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Mathew Bauman, Bartender at Mary's, Houston, Texas

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AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

A SELECTIVE GUIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

GALVESTON

Sandy and her guitar entertain at the **Kon Tiki Wahine** starting at 10PM.

SAN ANTONIO

Halloween Masquerade Party, **Penny Pub**. Free champagne and cake, door prizes, and games with cash prizes.

HOUSTON

Michael Greer Show, 10PM and 2:45 AM, **Depository**. Cover, \$3.00. Top Entertainment.

Registration for the Poker-Run to Austin, sponsored by the Texas Riders, **The Locker**, 8—11AM.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

FT. WORTH

Mart Crowley's "Boys in the Band," **Bailey Street Warehouse**, 8PM.

EL PASO

Judging for Miss Halloween El Paso, **Pet Shop**. Contestant will be the winners for the other El Paso bars.

DALLAS

Carl Walters and his guitar, 3PM, **Swamp Trash**. Avon Party, 5PM.

HOUSTON

Service in MCC's new sanctuary, 1214 Joe Anne.

Beer Bust, Free Buffet, and the last chance to see Michael Greer at 10PM,

Depository. Cover, \$2.00.

Last day for the Texas Rider's Poker-Run on Lake Austin.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

FT. WORTH

Last performance of "Boys in the Band," **Bailey Street Warehouse**, 8PM.

GALVESTON

Benefit show for Dawn Winters at the **Kon Tiki** featuring Jan Russell and Ertha Kitt. Showtime, 10:30PM.

DALLAS

Olive Branch Saloon, 2 for 1, 8PM—2AM.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

HOUSTON

TADS meet at **Adam's Image**, 4:30 PM.

GALVESTON

Meeting of Galveston Gay Society, 9PM, **Robert's Lafitte**.

DALLAS

First Anniversary Celebration Party, 8PM, **Old Plantation**. Everyone welcome.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

FT. WORTH

First Thursday Dinner, all you can eat

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for \$1.00 donation to AURA, TJ's Backdoor, 8PM til ?.

DALLAS

All the draft beer you can drink, 8PM-2AM, for \$1.00, **Olive Branch Saloon**. Jan Poole sings at 9PM.

HOUSTON

INTEGRITY/HOUSTON. Presentation /rap: What Integrity can learn from similar groups in California. It meets at (but is not affiliated with) First Unitarian Church, corner of Fannin and Southmore, 7:15-8:45PM.

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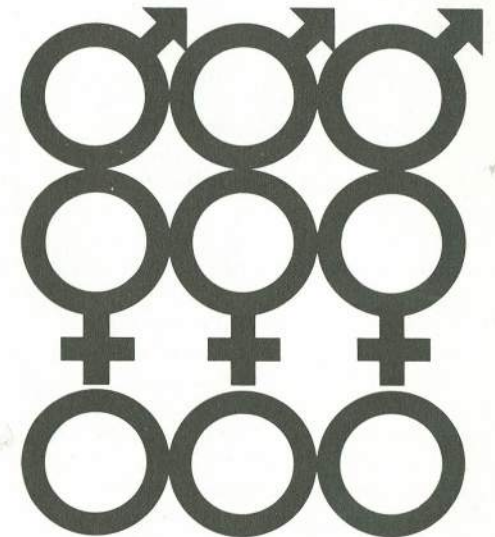
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SAMPLING TEXAS

This is the week of transition in Texas. The giggles and folly of getting tricks and treats is moving onto the back burner of the 1975 social season, as the very serious business of election time approaches. The more than 4,000 persons participating in the **Houston Gay Political Caucus Voter Registration Drive** are now getting those all-important voter registration certificates in the mail. All that remains to do now is the very important act of voting itself. The Houston Gay Political Caucus has a list of candidates most acceptable to the gay liberation movement. (Incidentally, Houston gays can call 224-1919, ext. 310 to find the address of their nearest polling precinct, or call the GPC, or check the Post or Chronicle.) The Houston mayoral election is the chief mobilizer of Bayou City political activity, but similar elections of importance are being held state-wide. So go out and VOTE! And if in Houston, vote Hofheinz . . . Professional gay entertainer Michael Greer continues his stint at the Houston **Depository**. The polished night club-movie performer starred at that bar's Halloween bash and continues camping at the Depository Saturday and Sunday nights. . . . It's moving time for the **Houston MCC**. The group outgrew its old location and is now trucking everything over to its new home at 1214 Joe Anne. First services there are slated for November 2nd. . . . And speaking of new surroundings, have you heard where Tiffany Jones spent Halloween? At the Chicago Playboy Club! Are you ready? It was a special one night stand appearance.

Special? It was a miracle! Tiff at the PlayBOY!! I know it's a small world — but that's a topper for anyone's cake. Wish we had a picture of that historical moment . . . Wish we could send Glenhall up there. Glenhall, in case you haven't heard, is the Dallas photog that makes those gays in that city look so good (even if they don't look so hot in real life). Give him a call at 233-4362 if you need his services. And if you look good in real life, he'll make you a knock out. No brag, just fact. . . . And while on things show-biz, take note that "The Boys in the Band" will be presented at 8:00 p.m. on the nights of November 2nd and 3rd at the **Bailey St. Warehouse** in Fort Worth. Ah, theatre. . . . In Dallas, the ever-popular Mike Sonnier, formerly of the **Bayou Landing** there, is now cutting hair at the **Union Jack**. He, along with Maurice, can fill you in on more Dallas dirt than you can cart off with a semi-tractor trailer. Pick a little, cut a little, pick a little, cut a little, etc., etc. . . . In the "Nobody Lives Here Anymore" column comes word that the **Hip Pocket** in Lubbock has closed its doors, but only temporarily. Also, the **Bar H** in Abilene is now closed on weekdays, but continues to go strong on weekends. (They'll really be going strong with their Miss Abilene Gay Pride Show on October 31. If you missed it already, shame, shame.) **Fisherman's Wharf** is closed in Odessa. Not by choice, but by chance. They burned to the ground, but owner Richard Gonzales says they'll reopen soon in a new location. But for the time being, the only remaining watering hole in Odessa is the **Skylite**. Single line, gang. . . . And finally, the **Texas Riders Poker Run** will be hitting the road on November 1, for the run from Houston to Austin. Registration will be held on the morn of the 1st at the **Locker** in Houston. Drive carefully, kids. Keep your mind on the road, till you get there. Varoom. Varooooooooommmmm!

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TAURUS (April 20—May 20): Quite possible you'll fall in love or develop a deep relationship with someone you already know in business or romance. With your will power strong you're attractive to others.

GEMINI (May 21—June 20): For you, November in Texas is April in Paris. Much centers around entertainment, recreation, relaxation. You're socially active throughout the coming weeks.

CANCER (June 21—July 22): Past issues haunt you through December. Questions around home and lovers. Friends are comforting and you find refuge in creative expression.

LEO (July 23—August 22): You shine in the social scene. Spending time with the way you carry yourself pays off. In the middle, you feel drawn back to your beginnings, and thoughts of home life invade your mind. Toward month's end you feel a need to settle down. To get what you want you must deal with people in authority.

VIRGO (August 23—September 22): Finishing up lapsing business, you dabble a lot in different projects and ideas. Watch for over-abundant suspicions, which are ill-founded — you can't see the trees for the forest.

LIBRA (September 23—October 23): Cool weather and you're hot. Your looks are better than ever this month, though you may be oblivious to it. Relate to others with complete honesty and keep no vital secrets from lovers or co-workers.

SCORPIO (October 24—November 21): Take a good look at the way others relate to you. How are you coming off to them? You experience a slow disillusionment with the social scene. It's time to tell someone how you really feel, and wait for results. Take steps to insure results in future plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22—December 21): Time you started thinking of yourself more often. Generosity's one thing, needless sacrifices are another. Friends or lovers may require assistance, but help them to depend on themselves.

CAPRICORN (December 22—January 19): Charity work helps your mood. Fortunate aspects concerning work and associates. Possible romance in leisure time activities.

AQUARIUS (January 20—February 18): Plans for the coming year occupy your thoughts. If looking for a new home, you are confronted by people more powerful than yourself; same holds true in business transactions. Analyze your position, taking steps slowly and cautiously so that you don't wind up on somebody's big toe.

PISCES (February 19—March 20): Travel seems lucrative. You'd like to experience past sensations, visit familiar places. Religious and moral questions tax your attention. Toward month's end you spend more time in secluded thought.

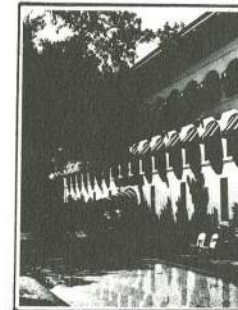


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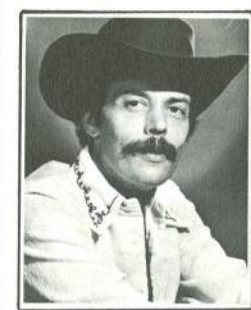
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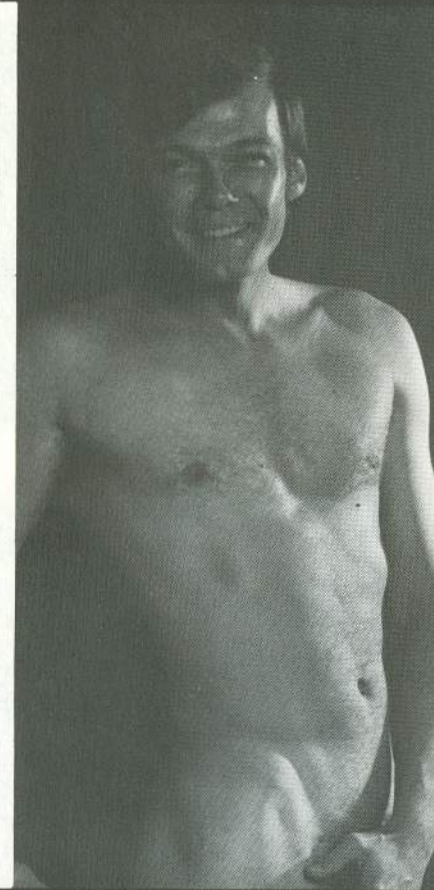
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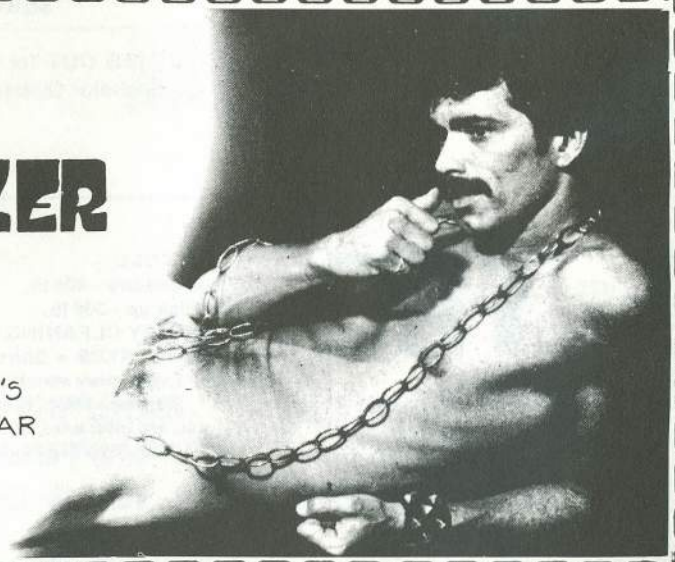
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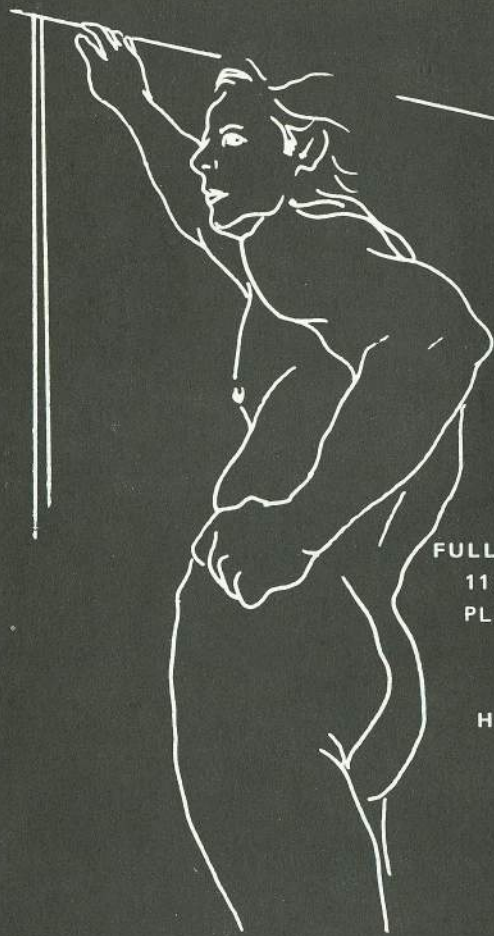
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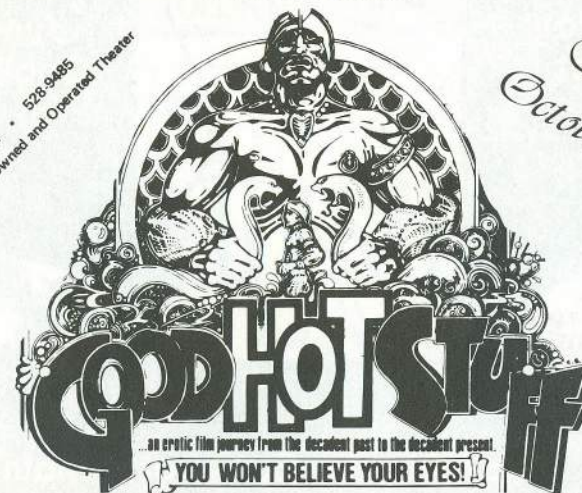
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By Christopher Savitch

I enjoy cheap, trashy, low-budget horror movies. I always have. As a kid, the mere thought of the Blob, the Killer Moles or the Swamp Creatures was enough to make me check to be sure that the front door to my house was locked at night, and to sleep in such a way that it would not be possible for my arm to dangle off the side of the bed at night — who knew what may have been lurking between my mattress and the floor. It was fun to be terrified. But as the years passed on, and I came to identify more with Wally Cleaver and Eddie Haskell, rather than the Beaver, such cheap-shot scare films become more a subject of laughter than terror. But the monsters were still worth the money, for their camp effect, if nothing else. In fact, the more corny and hoakey, the better.

There are really only two criteria for judging films of this genre — how much does the suspense build up before you get your first glimpse of the horrible thing you're going to see and, secondly, how pleased are you with the "monster" when you finally get to see it. Such standards of merit are hardly what you could call high. The only thing that can make a movie like this not be entertaining is boredom. Make me scared, make me excited, make me laugh — but please don't make me bored. Unfortunately, the fourth rate monster biggie now making the rounds coast to coast —

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First, there is no suspense. A meteorite crashes to Earth and a lot of regular-sized spiders are unleashed from within. You know they're going to grow to a gigantic size and you can't wait to see the shocked looks on everyone's faces as they get bigger and bigger. But it never happens. There is no suspense. Everyone just goes about their business as usual. Until one day, a farmer looks out over the north forty, and lo and behold — there's a giant spider out on the prairie. Just one. The **Giant Spider Invasion** turns out to be just that — one lousy giant spider and millions of regular-sized varmints. And this particular giant spider is the tackiest thing you would ever hope not to see.

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The Giant Spider looks like a poorly constructed amusement park ride. It's a big furry ball that rolls along on a giant wheel. (You never see the wheel because the giant spiders belly is never

shown as it moves — there's always a convenient tree, bush or shrub in the shot to block the view). And from this great furry ball extend the eight legs which move methodically up and down like slices of bread in the automatic toaster — and they're not even coordinated. Sometimes the spider continues to move even when all eight of his feet are in the air at the same time, which is all a little hard to swallow even for a giant spider.

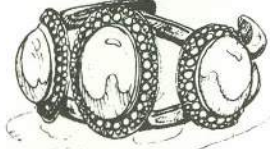
But even so, I still had hope. How funny it was going to be when all the people started running from this giant fuzz ball which looked like it had just run through a burning television antennae factory and made off with half the merchandise. But no, it never happened. The Giant Spider never really tore up anything, ran really rampant, or ate more than a few people. Even the people in the film didn't seem scared or amused. They just said, "There's a giant spider, Ma," and they killed it. Ain't much thrill in that. But then, I've already warned you that the film is dull. It's too fakey to be scary and too dull to be funny. Maybe if they'd chosen a crab instead of a spider there may have been more possibilities.

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