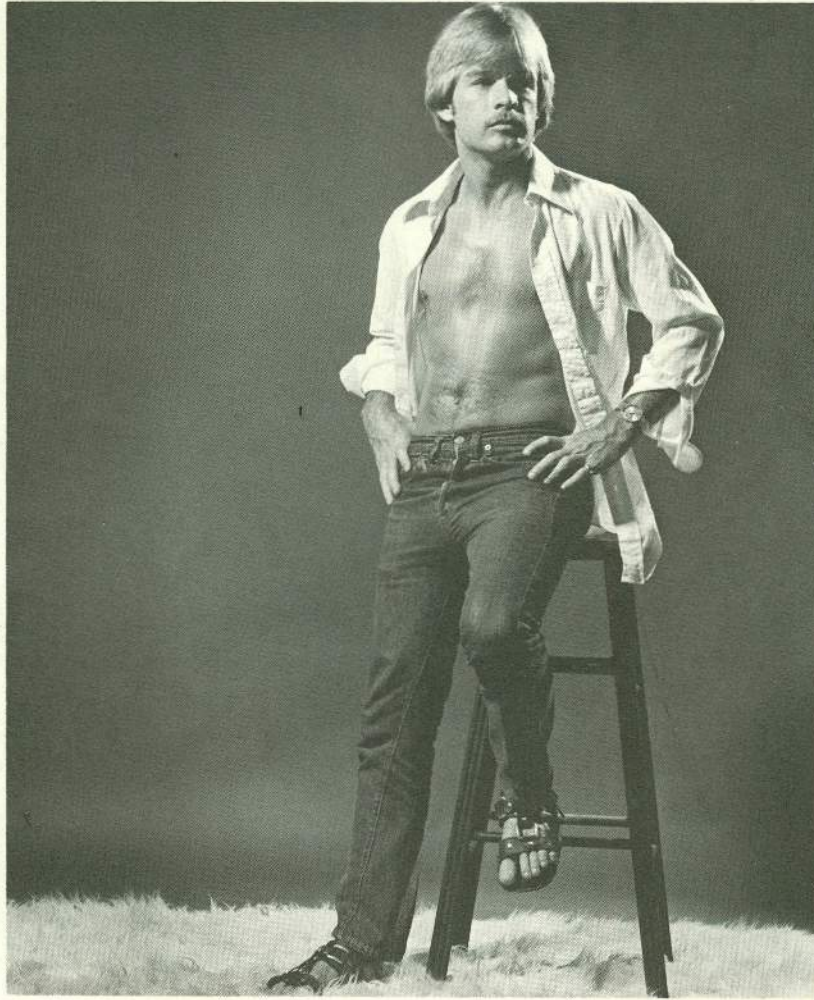




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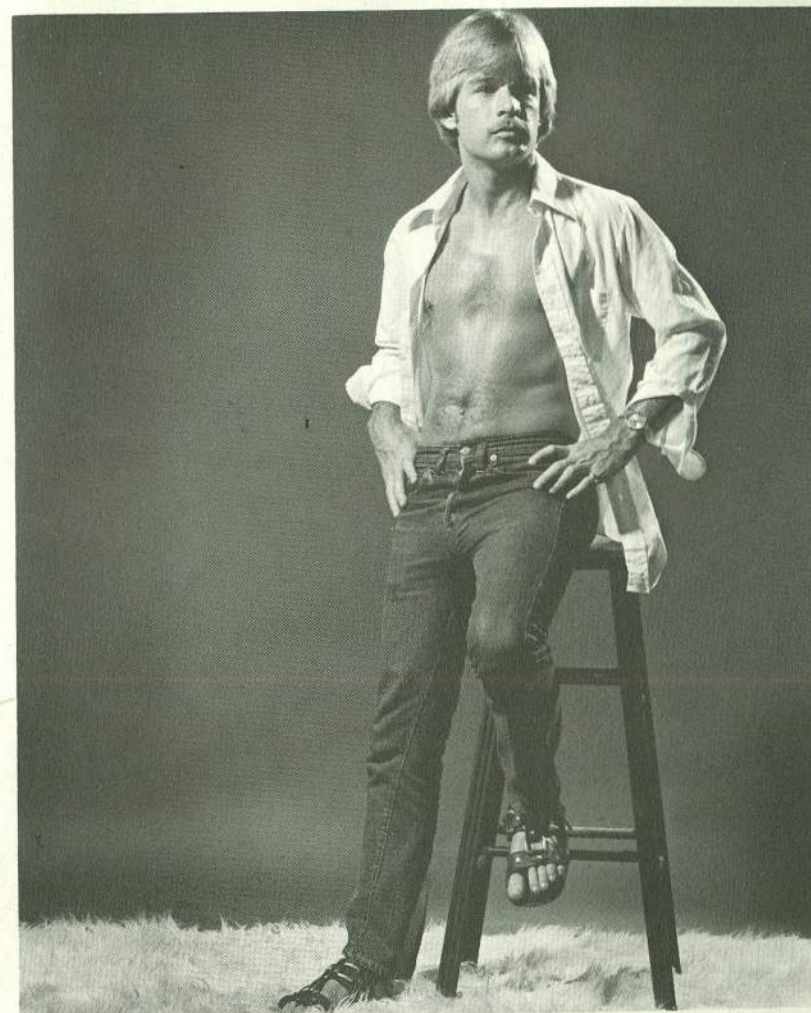
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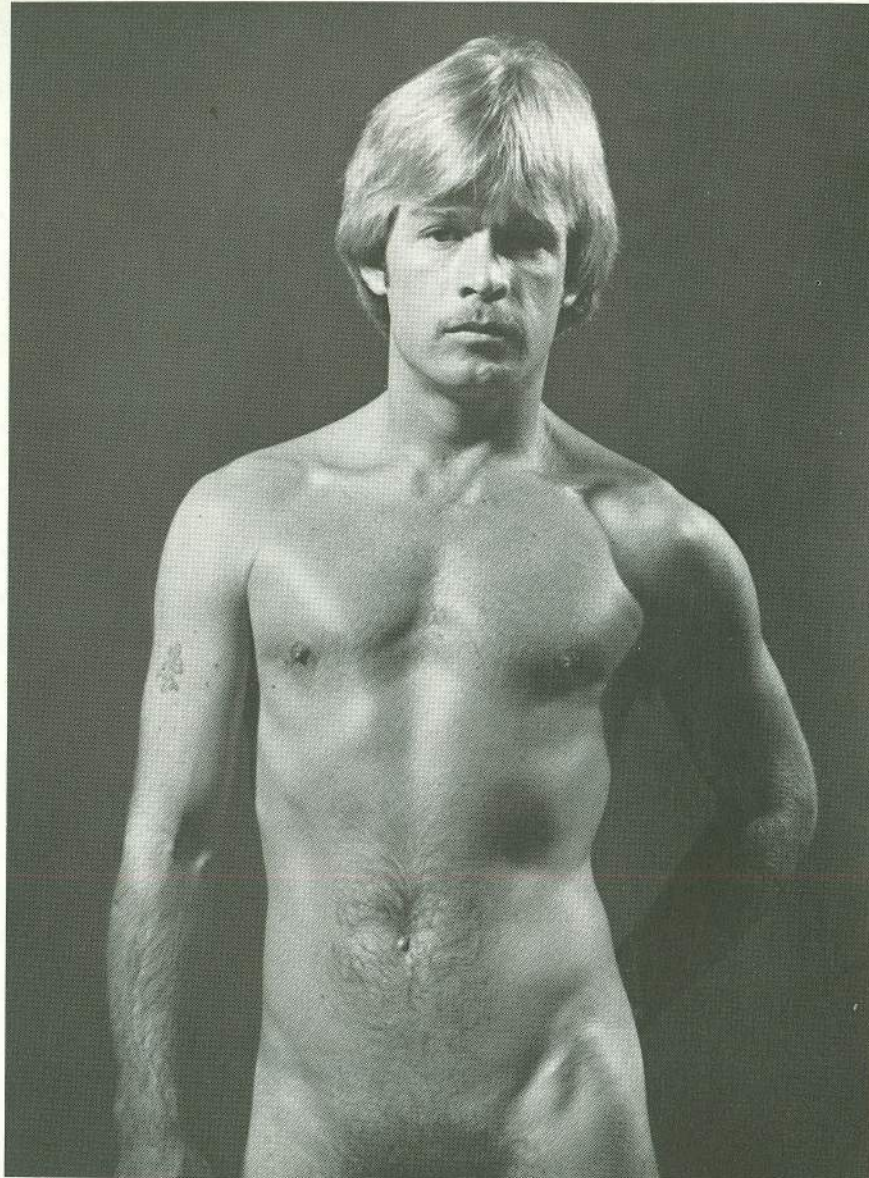
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A SELECTIVE GUIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

SATURDAY, JULY 26

DALLAS
Christmas in July, tonight, Old Plantation.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

EL PASO
Free dip and chips plus 25¢ draft beer from 2PM til midnight, Apartment Bar

HOUSTON
Detour, 3 – 6 PM, VD Health Clinic.
Daryl And Bud's Fifty Center Grand Opening. Free draft beer from 1PM – 4PM; Special show with Terry Thomas, Lynn Christi, Eartha Kitt, and E.D. Lloyd at 4PM.

MONDAY, JULY 28

DALLAS
Dart Contest, 7PM, Olive Branch Saloon. Entry fee, 50¢.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

DALLAS
Sixth Annual General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, registration at the Adolphus Hotel, 8AM. July 29 through August 3.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

DALLAS
Jan Poole sings at the Olive Branch Saloon, 9PM.

HOUSTON
Amateur Talent Night, 9 PM Lamp Post.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

DALLAS
New Years in August, tonight, Old Plantation.

HOUSTON
Bayou Landing, 9 – 12PM, VD Health Clinic.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

DALLAS
The Act III presents "Fiesta Mexicana," 8PM. Free Spanish rice, refried beans, tostados and jalapena peppers. Special \$1.00 Margaritas. Prizes for best Mexican Costumes.

HOUSTON
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SAMPLING TEXAS

Holy smoke, Batman! More than three thousand "soul" brothers and sisters will converge on Dallas as that city hosts the 6th Annual General Conference of Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Church. Whew! The affair begins Tuesday, the 29th, and runs through August 3rd, at the Adolphus Hotel. Welcome to the Lone Star State loyal Crusaders! This week in Texas is devotedly yours. . . And by the way, *This Week In Texas* sends belated congratulations to the Aura Organization in Ft. Worth. Their "Count Dracula" party was a big hit. And no wonder, they gave REAL blood. The blood, a pint from each party goer, was given to a jail release and assistance program for gay persons, as were the \$2.50 contributions. You'll never guess what bar drink was served at the social event — but it's made with tomatoe juice, vodka, and a dash of tobbasco! . . . Rosalind Russell will be providing the dash to the **Sundance Kid** bar in Dallas on the night of July 27th, Sunday, as the movie "Gypsy" is reeled out. Be there at 9:00 PM. You'll get to see Natalie Wood, too. . . And on Monday, the 28th, Houston's **Bayou Landing**, "My Little Chickadee" starring W.C. Fields and Mae West. (Hubba-hubba!) The classic OLD film screens at 8:30 and 11:00PM. The other Bayou City bars in the film-biz include the **Locker**, on Tuesday night, and the **Farmhouse** on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. . . Munchie time has come to the **Olive Branch Saloon** in Dallas, as the bar enjoys it's new complete snack bar. Houston food-freaks are still being overwhelmed by those exotic sandwiches being whipped up by Connie at the **Spur**. And she slaves from 11:00

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9 P. M. - 2 A. M.

ANSWERS BY ADAM

by Adam Dennis

What's the biggest gay nude beach in the Southwest?

Mike A., Oklahoma City, OK

Dear Mike:

The winner, hands down, is a stretch of beach along Lake Travis, near Austin, called "hippie hollow." More than 20-thousand brave souls, most of them University of Texas students and profs, strip naked along this popular strip of land. One area has been "relegated" to the gays, and there are about 3-thousand gay guys there every hot, sunny weekend day. The view is spectacular. Not only do you see the bodies of 3-thousand gay guys, but you also see the 12-thousand "straight" male nudes, many of them without female dates, as you walk through the "straight" section to get to the gay area.


I have just moved into a new apartment complex. The guy across the hall is, obviously, gay and is bugging the hell out of me. He's always knocking on my door and asking to borrow something. And he always appears at the most "inconvenient" time. I wouldn't mind, except that I know he doesn't really need the things he's borrowing. He just wants an excuse to socialize and chat. I've been polite and courteous, but I've about come to the end of my patience. I know he wants to "get it on," but he turns me off. How do I turn him off?

Stan L., Phoenix, Ariz.


Dear Stan:

Have you encouraged him, without meaning to? When he came over at those "inconvenient" times, did you answer the door nude or in your underwear? Don't do anything that conveys any interest whatsoever. And from now on, when he knocks on the door and you're sure it's him (invest in a peep hole, if necessary), don't open the door. Just say, "I'm tied up right now, come back later." He'll get the hint. He'll either think you're very popular, since you're always "busy," or you're just not in the mood to see anyone. Either way, you win. He'll give up after a while.

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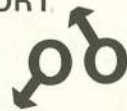
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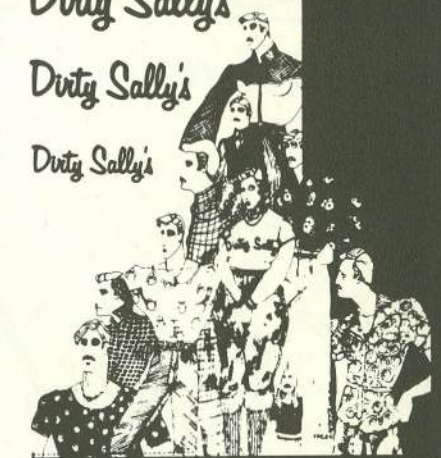
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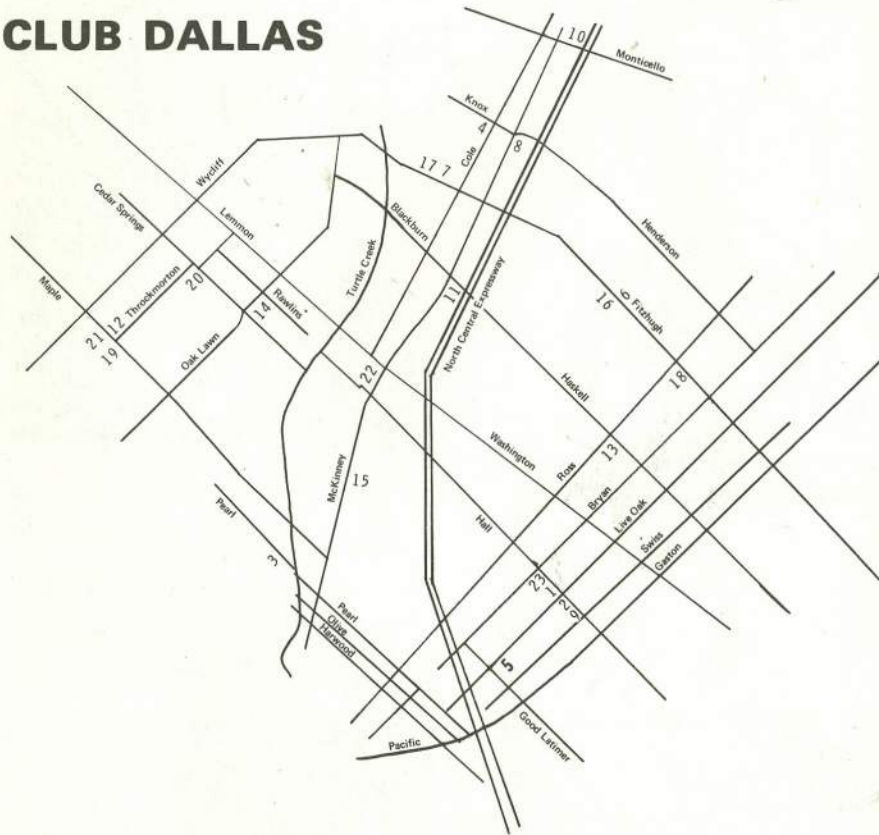
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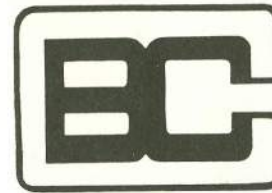


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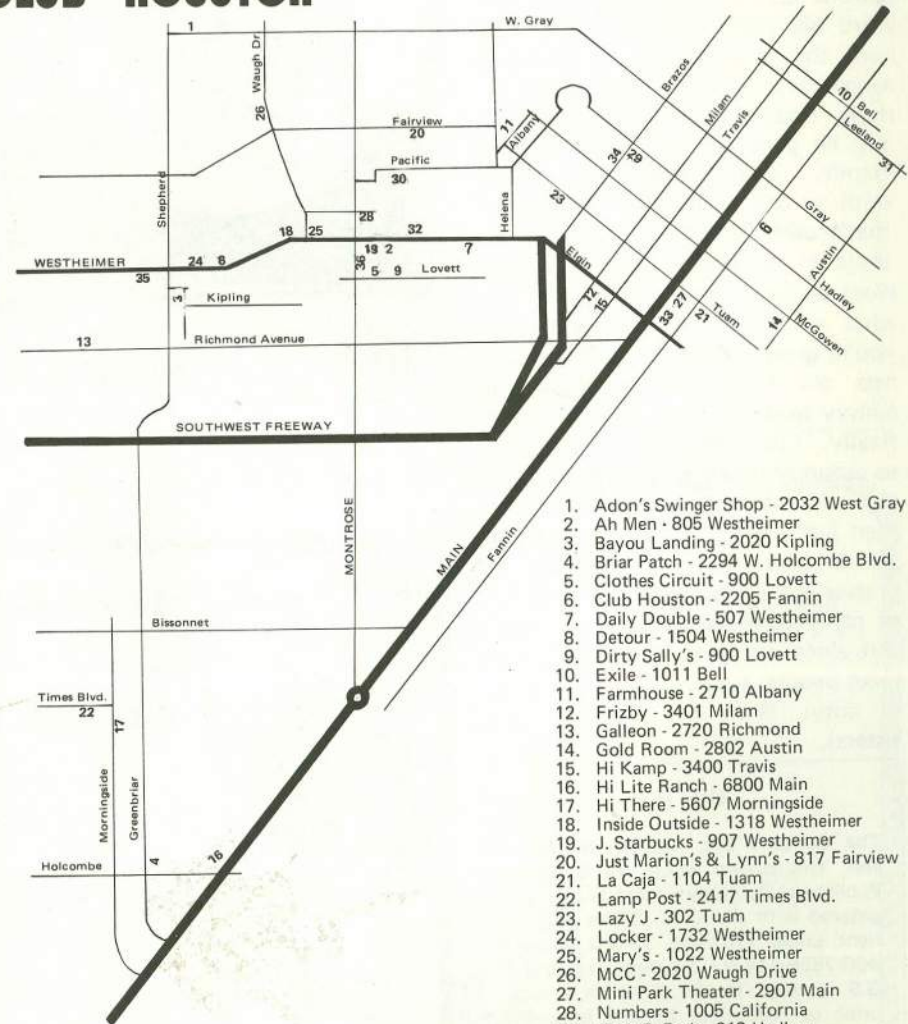


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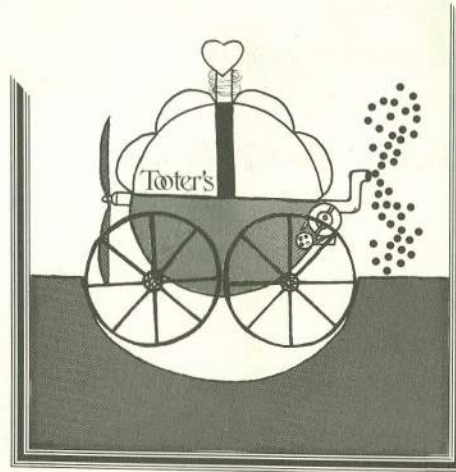


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in the morning until 4:00 in the morning! But her weariness provides everybody with some dandy eats. . .The "Lazy J" in Houston is now having a happy hour from 4:00 in the afternoon until 8:00. (The same afternoon.) And speaking of happy hours, a lot of them are now being spent by patrons of the Hi-Kamp in Houston. Word has gotten out that they now have the most heaven male exotic dancer that ever tip-toed across the stage. Reports filtering into this office say he goes by the name of "Just Randy," and is super! Of course, until we can go check it out in person, that's Just Opinion. . .While on the topic of opinions, incidentally, *This Week In Texas* would like to tell you what we think of you. We think you're great! The spirit and togetherness our little magazine strives to convey seems to be really catching on. Really. Lot of you swell people carry us around in your pocket when traveling. (It's been a "tip-off" to more than just a few "former" strangers on the streets.) Lots of names and addresses are being exchanged on pieces of paper torn from one of our pages. But since our goal is to help people meet people, I guess it's all in the line of duty. Write on, brothers! (and sisters).

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There's no way to describe it and have it make any sense. Because it doesn't make any sense. It just washes over you like a giant waterfall, leaving you gasping in the aisle for air as your sides split with laughter you've been saving since 1956.

All I can do is offer you a few samples of the madness. Although I must admit, it's going to lose a lot in translation. You had to have been there. But anyway —

Scene No. 22. King Arthur goes riding through a peasant village. (Actually, he's just prancing on foot

because none of the heros have horses. They just do this nellie little lope and each has a slave that follows along behind making sounds of hoofbeats by hitting two cocoanuts together.) One peasant says, "There goes the King." "How do you know it's the King," says another peasant. "Because he's the only one walking around that's not covered in shit!" Like I said, you have to be there.

Scene No. 56. Sir Lancelot gets into a fight with Sir Horrible, the Evil Knight. One by one, Lancelot cuts off Evil's right arm, right leg, left arm and left leg. As each appendage becomes a bleeding stump, Horrible chides Lancelot, "Bet you think you've got me down now." And then, as Lancelot walks away, the contorting torso cries from the ground, "Come back and fight you ass-hole coward, I'll bite your *%t&\$ off!"

Scene No. 87. Just as a terrible cartoon-type monster is about to devour Arthur and his men, the camera shows that the artist illustrator has a heart attack before he completes the drawing of the monster. Arthur and his boys in the band are saved.

Scene No. 99. A cute little white rabbit, the really cuddley type, suddenly flies through the air and chews the heads off 18 men. They die in bleeding, painful, heads-pulled-off agony.

Scene No. 122. God speaks from the heavens. Not only do you hear the voice of God, but you see him, too! He burps and farts.

Scene No. 145. To keep the British away from their castle, the Frenchmen load their catapults with livestock. They then proceed to hurl 145 cows, 755 sheep and more than a thousand chickens through the air, burying their enemies in flying animal do-do.

Scene No. 177. To save their lives, King Arthur and his men are forced to do interior decorating works on the abode of the feared Three-Headed Nellie Queen!

Like I said, you have to have been there. And you're a fool if you don't go see this movie. Almost as big a fool as you will be if you do go. Be ready to hoot, scream, holler and "carry on."

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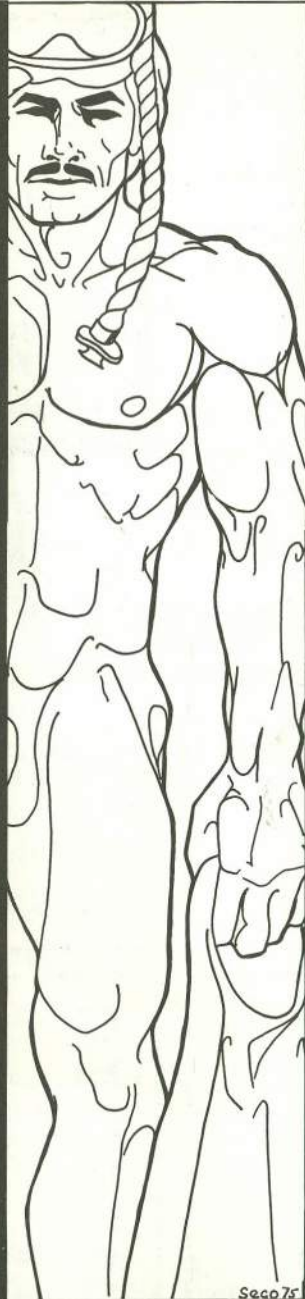
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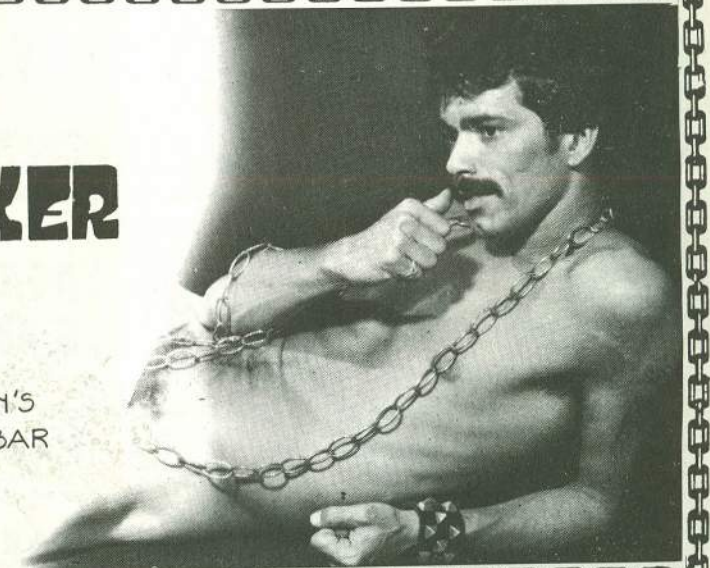
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DOCTORS BAG

by John Radtz, M.D.

As we have discussed earlier, the early medical history of syphilis is shrouded in shock, superstition and social stigma. Many of the early writers, who were also astrologers, blamed the disease on a malignant alignment of the stars and planets. In later years, syphilis was believed to be caused by an imbalance in the functioning abilities of the body organs. The erroneous studies concerning syphilis somewhat justified because the disease that had never been recognized before had suddenly become an epidemic in just a few years. They were just becoming aware of the disease around 1500, and by 1550, it was everywhere. Science was desperate for a solution to the sudden problem.

Luckily enough, they did hit upon a treatment. It was crude by our standards today, but it remained the primary source of treatment for hundreds of years. That treatment was with mercury. Unfortunately, the doses of mercury that were often given to a patient led to mercury poisoning and they were killed by the treatment. In fact, symptoms of mercurial poisoning became so common that the doctors thought they were the actual symptoms of syphilis itself.

Much of the problem lied in the fact that the physicians thought syphilis was just an advanced stage of gonorrhea. It wasn't until 1838 that research proved that gonorrhea and syphilis were two separate and distinct diseases.

Credit for that discovery is given to an American-born Frenchman named

Philippe Ricord. Ricord inoculated more than 2,500 patients to prove his point. He showed that a person with gonorrhea would not, necessarily, get syphilis, no matter how much time passed. But even with that discovery, it would be yet a long time before a safe, effective treatment for syphilis would be revealed.

It was not until 1943, more than four centuries after the problem was first studied, that the treatment of syphilis moved into its modern stages.

It was in that year that John Mahoney began to learn of a new drug introduced by Sir Alexander Fleming called penicillin. Mahoney, who had long been a student of infectious disease, elected to try the new treatment on some of his syphilis patients.

He was startled to find that penicillin seemed to work miracles in the treatment of those who had early-stage syphilis. The healing of sores and lesions was little short of miraculous and as soon as penicillin became available in large quantities, doctors around the world confirmed Mahoney's studies.

Within a few short years penicillin had completely replaced all other forms of treatment for the disease in all its stages. Now, more than 30 years later, it remains the foundation for curing the disease.

But even with a drug to combat the disease, medicine faced an immense enemy; the attitudes of the people. Syphilis was still a "no-no" that would not even be talked about in whispers. The American experience, through World War II, shows just how harmful the attitudes of the people were in completely eradicating the disease. We'll talk about that next time.

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Lounges:
Fruit Jar - 2214 Mechanic - 763-6319
Kon Tiki - 214 23rd & Tremont - 763-9031
Mary's Number 11 - 2502 Ave. Q½
Paradise - 213 Kempner (22nd) - 763-9880
Robert's Lafitte - 409 Rosenberg - 763-9507

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Houston

Lounges:
Bayou Landing - 2020 Kipling - 526-8951
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665-9678
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Shepherd - 528-8814
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