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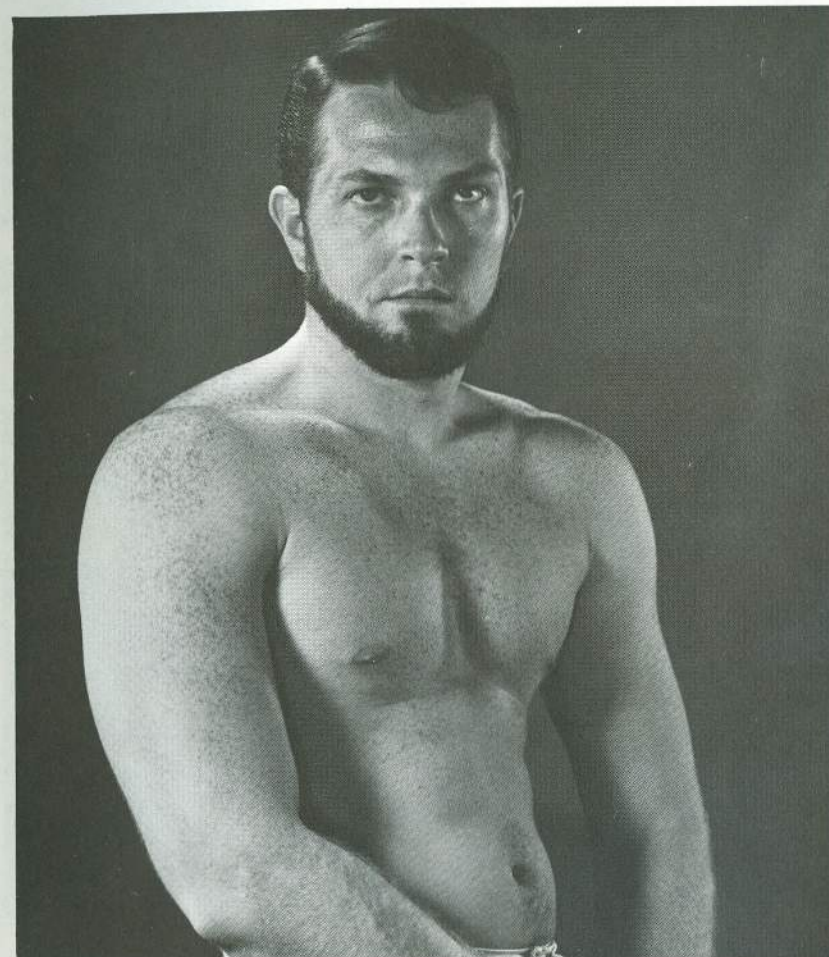
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*Chuck Ort,
Mr. Alligator from Swamptrash,
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AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

A SELECTIVE GUIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

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Drag Show at the **BAR H**. Free beer from 7-9 p.m. Cover charge \$3.00 single, \$5.00 couple.

HOUSTON

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Farmhouse, V.D. Health Clinic, 12-5 p.m.

Yard Sale at the **Detour**, noon until ?. Anyone interested may donate their sales to charity. Beer will be served on the patio.

ODESSA

Drag Show at the **Fisherman's Wharf**, 10 p.m. Cover charge, \$1.00.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

HOUSTON

Country Picnic, sponsored by the **Club Baths**, **The Locker**, and **Texas Riders**. Tickets are \$5.00, with free food and draft beer. Bus leaves the Club Baths at 10 a.m.

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DALLAS

Dog show at **Chucks**, 2 p.m.

WICHITA FALLS

The **Sand Box** hosts a Bi-Centennial Special, 8 p.m. An even dozen local talent, plus Laura of Dallas and Miss Gay Little Rock as guest stars. Show directed by Miss Barbara Jo.

GALVESTON

Free buffet at **Mary's Two**, 4 p.m.

Barbeque at the **Fruit Jar**, 7 p.m. Two dollars per person.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

DALLAS

Ping pong tournament at the **Olive Branch Saloon**, 7 p.m.

HOUSTON

The Locker, V.D. Health Clinic, 2-5 p.m.

FT. WORTH

AURA Regular Meeting at **T.J.'s Backdoor**, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

HOUSTON

Second Annual Bartender's Drag Show, **Hi Kamp**, 9 p.m. Last year, practically all bars participated. Contact Jan Russell.

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TADS meet at **Venture-N**, 4 p.m.
Grand Opening, **The Filling Station**, 10 p.m. -- 12 a.m. Free draft beer, Premium 45 cents.

Club Houston, V.D. Health Clinic, 8-10 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

DALLAS

Back to School Bash, 8 p.m. 'til midnight, **Olive Branch Saloon**. Free draft beer, \$1.00 cover.

HOUSTON

INTEGRITY/HOUSTON. Rap topic: Relating to oneself and to others. It meets at (but is not affiliated with) First Unitarian Church, corner of Fannin and Southmore, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.

Dirty Sally's, V.D. Health Clinic, 3-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

HOUSTON

Mary's, V.D. Health Clinic, 3-6 p.m.

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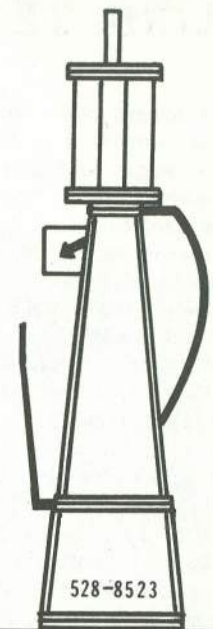
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and Petula Clark, along with lots of fairies (the magic kind) in Finian's Rainbow" on Sunday, the 17th...The results of the Mr. Swamptrash contest are now in. The August 3rd event saw Houstonian Bobby Wilson walk away with the top prize. Staged at the **Hypothesis** in San Antonio, Bobby represented Houston's **Dirty Sally's** bar. Let's hear it for the boy.

Congratulations also go out to Sam, the owner of Houston's **Detour**. Sam's made it through another one and celebrates his birthday on August 12th. All you insomniacs will be delighted to know that there are bars in Houston now that stay open until 4:00 a.m., every day of the week. The list now includes the **Spur** and the **Contact Wonders**. The popularity of the after-hours, every-night concept may bring other bars into the fold and the list may grow . . .

Ursula's in Houston now features a lavish food spectacular. The German oriented establishment is now feeding its patrons, what else but, Irish Stew. Don't ask why, just go eat. Lot's of homemade biscuits, too. You can fill your "innards" every Sunday from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. And for a pre-meal cocktail hour, Ursula's features all drinks at half price from 5 to 7 p.m... And in Dallas, home cooked meals at the **Bayou Landing** are now being prepared by the one and only Mama Iva. Fun things on tap at that bar also include a bridge tournament on Thursdays and a pool tourney on Tuesdays. Dallas' pool tournament trend has also hit **Chuck's**, with the major event at 9:00 p.m. on Friday's. A one dollar entrance fee allows you to "rack 'em up" and win, win, win . . .

And finally, on the "fix it up and decorate" front, **Mike's Thing's** in Dallas features art by Louis Icart and decorative zebra hides. Oh, what that man does with stripes! . . .

That's about it for now, see ya'll next week.

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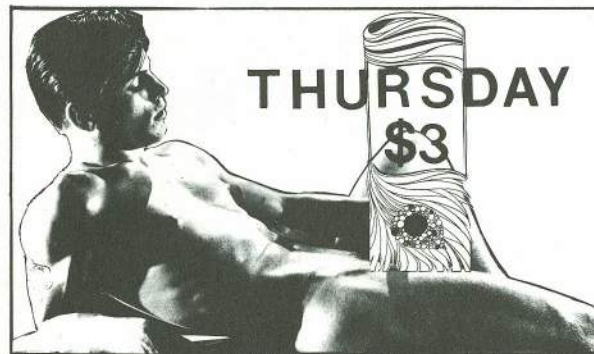


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by John Radt, M.D.

As we discussed last time, there are four stages of the disease Syphilis: primary, secondary, early latent and late latent. Primary syphilis can be recognized, in most cases, by the appearance of a sore or lesion, known as a "chancre," in the genital or anal area. However, some persons can have syphilis without any evidence of the "chancres" that are usually associated with the primary stage. But in any case, even those persons who do get a chancre must notice it within a relatively short period of time. For it goes away within a period of just a few days or months, as the syphilis moves "underground" and prepares for a more violent attack on the body.

Many persons who have the sores of primary syphilis think they have been "cured" when those sores go away. And indeed, there may be no symptoms on the body and the infected person would feel "just like their old self" after the primary stage has been passed. But then, after a few weeks or even a year after the primary sore has gone away, the symptoms of secondary syphilis suddenly erupt on the body. The secondary stage is much more violent on the body and could seldom go unnoticed by the embarrassed patient who suddenly sees his own body "going wild."

Secondary syphilis symptoms vary from person to person and there is no

set order of the "events" that will occur. But those symptoms do fall into certain categories, with the patient showing some or all of them.

The most common sign of second degree syphilis is a rash that usually occurs all over the body. The entire body is suddenly covered in small rashes that look like German measles. The rash can exist on the body from several weeks to one year, then the disease moves into another stage, early latent.

Another symptom of secondary syphilis is the appearance of hard raised lesions on the body that look like warts. These usually occur in the genital or anal area, but also in any body area where there is an abundance of moisture, such as under the arms, on the back of the neck, or between folds of fat on obese persons.

Those who are being hit especially hard by secondary syphilis will soon begin losing hair. Hair along the back of the scalp will begin to drop out. Much of the eyebrows and eyelids will also be lost. "Iritis," an infection of the eye, can also be present. This would be observed as a red ring around the iris, or colored portion, of the eye. Lymph nodes in the body will enlarge, as will the spleen. Fever and general fatigue are also signs of secondary syphilis. The secondary stage of syphilis usually lasts no more than one year, then the disease moves into its early latent and late latent stages. It is in the last two stages that the permanent damage to the nervous system, or the heart, occurs. And in some cases, death.

I will not go into the symptoms or horrible convulsions that accompany syphilis more than one year old. Any person who would not seek medical help after observing the violent appearance of secondary syphilis symptoms, would not understand, or act upon the appearance of symptoms following the secondary stage.

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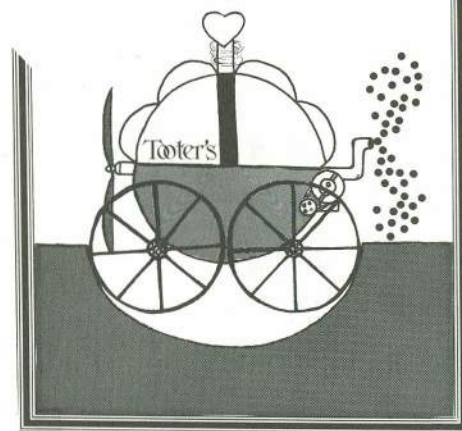
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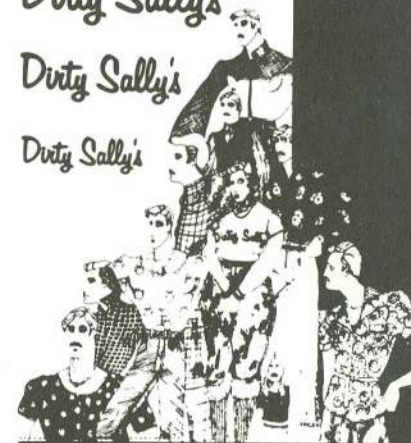
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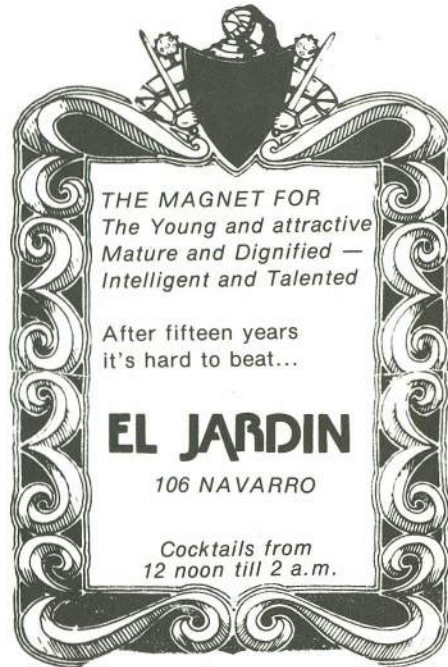
Of more importance, I want to use the remaining space to discuss a disease that is becoming unfortunately common in the Southwest, and bears a resemblance to secondary stage syphilis. That disease is known as "herpes."

Genital herpes is not a "new disease," but cases of it are now being reported in "epidemic" numbers by the United States Center for Disease Control. Herpes is a virus, like a cold sore. Unfortunately, there are no satisfactory cures for herpes or methods for preventing it.

There is some sketchy evidence that herpes may be related to prostate cancer in man and uterine cancer in women, but its major known consequences in adults comes from the painful itching and pain produced by eruptive genital sores. Those who get herpes in the genital area can do little more than they could with a cold sore on the lip, you just have to "grin and bear it."

The sore will usually disappear anywhere from three days to two weeks, though many people have occasional recurrences. It is estimated that two million Americans have to live with recurrent sores of herpes several times a year. Herpes is spread in the same way VD is spread, skin contact with a sore of an infected person. Until something better comes along, and tests are now under way, the best treatment for herpes is to cover the sores with an antibiotic ointment. Your personal physician will select the best ointment for your use.

Herpes, like syphilis, offers clues for your observance in the form of sores and lesions. These sores may come and go, but must not be totally ignored, if you wish to avoid more serious consequences. Go to your doctor or the nearest public health clinic, and go immediately. You need their help. Don't be afraid, embarrassed or "put it off." Do it. It can only help.



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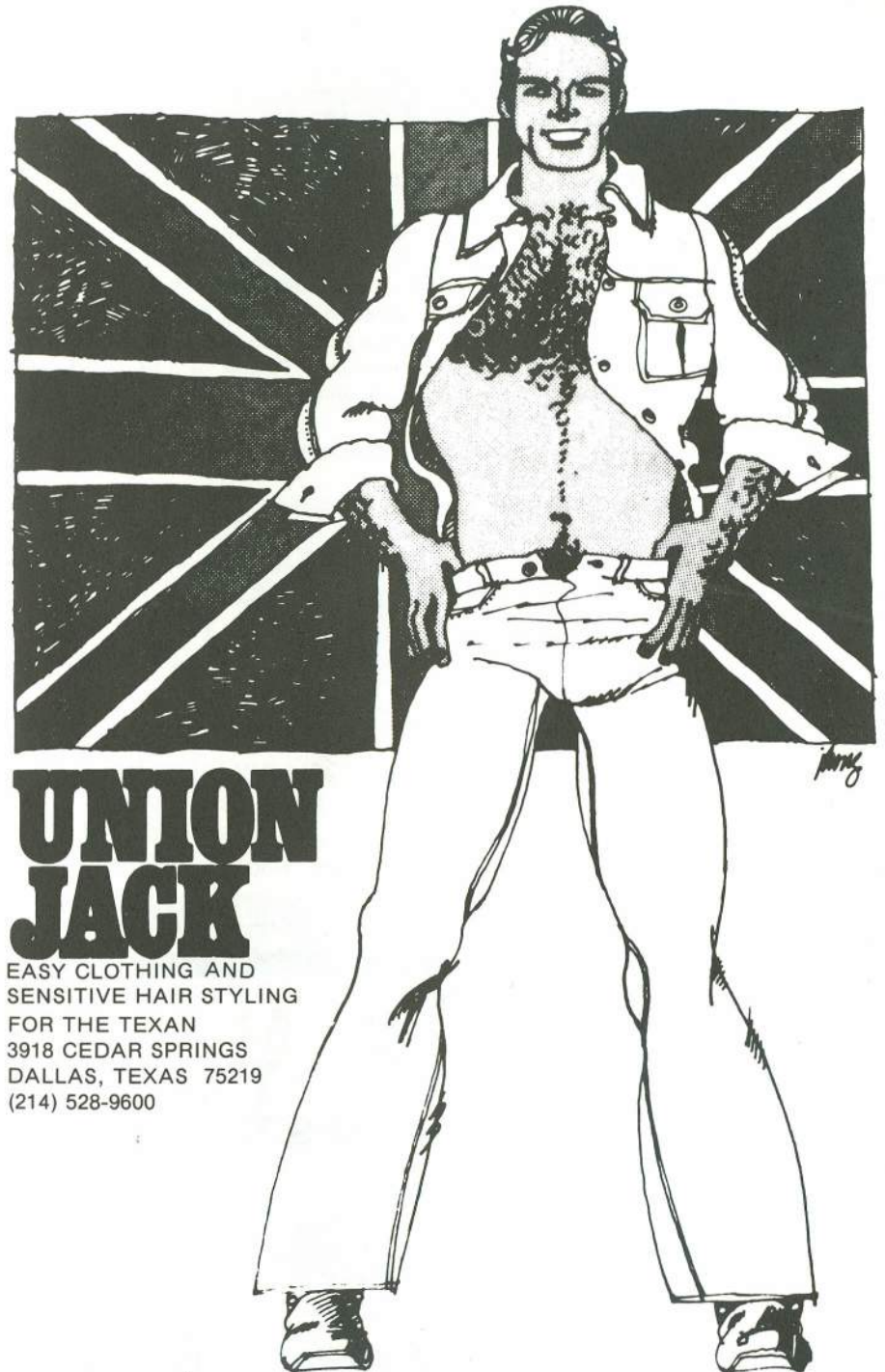
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By Jeff Newbold

Yes ma'am, honey. We have so many new recording artists popping up out of nowhere these days that it's hard to keep up with everything being released.

Jimmy Bo Horne, for example, has released "Gimme Some" and at present time it's being played at very few area discos. It was our own pleasure to introduce it to Houston's Farmhouse Club. It's catching on . . . The Jackson Five have done it again with two new magnum opi, "Forever Came Today" and their "Moving Violation" LP. Such will be dominating the charts in months to come. Incidentally, word from Tinseltown has it that the J-5 is soon to become the J-4, as all of the brothers 'cept Germaine have signed a new contract with Columbia Records. Germaine (if you don't keep up with this sort of thing) recently married the daughter of Motown Records' Barry Gordy, who seems to own all rights to the group's name . . .

Neil Sedaka, whom you'll remember for the '74 hit single "Laughter in the Rain" released a hot LP "Sedaka's Back." Choice cuts from the album

include "That's When the Music Takes Me" currently played with enthusiasm by DJ's all over the place. Sedaka wrote "Love Will Keep Us Together" to which you are dancing right now. Interesting to note the similarity of Sedaka's music to that of Carole King. A Personal Friend of Elton John, Sedaka will be back again. And again,

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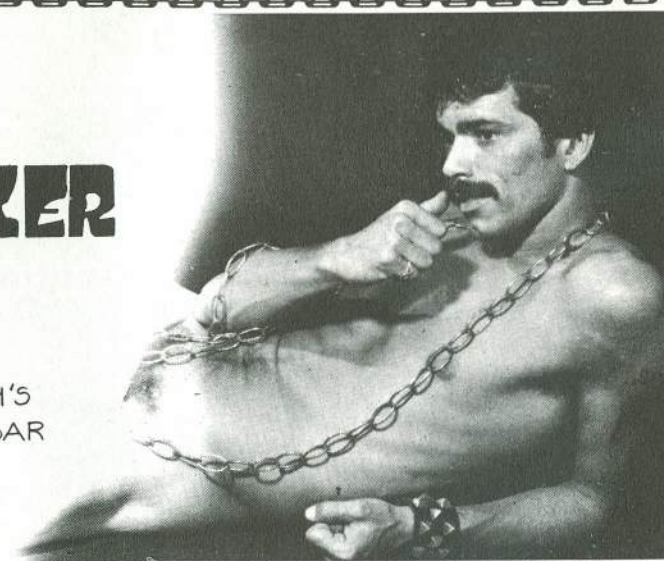
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The Trampp's "Disco Theme" is already popular all over Texas, and a vocal sequel has just been released. Their LP "The Trampps" is dated, but it contains another hit "Love Epidemic." Hot to go . . .

Bob Crewe, producer and writer of a number of numbers for Sir Monti Rock III (Disco Tex and the Sex-O-Lettes) has a new gig entitled "Hollywood Hot." Spun with feeling in Houston, it has gained tremendous popularity in the last three weeks. It should cling to the top for days. . .

We don't know but we been told that the Worst-Yet-Popular Song of the Month Award should go to Ron Dante for "Sugar, Sugar." Arranged and conducted by Barry Manilowe, it's a rehash of the Archies way back when. But, people are moving to it se la vi . . .

Mellow of the Month: "At Seventeen" by Janice Ian. Miss Ian seems to be keeping an eye on the girl from Ipanema.

Personal Note: I've noticed a great difference in the music here compared to the music being played in discos around the Northern U.S. Some DJs in Texas habitually work you into a dancing frenzy up until the very last song of the evening. When the music stops it's as if your lover jumped up out of bed and left you cold on the verge of orgasm. At Bistro's in Chicago, though, they play it a bit slower and easier toward the close of the evening. It softens the disappointments of closing time. Closing time.

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by Adam Dennis

I had a lover for seven years, but now our relationship has come to an end. There was no big tragedy, I just suppose we outgrew each other. We still have a very high regard for each other and will be parting friends. Our problem is this: How do we divide up all the things we have acquired as a team during the 7-year period. Neither of us is greedy, but how do you split up the possessions without either party feeling angry, short-changed, or hurt. Any words of advice?

Eric G., Austin, Texas

Dear Eric:

This is a problem that has baffled former gay couples through the years.

Many former lovers who planned to part as friends turned to bitter enemies because they couldn't solve the problem you have now encountered. But there is one very simple, yet very fantastic solution.

A list is made of all the possessions the two of you have. That list is then divided into two separate lists, with the one doing the listing determining what goes into list A and what goes into list B. Then the person who did not make the dividing list gets to decide which list he (or she) wants. So suppose you decide to be the one to make the two lists. Every item is placed on either list A or list B. Then, your lover gets to choose which list he wants. And you give him everything on the list, with no haggling and no hard feelings. Or, on the other hand, maybe you prefer that your lover make up the lists, and you get to decide which list you want to pick.

As you can see, there is little possibility anyone will "get screwed" in this sort of agreement. If you're the one making up the lists, you're going to divide the "good stuff" equally because you don't know which list your lover is going to pick. And it's fair to the person who did not get to determine what went into each list, because he's the one who gets to pick the list he wants. Fair enough?

I don't want to sound dumb, but as a gay guy even I don't know, for sure, what most lesbians do in bed together. Do you?

Gene R., New Orleans, La.

Dear Gene:

They're doing the same thing you're doing. Either they're having sexual pleasure for its own sake or they're expressing love feelings in a physical manner. But like everyone else, the prevalent activity occurring in bed is sleep. Sweet dreams, chum.

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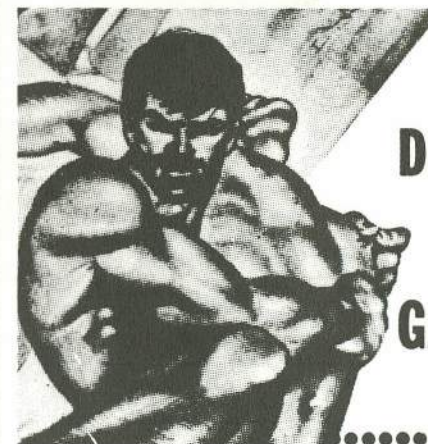
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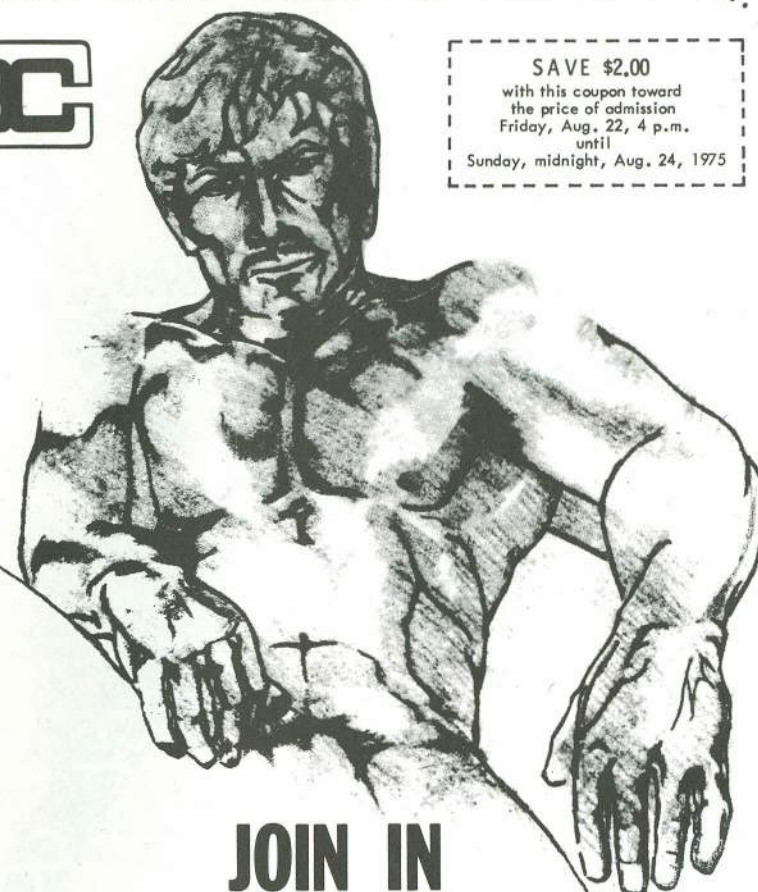
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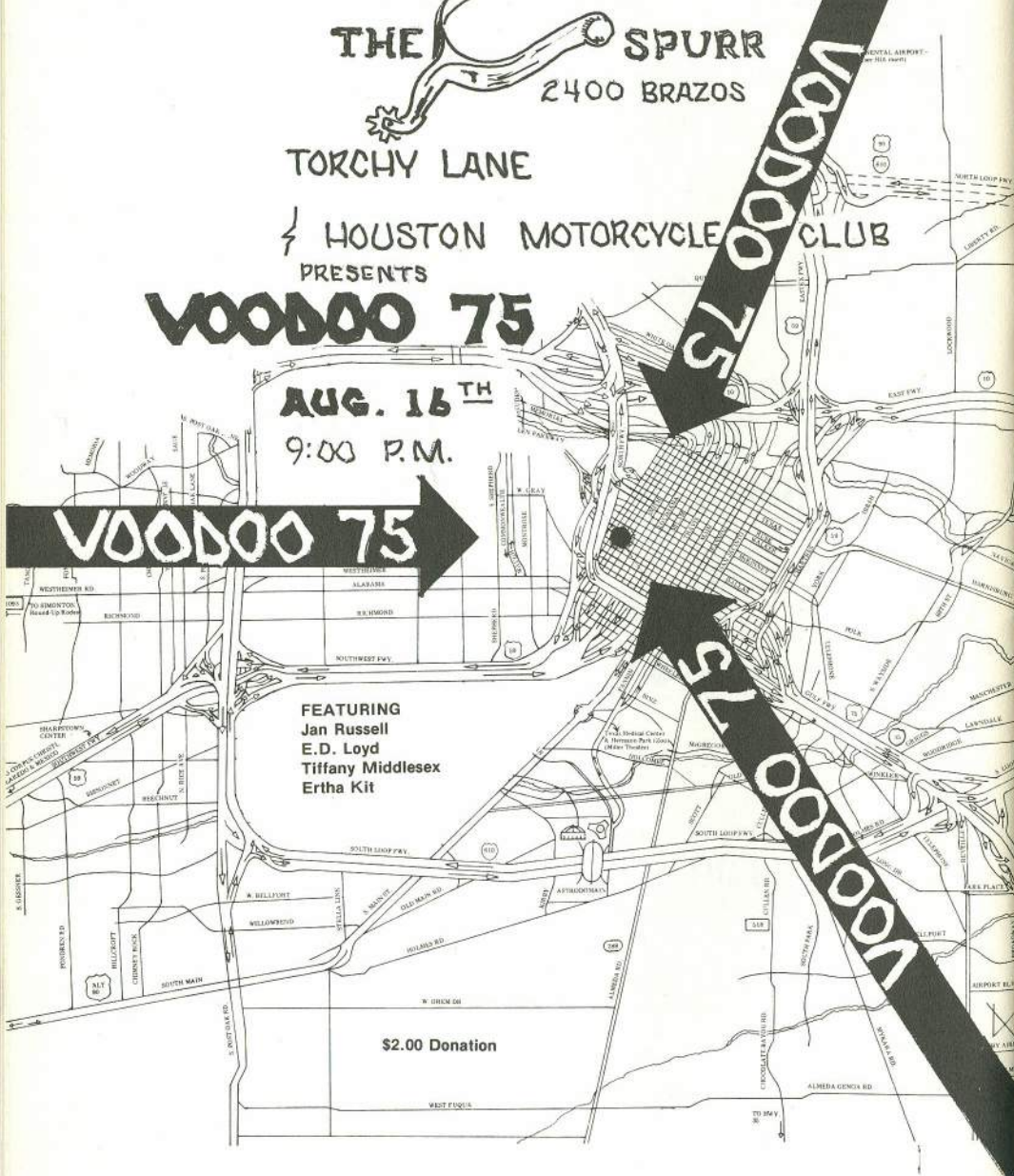

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