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## MURDER IN GAY BAR

Oklahoma City, Okla., July 20, 1972. - The burned body of an apparent murder victim was found at mid-morning today in a locked and otherwise deserted northwest Oklahoma City bar.

A robbery-homicide detectives CORRECTION

The body was identified as Albert Richard Pitts, 47, who served as a part-time bartender and the cleanup man at the Next Door Club, 6714 N. Western.

The body was found by Oklahoma City and Nichols Hills firemen responding to a smoke call at the Next Door Club. They broke in and quickly extinguished flames that had charred bar booths, the carpet and part of the ceiling.

The call had been made by Bob Gibbons who operates the Northwest Hodaka Motorcycle Shop adjoining the club in the rambling, one-story, masonry building.

Gibbons said he noticed smoke in his shop when he opened it at 8:15 a.m., and made a search but could find no source. When it persisted, he called firemen at 10 a.m.

Nichols Hills firemen broke into the club through an attic reached via the cycle shop, while Oklahoma City firefighters forced open the east door.

Jim Hathaway, an Oklahoma City deputy fire chief, said the fire itself was minor and left damage no greater than \$100.

The body was severely burned, especially the chest area, and the trousers and shoes had been charred away. The carpeting was burned around the spot where the body lay, in an open space near where the serving bar and a line of booths meet at right angles.

However, the face and head were not burned. Bruce Shaw, police public relations man, said, "The man was struck on the head with some heavy object, and may have been set on fire."

A wallet was found beside the body, which still wore a wristwatch. Shaw said he could not comment on whether money and identification were found in the billfold.

Dr. A. J. Chapman, a state medical examiner, made a 40-

minute examination before the body was removed.

He remained inside the club -- sealed off to all but homicide detectives and other investigators

Chief Hataway said the booths and ceiling had not been burning long when firemen arrived. He termed arson a good possibility, although "there is nothing outside the building to indicate what fluid was used to start the fire."

The club premises includes several locked rooms, and the back door bears the label "Hotel."

Friday, July 21, a 33 year-old Oklahoma City man whose car was stopped for a traffic violation was booked into city jail as a material witness after he told police he was a close friend of Pitts.

Arrested was Jon H. Jackson, 440 NW 26th, who said he knew Albert Richard Pitts.

Jackson was also charged with driving under the influence and driving under suspension.

Pitts was a resident of Edmond a small town near Oklahoma City.

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OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES

## CAMPI AWARDS

On August 4th the Detour in Dallas was the scene of the Campi Awards. This award function, unlike Houston's annual "Oscar" Award is open to the public. Tickets were \$1.00 and the place was packed.

It is surprising just how well we are known by the people we deal with and are around so here goes and each and everyone named herewith deserved what they got - or they wouldn't have been so nominated!

The Best Waiter went to Iva - Iva I believe is a real "she" but the nomination was for waiter so your guess is as good as mine.

The Best Bartender Award went to Chuck of the Bayou Landing. To you that are not familiar with the service this young man gives - check it out.

## 45 ARRESTED IN ISLE GYM RAID

Early Sunday morning the latter part of July the Gym Baths in Galveston were raided. There were 48 arrests, five for felony sodomy.

A check with the Galveston Police Department revealed that it was just "a routine raid as a result of complaints."

Several years ago the Zodiac Baths were raided in the same manner. Is this just plain harassment of this gay business. In calling about persons thought to have been jailed in the raid, one person after finding out that his friend was there was informed of it in this manner. "Oh yes, we have him - he's one of the queers from the horehouse."

The Gym has been in operation for some time without any trouble within that might cause the Police Department any problems. Yet,

from the comment by the officer on the phone the department was not oblivious of the type of business or what went on there.

The list of names were like "Who's Who" in the Houston, Dallas and yes, even Conroe Gay Circles. The felony charges were charged against the "performers" and from all accounts it was a good show.

The Gym owners could not be reached for comment but the cost of this incident was the customers and not the GYM.

There are several stories going on about the reason behind this action by the Galveston Police. One is that the landlord is dissatisfied, another is that the lovers who own the baths are at odds, still another is "payoff"

## DETOUR...

The Best Alcoholic went to Jim Kennedy - who by the way was present but due to his usual condition probably didn't remember this honor being bestowed on his glamorous person.

Miss Bitch Award was so appropriately presented to one that it is not necessary to name but will do so for those not living in Dallas. This was to Ron "Sue" of Ronsue's who comes by his name and talents with very little effort or practice - so there!

Miss Camp Award went to Lee S. of the Entre Nuit. Gad! - can't even hold a conversation for the flapping of that one's lips.

Best Comedy Award of course went to Big David - better known as "fatty" of the Bayou Landing. She really is funny - even though she is backward and uneducated to the extent that modern equip-

ment such as telephones are beyond comprehension.....Well-sweetie - see ... you were told that if you lasted long enough an award would come to you (this is it's first).

Best Serious Award was to Saji a truly deserving person in-so-far as performing ability - but why can't that cat tell the truth. Has it out now - and this is probably true - that Shirley Ankles of Houston is her agent with a contract for six years at an undisclosed figure. Bet Shirley gets his cut - hope so - perhaps he would loan "fatty" enough to pay up the poor darling's bills.

Best "Nell" Award went to Sally of Ronsue's - would you believe it of this butch thing. I can't wait to tell all not to let the dress fool you - and it is "what's up front that counts."



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Miss Gossip Award was engraved before the nominations. Yes, Joe Moon - Who else! See what not knowing how to keep it shut gets you Joe - an AWARD.

The Best Couple Award went to David and Iva - taint fair - two awards to Iva - I just wonder about that - is anyone sure that this is not a "drag" fooling everyone with her "tits in the grease" bit. One thing that you all know to be true is that "between the dishes and the douches" Iva can't keep out of hot water.

The Cruiser Award - David Fleming is just like the "Thous-

and and One Nights" only a bit reversed "A Thousand in One Night" - and if you don't believe what you read here - check with ~~Someone~~ Miss Bitch!

Congeniality Award went to the one and only Paul Lewis of the Bachelors Quarters. What makes this award so appropriate is that Paul is just like The Tripple A Automobile club except the A's stand for Anytime! Anyplace! Anyone -- that is for TENNIS.

To all the deserving people - stars - starlets - and those who just aspire to be something or somebody - you have been recognized by your public for what you are. Until next year when the Campi Awards are presented I must leave with you this one thought - "read this in the bathroom and if you don't like what you see you don't have to wonder what to do about it."

## HIGH SCHOOL

### GAYS UNITED

is an organization for the purpose of bringing together all Homosexual high school students, and gay people under 18 years of age, female and male.

A separate segment of the gay movement is being formed because, although there are several people in the gay community who can be contacted by phone or mail, many of these do not want to become involved in any way with people under 18 for fear of being charged with "contributing to the delinquency of a minor". The mere fact that they cannot give us the help we seek IS contributing to our delinquency and possible self-destruction by

leading us into reinforced depression and loneliness, hostility for the society that forces us to hide, and in some instances excessive drinking, drug abuse--and maybe even suicide for others.

Being gay and in high school presents many problems, the worst of which, in my opinion, is having to hide our sexual identity. We cannot reveal ourselves without running the risk of harassment and rejection by peers and teachers, the first of which hurts more deeply. We cannot walk arm in arm with our lovers as heterosexuals do without being ostracized. A generally quite, non-joining type of person's loneliness is augmented because of the "front" he or she has to build. The outgoing class officer or member of the Student Council is forced into a "role"-- a code of behavior dictated and reinforced by the heterosexual student body. Many popular students who do not want their homosexuality discovered may "go steady" with members of the opposite sex who are in the same limelight simply to limit suspicion and maintain a "straight" reputation; and they are miserable because they must hide their natural preference and portray a different person. Many become ashamed of their homosexuality and think it is a sickness; but, on the other hand, there are many who are proud and want it to be recognized as a lifestyle -- a way of expressing love for a person.

During adolescence and early teen years, some people experience a phase of homosexuality which usually consists of a "crush" on or admiration for a member of the same sex. HSGU is not suggesting that everyone with a degree of homosexuality restrict himself or herself to a homosexual pattern; but being able to discuss one's feelings can eliminate some of the guilt and fear that may

prevail at the time of coming out. Perhaps some people will discover that the heterosexual life suits them better. That is fine. But, perhaps if a group like HSGU is not within reach, a lot of confusion will still remain.

Many young gay women and men get caught in the "Butch-fem(me)" syndrome in which a person is either ultra-masculine (tough, aggressive, domineering) or super-feminine (submissive, fearful, quiet). Some people are this way from a very early age and to them, it is natural; yet others groping for security choose this as a means -- and it usually does not work out. A person simply cannot be something he or she is not.

HHGU, then, is functioning for several reasons: to give homosexuals under the age of 18 a way to socialize with people their own ages, to give them a phone and/or address to contact where they know they will not be turned away because of their ages, and most of all to give them the security they need and the assurance that there ARE others like themselves who



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## LESBIAN FIGHTS FOR CHILDREN

by Ginger Rothe

A San Jose mother and her three children are now a family -- after almost two years of legal proceedings in a child custody case.

The mother is a lesbian.

This is the only instance "that I know of" in which an admittedly homosexual parent has received custody of children in California, said Herma Hill Kay, professor of law at UC-Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law.

And it is the first such case in the United States according to the research of Del Martin, a grandmother and member of the Lesbian Mothers' Union.

Ann (not the mother's real name) first filed for dissolution of her 15-year marriage in July, 1970.

Before the interlocutory decree was granted last month, she had been in court "seven or eight times" and had three attorneys. Roger (not his real name), the father, had two lawyers. The trial itself lasted three days.

"There isn't any way to explain the tension" of the lengthy proceedings -- and of the results, said the 34-year-old mother, seated at the kitchen table in her small home in San Jose.

She worries that "something" will happen to make her lose the children, believing she got them "very precariously." The ruling that granted her custody seems a hollow victory to Ann.

Although she and her children are now legally united, Ann cannot form the "family" she wishes with Charla (not her real name), the woman she loves and with whom she has a "definitely secure and stable relationship."

The provisions of the custody decision by Superior Court Judge Gerald S. Chargin of Santa Clara county limit Ann's communication with Charla. Ann can see Charla when her three children are in school or with their father, who has visitation rights two week-ends per month and for three weeks in the summer. Charla may not share Ann's house, the family home that the court ordered be given to Ann.

Ann's children -- a son, 14; a daughter, 12, and another son, 9 -- voluntarily enrolled in summer school to allow their mother time to be with Charla, Ann said.

The children provide her central argument in seeking custody, Ann said. "My husband needed the children but the children needed me."

The three youngsters them-

selves decided they preferred to live with Ann, who told the children of her feelings for Charla after she decided not to try to conceal her lesbianism during the custody case. But "we've never behaved as other than very good friends in front of the children," Ann said.

"I've tried to tell the kids what's been happening all along," and the children have been "fantastically strong," she said.

Ann's "real strength -- her ability to withstand strong criticism of herself" impressed her attorney, Joan K. Bradford of San Carlos.

"I think people who do not have any friends among the Gay World think that homosexuals are so very sexual," the lawyer said.

With a restrained sweep of the hand, Ann said, "It's very important to me that I don't raise kids that feel they have to be homosexual or heterosexual -- or whatever."

But the father fears the children may become homosexual. His daughter will be surrounded by lesbians, he feels, and thus may follow that orientation. The boys will "either be subservient to women or they'll turn into homosexuals," Roger said.

He believes his argument is substantiated by Ann's parents, who were divorced when she was 3. Roger said their marriage ended because Ann's mother is a lesbian -- a fact that Ann confirmed.

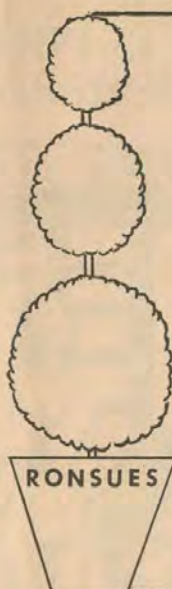
But "I don't know why my parents divorced," Ann said, noting that it's hard sometimes to find out the motives of one's parents.

Roger further believes the children's "lives are going to be ruined" by the court's decision. Roger, 42, argued that he had been "more or less playing the mother and father role" since the couple's first child was born, because Ann did not want children and "a career was her main object," he said.

Roger said he "made the mistake of telling the mother off in front of the children. They all of a sudden felt sorry for her," and thus chose to live with Ann, who said Roger was a "good father" until the dissolution proceedings began two years ago.

Roger thinks the children are too young to choose whom to live with and that the court does not give fathers an "equal chance" to obtain custody.

"There's many fathers that should have the children for custody, but they don't put up a fight for them because the laws are not fair," he emphasized.



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(Judge Chargin was unavailable for comment. During The Chronicle's fourth call to his office, his bailiff said the jurist "does not wish to discuss this case with anyone.")

The court's basic guideline in California child custody cases, according to Ann's attorney, is "the best interest and welfare of the children." Judge Chargin's decision "should be interpreted" to mean that homosexuality is "simply one factor to consider" in determining the children's best welfare, Herman Hill Kay said.

In addition to the children's preferences to live with Ann, two Santa Clara county agency reports and the testimony of "expert Witnesses" were crucial to the mother's case, Mrs. Bradford said.

Both the departments of juvenile probation and of conciliation recommended that the children be placed with their mother.

The expert witnesses included psychologist Dr. Arthur Bodin of Palo Alto, Ann -- and Charla's ex-husband, who, Ann and Charla said, testified that he trusted Ann to help rear his own children.

(Charla, a lesbian, was awarded custody of her children -- a boy, 6; a girl, 8, and another boy, 10. The case was uncontested and her homosexuality was not brought out. She began dissolution proceedings almost a year after Ann.)

Dr. Bodin's testimony was based and three with the children. Mrs. Bradford said. Tape recordings of part of the children's discussions with the psychologist were played privately for the judge, in the presence of Mrs. Bradford and Roger's attorney, Thomas Saliccia of San Jose.

Ann continues to see Dr. Bodin, and Charla also is going.

Ann and Charla have known each other about six years. Their homosexual relationship began about two years ago, but at the time she filed for dissolution, she and Charla had no plans for their future, Ann said. About a year ago, they decided they could build a happy, monogamous life together, Ann related. She repeatedly stressed their "respect for each

other."

Both Ann and her attorney are concerned about the court's provisions limiting her communication with Charla.

The court has awarded Ann "custody of the children at the same time denying her a way of sharing expenses" -- housing, food transportation -- with Charla and her family, Mrs. Bradford said. Ann is now planning to appeal a portion of the court's provisions, the mother said.

Herma Hill Kay termed the court's provisions "unusual." Had Charla been the "other man," the law professor said the provisions probably would not have been so restrictive.

Meanwhile, Ann, a 1971 graduate of California State University, San Jose, is seeking a full-time job as an occupational therapist.

Charla, who recently obtained her teaching credential, is also looking for full-time work.

Both women are "trying to evolve relationships" with men friends -- mostly married -- so that their children will have a strong image of the male. Despite this, Ann is "aware of my feeling right now of kind of a general distrust of men."

In seeking custody of her children as an admitted lesbian, Ann said, "I'm just trying to tell everybody that I'm not ashamed of my relationship with Charla."

PLEASE HELP --

The case is being appealed because of the court's restrictions on the mother's association. She is virtually a prisoner in her own home. Tax-deductible contributions should be made to the Council on Religion and the Homosexual (CRH), 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California 94102.

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP!!

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## "BIG DAVID" VISITS

The last weekend of July Houston was honored with a guest appearance of the Fantastic Mr. David from the Bayou Landing in Dallas.

Along with Miss Red Room, Mr. Tiffany Jones he did a two man show after hours at the Farmhouse, Houston's largest gay club.

We're all very proud of this young man. He is now the star of the show at the Bayou Landing. If you are ever in Dallas, make sure and catch his shows every Wednesday and Sunday. He, along with several other entertainers give shows well worth seeing.

We also understand that David was well received at the Mr. David contest in Atlanta, Ga. In fact, rumour has it that he got a four minute standing ovation for his "Shirley Temple" number.

Best wishes from all of us here in Houston, we love you.

Thursday night August 3rd Mr. David was again in Houston appearing at the Red Room. At press-time the club had sold out all seating and we feel sure that the packed house enjoyed the return of David to that stage.



Gays  
 At  
 Democratic  
 Convention  
 in  
 Miami Beach,  
 Fla.

A group of gay demonstrators who had marched to the convention hall to demand gay rights. Some had come in drag, celebrating the recent reversal of the Miami Beach law which prohibited people from dressing in anything other than clothes designed for their sex. A member of the National Coalition of Gay Organizations spoke to the crowd about the involvement of gay people in the week's actions.



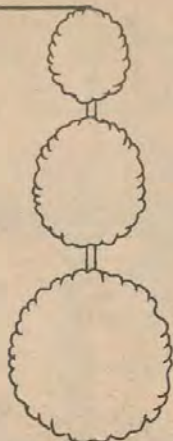


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What is the source of their strength? The spirit within, that's the source. How can they be hurt if their thoughts are stayed on the Lord ..... in other words, if they recognize their spiritual origin and existence? What reward do we need from "This world?" If we are not reaching out to get the THINGS of this world...including bodies and their owners...as your life goal, but instead are accepting these THINGS as your rightful but incidental due as you search for the Spirit within...after all, where IS THE Kingdom of Heaven? If this is your effort, and as a Christian it should be, then the arrows of disdain and rejection bounce off easily. Public recognition is not needed because deep within you KNOW and are sure of your worth ---to you, your God and to His other manifestations: your fellow creatures and creation.

Remember the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and a very commonly applied psychological rule: "I am not in this world to live up to your expectations and you are not in this world to live up to my expectations." So, says this contrast, if you trick with someone seemingly in the spirit of love, or if you work for an organization in that same spirit and are then disdained, ignored or rejected ... it follows that the human psychological rule is applicable while the Golden Rule is only self-defeating.

For human finite beings the above conclusion is inevitable. For spiritual man who knows that he does not live by bread alone, there is no contrast and no conflict. I am, in truth, not in this world to do what YOU expect of

me but rather what I, the Spirit, expects of me. At the same time you are not here to do what I expect of you, but what you, the Spirit, expects of you. In other words the demand is placed upon you, by you, to live up to your own expectations. That demand comes from the Father within, your Spiritual Awareness, your your Spiritual Awareness, your Spirithood, your Goodness... and in the fulfillment of that demand you could hardly help doing to others as you would like them to do to you.

Therefore, trick with love, work with zeal, expecting nothing from the outside and Everything from the inside and the things that you would have done to you will be done.

--Charles David

(The Prodigal - July 9, 1972)

## REWARD

REWARD: Something that we expect to receive for services rendered, whether tangible such as money, a thing, a person's body... or intangible such as a person's presence, a smile, public recognition, respect, love...? Is this all? Reward: a sense of satisfaction, a feeling of rightness, a knowing that some action or thought is good or perhaps God. In the latter sense the highest reward is not received...that is, it is not gotten or expected from outside ourselves. Rather it comes from within.

We have made a trite cliché of the truism "Virtue is its own reward." Yet it is so in health. People do "exist in this world, all of them doing their own thing, without hope of some type of reward...with no expectations" from outside themselves, but with the sure knowledge of inner reward. There are hundreds of thousands of them.

Their numbers are capped by the great men of high consciousness

-- Jesue, Lao-Tze, Shankara, Krishna, Gautama the Buddah, Moses, among others. Their numbers are undergirded by the guy who picks up a cup carelessly discarded on the lawn by someone else and throws it in the trash can, by the driver who lets the other driver go first, the dedicated teacher, by the conscientious cop, by the myriad men and women who use their abilities above and beyond the requirements of their jobs...and for good.

In our gay world they are those who, while expecting that a "type of friendship should (indeed) exist after an evening of rather intimate rapport," are not bitter, are not rendered hopeless, or otherwise impaired when the light of another day brings rejection and disdain. They are those whose inner confidence, whose inner wholeness is complete enough so that no rejections, no blunting of expectations, no lack of outside reward can shake it or threaten

on page 68, on a 2-page spread entitled "A gallery of men and women important to the (gay) movement." He was also pictured in The Texas Methodist newspaper in May, 1972. The caption under the picture told of how the General Conference in Atlanta in April had said it does not want gay preachers in Methodist pulpits.

As a Methodist gay preacher, Gene Leggett is an outcast--a prophet, a crusader, and a lover of his fellow men. He is 37 years old.

Here are some of the ideas Gene advocated to the audience at Dignity/Houston:

"We gays can say we are content to be persecuted, because this brings great beauty into our lives. We gay brothers have to stand together and help one another share our suffering."

"One thing we gays have to offer the world is our sensitivity. We need however, to avoid becoming self-righteous. We have no right to act in self-righteous rage. We have no right to inflict suffering on straights, out of revenge."

"Gay people in this world have a mission to reach out to the people around us, to see the God in them, and to see the beauty in our unattractive, "stupid" neighbor."

"A gay person sees life as something to celebrate! The gay person is in life to share and to be on the same level with all. A straight person sees life as an acquisitive force. The straight person wants to control life and to be on top of the heap."

"The church is a terribly gay institution. It talks about paradoxes, visions, and dreams. The church lost its gayness when the men preachers walked in to take it over from the women who made up the church."

"God, life, and religion are awesome, mysterious, irrational, obsurd, and uncontrollable. Out of the whimsy, mystical, and obsurd, flows the truth. In the theater, the masks and makeup we wear, and the games we play, point us to the truth. The same thing applies in everyday life."

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## Far Out! - GENE LEGGETT

Members of Dignity/Houston were privileged on Sunday, July 16, to hear Gene Leggett speak to them on gayness, gay civil rights, and on religious faith.

Dignity/Houston meets at 3512 Travis on Sundays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

Gene is a leader of the Purple Star Tribe in Dallas. As such, he has been the "father" spiritually of many more children than the 3 of whom he is the physical father. He was suspended from the United Methodist ministry in San Antonio, Texas, in May, 1971, because he is gay and proud.

He grew up in Edinburg, Texas, and graduated from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, in 1959.

He was featured in the Dec., 31, 1971 issue of Life Magazine





church."

"I don't put down closet queens; all of us know how much we can risk. However, we must not let ourselves be complacent."

Gene Leggett was the featured guest on Dave Lambell's telephone-call-in talk show on KAUM-FM radio (96.5, Houston) from 9:30 p.m. till 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 16th.

# THANKS!

Dear Mr. Frank,

Excuse my typing and thanks for printing my article. We had quite a lot of response so this is in reply.

Our thanks go to all the bar owners who helped participate in Dallas' first GAY PRIDE PARADE held last June 24th. They deserve our thanks and our support. Due to an article published recently about one particular bar owner in Dallas who refused to support the parade, several people have expressed dissatisfaction to bar owners who were not referred to in the article. For this we apologize.

Ron-Sue's, Bayou Landing and T.J.'s actively assisted in the parade. Other bar owners were very helpful in allowing posters to be displayed and leaflets to be handed out. We sincerely appreciate their help. Actually only two bars refused to put up posters or allow handbills to be passed. One other bar allowed handbills to be passed only under pressure.

Next year, the second annual GAY PRIDE PARADE will have more active participation in the way of floats, and cars representing the various Gay bars.

We appreciate those people who have boycotted and expressed their dissatisfaction to bar owners who refuse to support Gay people in their struggle for human equality and dignity. Plans for next year's parade are already underway. If you would like to help, call 824-0770 or write Box 5944, Dallas, Texas 75222.

Yours for Gay Pride,  
PARADE CHAIRMAN

Ms. Chris McKee

How do we begin to say thank you? There are so many who helped make the GAY PRIDE PARADE a success.

We owe a special thanks to Houston. They came in groups of three and four all night the night before the parade. The Gay Liberation of Houston entered a beautiful float. Houston also had cars and marchers in the parade.

To the Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas, we say thanks for your help, encouragement, and participation. To the Purple Star Tribe, and particularly Gene Leggett, we thank you for adding a colorful and festive air to the parade and picnic. The Nuntius/parade and picnic. The Nuntius/Our Community entered two cars in the parade. We owe them many thanks for their donations, publicity, and intense interest in the parade.

Thanks to all the people who came from all over the country. Thanks for the entry of the car which proclaimed, "Iowa Is Here!" All those who opened up their homes to our out-of-town guests and all those who were on standby for out-of-towners, you were great.

Thanks to all those who donated their time, energy, talents, money, and vocal support even though they were unable to march in the parade itself. Thanks to those people who helped make signs and banners. A special thanks goes to the members of the Circle of Friends who had the courage to sponsor the parade.

For the publicity given the parade, we wish to thank the Advocate, the Nuntius/Our Community, and the Channel. I wish to thank all those who helped in obtaining the use of the Dallas Press Club for our press conference. And unless we forget, we need to thank the Dallas City Council for their unwitting help in helping us to obtain publicity.

To the bar owners who participated in the parade and those who put up posters and allowed us to pass out leaflets, we say thank you. To the bar owners of the After Dark Lounge and The Other Place in Ft. Worth, the Bayou Landing, Ron-Sue's, and T.J.'s in Dallas, we say a special thank you.

To Barbara Gittings of Philadelphia, thanks for being such a

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good sport about being woke up at "that" hour of the morning. Thanks to all our beautiful straight brothers and sisters who marched along side us. And I wish to say a special loving thanks to my lover for her help, encouragement, understanding, and nagging when I needed it.

But the most important people we wish to thank are all those who marched down Main Street. YOU WERE THE PARADE.

See you next year.

Yours for Gay pride,  
PARADE CHAIRMAN

Ms. Chris McKee

## Letter of Thanks

I would personally like to thank the following: The Villa Fontana, Entree Nuit, Briarpatch, Bachelors Quarters and the Detour Saloon for their and their employees help on the night of the July 20th. Special thanks to Mr. Cindy Birdsong, current Miss Dallas, and the entire cast of Ronsue's bartenders and doorman for contributing their salaries and tips of the night.

\$330.00 was raised

With this money 150 kids left for a summer camp on the 23rd of July which otherwise would not have gotten to go.

Let us hope that this is only a beginning. My sincere thanks again to all.

Ronnie Sue.

## AROUND DALLAS

Last month the Villa Fontana celebrated its 20th anniversary. This bar is known and has befriended many patrons in this span of time. Congrats to Bill and Ray.

The 10th of July was the first anniversary of the Detour Saloon. Shows here on Sundays are still going great guns under the head of current Miss Dallas, Cindy Birdsong!

Praise be and contratulations to Margerit at T.J.'s. They are going open saloon on the first of August.

Ronsue's is enlarging on the 1st of August. Will finally have the entire building and parking lot at the present location --- about time!!

Understand that the shows are enlarging along with the area. New lights and sound equipment. Now the best show in town can be properly enjoyed!

If you have not stopped at the Candy Store on band night - one should. They are featuring an all girls band known as "HOT ICE" and the singer known as Robbin is out of sight!

The Bachelors Quarters over on Live Oak is going great guns along with the Entree Nuit which is located downstairs underneath. We are told that the elevator will not carry Big David and a trick - just "fatty" by himself or is it herself? They'd loose this ones business if it had to walk up!

The Bayou Landing and Delta Baths still very strong attraction. If you have not eaten in this spot lately - you're missing it all. Fresh vegetables home style! Just Great!

The Bon-Soir on Lovers Lane still quite cruisy - quiet and sedate. Bill is doing a great job as manager.

The crowd at the Briarpatch gets better each time one enters! Mary and Jim are doing a real fine job.

See you around - till next time! --- Get it!

PS: Dennis - what is the attraction in Corpus Christi -- not real fish -- ?

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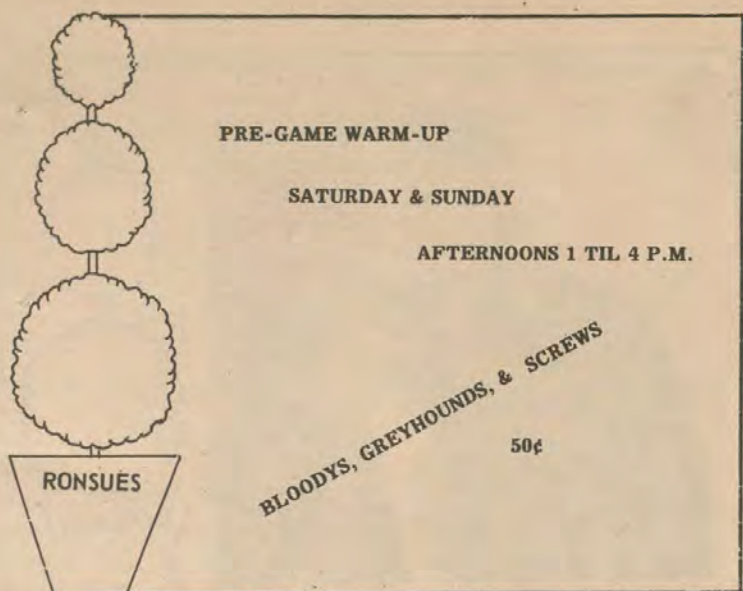
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## GAYS UNITE to CLEAN "QUEEN'S POINT"

It was called Queen's Point, but until "clean-up Saturday" it looked more like Hell's Half-looked more like Hell's Half-acre. Beer cans, cigarette butts, candy wrappers, chicken bones, and broken glass littered the grassy areas and sandy beaches. To overnight campers it was like making home in the city dump. Garbage cans had been provided by the

corps of engineers, but the cans felt little urge to put their litter in cans already overflowing. Then Myke and Bob rolled up their sleeves and organized a volunteer work detail. Two dozen people showed up with rakes and shovels and spent a happy/hard two hours cleaning up the mess that had been accumulating for years and years. The back end of a pickup truck, heaped with trash, hauled it away.

Now the beach looks a lot like Nature intended it.

Next weekend a gay artist has agreed to paint the cans. (Would lavender be a cool color?) Another thoughtful gay girl will make signs to place around the area to remind gay campers that ours is now the cleanest beach on Lake Dallas. No one is going to keep it clean for us. Shall we do it ourselves?

A good-looking youth reported to his draft board and confessed that he was homosexual. "huh?" "Oh, yes," "But think you could kill a man?" "It would take me quite a while."

## HOUSTON'S GAY ORGANIZATIONS

by Wade Frey

Dignity/Houston has elected a steering committee to structure the group and to plan future activities. The committee includes Father Mark Barron, Joe Walker, Wayne Frey, Bob Wood, Bill Buie, David Tucker and Dick Atchley.

Bob Wood is in charge of a brunch to be held on Sunday, August 13. The brunch will be an opportunity for new and prospective members to receive information about Dignity/Houston members.

Gene Leggett was featured speaker on July 16. (See "Far Out! -- Gene Leggett" elsewhere in this issue of the Nuntius.) A woman psychiatrist was scheduled to address the group on Sunday July 23.

Eleven Dignity/Houston members attended mass together at Holy Rosary Church after hearing Gene speak. Then, about thirteen of the group continued their fellowship on Sunday afternoon at one of the bars.

Houston Gay Liberation elected a steering committee on July 20 to plan group meetings. The eight people selected for the steering committee are Sherry Lipper, John Rawls, Andy Kaplan, Jim Hampton, Bob Nichols, Scott Tillinghast, and two Beaumont delegates -- Steve Smith and Sally LeDoux.

Gay Lib will have a picnic at Bear Creek Park near Addicks

DON'T DO IT

(Birds don't do it. Bees don't do it. Even Boston Beans don't do it!)

This writer is a kindly, old, withered queen. A queen who was "making the scene" many, many years before anyone ever dreamed of "gay liberation" or Gay Pride Parades. Down through the endless decades he has done, seen, (or at least heard of) everything. But something new is sweeping the gay world, and because of his love for gay people, he's greatly disturbed. This anxiety is caused by .... **Fistfucking.**

We are reluctant to put down anybody's idea of fun. But surely this must be scraping the very bottom of the barrel. Is one so desperate for new thrills that one must endanger his body?

Oh we know, "Different strokes for different folks." Different strokes we don't mind. But this is so frantic -- so very dangerous, we must warn against it.

From the recent issue of The

Advocate, a practicing internist says:

"Fistfucking is dangerous. I don't want to sound like I'm putting anyone down, Maybe if someone does it gently, it is not necessarily disastrous. However, I just saw a boy yesterday who had let someone violently fistfuck him, and today he is in the hospital, and it's going to take six months to repair the damage. I'm sorry. The guy who did this is a criminal.

"You see, most people have little understanding of this. You only have nerve endings in the three-fourth inch around your sphincter. Beyond that, you can't feel pain, only pressure. You could put your hand up someone's ass and cut them with a knife and they wouldn't feel it beyond that three-fourth inch."

So dear youth, listen to this old queen. Listen to him because he loves you. It's dangerous. Don't do it. Don't. Don't. Don't. Don't.

DON'T!

Dam on Sunday, August 6.

25 people were present at Houston Gay Lib on July 18. This was the largest attendance in about a year. Andy Kaplan played the Troy Perry record album "One God;" Mike Bird showed his colorful and interesting slides of Gay Pride Weekend in Dallas (June 24); and then the people divided up into four or five consciousness-raising (discussion) groups.

Quite a few people have called The Montrose Gaze phone No. 522-5226 to find out what this group is doing.

The Montrose Gaze is an organization of gay men and women who

are planning a gay community center. The Montrose Gaze has about 9 people who are active members of the group. They will host a benefit dance at SLUG's at 3910 Garrott, on Sunday, August 20 to raise funds for the proposed center. Tickets are \$1 in advance and \$1.50 at the door. Come by 225 Marshall #112 to buy your advance tickets or get a roll of tickets to sell and help raise funds. All ages are welcome.

Urgently needed is an answering service for 522-5226. Anyone with an idea as how to solve this problem please contact us.

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# EDITORIAL

A gay (or straight) parade, any time of the year and in any place will be very much like a Mardi Gras celebration. Last year's Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade in Hollywood had colorful floats, clowns, drag queens in lavish costumes, and even a baton twirler. There was a float carrying ten beautifully built young studs, briefly costumed, and with a sign saying GROOVY GUYS MAKE GROOVY STARS! There was a platoon of motorcycle guys in black leather jackets, heavy chains and -high heels. There was a well-built young man (again briefly costumed) carrying an enormous boa but some of the spectators and watchers were "turned off" by what they considered to be vulgar displays: A sign bearing the words, SUCKING IS BETTER THAN WAR, and a 35 foot long red, white, pink, and blue "surrealistic cock." (Others felt that if beauty exists in the eye of the beholder, then obscenity must exist there also)

All this led one writer to complain to THE ADVOCATE (the gay national newspaper) that these parades defeat their purpose: instead of presenting freaks, we should march a thousand average, well-adjusted homosexuals in business suits and ties. To which one of the parade organizers replied: "Find us a thousand average, well-adjusted homosexuals in business suits and ties willing to march in the parade, and we'll be glad to march them. Until then, we will use what we've got."

This year's parades will be no different: we will have our critics. There are many gay people who have NEVER made a contribution to the gay movement in any way--time, money, or effort; but who are very eager to criticize those who do. Very much like the Little Red Hen who could find no help when planting the corn, harvesting the corn, grinding the corn, or cooking the corn; but found her table crowded when the dinner bell rang.

But none-the-less we must go on. If Walt Whitman saw "all America singing" and Isadora Duncan longed to see "all America dancing," this writer would rather see "all America marching." Marching for the rights of all Americans.

There approximately 975,966 gay men and women in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and New Mexico. Most are in their damn closets, and because of jobs, families, and social positions can't afford to come out. And who would blame them? But they could contribute in some way to the GAY PRIDE PARADE. They might drive a float unseen, dance down the street disguised as a clown, make posters, lick stamps, make posters, and seal envelopes, contribute a few dollars, or provide food and shelter for out of town marchers. The rest of us **WILL MARCH.**



(Photo by Woody Keys)

## GAY FREEDOM IS WITHIN OUR REACH!

We expected obscenities. Perhaps even violence, from both the police and the 14,000 spectators who came downtown June 24th to see Dallas's First Gay Pride Parade. But the police were friendly. As a matter of fact, they seemed to be having a ball. And if there were cat-calls and half-ass cute remarks hurled at us from the sidewalks, we didn't hear them. We were too busy singing and shouting Gay slogans. Many in the crowd applauded and cheered us. Some even left the walks to join our ranks. But most stood in stunned silence.

Could this be real? Men and Women proudly marching down the street, arms around each other's shoulders, openly proclaiming to the world that they were human too? Where was the shame? The guilt? And that theme song gaily blaring from the sound truck: "United we stand: divided we fall. And if our backs should ever be against the wall, We'll be together. Together, you and I."

And so it was. The early summer air seemed filled with our strength, love, and warmth. We gave it and received it from each other. We cared!

Oh, why can't it be that way every day? How often have we opened our hearts and homes to those in need, only to be robbed, sometimes beaten by our own people?

How often have we, who have enemies enough, heavens known--cruelly put down one of our own?

Or the many times we've thoughtlessly hurt our lonely ones by simply ignoring them. Couldn't we have invited them into our lives? Why is it those who need

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## STONEWALL TREATMENT CENTER

### PURCHASES FACILITY

Stonewall, a residential treatment center for Gay parolees, probationers, alcoholics, and drug abusers, has recently purchased a new facility in Seattle. The Board of Directors announced today that the new house, a six-unit building with accommodations for twenty, allows for the opening with

a separate program. The Stonewall Training Center, a 90-day rehabilitation program for ex-offenders coming out of prison. Standing in front of the new facility (l to r) are Stonewall residents Sharon Lehn, Sherry White, John Edwards, and David Baird, Facility Director.

## BUY GAY

# DIGNITY/HOUSTON

People by instinct are gregarious and social and have always and everywhere sought the company of their fellows. People band together to express common interests, to enjoy social intercourse and to realize common goals.

For these same reasons we who are homophiles at all times and places have formed identifiable communities -- overt and covert -- by whatever degree the prohibitions our larger societies have allowed.

When our homophile communities are forced by societal hostilities into secrecy, however, the positive values of human congregation are made perverse and negative and the community built upon them serves only as a temporary refuge and frantic escape from loneliness, self-hatred and despair.

The onus is ours as homophiles to resist this dehumanizing of ourselves and our fellows. We must recognize and affirm the great diversity of personality, belief and proclivity that disguised by the stereotypical image of the homophile. It is hypothetical of the homophile. It is hypothetical construct that has no validity. It denies the uniqueness and variety of feelings and experience which define an individual and are the basis of his rights.

We are citizens, entitled by right to all of the privileges and prerogatives of our citizenship. We are human beings and claim the dignity of our humanity.

To these ends we unite as **DIGNITY/HOUSTON**, under the following articles of incorporation:

**ARTICLE 1.** DIGNITY/HOUSTON is a fellowship for homophiles and will serve as a locus for our friendships and recreation.

**ARTICLE 2.** DIGNITY/HOUSTON is a forum for the open discussion of those topics, issues and problems that relate to homophiles. DIGNITY/HOUSTON will promote thoughtful use of the fran-

chise to achieve the full implementation of our human and civil rights.

**ARTICLE 3.** DIGNITY/HOUSTON will foster cooperative efforts with other groups and individuals who seek the betterment of the homophile community, particularly and society generally when such efforts are within the abilities and aims of DIGNITY/HOUSTON.

**ARTICLE 5.** DIGNITY/HOUSTON asserts that homophiles should be active, informed participants in any consideration of our condition and in any disposition of our fate.

**ARTICLE 6.** To promote our unity and to guide our actions we of DIGNITY/HOUSTON adopt the following by-laws:

Section 1. Anyone who has attended three (3) meetings of DIGNITY/HOUSTON is considered a member and is entitled to vote on all matters that come before our body.

Section 2. A planning board of five (5) persons elected will guide the activities of DIGNITY/HOUSTON.

Section 3. One member of this board will be a standing member and will vote only in case of a tie. The four remaining will serve terms of six months each on a staggered basis so that two members are selected every three months.

Section 4. The planning board will divide specific duties and responsibilities among themselves as they see fit.

Section 5. The planning board will meet as necessary, but not less than once a month.

Section 6. Three (3) members of the planning board will constitute a quorum.

Section 7. All committees will be appointed ad hoc.

Section 8. Any actions of the planning board may be abrogated by the majority vote of the larger membership.

Section 9. Any part or all of these articles and by-laws may be changed by the considered action and vote of the planning board and membership.

## those swingin' Babylonians



Detail from an ancient plaque, Babylonian bas-relief.

Many of the sexual practices of man seem to be as old as man himself, and certainly existed in most of the ancient cradles of civilization. One of the cradles was the Tigris-Euphrates area, which gave us Sumeria and Babylonia.

The first eleven chapters of Genesis deal with this early period. Abraham came from Chaldea, a part of the area, and brought some stories with him. What were these Babylonians like?

Prof. Saggs in his erudite study tells us that the typical sexual behavior was "much the same in



ancient Mesopotamia as in modern Europe." This included homosexuality, both male and female. Impotence, nocturnal emissions, VD, and ejaculatio praecox is also attested by Babylonian literature.

Already there were several positions of intercourse practiced by these peoples. ONE SURVIVING BIT OF WRITING TELLS US THAT TI PRIESTESSES PERMITTED ANAL INTCOURSE: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TEM PRIESTS DID ALSO. One surviving illustration on an ancient plaque shows a rear entry.

Circumcision did not seem to play as significant a ritual or religious role with the Babylonians as it did with people of the Nile area, but it was hardly unknown. There survives a Mesopotamian stone phallus which antedates even Abraham and it is circumcised; so Moses was certainly not the first to introduce the custom as some Bible readers have often thought.

In one of the earliest disputes over who is "most" worthy before God (see Gen. 4), God honored the worship of the homosexual.

(Dr. Paul Roberts has correctly shown that the word in the Jewish Septuagint where the KJV has desire in Gen. 4:7 is the same word used in Gen. 3:16 where 'desire' is clearly sexual. The root of the same word is found again in Song of Solomon 7:10 where the connotation is again clearly sexual. It may be inferred that Abel has sexual desire toward his brother, as the KJV had sexual desire toward his brother, as the KJV rightly reads.)

Since homosexuality is so ancient and ubiquitous, it becomes clear that neither religion nor punitive law has made much significant change in its prevalence, only in the visibility of its practice.

Sooner or later everyone must come to recognize from thousands of years of known history that heterosexuality is the dominant sexual behavior in man, but also that homosexuality is equally natural. 'Natural' includes a wide spectrum of behaviors of which the dominant behavior is but a part of the whole.

Terry from Tyler

## HOMOSEXUALITY

### 25 Questions & Answers

The INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN RESOURCES has released the following:

Magazine articles, books, news reporting, movies and public discussions of homosexuality are so plentiful today as to indicate a genuine public concern about the subject and a desire better to understand it. However, the layman has difficulty in finding simple, straightforward answers to many of his questions readily available in convenient form.

To help fill this need the following pamphlet has been prepared by a panel of highly qualified social scientists and specialists, each of whom has studied homosexuality extensively and at least one of whom is himself homosexual. In addition to his study, each of the panelists has done much interviewing and counseling work with male and female homosexuals, gaining thereby a broad insight into the attitudes and behavior patterns of several thousand such persons.

The aim of this publication is

The aim of this publication is to replace misconceptions and fears about homosexuality with a better understanding of the subject. It is hoped that this will result in improved and more humane attitudes toward those men and women for whom homosexuality is their way of life and effect a better integration into society of such individuals, many of whom

are worthwhile and useful people. Such a goal would seem to be preferable to the traditional practice of alienating them and increasing the numbers of individuals who are a burden upon society.

1. WHAT IS HOMOSEXUALITY? It is the condition of being sexually attracted and drawn to members of one's own sex.

2. WHO IS HOMOSEXUAL? The only basis for deciding whether one is or is not homosexual is a continuing erotic preference for partners of the same sex.

3. DOES A HOMOSEXUAL ACT MAKE ONE A HOMOSEXUAL? No. Many boys and girls during early childhood and adolescence have homosexual experiences without lasting effects. Also, under special circumstances, such as military service and personal life, homosexual behavior sometimes occurs on a temporary basis.

4. HOW MANY HOMOSEXUALS ARE THERE? No one really knows. However, several authorities have estimated that perhaps one out of every ten adults could be so classified. Therefore, the number would total many millions.

5. CAN HOMOSEXUALS BE EASILY IDENTIFIED? Contrary to popular belief most homosexual men and women are indistinguishable in appearance from other people.

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life, at all social and economic levels, and among all cultural groups. Homosexual tastes and personalities vary as widely as do heterosexual. Some male homosexuals are feminine in manner and appearance and some female homosexuals seem masculine. Transvestites, those who prefer the clothing of the opposite sex, and transsexuals, those who feel they are trapped in the body of the wrong sex and therefore seek surgery, usually have a psychological makeup quite different from that of most homosexuals.

6. IS HOMOSEXUALITY UNNATURAL? From a scientific point of view it is not. It would seem to be one of the natural variations of human sexuality which some societies are more willing to accept than are others. Endocrinologist Harry Benjamin, M.D., has written, "Do we know what 'normal' means? I don't know I believe that we only know what is customary."

7. ARE HOMOSEXUALS MENTALLY ILL? No. To label homosexuality as a mental illness



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reflects a value judgment based on social and religious attitudes, rather than on scientific evidence. Some homosexuals, like some heterosexuals, do indeed suffer from anxiety, or other psychological difficulties. Quite often this has been brought on by pressures from a society which is intolerant and uninformed concerning homosexuality.

8. ARE HOMOSEXUALS CRIMINALS? Homosexuals are not more nor less law-abiding than the rest of the population. However, the laws of most states against oral-genital, anal and masturbatory behavior do label homosexual acts as criminal. The majority of heterosexuals would likewise be design-

ated criminals were such laws enforced.

9. ARE CHILDREN SEDUCED INTO HOMOSEXUALITY? Homosexual seduction is no more common than is heterosexual seduction. Numerically it is much less frequent because there are fewer homosexuals. Several surveys of persons who engage in homosexuality during their adolescent years did so with those of approximately their own ages. Schofield reports (p. 209 See Bibliography) that of one group studied about three-quarters "had started homosexual activity with other boys before the age of seventeen; only a few were initiated by adults."

10. WHAT CAUSES HOMOSEXUALITY? It is not yet known what causes either heterosexuality or homosexuality. It has been held that heterosexuals may be hormonally, genetically and biologically different from homosexuals. Others have argued that a young child's emotional relationships with his parents, and those near to him will determine his sexual pattern in adulthood. Much further research will be needed before a definite answer can be given.

11. CAN HOMOSEXUALITY BE CURED? Since homosexuality is merely one of the variations of sexual behavior and has been considered to be quite normal in some societies during various periods in history a better question might be, "Should homosexuals change? If so, Why?" Available statistics indicate that large numbers of homosexuals see no reasons for wanting to change. Many of those who have tried to change have found treatment to be both long term and expensive, with results often unsatisfactory. Many therapists now favor helping individuals to accept their homosexuality, rather than to seek change.

12. IS HOMOSEXUALITY NECESSARILY A HANDICAP? No one's sexual orientation need be a handicap. Homosexuals and heterosexuals alike can lead happy, productive lives, provided they come to terms with their sexuality. For some persons, however, the social sanctions and public prejudice against homosexuality may create special problems and unhappiness.

13. IS THERE A HOMOSEXUAL PERSONALITY? None has so far been identified. Scientifically administered personality tests have not revealed any clearcut distinctions between heterosexuals and homosexuals, other than that of their sexual preference.

14. WHAT KIND OF JOBS DO HOMOSEXUALS HOLD? Like other minority groups they have tended to take those jobs having the fewer barriers. Thus, they are no more inclined to be hairdressers than negroes are to be janitors. Surveys have shown that homosexuals can be found in every occupational grouping from the ministry to professional athletics and police forces. However, the vast majority of homosexuals must take great pains not to reveal their homosexual inclinations on their jobs for their efficient and effective job performance is often no protection to them if homosexuality is suspected.

15. ARE HOMOSEXUALS CHILD MOLESTERS? The overwhelming majority of homosexuals have no interest in pre-adolescent children. There is interest in adolescents if no greater or more significant than that of heterosexuals. Paederasts, those adults who do seek sexual contacts with young children present a difficult and often

tragic problem but this should be clearly distinguished from homosexuality. According to studies of such offenders in prisons, the majority of paederasts are, or have been, married men.

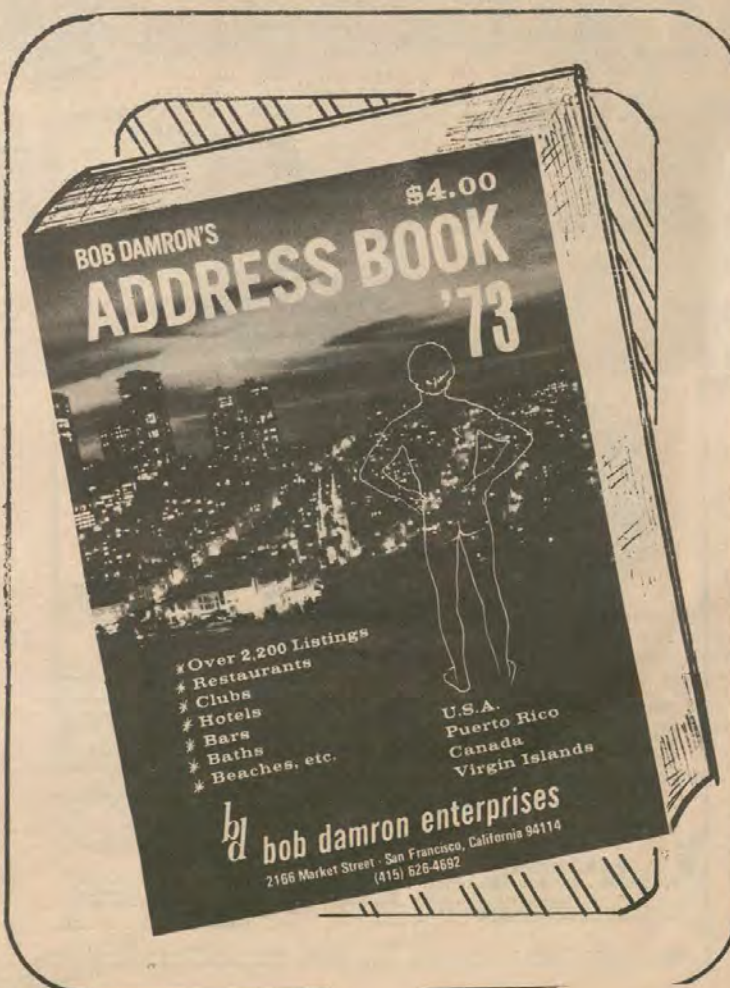
16. ARE HOMOSEXUALS AS PROMISCUOUS AS CLAIMED? Not necessarily. However, because of the nature of the social pressures they face, it is more difficult for homosexuals to establish long term stable relationships than it is for heterosexual couples. Research indicates that there are many long term homosexual relationships, sometimes referred to as "marriages."

17. WILL HAVING HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONS SOLVE ANYTHING? The homosexual who has already identified himself as such is seldom swayed by having some heterosexual experiences, particularly if they are sought out of desperation or anxiety. Homosexuals who try marriage as a way out usually end up by making not only themselves miserable but the spouse as well. Children of such marriages are also caught up in the tragedy.

18. SHOULD HOMOSEXUALS TRY TO RESIST THEIR SEX URGES? It would be as unrealistic to expect homosexuals to practice complete sexual abstinence as to expect heterosexuals to do the same. Undoubtedly some homosexuals manage, as do some heterosexuals, to remain celibate throughout their lives, but most people would find this not only impossible but undesirable.

19. WILL CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS OF THE SAME SEX LEAD TO HOMOSEXUALITY? This fear of intimate friendships, particularly between males, has had negative effects on the mental well being and normal relationships of men to each other in the estimation of many researchers. It is perfectly natural for an adult male to express love and affection for another man or for an adolescent without being homosexual. Displays of affection between males are commonplace in many countries of the world and even in the United States it is not considered inappropriate for women to show warm affection for each other. Male fear of establishing intimate relationships seems due to the prevailing tremendous misunderstanding about what homosexuality actually means.

20. WHAT DANGERS DO HOMOSEXUALS ENCOUNTER? One of the consequences of being a member of a disdained minority group is that homosexuals are frequently victimized by blackmailers and unscrupulous police. Since known homosexuals are excluded generally from employment by government agencies and from membership in the armed forces, blackmailers may threaten them with exposure. Some homosexuals





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would rather pay money to such persons than to lose their jobs. Entrapment procedures are often used against homosexuals; that is, in order to make an arrest the sexuals, or even make advances to them. Such abuses would be eliminated if the so-called sex laws were changed.

21. IF THE SOCIAL AND LEGAL SANCTIONS AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY were removed WOULD IT INCREASE? Social and legal equality for homosexuals would undoubtedly lead to more openness about homosexuality. This might lead some people to think there had been an increase. It is also likely that some "border-line" cases, those who might have been trying to seek a heterosexual adjustment would be less willing to do so. However, since homosexual tendencies are not usually acquired by choice, the state of the law would be unlikely to make any difference in the number of homosexuals. The vast majority of people would remain heterosexual as at present. In countries having had legal freedom from homosexual behavior for many years this has apparently been the usual result.

22. DOES HOMOSEXUALITY CAUSE SOCIETIES TO DECLINE? A careful study of history would tend to indicate that there is no discernable connection between the state of a nation's fortunes and its attitude toward homosexual behavior. The decline of Rome, for example, was due to many social and economic factors including an inability to successfully transfer power from one ruler to another. Homosexuality in itself was not a factor.

23. WILL PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF HOMOSEXUALITY LEAD TO ITS INCREASE? One of the best ways to reduce misinformation, misconceptions and myths about

sex is to openly discuss such matters with young people at a time when they are most interested in the topic. The notion that the way to protect young people from something is to keep them ignorant of it betrays not only a strange lack of confidence in the good sense of the younger generation but also goes contrary to what we know about the learning process.

24. SHOULD PARENTS DISCUSS HOMOSEXUALITY WITH THEIR CHILDREN? There should be frank discussions of this and other subjects if young people are to be helped in working through their adolescent difficulties over sex orientation. Also, parents, teachers, athletic coaches, and all others who deal with young people need to clarify their own attitudes concerning homosexuality. Rejection of a young person will not help him and may do incalculable harm.

25. WHERE CAN MORE INFORMATION AND HELP BE OBTAINED? The Institute for the Study of Human Resources, of Los Angeles maintains up-to-date lists of agencies and professionals available for counseling and other assistance in various parts of the United States. Inquiries stating the need and situation may be addressed to the Institute and are invited. For those wishing to have a short list of books and publications in order to further inform themselves about homo-

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## BOOK REVIEWS

**SCREENING THE SEXES: HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE MOVIES** by Parker Tyler, 1972, published at \$10 by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York; 367 pages.

by Alan

Parker Tyler is a noted movie critic who has produced what his publishers call his "masterwork," "The definitive book" on hidden homosexual motifs and explicit male and female homosexuality in

llation and arousal of hard-core porn. Rather, it is the kind of sophisticated writing which would be most appropriate for the coffee tables of the gay literati and of the tables of the gay literati and of the liberated straights.

Although highly readable at points, *SCREENING* strongly conveys the impression that its author is turned on by verbosity and semantic games and is probably averse to making strong, clear, cogent statements. In contrast, he seems to wallow in his own ego-tripping and the convoluted nuances of language. In many instances, he seems to make his point in spite of, rather than because of, his style of writing.

In a very real sense, this is a radical book for it exposes and lays wide open what once was all closed doors, whispers, insinuations, scandals, charades, and pornography. It demonstrates, as Tyler intended, "that the simple, reactionary two-sex system is a much outdated institution which reality should persuade us to junk."

Finally, the gay reader who thinks he may be interested in *SCREENING* should bear in mind that Tyler has not meant to present this repertory here in any solemn academic way, a waylacking humor. If he goes for fun and strategies and innuendo, it is because that is what sex does, in life as in the movies, he says.

In the realm of mischievous fun and grim mischief, the movies are never off the mark. All this makes for a poetry of sexual wit. In sexual matters, more than others, the movies become profound. Herein lies one of the principal points of *SCREENING*.

By the way, anyone who has been to movies in the past few years will cream his jeans when he peruses the 69 illustrations including such notable scenes as the late George Sanders (erstwhile husband of Zsa Zsa Gabor) in drag and Hepburn with a crew-cut.



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both commercial and avant-garde films.

As the publishers further claim, it is indeed true that he surveys the cinematic scene from Mae West to Garbo, from Fellini to Warhol, from Bogart to Brando, from high art to "beavers" and metabeavers, from drag queens to stag stars, from Hollywood buddies to mother mockers, from suave dykes to "sticks and stoners"-- and all of this magnificent array is handled with constant references to hundreds of truly be said that he documents his subject through decades of film history.

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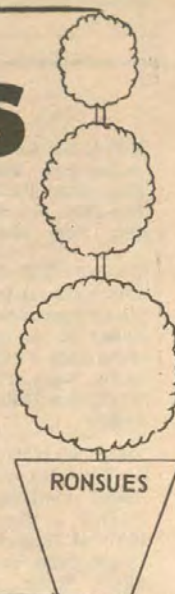
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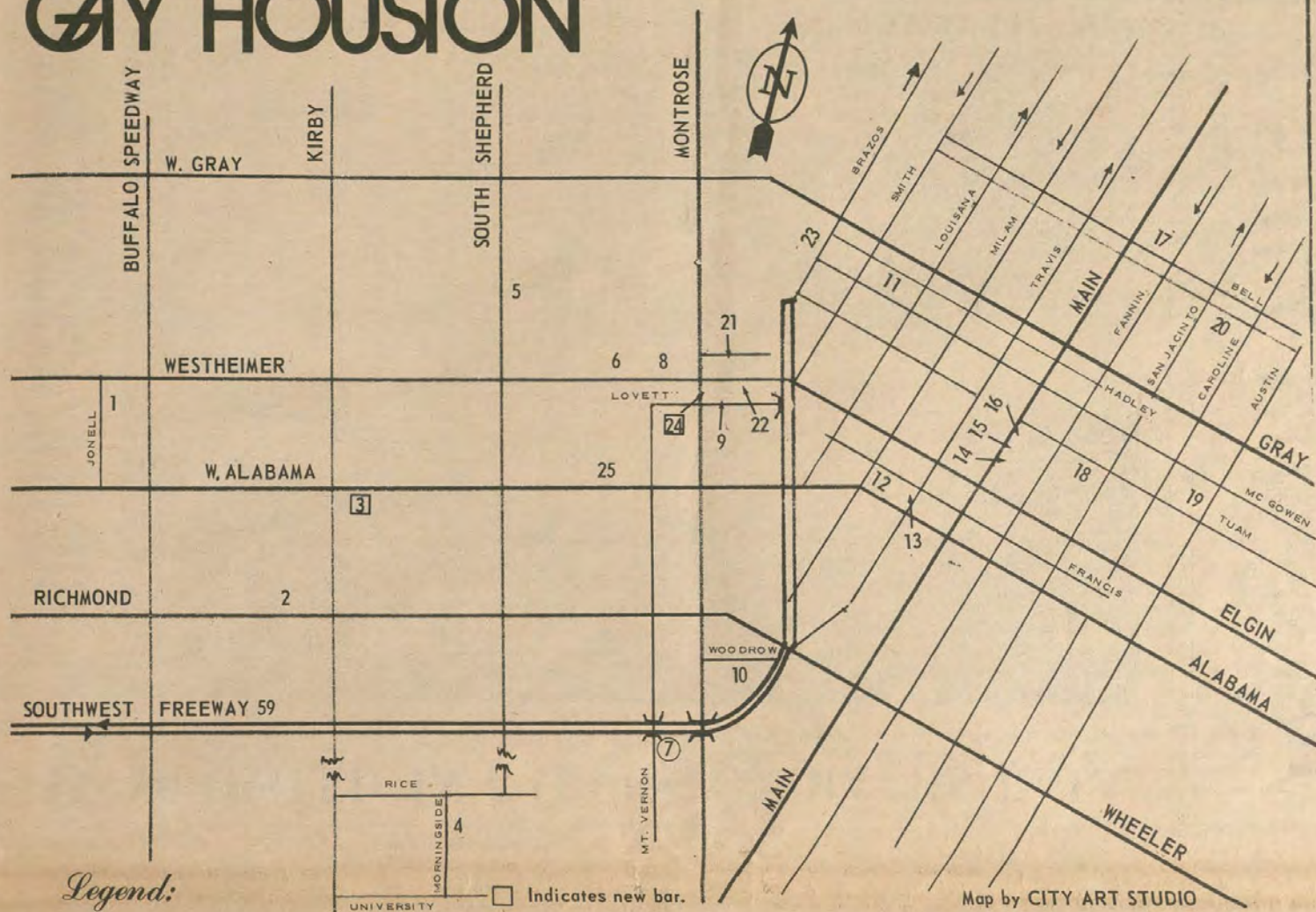
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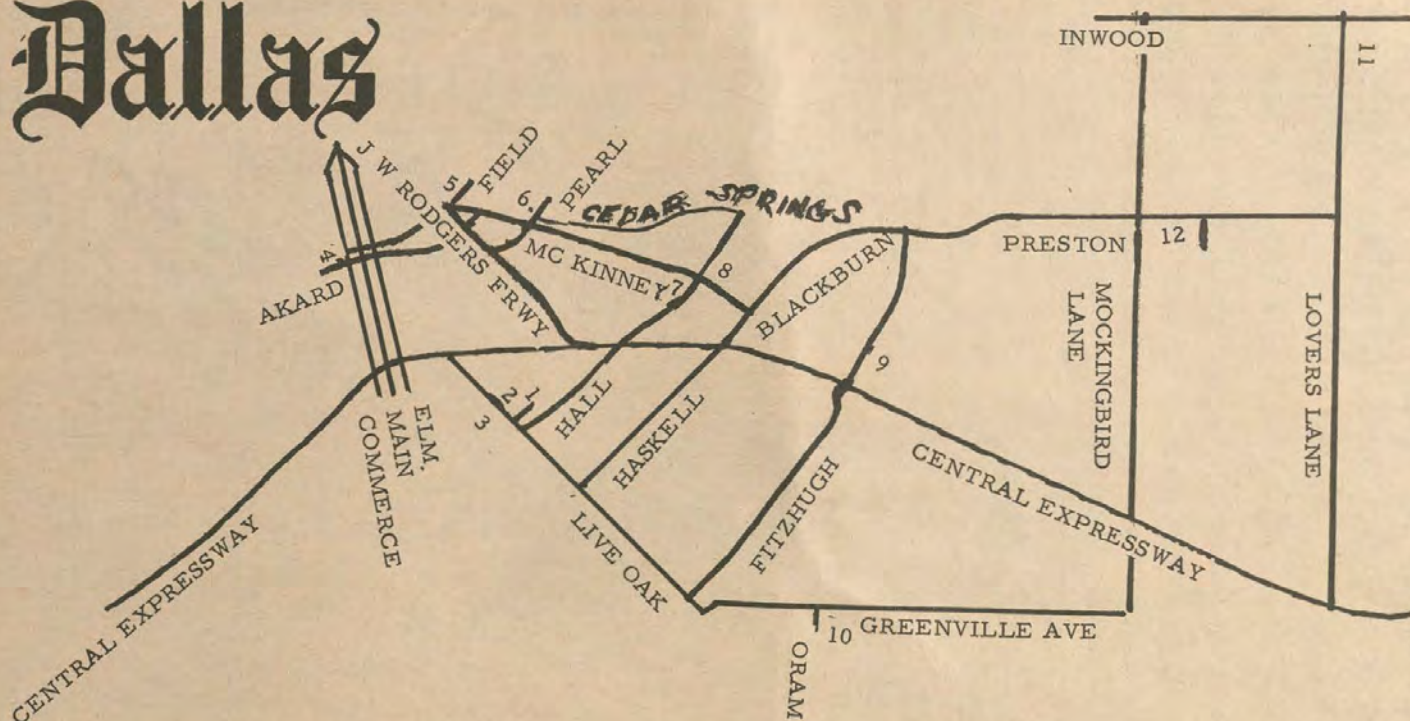
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