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IN MANY DIFFERENT
LANGUAGES

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I would like to introduce all my readers to a new and very funny comic strip called "MOTHER" which will be appearing weekly in TWT. I'm sure we can all appreciate her wit and humor. I'm sure glad she's not my mother.



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news up front

NEW GONORRHEA SPREADING

At least 16 states now have reported cases of the new penicillin "destroying" strain of gonorrhea, according to the National Center for Disease Control - and one gay V.D. clinic reports that two cases have popped up in gay people.

Though the numbers of people with the new venereal disease remain small - California with 16 cases accounts for nearly half the diagnosed cases, according to CDC - the fact that the gonorrhea strain literally destroys penicillin has health officials worried. Penicillin is the antibiotic almost universally used against venereal disease. The new strain, however, can be destroyed by the spectinomycin, which is considerably more expensive than penicillin.

CLUB TABOO NEW YEAR

Rosie and Ken of Beaumont's CLUB TABOO are ready to unload a super New Years Eve Party on the Golden Triangle complete with buffet, party favors, noise makers, and the works! So work in the CLUB TABOO on your New Years Eve rounds. It's a lot for just a \$3.00 cover.

SILVER BULLET SALOON

There's a cozy new neighborhood bar opening in mid January in Houston to be called THE SILVER BULLET SALOON located at 1005 California where the old Numbers bar used to be. Manager Paul Boeth is busily involved in reconstruction of the club which will include taped music, a tree house in the patio out back, plus a whole new a la Silver Bullet look inside. Hours are set for 11am til 2am daily. And the "logo" is a military patch.

MIDNIGHT SUN

The grand opening of Houston's new disco, THE MIDNIGHT SUN is only weeks away. Owner Louis Garcia is expecting the "sun" to rise mid month. The refurbishing includes mirror walls, thick carpeting, terraced seating, cosmic d j booth, fantastic light show, sun burst disco dance floor and meat racks.

The club will be expanded in the Spring to include a huge back bar with very west coast bleachers surrounding a disco arena! Happy New Year from Louis, Peaches, Gary, Chet, Bill Duncan, and all the sons of the Sun!



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THESBIANS NEEDED

The Montrose Activity Center of Houston will present the play, "El Grande de Coca Cola" this coming March. Actors and actresses are invited by for auditions, January 16 2:00pm and January 17 and 18 at 7:30pm. TWT has learned that rehearsals will start January 24. All proceeds will go to the MAC Theatrical Fund.

GALLEON CHANGES

As reported in TWT several weeks ago, The Galleon in Houston is in for a change of location. TWT has now learned that owner Frank Palmer will make a special announcement this New Years Eve as to the details of the change.

So make plans now to attend the Galleon's New Years Eve Annual Whing-Ding and learn where the good ship Galleon is going to drop anchor.

NEW WACO BAR

A hot new bar called THE RAYSINS opened in Waco over the Christmas weekend. Located at 2101 LaSalle, The Raysins is fast becoming a popular neighborhood bar. In charge of the new club is the handsome Steve Ray. TWT welcomes this new Waco bar and wishes everyone in Waco the best in the new year!

HOT LIPS REVUE

Last Sunday afternoon's (4:00 to 8:00pm) Hot Lips Revue at Houston's THE LOFT was another outstanding crowd pleaser. The Loft was jammed, the beer was flowing, the customers were tipping the stars, and several people fell in love.

On the heels of the show's success, the Loft will continue to present the Revue all weekend, every weekend, as a regular number. Friday and Saturday nights the show is in the evening from 9 til 1. Sunday's show (which replaces the beer bust) is an afternoon/early evening happening from 4 til 8pm.



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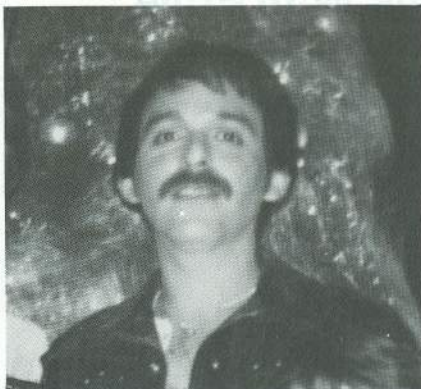
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RE: GARY WAYNE STOCK

TWT is watching closely the developments in the private investigation into the death of Inside Outside Countryside manager, Gary Wayne Stock. Gary was shot near Dennis and Fannin by Houston Police officer C.V. Hudson at 2:55am Monday, December 20. The full disclosure of the evidence is being with-held until all materials have been turned over to the appropriate authorities (District Attorney's office, and office of the U.S. Attorney) and Gary's family decides what should be done.

People close to the investigation report the situation seems favorable to the surfacing of the truth and the cause of justice. The group expresses



their appreciation for your concern and willingness to join the call for a full investigation.

When the facts can be released you can be sure TWT will report them accurately.

GPC MEETING

Houston's Gay Political Cacus will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 7:30pm at the Inside Outside. Be there.

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BIG CHANGES AT 500 CLUB

Tim Bailey, owner of the 500 Club, is pleased to announce that Jimmy Grisham has taken over as head of the shows. Jimmy tells us we can look forward to complete new shows and cast members highlighted by special appearances from out of town guests.

D 3 SCHEDULES MISS GAY AMERICA BENEFIT SHOW

Dallas' Dimension 3 has put together a super spectacular drag show for Sunday, January 9. It will feature four recent Miss Gay America title holders - Norma Kristi, 1972, from Hot Springs, Arkansas; The Lady Baronessa, 1973, from Birmingham, Alabama; Dani Diletto; 1975, from Detroit, Michigan; and Michael Andrews, 1976, from Dallas, Texas. The show will feature special guest stars Jimmy Dee, "Miss Gay Jacksonville", and Alan Allison, "Miss Gay Dallas". Watch for the return of the "Lady Shawn." That's at 9:30pm, Sunday, January 9. The \$2.50 cover includes a buffet dinner.

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& CHAMPAGNE PARTY !!**

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PRECIOUS NEW YEAR

San Antonio's Precious Lounge will ring out the old and ring in the new with a special New Years Eve Show Friday, December 31st beginning at 11:30pm. Trophies will be awarded along with more '77 surprises.

Ida and Emma wish to thank everyone for the great event this past Christmas Eve. They report, "it was a big hit!" Happy New Year from the Precious Lounge in the Alamo City.

**FCC, NETWORKS
HEAR GAY CASE**

The National Gay Task Force recently presented their case for fair and visible presence of gay people on television to the Federal Communications Commission and the heads of three television networks.

In a November 15 appearance before the FCC, NGTF said, "In the past is lesbians and gay men were luck, they, got to see themselves once a year in a role that wasn't a simpering fruitcake or a deranged killer."

Not all the FCC commissioners at the hearing were sympathetic. Commissioner James Quello said broadcasters "have the right to exercise journalistic judgment." Commissioner Benjamin Hooks, however, countered, "You can't serve the whites and not the blacks. You can't serve the heterosexuals and not the homosexuals." Hooks recently was appointed executive of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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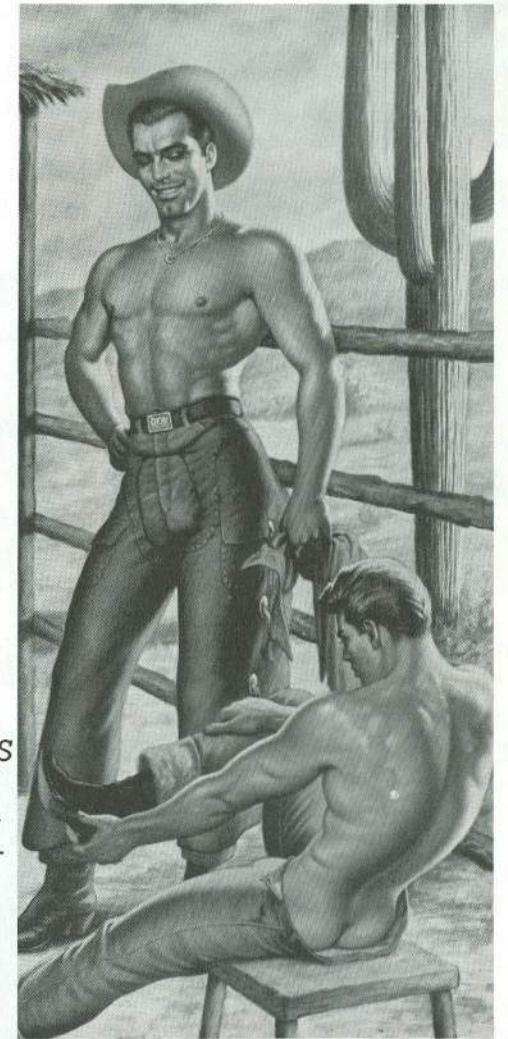
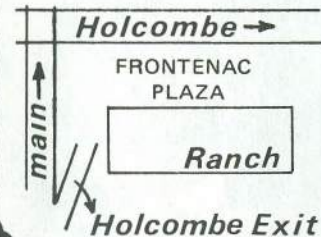
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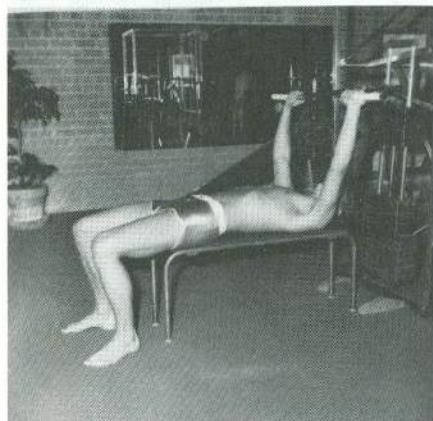
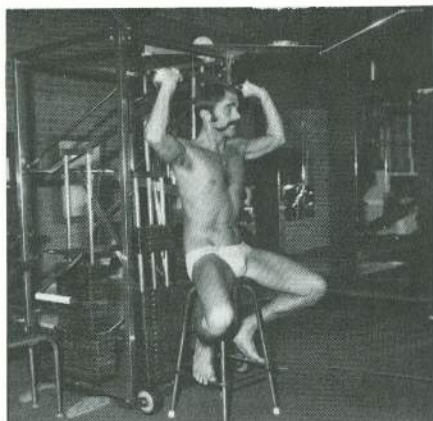
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The New Year is traditionally a time for resolutions. One of the most often mentioned is "this year I'm going to get in shape." 1977 could be your year to really get physically fit by exercising and watching what you eat. One of the best places to work out is a place where you probably already hold a membership— The Club Baths in Dallas or Houston (and soon in Austin).



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FOR ALL SIGNS: This week STARSCOPE expands to include a look ahead at the entire year 1977. The topic we look at is love. If you know your ascendant (rising) sign read both it and your sun sign.

AIRES YEAR AHEAD: Saturn remaining in Leo thru the first 10 months of 1977 puts a restricting influence on your 5th house of love affairs. Romantically the first half of the year should be better in attracting new admirers or keeping the one you have. Venus, the planet of love, will be going back and forth in your sign from February 3rd until early summer. April is your best month. You will have more charm than usual while Venus is in Aries from February til early June. Aires, more than any other sign, should benefit more this year from Venus because of the extra long stay of this planet in your sign.

TAURUS YEAR AHEAD: 1977 starts off with an unfavorable square of Saturn to your sign from the house of your home. This will cause a continuation of stress in the home. January, February and March will see lucky Jupiter in your sign giving you confidence. November will be the best time to get married. Mid-June could find you meeting this new love because of a favorable Venus placement. 1977 should be a better year than 1976 for love.

GEMINI YEAR AHEAD: Both Venus, the planet of love, and Mars, the planet of action, will spend some 5 months (February thru June) in your 11th house of friendships, making this a very social period. Venus will enter Gemini in July making mid-summer a charged-up time for your romantic interests. Meanwhile Mars will stay in Gemini til August. Your worst love month will be September when Venus touches Saturn, restriction. Next December could see a holiday marriage when Venus enters your 7th house of partnerships.

CANCER YEAR AHEAD: 1977 starts off with Venus in your 10th house which favors your career; but it squares your sun sign causing February, March, April, and May to be unfavorable for love. However, lucky Jupiter enters Cancer in the last half of the new year bringing a positive approach to love. And, Venus (planet of love) enters Cancer on August 3rd adding further accent to your love life. In fact late summer could bring sudden love at first sight. Then, in September Mars moving into Cancer could cause you to act regarding this new interest. 1977 sees the trouble planets out of your way.

LEO YEAR AHEAD: Unfortunately 1977 is not your year as troublesome Saturn remains in your sun sign until next November. Your worst time will be when a planetary square is operable from mid-February until mid-April. Expect moves and changes until a settling next December. Leo likes to expand and grow and this year the Leo will find too many restrictions. Neptune placed in your 5th house of love affairs all year will cause love to be vague and slippery. Venus will be favorable for love next December, but that's a long wait.

VIRGO YEAR AHEAD: 1977 will not be a year when love is a top priority in your life. Other things like home, money, and career will seem more important. Sex and love are not the same and although love is not favored, your sexual capability and desires will be taken to new highs when Venus, planet of love, spends 4 months in your 8th house of sex. This upbeat sex cycle is February thru June, so the year will begin on a highly charged note. Saturn will enter Virgo next November causing restrictions, so have your fun before October.

LIBRA YEAR AHEAD: 1977 could be the year you marry as Venus will make an extra long stay in your 7th house of partnerships. This long period is February thru early summer. June and July will find Venus in your 8th house of sexual desire so it could be a "hot" summer. With Saturn in your 11th house of friends, you may find your friends not approving of your new love. The first half of 1977 will find you getting along well with all your colleagues. Saturn will move into your 12th house in November placing the last restrictions on love far in the background.

SCORPIO YEAR AHEAD: Uranus, which brings on the unusual and unexpected, hasn't moved far enough ahead for 1977. You may break up with friends and lovers this year. Lucky Jupiter will be in your 7th house of marriage in the first part of the new year, so this will be the best time for tying the knot. But jealousy could wreck the affair later in the year. November will be your worst month for love, followed quickly by your best month, next December.

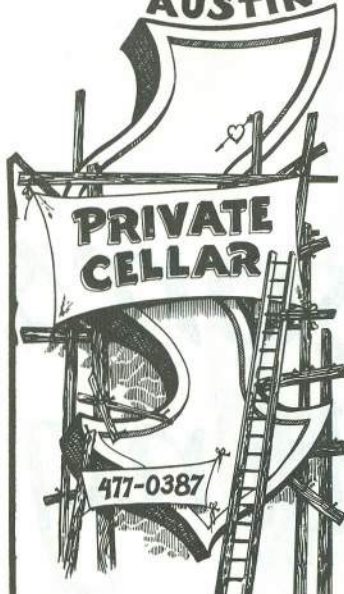
SAGITTARIUS YEAR AHEAD: It's your year, Archer, with Venus, the planet of love, firmly and happily placed in your 5th house of love affairs for four long wonderful months (February thru June). Marriage could well be indicated when lucky Jupiter hosts the 7th house of partnerships beginning in April. All is not perfectly wonderful however because elusive Neptune is still in Sagittarius all year long causing low energy levels. July will see Venus, Mars, and Jupiter all in your 7th house of marriage, undoubtedly your month.

CAPRICORN YEAR AHEAD: It could be a fairly good year in 1977 for your love life as lucky Jupiter will be poised in your 5th house of love affairs from the outset of January. This love affair could lead to a fixed partnership later on in August when Jupiter enters your 7th house of marriage. And, Venus will spend 4 months in your house of home (February to May) strengthening a roommate tie up. September could see you sexually charged up with Mars in your 8th house of lust.

AQUARIUS YEAR AHEAD: Don't expect to get married in 1977 as restrictive Saturn is in your 7th house of marriage until November. This will bring about sudden losses in your love affairs. If you are already married, then expect troubles with your partner. 1977 would be better spent just having a free, independent "love 'em and leave 'em" attitude. Mars will make you sexually pushy in the Spring. September will find Venus, the planet of love, in your 7th house of marriage, but don't be fooled by an Autumn admirer as the time will still not be right for a lasting relationship.

PISCES YEAR AHEAD: 1977 won't be especially positive or negative for your love life as nothing very different will happen with your planets that hasn't already been going on in '76. Just, expect more of what you've been experiencing. You will have a great desire for love however when Jupiter enters your 5th house of love affairs next Fall. Spring could see you confused about love. The best time for love in 1977 is the first part of the year when lovely Venus is in Pisces til early February. After that the emphasis switches from love to security, money and 2nd-house material things.

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Life with vera

by John Gardner

"Here you go, sir," Vera curtsied, "your morning coffee. I hope it tastes okay. I haven't quite mastered this new coffee pot that Miss Nelson gave me for Christmas. It's got more push buttons on it than a telephone."

"Tastes fine," Burt responded, as Vera joined him at the kitchen table. "Kind of strong, though."

"Oh, that's not strong. You should have seen the first batch I made. I ended up cleaning out the spout with a pipe cleaner. And the sugar spoon is still stuck in the cup. Looks like a black candle with a sterling silver wick."

"Okay, I've got my coffee. Now tell me, what's this urgent matter you said we need to discuss?" Burt asked. "And it better not be about my new lover. I've told you I'm not ready to talk about it yet."

"How pushy do you think I am?"

Vera huffed. "If you don't want to talk about him, that's okay with me. Far be it from me to pry into other peoples' private lives."

"Thank you," Burt noted.

"Your life is your life. And I figure when you're ready to talk about it, you'll let me know. I'm not the snoop that some people think I am. I'm not one of those silly people who feel they have to know what is going on in everybody's life. Not me."

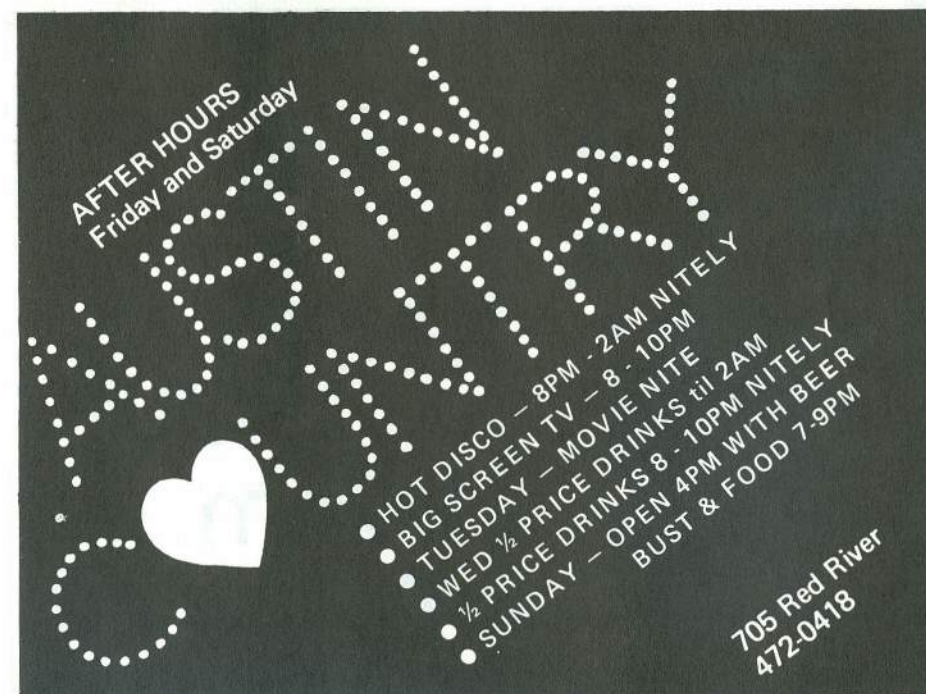
"Thank you," Burt repeated. "So what IS the topic of today's discussion?"

"My New Year's Resolutions. I thought you might be able to provide me with some assistance."

"Sure. What resolutions have you made so far?" Burt asked.

"Well, so far I just have one," Vera observed.

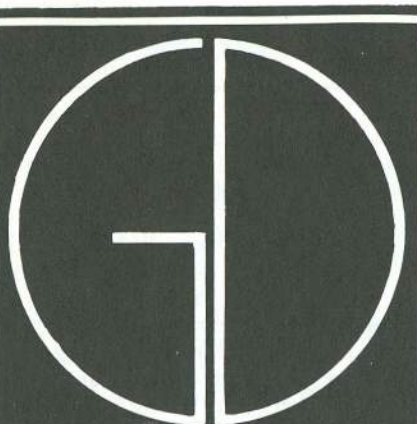
"What's that?"



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"To find out about your new lover!"

"Vera!"

"Please! Please! Pretty please. With sugar on top!" Vera pleaded.

"No! I don't want to delve into it right now, if you don't mind."

"Just tell me a little. A broad clue. A hint. Nothing too personal. Just basic information. How big is his cock? Does he like getting fist-fucked? How deep is his throat?" Vera begged.

"No!" Burt yelled. "Now let's just please drop the subject."

"But why? You've never kept secrets from me before," Vera reasoned.

"I have my reasons," Burt muttered, softly.

"What! What reasons?" Vera probed. "You've been acting like you're afraid for me to meet him."

Burt remained silent, staring at the table top.

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"That's it! You ARE ashamed for me to meet him. That's it, isn't it?"

"Yes," Burt uttered quietly.

"But why? What have I ever done to make you ashamed of me?" Vera asked, suddenly reflecting sorrow in his voice.

"There's nothing wrong with you. I think you're a wonderful person. My best friend. It's just that...that I don't think Zachary is ready to meet someone like you yet."

"Zachary! Is that his name? Zachary! You're betraying our friendship for a Zachary!" Vera stormed.

"Who's betraying a friendship? I'll tell you all about it in due time."

"And just when is 'due time'? Ten years from now?" Vera snorted.

"Don't be so damned melodramatic!" Burt snapped. "Five years at the most. Maybe as few as two."

"But I've never kept any secrets from you," Vera jabbed.

"That's just it," Burt elaborated, "You don't keep secrets from anybody. About anybody."

"My life is an open book," Vera performed.

"Your life isn't an open book—it's a MEGAPHONE!"

"WELL!" Vera huffed. "And give me back my coffee. I'll spoon it back into the pot!"

"Don't get mad. It's just that Zachary has never met anyone like you before. I don't think he's ready for it," Burt explained.

"And what am I? The plague?" Vera questioned.

"If the Bubonic fits, wear it!" Burt jabbed.

"Child, you cut me to the quick," Vera moaned, "After all I've done for you. Years of friendship. Years of sharing. Years of caring. My heart strings are tearing."

"Please," Burt sighed, "Spare me the poems."

"Just cast me aside. An old shoe. Break my heart. You'd better go now. I feel a tear or two coming on. Oh God, the agony of undeserved reject-

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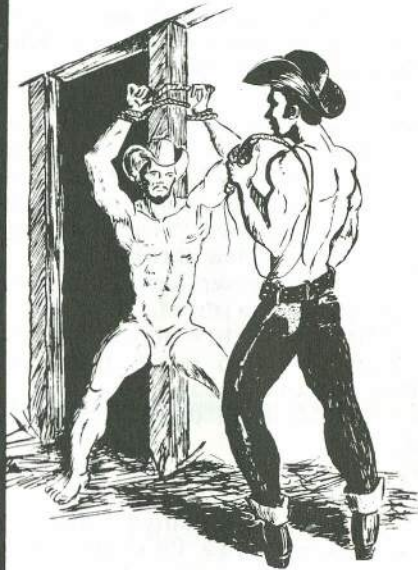
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ion." Sob. Sob.

"Oh, all right," Burt surrendered,
"What do you..."

"Good!" Vera bubbled, the agony
of defeat blossoming immediately into
the delight of those about to receive a
truck load of 'dirt.'

"His name is Zachary..."

"Oh, honey, that's old news. Get
on with the new stuff."

"He's 28. And..."

"Is that his age or his waist size?"
Vera interrupted.

"Age! Now are you going to let
me continue?"

"Okay, okay. My lips are sealed.
Talk!"

"He's eleven inches..."

"ELEVEN INCHES!"

"Eleven inches shorter than me.
Height, Vera, height!"

"Pity."

"And he has a little girl. Her name
is..."

"A LITTLE GIRL! As in flesh and
blood and Barbie dolls?"

"She's five years old. He got her..."

"Gads! You mean he's been down
in the valley of the bearded clam!
And you're going to make him your
lover. You're going to..."

"Listen! It's not his little girl. Not
biologically at least. It's his niece. He
adopted her after his sister died!"

"Thank God! I'd hate to think
you were marrying a twat traveler."

"And that's all I'm going to tell
you for now."

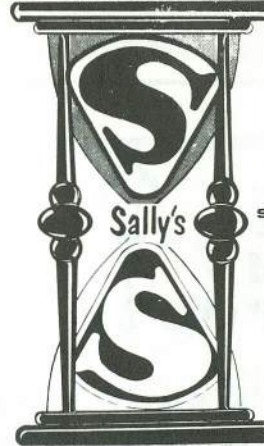
"You can't stop there. I have
more questions."

"I'll tell you more tomorrow,"
Burt promised.

"But what if I die tonight? Do
you want it on your conscience. You
want me to go to my grave in sus-
pense?" Vera asked.

"I'll take the chance," Burt re-

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plied. "Now if you'll pardon me, I have to get to work."

"Just one more question. One more. If you answer it I'll never bug you for information again."

"Okay, what is it?"

"What's his last name?"

"Oh, no. I'm not falling for that. Next thing I know you'll be calling him on the phone inviting him over for tea."

"BURT! Don't you have any trust in me at all? I'll admit we've gotten into a few jams together. But to accuse me of prying on such a grand scale. How could you? After all the years we've..."

"Whitney! Whitney! His last name is Whitney. Now if you're satisfied, I've got to get to work. And I trust you'll accept all this information in the spirit of confidence with which it was given."

"Why, of course. Sometimes I think you have the impression I'm some sort of gossip who has nothing to do but mess in other people's lives!"

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean to offend you," Burt offered. "You're right. Perhaps I have blown this out of proportion. Will you accept my apology?"

"Well, since you put it like that, 'yes.' Now hurry off, you'll be late for work."

"You're right on that. So long. See ya later this afternoon. Bye."

Burt departed. Even before the door was completely closed, Vera raced to the phone.

"Hello? Information? Honey, do you have a listing for a Mr. Zachary Whitney? No, I don't know the address. But he's 28, has a semi-daughter, and is 11 inches shorter than Burt. Sure, honey. I'll hold."

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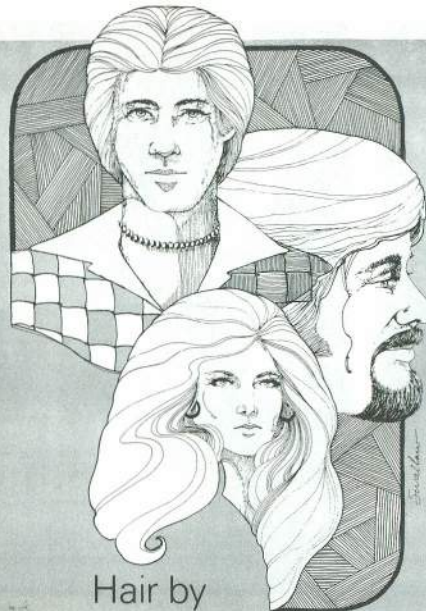
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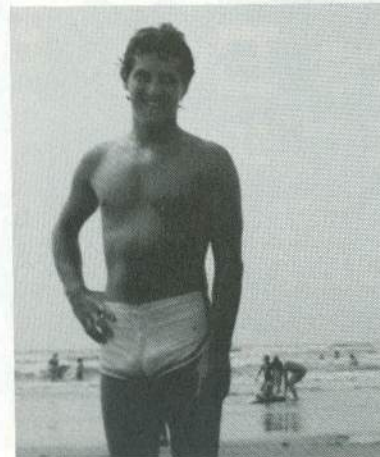
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Continuing a look back at a year just past: (upper left) the Westheimer Art Festival. (upper right) Tiffany, Ernestine and Sadjji at Old Plantation's Entertainer of Year Awards for TWT. (middle) The Military Ball at Levis. (bottom left) Stewarts Beach in Galveston. (bottom right) Miss Gay America Michael Andrews crowning Miss Gay Austin, Annette. THE BEST OF CRUISE CAMERA '76.



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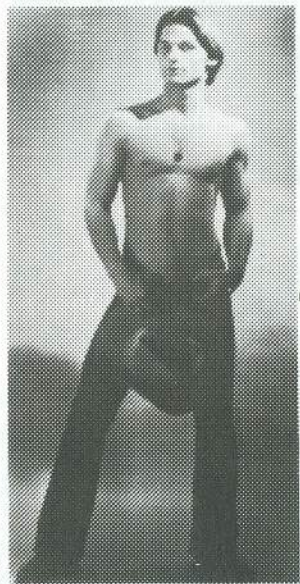
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

- *Private Cellar: Happy hour all day. Beer 45c well 95c.
- *New Apartment: Happy hour all day ½ price drinks.
- *Volley ball game: 3pm Ramesy Park, W 44th & Rosedale, sponsored by GCS.
- *Austin Country: Beer bust & food, 7-9pm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

- *New Apartment: Happy hour Mon-Sat 5-9 ½ price drinks.
- *Private Cellar: Happy hour Mon-Sat 2-7 Beer 45c; well 95c.
- *Friends & Lovers: Piano Bar 6 - 9 daily.
- *Austin Country: Big Screen TV M-Sat 8 til 10pm, ½ price drinks.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

- *Austin Country: Free Movie Nite 8 pm.
- *Friends & Lovers: Happy hour 6pm-2am. \$1.00 cover after 9pm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

- *Private Cellar: Free Beer Call 9:30-11:30pm.
- *Austin Country: Special drink nite 8pm-2am. ½price drinks; beer 40c, well 80c.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

- *Austin Country: Show 10pm: The Grease Sisters, Annetta, Rickie & Guest Stars.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

- *Austin Country: After hours 2 - 4 am.
- *Friends & Lovers: After hours 2 - 4 am.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

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

DALLAS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

- *Boot Camp: Buffet at 1pm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

- *Tool Box: 6pm Buffet and draft beer. \$1cover
- *Sundance Kid: Free Draft Beer 7pm til Keg runs dry.
- *Villa Fontana: 10c draft beer 4 - 7pm.
- *Crews Inn II: Pool Tourney 7pm.
- *Boot Camp: Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers 50c, 1 - 5 pm.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 3

- *Service Station: Pool Tourney 7:30pm.
- *Dimension III: ½ price bar drinks.
- *OP: 15c draft beer, no cover.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

- *Bachelor Quarters: \$1 all day.
- *Club Dallas: Buddy night 2-for-1 admission 6pm - 2am.
- *OP: 90c Margaritas.
- *Dimension III: 40c can beer.
- *Tool Box: 2-for-1 night 7pm - 2am.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

- *Sundance: Free draft beer and 50c can beer 9 - 11 pm.
- *Club Dallas: Discount Card Day. Buy a discount card and get a locker free.
- *Tool Box: Ticket night 8pm - 12pm.
- *OP: ½ price drinks.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

- *OP: Tequila Sunrises 75c.
- *Jugs: Surprise Buffet 6:30pm.
- *Swamptrash: Free movie 8pm.
- *Tool Box: Pool Tourney 8pm Trophies.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

- *OP: After hours 2 - 4 am.
- *Chucks: After hours 2 - 4 am.

FORT WORTH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

- *Aub's: Patricia Wyatt's Kaleidoscope Review 10 pm.
- *TJ's Back Door: Daddy's Girls, 10 pm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

- *Aub's: Alice Phallus' "Fur Burger Follies" at 10pm. Happy hour prices after the show.
- *Bailey St.: Free beer 8 - 9 pm.
- *MCC: Services at 11am and 7pm.
- *500 Club: "500 Follies" 9:30 pm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

- *Bailey St.: Free beer, 9 - 10 pm.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

- *Other Place: Free beer, 10 - 11 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

- *Bailey St.: Free Beer 8 - 9pm, Drag Show at 10pm.
- *500 Club: 500 Follies presents: "Midweek Madness" - Comedy Drag Show at 9:30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

- *Aub's: Special all comedy drag show featuring Modess Booty, 10 pm.
- *500 Club: Drag Show 10:30 pm.

HOUSTON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

- *Loft: Hot Lips Revue, 9pm-1am
- *Venture Inn: Babbs & Baldy performing 9 - 2 am. No Cover.
- *Levi's: \$1 Beer Bust 3 - 6 pm.
- *Detour: Bartenders Special 75c 10am-4pm.
- *Frizby's: \$2; 12am - 10am. Free Doughnuts 7 - 9 pm.
- *Now or Never: Happy Hour 5 - 7 pm.
- *Inside Outside: Bloodys and Screws. 60c singles; \$1.20 doubles.
- *Depository II: 11pm Tiffany & Co. \$1 cover \$1.10 Bar drinks.
- *Depository, Old Plantation, Sparkle Plenty, & Hi-Lite Ranch: After hours 2 - 4 am.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

- *Frizby's: \$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 bust. 6 - 9 pm.
- *OP: 9:30, "Follies" with Ernestine, Jennifer, Naomi, Jessica & Carmelita.
- *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.
- *Club Houston: Locker \$2 each 8pm - 4pm.
- *Locker: \$1 Beer Bust 7pm til ?
- *Briar Patch: Bloody Mary's, Screwdrivers, & beer 50c, 2 - 7pm.
- *Venture Inn: Babbs & Baldy 7 - 12 am.
- *Loft: Hot Lips Revue, 4 - 8 pm.
- *Depository: \$1 cover, nickle draft beer.
- *Detour: Beer Bust Noon til 6 pm.
- *Now or Never: 25c draft beer.
- *Locker: Beer Bust 6:30 til ?
- *Depository: 11 pm Tiffany & Co.
- *Club Houston: \$2 locker 8am - 4pm.
- *The Barn: Jambelaya Noon til 2am.
- *Hi-Lite Ranch: Happy hour 7 day, 12 - 4pm. 85c bar. Happier hour 4 - 7pm 50c bar 50c beer
- *Hi-Lite Ranch: Buffet 5 til ?

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

- *OP: Special Drink Nite, \$1 cover. 35c beer & well Mon - Thu.
- *Mr Peepers Glory Hole: Leather Nite 50c with membership.
- *Sparkle Plenty: \$3 cover. All drinks free.
- *Lamp Post: Pool Tourney 9pm.
- *Sally's: Happy hour 7am - noon & 5 - 8pm M-W-F, all day Tues & Thurs.
- *Briar Patch: Cocktail Hour Daily, 4 - 7 pm, 50c beer & 50c well drinks.
- *Venture Inn: Happy hour 10am - 6pm M-F.
- *Now or Never: Chili Night, 10pm.
- *Detour: Bingo 8:30 - 10:30 pm.

- *Galleon: Happy hour every day 4 - 8pm. 2-for-1, singles 50c; doubles 90c, & beer 55c.
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- *Club Houston: ½ price lockers 8am-4pm M-F.
- *Inside Outside: Draft Beer 35c every day, 7am - 7pm.
- *Lamp Post: Happy hour M-F, 5 - 7 pm, 50c beer; 75c bar.
- *Our Place: Happy hour M-Thurs, 5 - 7 pm.
- *Now or Never: Happy hour daily 5 - 7 pm.
- *Depository II: No cover, 50c bar drinks.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

- *Frizby's "Funch Time" in after 10am out by 2am, \$1. Under 26 with ID, 4pm mid-night \$1.
- *Mr Peepers Glory Hole: Wester Nite.
- *Our Place: 25c beer bust 11am - 7pm.
- *Locker: Free movie 9:30 "Reflections In A Golden Eye".
- *Inside Outside: Pool Tourney 8 pm.
- *Depository: \$1 cover, 35c bar drinks.
- *Now or Never: Butch's Nite Out 25c draft beer all night.
- *Detour: Happy hour 10am - midnight.
- *Club Houston: Buy a discount card & get a free locker all day.
- *Levi's: Dinner 6 - 10 pm.
- *Just Marrison & Lynns: 8:30pm - midnight band, "The Other Side."
- *Mr Frizby's: VD clinic 8 - 10pm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

- *Sparkle Plenty: \$1 cover & Beer Bust.
- *The Loft: Hump Nite 9 - 12 pm.
- *Inside Outside: GPC meeting 7:30, Public invited.
- *Depository II: \$2 cover, 10c bar drinks.
- *Depository II: 11pm Tiffany & Co. "Talent Nite." Amateur Guest.

- *Frizby's: "Funch Time" In after 10am out by 2am, \$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 - 10 pm.
- *Locker: Hat & Color Nite ½ 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 - 10pm.
- *The Barn: Pot Luck Dinner 8pm on.
- *Now or Never: Queen's Nite Out 25c draft beer all night & pool tournament.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

- *Detour: 2 well drinks for the price of 1 10am - 12pm.
- *Levi's: Dinner 6 - 10pm.
- *Now or Never: Ladies Nite Out 25c draft beer all night.
- *Club Houston: VD clinic 8 - 10pm.
- *Frizby's: "Funch Time" in after 10am out by 2pm, \$1.
- *Detour: Happy Hour 10 - noon, 5 - 7pm.
- *Sparkle Plenty: \$2 cover 25c well drinks.
- *Depository: \$1 cover, 35c bar drinks.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

- *Depository: \$1 cover, \$1.10 bar drinks.
- *After Hours at OP, Sparkle Plenty, Depository II, & Hi-Lite Ranch.
- *Exile: Laverne & Co' 9 til 1am.
- *Depository II: Show 11pm Tiffany Jones, Donna Day, Jerry Vanover, Eartha Kitt.
- *The Barn: Bridge party 7:30pm til ? Bring your friends and cards.
- *Now or Never: Drawing for case of beer 1am.
- *Frizby's: "Funch Time" In after 10am out by 2pm, \$1.
- *Loft: Hot Lips Revue 9pm - 1am.

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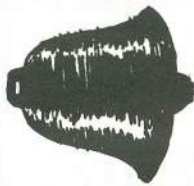
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