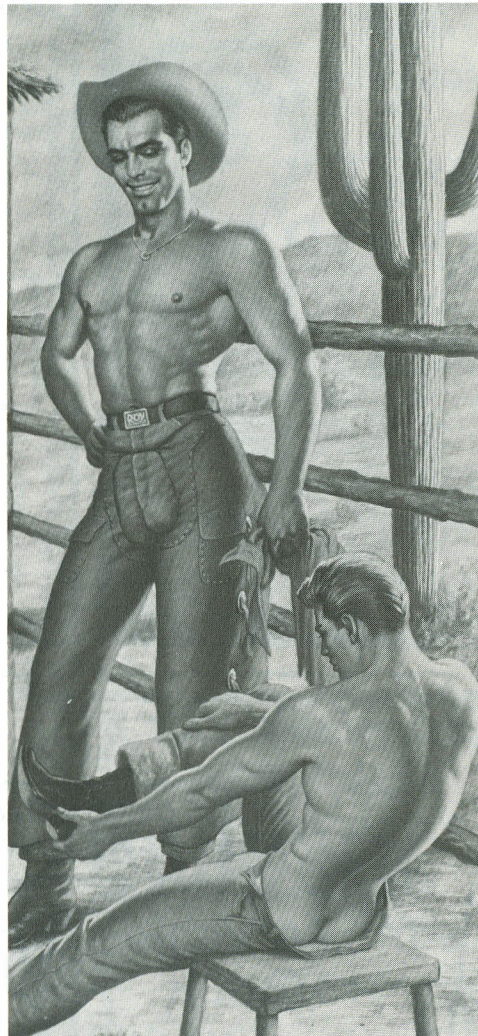
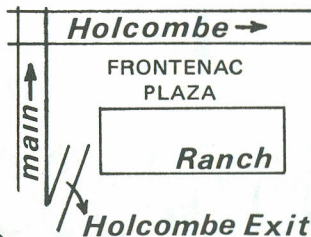
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WEEK OF DECEMBER 11-17

**FOR ALL SIGNS:** Venus (the planet of love) left Capricorn and entered Aquarius this past Thursday at 6:55 a.m. This major shift will color each sign differently through the remainder of December, lasting until the first week in January.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23–December 22): With the sun firmly planted in your sign, you are “in season” and fair game. And, with energetic Mars also in your sign, a strange inner emotion is at play as you want to play around, but your heart is not totally into it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 23–January 19): Venus has been blessing you with many admirers through November, but as that planet leaves your sign on December 9 you enter a period of settling.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20–February 19): Look out! Venus is now in your sign. Others seek you out. You have many admirers. This upswing love cycle will last thru the first week of January, so this is your time of year to fall in love.

**PISCES** (February 20–March 20): The weekend will find the Moon in Virgo, your opposite sign. Therefore, Sunday and Monday will be trying days as outside pressures tug on your efforts.

**AIRES** (March 21–April 20): Mercury rules your 6th house of health and is now in practical Capricorn, your 10th house of career. Therefore any illness can be traced back to job tension. This will lessen after Christmas when Mercury retrogrades.

**TAURUS** (April 21–May 20): Venus comes to rest in your 11th house of friendships for the holiday month. This positive influence can make friends more abundant, loyal, and loving. A friendship might even develop into a love.

**GEMINI** (May 21–June 21): Perhaps your job will go smoother thru the remainder of December as Venus is now making a 4-week transit of your job sector. You might even become romantically involved with a co-worker.

**CANCER** (June 22–July 23): Venus’ going thru your 9th house of long journeys means you will be traveling for the holidays and it should be all for Venus love pleasure.

**LEO** (July 24–August 23): Mars is now in your 5th house of love affairs giving this sector of your life a sexual push. But, remember, these are love affairs—not 7th house marriage affairs.

**VIRGO** (August 24–September 23): Your ruling planet Mercury is now in your 5th house of love affairs activating a 4-week cycle of admirers. And you are more charged up to seek out love.

**LIBRA** (September 24–October 23): A strong love aspect in your chart makes December extra festive. In fact the 15th could see you meeting someone you’ll like more than just a lot.

**SCORPIO** (October 24–November 22): Venus spends the rest of 1976 in your 4th house of the home causing you to decorate and entertain more at home than elsewhere. You may wish to not go out every night as Scorpios usually do.

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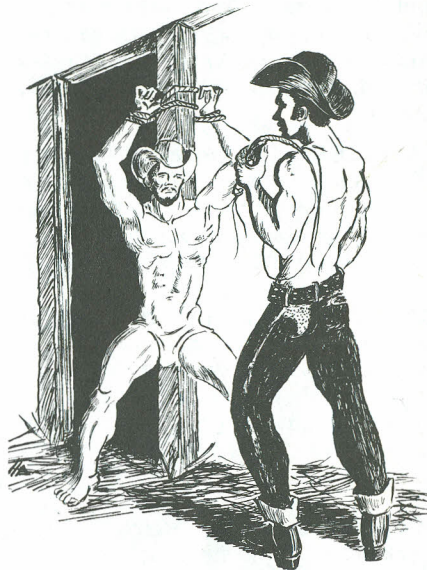
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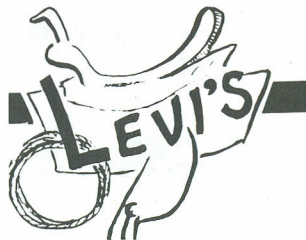
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**Life with vera**

by John Gardner

A couple of senior club members were putting the final touches on their "Optimists Club Christmas Trees" sign when they were startled to see a battered Mustang going about 45 miles an hour leap from the street, bounce loudly over the curb, careen through the first three aisles of trees, and come to a screeching halt amid the Scotch pines. As the flying pine needles and the dust began to settle, Vera emerged.

"C'mon Phoebe," Vera announced, "let's get started. I want to inspect each tree personally. To find the one that's perfect."

Phoebe climbed slowly out of the car, still somewhat startled to have gone from busy Westheimer traffic and into the middle of a forest in three seconds. Flat.

"I simply adore Christmas," Vera continued, "and getting the tree is one of the best parts. I do hope

they have the kind of tree I'm looking for."

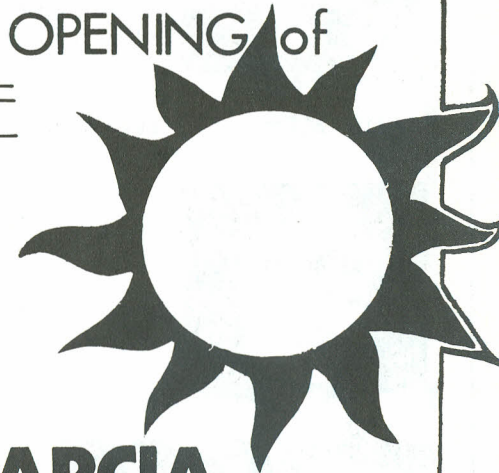
"And what kind is that?" Phoebe asked.

"I'm not sure. I'll have to look. But I'm sure as hell not getting another one of those flocked trees like I did last year. Every time I turned on the central heating to warm up the living room, the rush of the wind blew the flocking right off the tree. By the time Christmas finally arrived, I had a naked tree standing between a flocked sofa and a flocked television set. To this day I still have trouble getting Channel 2!"

"How big a tree do you want?" Phoebe inquired.

"It can't be too small," Vera explained. "It has to hold about 300 glass balls, 17 strings of regular lights, 14 strings of twinkle lights,

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# VERA

100 candy canes, 50 chocolate Santas, 20 packages of icicles, miniature dolls representing all the free-world nations, a hanging Nativity scene, and a red feather boa. So the tree has to be at least three feet tall."

"Oh, look!" Phoebe exclaimed. "There are the colored trees! Aren't they pretty?"

Vera explained that colored trees never work out because the blue ones make the room feel cold, the red ones would clash with the outfit Vera was going to wear at the Christmas party, the black ones were too depressing, the white ones were too angelical, and the yellow ones looked like they had hepatitis. No, they had to get a green tree. Besides, it was the only color that went well with Vera's overall Christmas tree color scheme. Puce.

They continued down the rows. One after another. Inspecting this tree, shaking that tree. Peeking over branches. Peeking under branches. Peeking through branches. Embarrassing two gay dudes who had just met and couldn't wait 'til they got home to 'mess around'. Passion amid the pines, as it were.

"How about this tree, Vera?" Phoebe inquired, proudly pointing to one of the specimens in the next row.

"Too sparse. We've got to get one with lots and lots of branches. One that looks like God put a lot of work into it. Look for one that really filled out."

"Here's one! Here's one!" Phoebe shrieked.

Sure enough, it was perfect! And very, very full. No inch of the trunk was without branches. At no point could you see through the tree, such was its full foliage. Heavy, symmetrical, tight packed and just the right height.

"That's it, girl! You've found it.

Simply delicious!" Vera screamed. "If you weren't a sister, I'd kiss ya! Wonder how much it costs?"

"I think the price tag is wrapped around one of the inner branches," Phoebe said.

"My God!" Vera smirked, "If that's true, we could be here all day. This tree has so many branches. But here goes."

Vera stuck his head inside the tree, searching for a branch with a price tag on it.

"Damn these prickly pines," Vera tormented. "I'm going to have zits on places I'll never be able to explain to Mom."

"Do you see a tag?" Phoebe asked.

"Yeah, but all it told me was that this tree is from Colorado. Any minute now I expect to lift up a branch and find John Denver."

"Aren't there any other tags in there?" Phoebe asked, addressing the bottom half of Vera's torso that was not yet consumed by the tree's encompassing branches.

"Here's one! Damn. I can't read it. It's near the bottom and this tree is so damn thick there's no light in here. It's too dark to read the numbers on the tag. Hand me your cigarette lighter."

Evidently Vera was not aware of the distance between Colorado and Texas. That rather expansive span of space was easily long enough to permit a certain "drying out" of all those trees that made the journey. Indeed, Vera had no sooner flicked Phoebe's Bic than he found himself in the midst of an inferno.

"AAAhhhhhh! AAAhhhhhh!" Vera screamed. "Get me out of here! I'm caught on a branch and this damn thing's going up in smoke around me!"

Phoebe grabbed Vera around the waist and gave a mighty tug. Vera was pulled to safety, but the tree continued to do its "burning bush" act, nevertheless.

"Throw dirt! Throw dirt!" Vera yelled.

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Vera and Phoebe hit the ground, desperately trying to claw up some of the semi-frozen Houston tundra without breaking their nails. Frantically attempting to douse the flaming fir, before its "condition" spread to other trees. Or before anyone noticed.

"Take off your coat and beat it! Snuff out the flames!" Vera screamed at Phoebe.

"You take off your coat!" Phoebe yelled, while continuing to throw dirt. "My coat came from Neimans. This is the one you bought me for my birthday."

"Take it off!" Vera yelled. "Take it off! I lied to you. It's really from Sears!"

"I'll ruin my coat if you'll ruin yours!" Phoebe shrieked.

"Don't be funny! Mine really IS from Neimans. Where do you think I got the box that I wrapped your coat in! Hurry! People are going to

start seeing smoke!" Vera demanded.

Phoebe removed his jacket and began beating the flames, while Vera waved his arms and huffed into the air, attempting to disperse the smoke before it was seen.

Eventually, the crisis was brought under control. The flames were extinguished and only red embers, smouldering needles, and a coat with black ashes where the right arm was supposed to be remained.

Phoebe and Vera fell on the ground exhausted, making efforts to regain their breaths.

"Now what was that about your buying my coat at Sears and putting it in a Neiman's box?" Phoebe asked slyly.

"No time. No time. Got to get a tree. Oh, Phoebe, look at that pretty one over there. C'mon girl. Or we'll never get a tree before nightfall," Vera exhuded, quickly rising and walking hastily up the aisles of forest. "Ah, Christmas. 'Tis the season to be jolly. Did I ever tell you about the time..."

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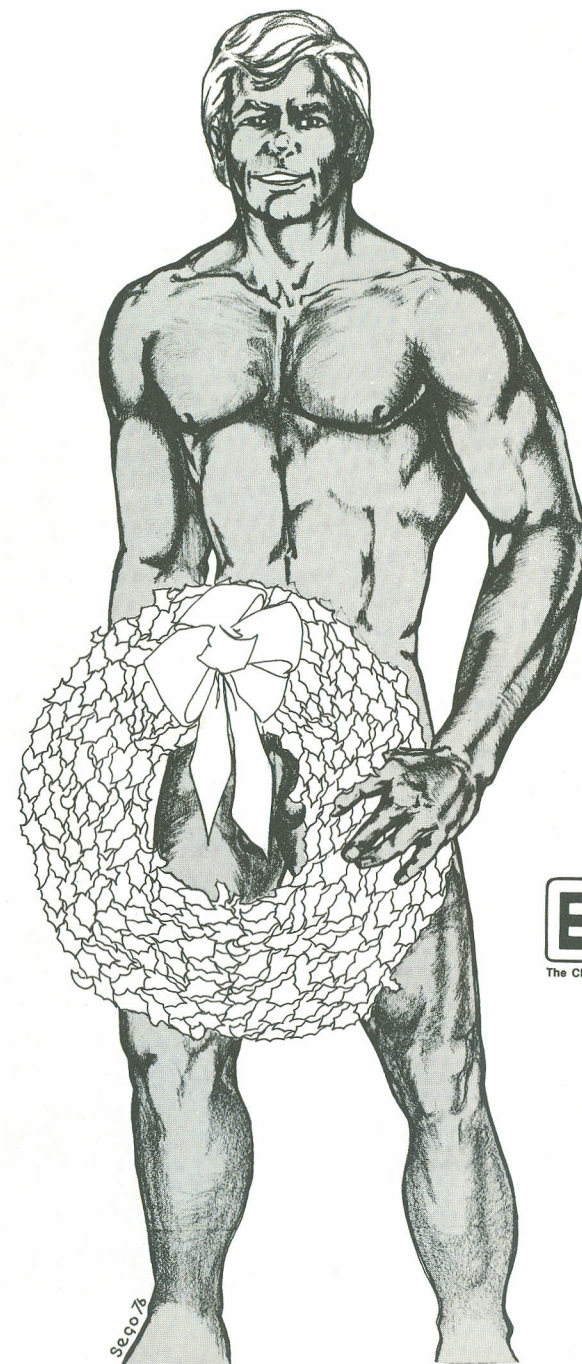
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- Rose Royce.
2. DON'T LOOSE YOUR LOVE  
- Emotions.
3. MY SWEET SUMMER SUITE  
- Love Unlimited Orch.
4. DISCO LP PART III  
- K C & Sunshine Band.
5. CALYPSO BREAKDOWN  
- Ralph McDonald.
6. YOU + ME = LOVE  
- Undisputed Truth.
7. SONGS OF LIFE LP  
- Stevie Wonder.
8. D-AZZ  
- Brick.
9. DREAM EXPRESS  
- Honeybees.
10. KEEP ME HANGING ON  
- Roni Hill.

## HOUSTON

Old Plantation  
Ram Rocha/Scott Manning.

1. FOUR SEASONS OF LOVE  
- Donna Summer.
2. CAR WASH  
- Rose Royce.
3. DON'T LOOSE YOUR LOVE  
- Emotions.
4. DISCO LP PART III  
- K C & Sunshine Band.
5. I WISH  
- Stevie Wonder.
6. MIDNIGHT LOVE AFFAIR  
- Carol Douglas.
7. ELEVATOR  
- Joanne Spain.
8. DREAM EXPRESS  
- Honeybees.
9. D-AZZ  
- Brick.
10. DON'T LEAVE ME THIS WAY  
- Thelma Houston.

## AUSTIN

Austin Country  
by Keith & Mike.

1. MIDNIGHT LOVE AFFAIR  
- Carol Douglas.
2. CAR WASH  
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3. CHER CHEZ LE FEMME  
- Dr. Buzzards Savannah Band.
4. MY SWEET SUMMER SUITE  
- Love Unlimited Orch.
5. FOUR SEASONS OF LOVE  
- Donna Summer.
6. DISCO LP PART III  
- K C & Sunshine Band.
7. YOU'RE THE ONE  
- Blood Sweat & Tears.
8. MAKES YOU BLIND  
- The Glitter Band.
9. NICE 'N NASTY  
- Salsoul Orchestra.
10. BEST DISCO IN TOWN  
- Ritchie Family.

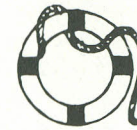
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Bailey St Wherehouse  
by Bob and Bobby.

1. FOUR SEASONS OF LOVE  
- Donna Summer.
2. WE WILL MAKE LOVE  
- Laurie Marshall.
3. FULL TIME THING  
- Whirlwind.
4. MAKES YOU BLIND  
- The Glitter Band.
5. BON BON  
- J D Z & friends.
6. DISCO LP PART III  
- K C & Sunshine Band.
7. ISN'T SHE LOVELY  
- Stevie Wonder.
8. MY SWEET SUMMER SUITE  
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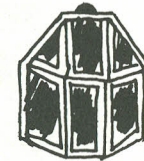
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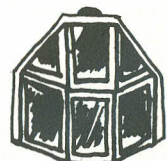
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There's a hot new show in town four nights a week upstairs at Depository 11 called "Tiffany and Company." Pictured here at the champagne opening night performance are the stars of the show. The Texas Tornado (upper left) Tiffany Jones. The return to Houston of the very funny Jerry Vanover (upper right). Miss soul herself (bottom) Donna Day. The talented and petite Eatha Kitt (right).



Chandeliers, reserved seating, four shows weekly (Wed; Fri; Sat; and Sun), cozy club and four super stars are "Tiffany & Company." See interview in this issue.

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## interview

TWT: Friday December 3 was opening night upstairs at Houston's Depository II where an elegant new room replete with chandeliers, champagne, and reserved seating houses a whole new entertainment troupe, "Tiffany & Company." Prior to the show we visited backstage with the cast: Tiffany Jones, Donna Day, Eartha Kitt and Jerry Vanover. The conversation began with how it all started.

TIFFANY: The idea for this show room started back when I did the Club Baths show at the Old Depository last summer. The owners, Lou and John, said if I ever wanted to do a regular show to give them a call. The idea of coming back to Houston sounded great to do a show like we used to do at the old Red Room when I worked with Jerry Vanover, whom I consider to be one of the funniest comedians I've ever seen. It was Jerry who gave me my start back in 1967. I had my choice, so I picked Jerry, Donna and Eartha.

TWT: The room looks very elegant.

TIFFANY: We wanted a room where people could come in, sit down at a table, order drinks, and see a show. By the way, the shows will be different every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday. There's no standing room. It's all reserved seating.

TWT: Jerry, How does it feel to be back in Houston?

JERRY: It's great to be back with Tiffany doing the kind of shows we used to do.

TWT: What have you been doing since those Red Room days?

JERRY: I've spent the last 4 years

traveling, living in Dallas, and doing spots like Austin Country for Bunch.

TWT: When did you get your start?

JERRY: Back in 1963 at the ol'Nugget, then at the Cabaret.

TIFFANY: Yes, back when Jerry and Paul Stewart were lovers!

JERRY: And, I'm single now, looking and open for suggestions.

TWT: And, Donna, how is it you've moved over here?

DONNA: Here I can do 4 shows a week rather than just one.

TWT: Then doing drag is a career?

JERRY: Right, it's a full time profession. We have no part time jobs. Each of us depends on this show for a comfortable living.

TWT: Donna, didn't you get your start at the Hi-Kamp?

DONNA: That was four years ago. But, actually, I got my start before that in straight clubs. I'm from San Antonio.

TWT: And Eartha?

EARTHA: After much persuasion I've decided to stay in my home of Houston and do the shows here like the ol' Hi-Kamp days.

TWT: Then, you were the last to be hired, Eartha?

JERRY: No! I was. I held back.

TWT: How about real names?

TIFFANY: Mine is Ken Whitehead.

EARTHA: Benjamin Fortune III.

DONNA: Donald G. Shelton.

JERRY: I use my real name on stage.

TWT: Where did the stage names come from?

DONNA: My friends always called me Donna and then Jann Russell gave me my last name, Day, when we did shows at the Hi-Kamp.

EARTHA: Well, it's a long story.

TWT: You have an earthy quality.

TIFFANY: There used to be a comic strip called "Tiffany Jones" and I just took it for myself.

TWT: And the Texas Tornado?

TIFFANY: I don't know.

DONNA: You mean you don't know!

TIFFANY: Well, it's probably from the twirling, whirling I do... sort of like a Tornado spinning.

TWT: And you all live in Houston, now?

TIFFANY: I have a house on the circuit, a big bed and a heaven roommate

JERRY: I live on Driscoll at Westheimer in a duplex.

EARTHA: I'm on the circuit, too, just two blocks from Miss Jones.

DONNA: I live at Queens Haven, the Richmond House.

TWT: How about gay marriages, love and sex?

TIFFANY: It's hell to be a butch drag queen making it hard to have a lover but I'd love to have a lover as I have a lot of love to give.

JERRY: I'm still looking...and waiting and waiting and waiting.

DONNA: Lovers are fine but it takes a good understanding in this life.

EARTHA: With a career it's hard to have a lover. All I have time for is drag and tricks.

TWT: Well, it's about ten o'clock show time so we'll get the Cruise Camera set up. And, thank you and good luck.

TIFFANY: Thank you, can I buy you a drink.

TWT: Yes!

JERRY: Really!

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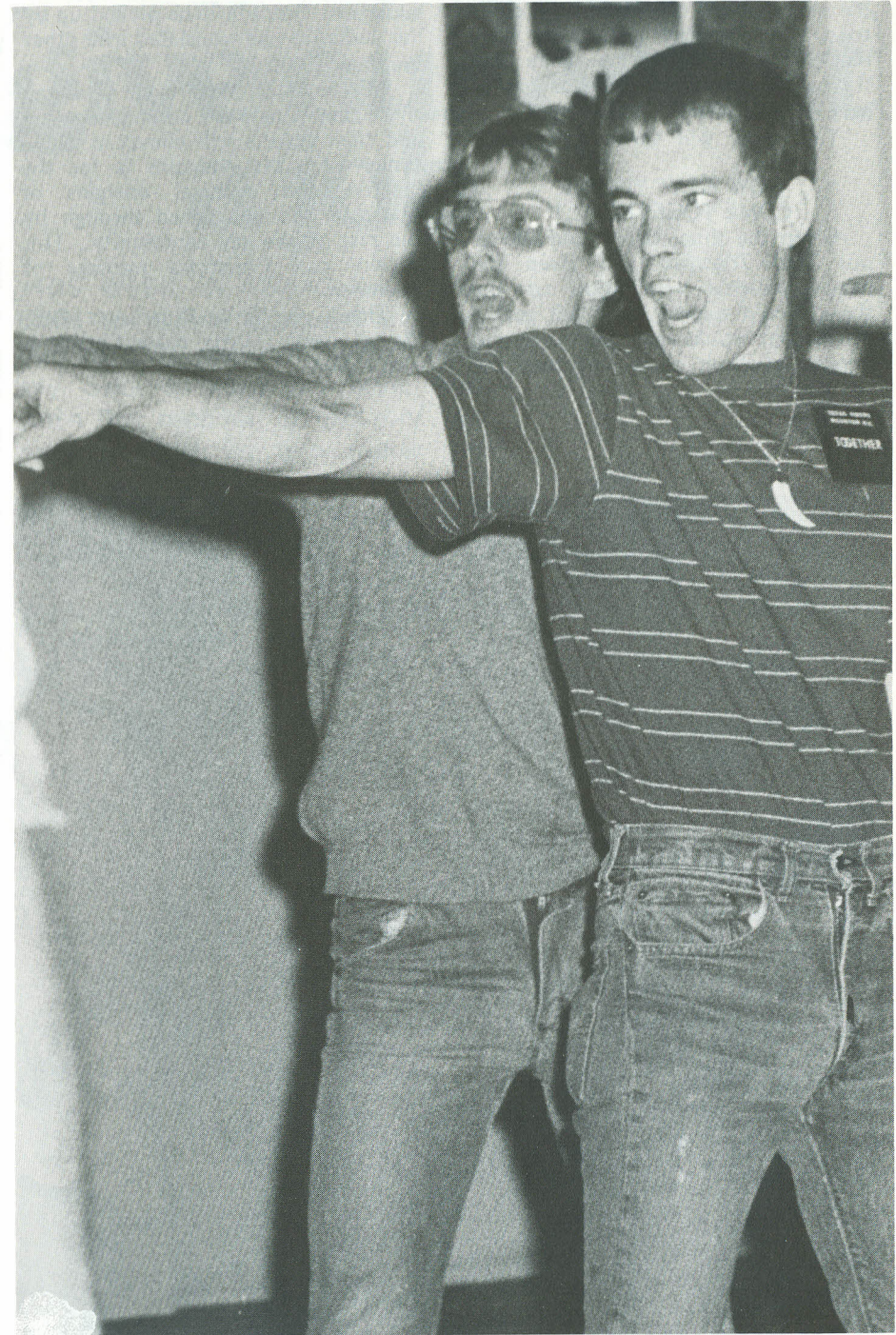
Shirley Davis (left) and Mary Mathis (right) of the Gospel Truth. Not pictured: Bill Cuesta and Rick Howard.

Club as they laugh at themselves. Expect a lot of surprises, and, what's more, expect to see the very positive results of a much-needed example of cooperation and brotherhood within the gay community, instead of the in-fighting and bitchery all too common locally.

As *Together's* producers, Milt Snow of the Texas Riders (the new president-elect) and Brian Rogers of the HMC (who did the Military Ball) have brought together some of the best elements of past shows by both clubs, plus many new acts and sets. The show is being directed by Richard Smith (best known to the gay community as "Maude") and co-directed by Steve O'Cain, both of whom are independent, non-club members. A careful sideline viewing of the first full rehearsal last Sunday and conversations with many members of the cast, including Presidents Jim Turbeville (Texas Riders) and Bob Kennedy (HMC), revealed a uniform idea of the purpose of coming together to do a large-scale production for the general gay community other than to merely entertain:

Both clubs want not only to prove that they can come together but also to reveal to the gay community more of what bike clubs are about, namely, brotherhood.

It is refreshing to see positive action from these two clubs since talk alone is never enough. By combining



the energies and talents of both clubs toward a common goal, they have had to rise above and overcome conflicts on a personality level as well as on a club level.

The show will speak for itself...

### NOW THAT YOU'VE COME TOGETHER...?

Given the time, talent, and energy put into *Together* and given the heavy political motivation of the show, you'd expect (and will get) a Finale that would carry the thrust and impact of their show out into the



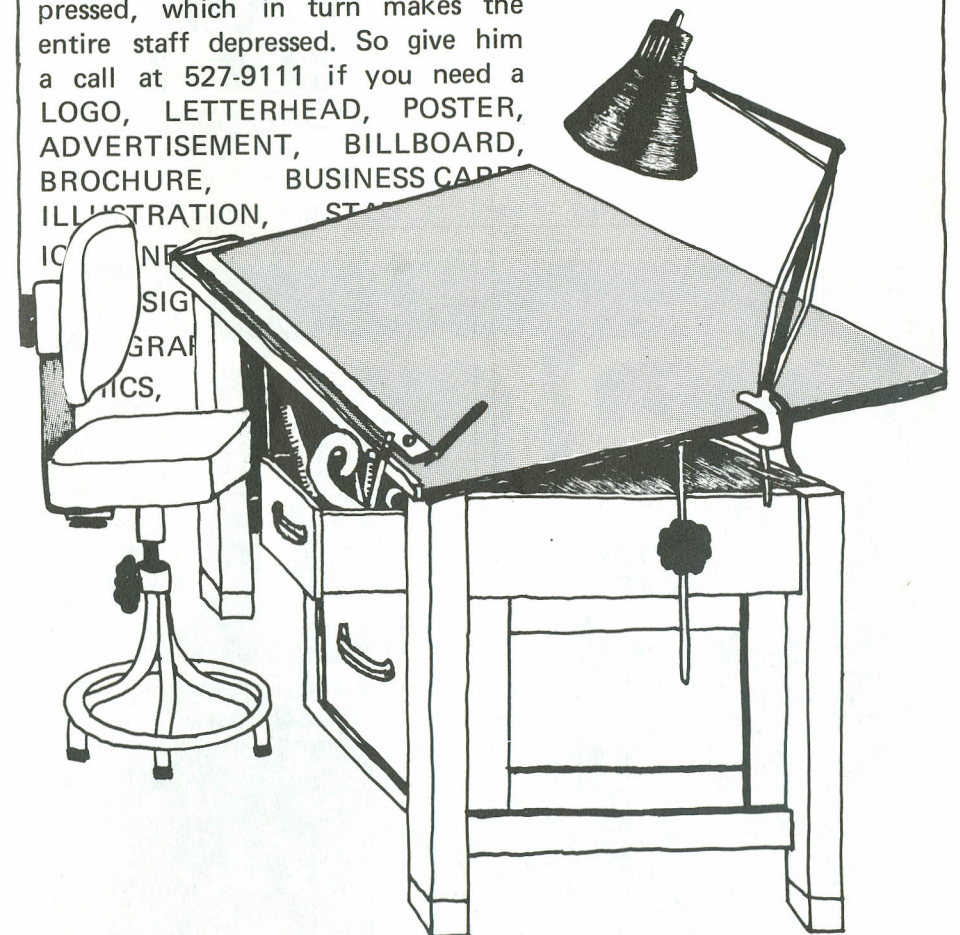
audience. But will it be picked up by the audience and translated into other areas of gay life?

The Houston Motorcycle Club and the Texas Riders are coming together and their efforts will climax at show-time. All that remains is for the creative and political energies of *Together* to be carried through by the rest of the gay community. This is the real Christmas message of *Together*.

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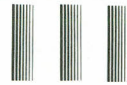
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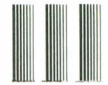
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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
 \*Private Cellar: Happy hour all day. Beer 45c; well 95c.  
 \*New Apartment: Happy hour 3 - 5 pm.  
 \*Volleyball game: 3pm Ramsey Park, W. 44th & Rosedale, sponsored by GCS.  
 \*Austin Country: Beer bust & Food, 7-9 pm.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
 \*New Apartment: Happy hour Mon-Sat 5-7.  
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 \*Private Cellar: Free Draft Beer 10:30 - 11pm.  
 \*Friends & Lovers: Piano Bar 6 - 9 daily.  
 \*Austin Country: Big Screen TV M-F 8-10pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
 \*Austin Country: Free Movie Nite 8pm.  
 \*Private Cellar: Free Beer Call 10:30 - 11pm.  
 \*Friends & Lovers: Happy hour 6pm - 2am. \$1.00 cover after 9pm.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
 \*Private Cellar: Free Keg Party 9-11pm no cover  
 \*Austin Country: Special Drink Nite 8pm-2am. \$2 cover. Beer 10c; Well 25c; Prize drawings.  
 \*Friends & Lovers: Xmas shopper special drink prices.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
 \*Private Cellar: Free Draft Beer 10:30 - 11pm.  
 \*Austin Country: Show 10pm: The Grease Sisters & Annette.  
 \*Friends & Lovers: Show 10:30pm; Rene, Lorraine, Rickie & Jean-Marie.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
 \*Austin Country: After hours 2 - 4 am.  
 \*Friends & Lovers: After hours 2 - 4am.  
 \*Gay Community Services Men's Rap Session 7:45pm, Call 477-6699.

**BEAUMONT**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
 \*Club Taboo: Happy hour 1 - 7:30 pm.  
 \*Club Taboo: Disco - Sunday and Wed. No Cover.

**DALLAS**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
 \*OP: After hours 2 am - ?

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
 \*Crews Inn II: Brunch, you supply meat. Eggs etc. furnished.  
 \*Sundance Kid: Free Draft Beer 7pm til Keg runs dry.  
 \*Villa Fontana: 10c draft 4 - 7 pm.  
 \*Entre Nuit: Show 9:30 pm.

\*MCC: Rev. Troy Perry dedicates new church. 2:30pm. 2701 Reagan.  
 \*Crews Inn II: Pool Tourney 7pm.  
 \*Boot Camp: Bloody Marys & Screwdrivers 50c. 1 - 5pm.  
 \*Dimension III: Free buffet & 10c draft.  
 \*OP: Free buffet. draft 7 - 9pm.  
 \*OP: Jann Russel's " That Was Burlesque" 9:30 pm.  
 \*Swamptrash: 50c bloody marys 12 - 2 pm.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
 \*Service Station: Pool Tourney 7:30 pm.  
 \*Crews Inn II: Dart Tourney 7:30 pm.  
 \*Dimension III: 1/2 price bar drinks.  
 \*OP: 15c draft beer, no cover.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
 \*Bachelor Quarters: \$1 all day.  
 \*Club Dallas: Buddy Night. 2-for-1 admission. 6 pm - 2 am.  
 \*OP: 90c Margaritas.  
 \*Crews Inn II: Chili cookout 7 pm.  
 \*Dimension III: 40c can beer.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
 \*Dimension III: Free Movie (Barbara Stanwick in "Stella Dallas") and 1/2 price drinks.  
 \*Sundance Kid: Free Draft and 50c can beer, 10 - 12 pm.  
 \*Club Dallas: Discount Card Day. Buy a discount card, get a free locker.  
 \*Boot Camp: Halloween Winner's Drag Show, 9:30 - \$1 cover.  
 \*OP: 1/2 price drinks.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
 \*OP: 75c Tequila Sunrises.  
 \*Jugs: Surprise buffet 6:30 pm.  
 \*Dimension III: Miss Metroplex Pageant. Proceeds benefit DAIR.  
 \*Swamptrash: Free Movie (Barbara Stanwyck in "Stella Dallas") 8 pm.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
 \*TJ's: Disc Jockey taking request.  
 \*OP: After hours 2 - 4 am.  
 \*Dimension III: Under 21 no cover.

**FORT WORTH**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
 \*Aub's: Patricia Wyatt Show at 9:30.  
 \*TJ's Back Door: "Daddy's Girls" Show at 10.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
 \*Aub's: Alice Phallus' "Fur Burger Follies" at 10:00.  
 \*Bailey St.: Free Beer 8 - 10. Show at 10.  
 \*500 Club: "500 Follies" Show at 9:30.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
 \*Bailey St.: Free Beer 9:00 - 10:00.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

\*Other Place: Free Beer 10:00 - 11:00.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

\*500 Club: "Midweek Madness" Comedy Drag Show at 9:30.

\*Bailey St.: Free Beer 8:00 - 10:00. Drag Show Starring ERNESTINE at 10:00.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

\*Aub's: Tonya Lee Country & Western Show at 9:30.

\*Bailey St.: Live Band: "The Crowd Pleasers".

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

\*Aub's: Casey Starr's "Friday Fantasy" at 9:30

\*500 Club: "Ricky's Rags" Comedy Drag Show at 10:30. Canned beer 50c w/cowboy hat.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

\*Venture Inn: Babbs & Baldy performing 9 - 2 am. No Cover.

\*Sparkle Plenty: After Hours.

\*Loft: Western Band 9 - 1 am.

\*\*"Saturday's Child" rap session at MCCR. Noon til 2pm.

\*Levi's: \$1 Beer Bust 3 - 6 pm.

\*Detour: Bartender's Special 75c 10am-4pm.

\*Frizbys: \$2; 12am - 10am. Free Doughnuts 7 - 9 pm.

\*Locker: 10c Draft 12 pm - 7 pm.

\*Now or Never: Happy Hour 5 - 7 pm.

\*Hi-Lite Ranch: After Hours.

\*Inside Outside: Bloodys and Screws.

60c singles; \$1.20 doubles.

\*OP: Anniversary drawings for prizes.

\*Briar Patch: Toys for Tots all week.

\*Depository: 10 pm Tiffany & Co.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

\*Frizbys: \$2. 12am - 10am. "Come Down" two time periods for \$3. Enter 4pm-12am. 4 - 7 pm.

\*Inside Outside and Countryside: Liquor Bust 4 - 7 pm.

\*OP: Buffet and beer. 6 - 9 pm.

\*OP: 9:30; Michael Greer Show.

\*Levi's: \$1 Beer Bust 3 - 7 pm, only 75c with western hat.

\*Sally's: Survivor Party. 9 pm-midnight. cocktail hour prices.

\*Sparkle Plenty: \$1 cover. 50c beer; 75c well.

\*The Loft: \$1 Beer Bust 4 - 7 pm.

\*Club Houston: locker \$2 each 8am- 4pm.

\*Locker: \$1 Beer Bust 7 pm til?.

\*Briar Patch: Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers, & Beer 50c 2 - 7 pm.

\*Venture Inn: Babbs & Baldy 7-12 am.

\*Detour: Beer Bust Noon til 6 pm.

\*Now or Never: 25c draft beer.

\*Locker: Beer Bust 6:30 til ?

\*Depository: 10pm Tiffany & Co.

\*Locker: American Leathermen sponsor Toys for Tots party from 5pm - ? Bring your

useable toy & get in on the raffle & pie-throwing.

\*Club Houston: \$2 lockers 8 am - 4 pm.

\*The Barn: Jambalaya Noon til 2 am.

\*Hi-Lite Ranch: Happy hour 7 days, 12-4pm. 85c bar. Happier hour 4-7pm, 50c bar, 50c beer

\*Hi-Lite Ranch: Buffet 5 til ?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

\*OP: Special Drink Nite. \$1 cover. 35c beer & well. Mon - Thur.

\*OP: 9:30pm Michael Greer Show.

\*Briar Patch: 8pm. Trim a Tree. Free drinks with Decoration.

\*Mr. Peepers Glory Hole: Leather Nite 50c with membership.

\*Sparkle Plenty: \$3 cover. All drinks free.

\*Lamp Post: Pool Tourney 9 pm.

\*Sally's: Happy Hour 7am - noon & 5 -8pm M-W-F, all day Tues & Thurs.

\*Briar Patch: Cocktail Hour Daily, 4 - 7pm 50c beer & 50c well drinks.

\*Venture Inn: Happy Hour 10am-6pm, M-F.

\*Now or Never: Chili Night, 10 pm.

\*Detour: Bingo 8:30-10:30 pm.

\*Galleon: Happy hour every day 4 - 8 pm. 2-for-1, singles 50c, doubles 90c, & beer 55c.

\*The Barn: Happy Hour M-F, 10-7, 50c beer.

\*Inside Outside: Morning Cocktail Hours, 7 am - noon Special prices.

\*Inside Outside: Happy hours weekdays 4-7pm singles 50c, doubles \$1.20.

\*Club Houston: 1/2 price lockers 8am-4pm M-F

\*Locker: Drawing for free prizes 7 pm.

\*Inside Outside: Draft Beer 35c every day, 7 am - 7 pm.

\*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.

\*Depository II: No cover, 75c bar drinks.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

\*Depository II: \$1 cover. Tues & Thurs. 50c bar drinks.

\*Frizby's: "Funch-Time" in after 10am out by 2am, \$1. Under 26 with ID, 4pm-midnight \$1.

\*Mr. Peepers Glory Hole: Western Nite.

\*Our Place: 25c beer bust, 11 am - 7 pm.

\*Locker: Free movie 9:30. "World without Sun"

\*Inside Outside: Pool Tourney 8pm.

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

\*Now or Never: Butch's Nite Out 25c draft beer all night.

\*Detour: Happy Hour 10 am - midnight.

\*Club Houston: Buy a discount card & get a free locker all day.

\*Levi's: Dinner 6 - 10 pm.

\*OP: 9:30 pm, Michael Greer.

\*WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

\*Sparkle Plenty: \$1 cover & Beer Bust.

\*The Loft: Hump nite 9 - 12 pm.

\*Depository: \$2 cover, 10c bar drinks.

\*Frizby's: "Funch-Time" in after 10am, out by 2 am, \$1.

\*Levi's: Steak Nite 7pm Potatoes & Salad free.

\*Hi-Lite Ranch: Pool Tourney 9 pm.

\*\*"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. 4 - midnight.

\*Mr Peepers Glory Hole: Bare Chest Nite. 50c with membership.

\*Detour: Spaghetti Nite, 7 - 10 pm.

\*The Barn: Pot Luck Dinner 8pm on.

\*Now or Never: Queen's Nite Out. 25c draft beer all night & pool tournament.

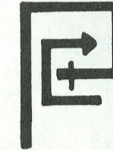
\*Depository: 10 pm Tiffany & Co.

\*OP: HMC & Texas Riders present "Together" 9:30 pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

\*Detour: 2 well drinks for the price of 1, 10 am - 12 pm.

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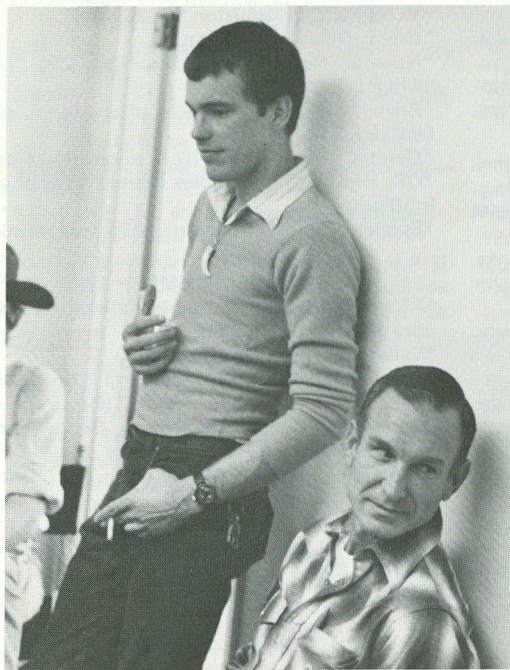
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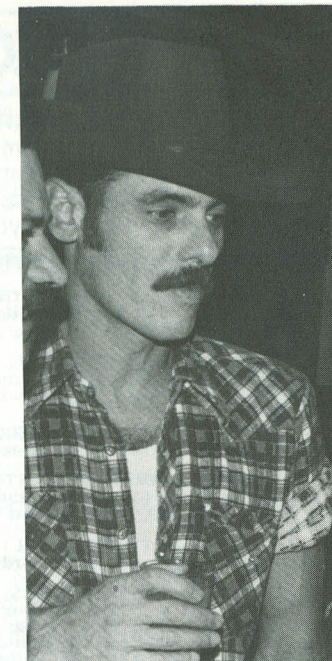
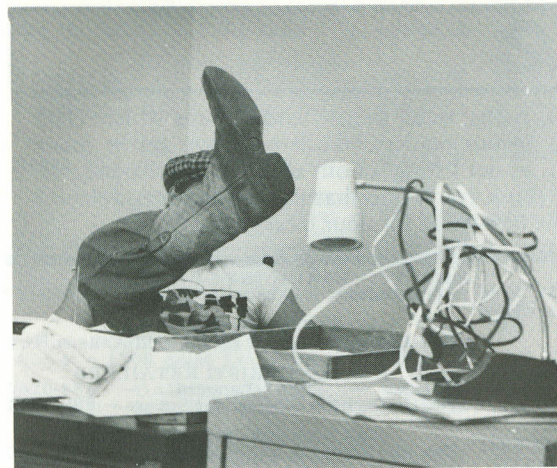
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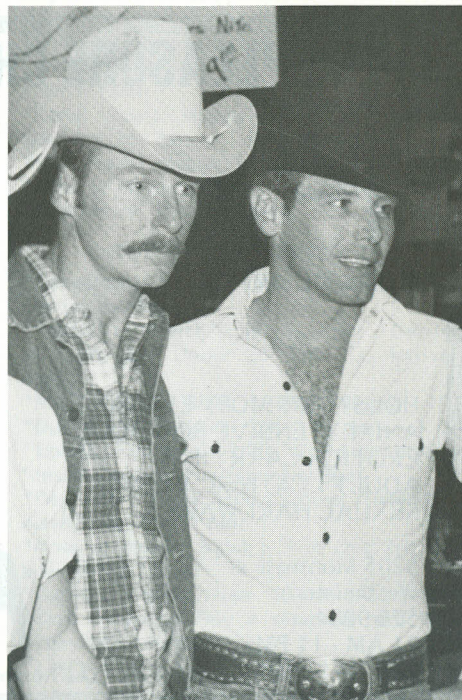


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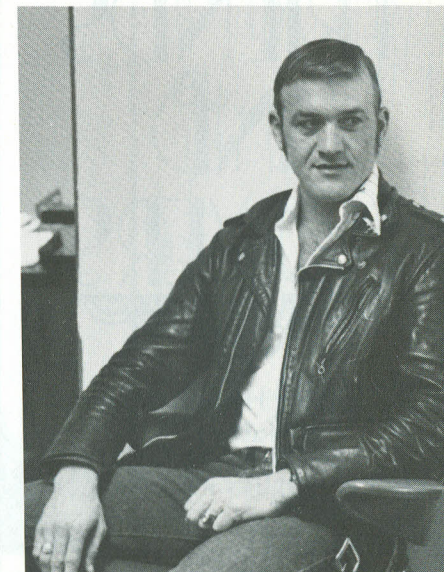
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# the guide

Listed here are bars, bookstores, baths, retail shops, and services which THIS WEEK IN TEXAS recommends to our readers. Each week we are in touch with each of these establishments, so our listing is both accurate and dependable. If you are travelling in Texas, we think you'll find that these merchants welcome your business and will give you the best value for your money.

**GAY HOT LINES**  
 Texas Gay Task Force—Post Office Bx 2036  
 Universal City, Tx. 78148  
 Austin—(512) 477-6699  
 Dallas—(214) 748-6790  
 East Texas—(214) 843-2989  
 Fort Worth—(817) 335-6301  
 Houston—(713) 228-1505  
 San Antonio—(512) 733-7300

**AMARILLO LOUNGE**  
 Old Plantation — 1005 N. Filmore — 372-5081

**AUSTIN ADULT BOOKSTORES**  
 All American News—2532 Guadalupe—478-0222  
 Mr. Peepers — 213 E. 6th Street — 478-0243

**AUSTIN CHURCH**  
 Metro Community — 408 W. 23rd — 459-7189

**AUSTIN LOUNGES**  
 Austin Country — 705 Red River — 472-0418  
 Friends & Lovers — 222 E. 6th — 478-5661  
 The New Apt. — 2828 Rio Grand— 478-0224  
 Private Cellar — 1221 W. 6th— 477-0387

**AUSTIN ORGANIZATIONS**  
 Gay Comm. Svcs.—2330 Guadalupe—477-6699

## FRIENDS AND LOVERS

HAPPY HOUR 6-9pm  
 PIANO BAR with Bernie Siben  
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 AFTER HOURS Fri & Sat 2am-?

222 E. 6th Austin 478-5661

**BEAUMONT LOUNGES**  
 Club Taboo — 5760 Pt Arthur — 835-9497

**COLEMAN THEATRE**  
 Oak Drive Inn—N. on Hy.84, Old Abilene Hwy

**CORPUS CHRISTI RETAILERS**  
 Hoagies — 1024 Leopard — 884-0166  
 Patte's Cache — 20 Gaslight Square — 888-6771

**DALLAS AIR CONDITIONING**  
 Day & Night — 5710 Marquita — 826-8300

**DALLAS ANTIQUES**  
 Mike's Things—3136 Routh, Ste. 104- 748-0210  
 Frogmore Antiques—4531 McKinney—521-1331

**DALLAS BATHS**  
 Bachelor's Quarters— 1225 Skiles — 823-0432  
 Club Dallas — 2616 Swiss Street — 821-1990

**DALLAS BOOKSTORES**  
 The Copenhagen — 2500 Knight  
 Lobo Book Shop — 3917 Cedar Spr—522-1132  
 Pleasure Shoppe — 6852 Greenville

**DALLAS CHURCH**  
 Metro Community — 2701 Reagan — 526-6221

**DALLAS CLOTHING**  
 Emporium— 3921 Cedar Springs — 528-7241  
 Union Jack — 3918 Cedar Springs — 528-9600

**DALLAS HAIR SALONS**  
 Tonsorium — 2900 N. Henderson — 823-1410  
 Union Jack — 3918 Cedar Springs — 528-9600

**DALLAS LOUNGES**  
 The Boot Camp—2508 N. Fitzhugh—823-1038  
 Bon Soir — 4527 Cole Street — 526-9432  
 Chuck's — 3019 Haskell Street — 526-9329  
 Crews Inn — 3220 N. Fitzhugh — 526-9320  
 Crews Inn II — 3115 Live Oak St. — 824-9043  
 Dimension 3 — 2617 N. Pearl — 741-0300  
 Entre Nuit — 3116 Live Oak St. — 823-0423  
 Jugs — 3218 North Fitzhugh Street — 526-9283  
 Old Plantation — 1807 N. Harwood — 651-1988  
 Olive Branch — 2822 McKinney — 823-0921  
 One Way In — 2509 N. Fitzhugh — 824-9357  
 Ram Rod — 3224 N. Fitzhugh — 526-9110  
 Sassy's — 4516 McKinney — 526-9328  
 Service Station — 3215 N. Fitzhugh—526-9025  
 Sundance Kids — 4025 Maple St. — 526-9173  
 Swamp Trash—3014 Throckmorton—526-9184  
 Tex's Ranch—4117 Maple St. — 526-9302  
 T. J.'s — 3307 McKinney Street — 526-9368  
 Tool Box — 1804 North Harwood — 742-0350  
 Villa Fontana — 1315 Skiles Street — 823-0372

**DALLAS PICTURE FRAMES**  
 Coddington — 3921 Cedar Springs—528-7241

**DALLAS PLUMBING**  
 Bill Taylor Plumbg. —5710 Marquita—826-4300

**DALLAS RESORT**  
 El Rancho Vista —P.O.Box 24731,Zip 75224

**DALLAS RESTAURANTS**  
 Tabby's — 4832 Gaston — 823-0386

**DALLAS THEATRE**  
 The Hayloft —4100 Maple — 526-9458

**EL PASO LOUNGES**  
 Apartment — 804 Myrtle Street — 544-7175  
 Diamond Lil Club—308 S. Florence—532-0137  
 Pet Shop — 800 E. San Antonio — 532-9721

**FORT WORTH CHURCH**  
 Agape MCC — 3024 Forrest Ave. — 429-5375

**FORT WORTH LOUNGES**  
 Aub's — 1308 St. Louis Street — 927-9220  
 Bailey St. Warehouse—259 Bailey—335-0232  
 500 Club — 506 West Magnolia St. — 335-0692  
 651 Club — 651 S. Jennings — 332-0745  
 The Other Place — 2308 W. 7th — 335-0586  
 T.J.'s Back Door—5563 Jacksboro Hwy—624-0630

**FORT WORTH RESTAURANT**  
 Aub's — 1308 Saint Louis Street — 927-9220

**GALVESTON BATHS**  
 Kon Tiki — 220 23rd / Tremont St. —763-9031

**GALVESTON LOUNGES**  
 Fruit Jar — 2214 Mechanic Street — 763-6319  
 Kon Tiki — 214 23rd/Tremont St. — 763-9031  
 Mary's II — 2502 Q½ Street — 763-9334  
 Robert's Lafitte — 409 Rosenberg — 763-9507

**GALVESTON ORGANIZATION**  
 Galveston Gay Society — 762-4947

**HOUSTON ADULT BOOK STORES**  
 Action Bookstore—4613 Mt. Vernon—524-5612  
 Adult Arcade — 1201 Richmond  
 Carter's Bookstore —2819 Louisiana Street  
 Climax Bookstore—1407 Richmond—528-7808  
 Diner's News — 204 Westheimer — 528-8950

Gas Light — 3519 Bellaire — 665-9595  
 Main St. News — 4418 S. Main — 528-9693  
 Mr. Peepers, 1—5200 Telephone Rd— 649-9130  
 Mr. Peepers, 2 —1427 Texas Ave. — 226-9353  
 Mr. Peepers, 3 —5400 Airline Dr. — 691-9378  
 Mr. Peepers' Glory Hole — 2900 Fannin Street  
 N. Houston News—5102 Airline — 691-9445  
 Rosalies Too — 900 Preston — 226-7534  
 Studz News — 1132 West Alabama  
 Universal - 1437 W. Alabama - 528-8814

**HOUSTON ADULT MOVIE THEATRES**  
 French Quarter — 3201 Louisiana — 527-0782  
 Mini Park — 2907 South Main St. — 528-5881

**HOUSTON ADVERTISING AGENCY**  
 R.G. Saulter — 2102 Briarglen — 629-4476

**HOUSTON BATHS**  
 Club Houston — 2205 Fannin St. — 659-4998  
 Mr. Frizby's — 3401 Milam St. — 523-8840

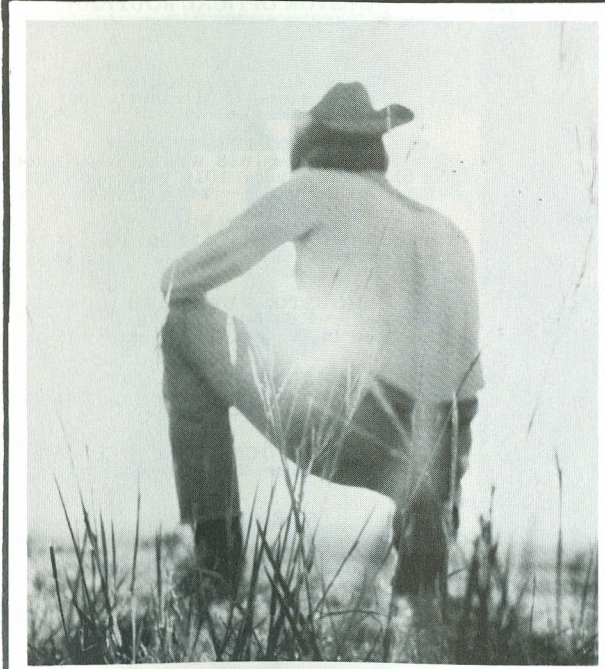
**HOUSTON CHURCHES**  
 Christ's Communion—908B Winston—861-0117  
 Metro. Community —1214 Joe Annie—526-8233

**HOUSTON CLOTHING**  
 Clothes Circuit — 900 Lovett Blvd. — 527-0553  
 Gowns by Lepe — 460-1675  
 Union Jack — 4025 Westheimer — 622-3100

**HOUSTON DERMATOLOGIST**  
 DermaCulture — 8158 S. Gessner — 777-9837

**HOUSTON DISTRIBUTORS**  
 Woodstock Dist. Co.—4315 Montrose—529-1270  
 Bullet — P.O. Box 3513, Zip 77001 —522-3921

**HOUSTON FLOWERS/PLANTS**  
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 Plants by Ri Pa — 2712 Richmond — 524-6953  
 Flowers by Ron — 900 Lovett — 526-0525  
 Guenther Flowers — 2030 Alabama —532-2828



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Hair Unlimited - 4200 Westheimer - 965-0191  
Mein Hair - 3207 Westheimer - 526-8854

**HOUSTON LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING**  
Single Service - 1621 Westheimer - 524-9560

**HOUSTON LEATHER**  
The Pleasure Chest - 3205 Montrose - 526-9084  
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**HOUSTON LOUNGES**  
Barn - 710 Pacific Street - 528-9427  
Briar Patch - 2294 Holcombe Blvd. - 665-9678  
Countryside - 1322 Westheimer - 527-9071  
Depository II - 401 McGowen - 524-7532  
Detour - 1504 Westheimer Road - 528-9552  
Exile - 1011 Bell - 659-0453  
Galleon - 2720 Richmond Ave. - 528-8787  
Hi Lite Ranch - 6800 S. Main - 528-8730  
Inside Outside - 1318 Westheimer - 528-8049  
Just Marion & Lynn's - 817 Fairview - 528-9110  
Lamp Post - 2417 Times Blvd. - 528-8921  
Levi - 2400 Brazos Street - 528-8637  
Locker - 1732 Westheimer Road - 528-8844  
Loft - 2909 South Main St. - 528-9337  
Mary's - 1022 Westheimer Road - 528-8851  
Now or Never - 439 W. Mt. Houston - 448-8466  
Old Plantation - 2020 Kipling - 522-2353  
Odd's Place - 905 Woodrow St. - 528-9019  
Our Place - 1419 Richmond Ave. - 528-8903  
Sally's - 900 Lovett Blvd - 528-8900, 523-3281  
Sparkle Plenty - 2912 S. Shepherd - 524-0170  
Venture-N - 2923 Main Street - 528-9397

**HOUSTON OPTICAL BOUTIQUE**  
Specs of Houston - 4709 Richmond - 626-1161

**HOUSTON ORGANIZATIONS**  
Gay Academic Union - P.O. Box 16041, Zip 77022  
Gay Polit. Caucus - 815 Hawthorne - 526-2668  
Montrose Activities Center - 526-2668

**HOUSTON PET CENTERS**  
A & A Pet Center - 1638 Westheimer - 527-0067  
Pet Shop Bird Clinic - 1010 Tuam - 659-3760  
Village Pet Boutique - 2431 Times Boulevard

**HOUSTON PHOTOS**  
Glynda - 524-0072 or 528-1653  
Love Portraits - 303 W. Clay - 524-6597

**HOUSTON PUBLICATIONS**  
Texas Ball - P.O. Box 583, Alief, Tx. 77411  
This Week In Texas - 1110 Lovett - 527-9111

**HOUSTON REAL ESTATE**  
Jim Hollomon Realtor - 521-0278

**LUBBOCK LOUNGE**  
David's Warehouse - 2403 Marshall - 762-9165

**ODESSA LOUNGE**  
Misty Blue Lounge - 415 N. Jackson

**SAN ANTONIO BOOKSTORES**  
Adultz News - 519 E. Houston - 225-9578  
Army Navy News - S.W. Military Dr.  
Paris News - 1929 N. New Braunfels - 225-9339

**SAN ANTONIO LOUNGES**  
El Jardin - 106 Navarro Street - 223-7177  
Friendly - 622 Roosevelt Street - 534-0710  
Habitat - 309 West Market Street - 223-0866  
The Keg - 826 San Pedro - 223-7700  
Mary Ellen's - 815 Fredricksburg - 732-0346  
Penny Pub - 10006 Wurzbach St. - 696-9181  
Precious - 1107 Nogalitos Street - 223-0413  
Sagittarius - 3000 N. St. Mary - 732-0694  
Spanish Harlem - 349 W. Josephine - 732-0110  
Zoo Club - 3240 Northwest Loop 410-341-4301

**SAN ANTONIO MEN'S CLUB**  
The Crown - 14789 Bandera Rd. - 695-9276

**TEXAS TRAVEL AGENCY**  
Terrace Travel - 668 Westbury Sq. - 729-9918

**TEXARKANA THEATRE**  
Capri Theatre - 818 East Street - Texarkana

**WACO LOUNGE**  
Other End - 2810 North 19th St. - 735-9195

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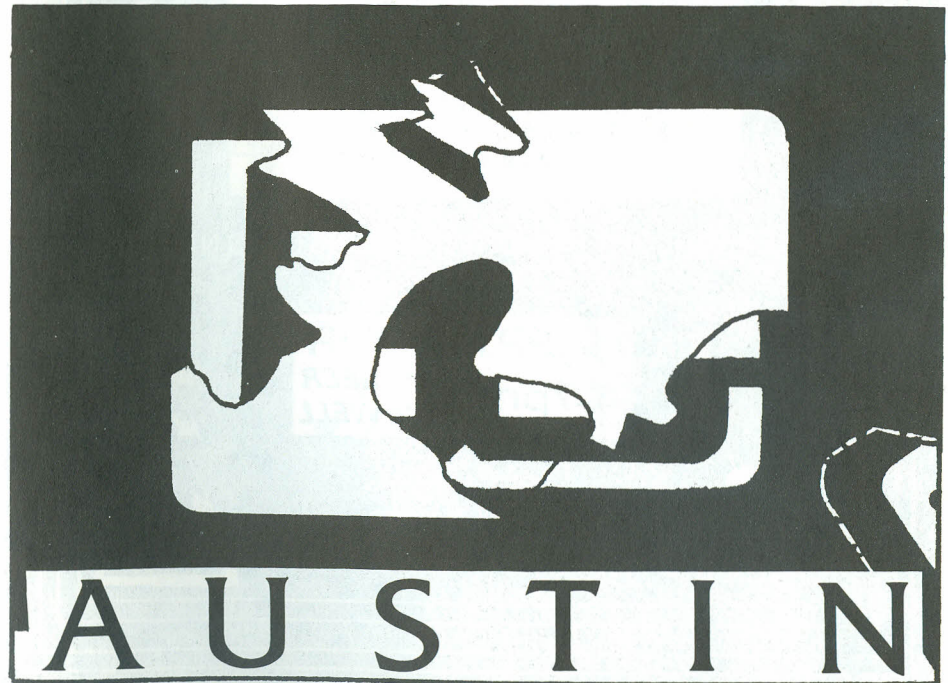


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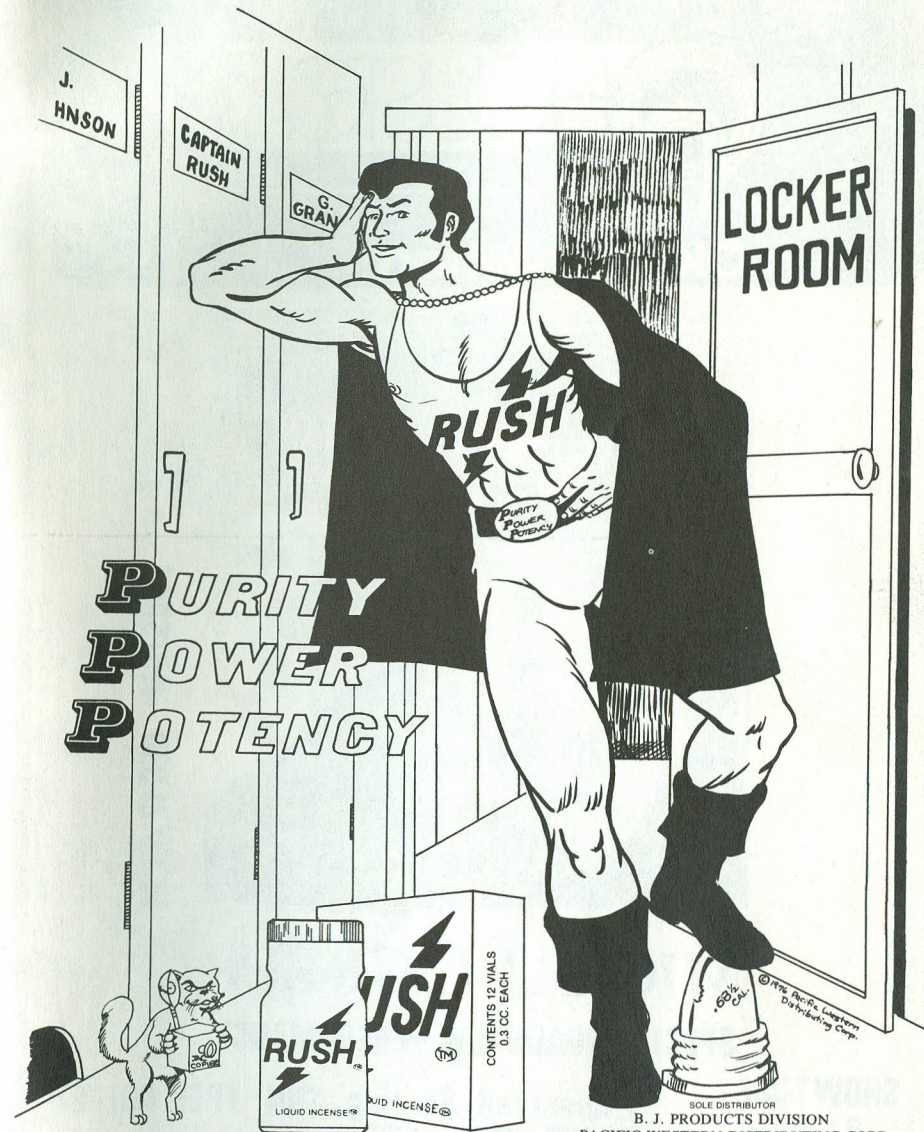
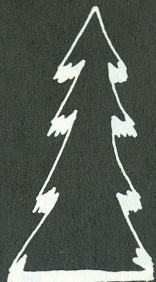
Mon; Dec. 13th, 8PM  
1 Free drink per person  
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