



the NUNTIUS

NIGHT OF TERROR FOR GAY PAIR

Farmhouse owner beaten and robbed

SCOTTIE HARBERS

HOUSTON - Monday, October 16, at 3:30 in the morning Gene Howel and his lover Lynn Gainey were returning from closing the Farmhouse. Gene armed with his pistol was walking into the apartment when a man in a ski mask knocked the gun from his hand and made him lie on the floor. Lynn was still outside locking the car, the man then called out to him that if he wanted to live he better get in the apartment. The man then made Gene and Lynn crawl up the stairs, Gene turned his head as he reached the top of the stairs, and the man then struck him over the right eye causing a wound that required stitches to close the gash.

Their eyes were then covered with several tightly wrapped loops of surgical tape. After the victims eyes were covered the robber called in another person. They then bound the hands and feet of the pair with the same type tape. They gagged Lynn with tape and began asking Gene what various items in the apartment were worth. They soaked Lynn's feet in what they said was gasoline and threatened to set fire to them if they were not told where more money was. Gene told the pair that they had all the money. They threatened to take Lynn as a hostage if they did not get more money but finally they were satisfied that they had all that was there.

During the hour and a half that the two were in the apartment they used a butcher knife to "find out how loud the pair could scream." They beat both Gene and Lynn, causing cuts and bruises on both and leaving Gene with a broken ear drum.

The pair left after making sure that both Gene and Lynn were firmly bound, and that the telephones were torn out of the walls. The robbers took \$4,000.00 in cash and about \$2,000.00 in personal property.

Lynn was the first to get free; he then freed Gene and they went for help. After two hours in the emergency room at St. Joseph's Hospital Gene and Lynn were released with stitches closing the wounds.

Mr. Howel stated that he has a good idea as to who the two men were and how they knew that he had just recently moved. Each time he rides home now he knows that something like this could happen again. Precautions have been taken and he has increased his security. Mr. Howel feels sure that someone paid these men to abuse and rob him.

Who is the person or persons that would do or cause to be done actions of this type?

We at the NUNTIUS join the Gay community in the hope that the responsible parties are brought soon to justice and that there is no recurrence of this happening again.



Mr. and Miss Farmhouse 1972

NOVA WINS

Again and again

Nova Brenard, winner of Miss Grand Ball, Best Dress and runner-up to Best Professional at the Zodiac Ball in Dallas also appeared in contests in Houston, (her homebase.)

At the Hi Kamp, she was first runner-up to Miss Hi Kamp, at the Greensleeves she was Miss Greensleeves.

This was also the second year running that she won the title of Miss Continental Showcase. The last award is given for the best of all contestants at the Continental Showcase Club, a straight club

in Houston.

This young man was the winner of Miss Houston last year and has captured five trophies and titles this year.

His real name is Joseph Richard Bernard and is a hospital orderly in one of Houston's Hospitals. Joseph is 25 years old and has been appearing in "drag" since he was 22 years old.

His first appearance was on Labor Day 1971 at the Gold Room in Houston. Since that time he has appeared at the Exile, The Scene I, and the Greensleeves.



ZODIAC BALL II

Anyone can have problems, but sponsors of Dallas's 2nd annual Zodiac Halloween Ball had more than they deserved. But our loveable drag queens and good ol' gay unity somehow managed to save the show.

The lobby of Dallas' staid ol' Hotel Adolphus was cramed with straights giving their eyeballs a workout as gay ladies and gents arrived in costumes as lavish as those used in an old 1943 MGM musical. Some queens, on the arms of their handsome escorts, arrived at the entrance of the Hotel in limousines, others came in modest

Volkswagens and less impressive cars. One extremely beautiful drag arrived in a beat-up 1956 pickup truck! But she and the others entered the lobby as regally as the Queen Mother of England would have. God Save The Queens!

However, once inside the ballroom, the party was beset with last minute problems. It seems the band, without notice, decided they didn't want to play for queers. This band cancelled about 4 p.m. Another band was engaged on such short notice, the leader stating that they would be there at 8 p.m. sharp. They finally appeared at



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OUR COMMUNITY

NOTHING HUMAN IS ALIEN TO US



The Montrose Gaze Community Center
504 Fairview at Whitney.

MONTROSE GAZE NEEDS YOU

After months of hard word and many hassels the Montrose Gaze Community center opened October 29 with out a hitch. The center located in the old House of Hope Mission for Alcoholic women, at 504 Fairview. Members of the Gaze have been working on the center for some two weeks and the results is a building that they can be proud of. The organizers expected a turn out of about 150 people for their costume Grand Opening Ball. The party started at 2 p.m. with Don Sanders, a local folk singer providing the usual good music. After the singing the crowd mingled and wandered in and out for the next few hours with new people showing up to find out what a community center was. The center was closed down for an hour to let the workers get ready for the dance that night.

9:30 p.m. drunk and were turned away and told they would not be needed! Then something (heaven only knows what) happened to the sound system that had been ordered for the ball. It seems it was delivered to the hotel and misplaced. Much searching was done for the system which never turned up! After about two hours of problems Billy Joe went to Ronsue's Bar and brought back the system used there for shows and began along with hotel engineers trying to connect it to the hotel's speakers. So for almost 3 hours, most of the huge crowd milled around and chatted. Some became bored and quietly left. But two contestants were so outraged, they staged a bitch scene. One took the microphone to denounce the way the celebration was being mishandled. She felt that many had spent a great deal of money, time, and effort on their costumes, wigs, headpieces, and props, and that the contest was scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., and there was no excuse for such a lengthy delay. Some shouted her down, and seeing it was useless "to talk to these people" she and her friend stormed out. (The costumes of this pair were fantastic - two of the most outstanding at the ball). Kitty Key then took the microphone to speak in defense of the Ball. "Anyone can have problems." "Many of us came 300 miles from Houston to attend, and we will wait patiently until the sound system is working." Mr. Gene Howel and Lynn from

The dance attracted more than the expected crowd. It is truly surprising the number of young gays that were there who are too young to legally get into the bars. As the number of people grew, so did the general feeling of belonging. The center held its attraction and people of all the Gay community responded with a natural feeling of satisfaction of knowing that here was a place that accepted you without question. The younger members of the crowd exited early, probably an indication of the fact that they had to get home by a certain hour. The older crowd held on to see the judging of costumes contest, at which four contestants were all declared winners. Tee, the head of the publicity committee conducted the contest with a raport which could

The Farmhouse in Houston were at the table with this beautiful entertainer and with understanding supported her statement completely. With the support of Mr. Howel and his more than generous contribution of \$100 to the prizes already posted for the Ball was welcomed by the contestants and the Ball sponsors alike. Support from men such as this Houston club operator is very much appreciated by all.

Madame Fertilizer, Star of Stars, Mother of us All, Grande Lady of Drag, etc., helped pass the time by telling some funny jokes as only a great professional can. Then without any musical accompniment at all, she sang a rather risque (dirty?) song. Of course the audience gave her, not one, but two standing ovations. Kitty from Houston gave us many moments of laughter as she adlibed and joked with the audience. But the biggest burden of the evening fell on the broad shoulders of the Master of Ceremonies, who tried repeatedly to explain the delay, and asked the audience to bear with him. Most eagerly did so.

In time, the sound came through and the party proceeded. A grand party it was too. But because of the late start, perhaps not as stunning as last year's premier soiree.

But surely next year, all the technical problems will have been ironed out, and the Zodiac Ball III will be the greatest yet!

not help bring to mind the striking resemblance of her to Shelly Winters.

The contestants, two guys and tow girls made a hit with the judges, i.e. everyone there. One of the guys dressed in a rather matronly brown dress had a full beard to go with the flat chest and harrpy legs; he reminded me so much of a grandmother. The other gentleman in a mask and tux looked the spitting image of Scrooge, and the hands down winner of the contest. One young lady looked as if she had just stepped out of a 1930 dress shop, complete with aqua tear droops about her beautiful eyes. The other lady came as her natural self Gemini two people in one body, and well done to. From one side she was a nice calm quiet person and from the other a red faced harlot. They were all winners, but the real winner was the entire Gay Community having a good time with the guys and girls mixing in grand community spirit.

The building is located at the corner of Fairview and Whitney. It is an old two story white structure with what is becoming red trim. The interior is a tasteful restoration of the house which needs much more work. With the juke box in the dining room of the old nine room home, it makes a great area for cozy dancing. With 25 people dancing in the room it makes the whole house move with a life it has never seen before. The upper level consists of two small rooms and a larger room destined to be the meeting room for the group. The lower game room seems to be the main attraction for the younger people, with two pin ball machines and a pool table it is going to be very popular in the days to come. If you visit the center be sure to visit the "tower" room on the second level. By all means if you go by expect to be asked to do some painting or other work as they need all the help and support they can get.

Thirty new members were added to the ranks of the Montrose Gaze bosting the total paid membership well over the hundred mark. It will take more than the dollar a month from each to keep the center open. It will also take a lot of support to keep the things going as they should. The center is for you sponsored and supported by people like yourself, keep up the good work.

Most needed items at the center are folding chairs for the meeting room, furniture of all types (no beds), ash trays, card tables, paint, paneling, lamps and light fixtures of all types, air conditioners, a water fountain, a refrigerator, and you as a member. The rules of the center bar any dope, alcohol, or sex on the premises.

Joe Anthony, a Houston business man has been a great help to the center, and for this the community and the center with to thank him.

Police Harassment

On Haloween night my friend, Gerald, and I donned costumes befitting the holiday and we spent the evening "trick or treating" friends in the neighborhood and then later going to public bars and restaurants in the city. Our costumes were neither illegal, immoral, or indecent and one should be able to wear such clothing at any time without fear of ridicule or harassment.

After the evening was over (or so we thought) I drove Gerald to his apartment in Braes Heights (which apartment building he owns incidentally) and parked at the curb on the street while we finished a conversation which was underway. Within two or three minutes a City of Houston Police car drove up and the occupants proceeded to question us. I was asked about a single empty beer can which was in an insulator and sitting in a floorboard carrier and I told them the contents had been consumed at another location earlier in the evening. The officers were quite preoccupied with our clothing and they asked many questions concerning why we were dressed as we were and they made many smart-aleck remarks about our appearance. After a while both os us were arrested for "consuming" after hours in public (a public street) and for public intoxication. This happened in front of the residence of Gerald in a quiet residential neighborhood!

At the police station while my personal possessions were being taken from me two police officers called me a queer and then made further derogatory remarks when I did not respond to their harassment. The following statement was made to Gerald by an officer concerning the ethnic group whose native costume he wore: "We don't like ----'s around here."

The offenses we were charged with are not true and furthermore the accusations and derogatory remarks made by the officers involved regarding sexual preferences and mode of dress have nothing to do whatsoever with the actual charges.

To me the entire affair is very clearly a case of police harassment.8

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SUNDAY BLOODY MARY PARTY

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or girl put that beer down

It was a warm October, Saturday afternoon with big black thundershowers dotting the Houston skyline. On a softball diamond on Fairview, fifty members of the community were engaged in a softball game. The rivalry, it seems, was confined to the playing field; with the entire company having a great time.

The men's team comprised of some noteworthy people such as Paul S., the Farmhouse, Joe and Mike A., Mary's and other various interests, Bill, the catcher on the mens team who seemed young enough to be attending the elementary school in the same block. "Easy Out" Joe pitched the men's team to a 38-8 victory over the girls team. The final score is still in doubt, it seems that the umpire, Al, has trouble counting over ten without taking his shoes off.

The girls team had trouble find-

ing the ball with a beer can in one hand, but all in all, who cares that much about winning. It's how you play the game that counts, and the girls game was a sight. Pitch hitting on the girls team was Ron Waters, Democratic candidate for the 32nd District, State House position. Ron's hitting wasn't enough to help the girls but the girls are doing everything to help Ron carry the Montrose-Heights area in the upcoming election.

After having been soundly upset, the girls concented to playing another game. The second game of "mixed teams" rounded out an afternoon of fun for everyone. With the score of 38-8 it seemed like a football game, considering the beautiful people in the game a "touch" football game seems just the thing. The game was sponsored by The Montrose Gaze 'and is just one of the fine social activities they plan to give you.

GAY YOUTH ASK FOR FUNDS

A grant proposal asking for \$9,000.00 for Model Cities funds was recently presented to the Youth Division of the Seattle Mayor's Office by the Gay Youth of Seattle. The funds are requested for the establishment of a Gay Youth Services center and six-month salaries for a center director and secretary. The request was stimulated by the recent closing of the Seattle Gay Community Center and the increasing need for professional services providing counseling, recreation, and job and home placements for Gay persons under 20. The project is being sponsored by Stonewall.

The proposal must first be approved by neighborhood youth planning committees of four youth division districts. The first pre-

sentation was made to the Southeast Youth Planning Committee on October 5, the second on October 10 to the North Committee. At these meetings, spokesmen for Gay Youth of Seattle explained the urgent need for these services. Steve Rice, coordinator of the project, said, "One out of every ten of your friends is homosexual. This is one of the largest and most neglected youth minorities in the city. Many of them are runaways, drop-outs, kicked out of their homes, or confined to institutions for expressing their sexual preference."

Rice is coordinating efforts of Gay young people to get involved with the project. Those interested in helping should contact him at 323-4570.

Girls form group

by Wade Frey

A lesbian feminist study group is being planned in Houston. Gay women who are interested in participating in this group may receive more information by calling The Montrose Gaze Community

Center at 528-9069.

The Center is open at 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sunday.



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FREE CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

The FREE CHURCH of DALLAS, pastored by Bob Jones who ministers to both gay and straight communities, was burned out of its home in the early morning hours of Tuesday, October 10th. The church unfortunately has no insurance. Some say it was a case of arson.

The apparent arsonist burned a hole in the outside of the two-story frame building at 2635 Reagan that housed the Free Church, creating a draft which engulfed the wooden building in flames. Amateurs usually try to burn the whole building by sprinkling gas all around it, resulting in smoke damage but little real damage.

A trail of gasoline was spread to the middle of the yard next door as a safety measure for the apparent arsonist. The trail was ignited, possibly with a delayed fuse for a getaway, and spread quickly to the spot on the house which was well-doused with gasoline. There were no footprints since the apparent arsonists did not step in the mud around the house.

Pastor Jones was preparing for bed when he noticed a glow on the side of the house. "I thought I had forgotten to put out a light," said the long-haired minister. But when he investigated, he saw the side of the house on fire and the burning trail into the neighbor's yard.

He quickly extinguished the blaze with a garden hose and retired after nervously checking the street periodically for suspicious behavior.

Almost a year ago the Free Church's car, a Volkswagen, was firebombed.

About 3:30 a.m., Rev. Jones was awakened by another Free Church resident with the building in flames. Both dived through a window to safety.

Fire Department investigators theorized that an ember ignited the fire a second time, creating a fiery inferno. However, they do not rule out the possibility that the arsonists came back to finish the job.

The Fire Department asked Jones and Bill May, another Free Church official, to take lie detector tests to see if they had set the fire themselves for publicity.

Jones and May both agreed to take polygraph tests if a test were also given to Department of Public Safety narc Bob Hardin. Hardin has threatened Jones in several raids he has conducted.

Both May and Jones passed their tests, proving in effect that they knew nothing about the fire's origin. It is not known at this time what the results of Hardin's test were, or even if he took a polygraph test.

When asked about the identities of their enemies, Free Church Officials named only the Dallas police. Police are known to maintain closer than normal surveillance on the Free Church, but were noticeably absent the night of the fire.

Alan



Another Loss For Gays

One of the best written publications in America is gone. THE LADDER, started in 1956 by the Daughters of Bilitis, was the nation's oldest continuously published homosexual publication.

In a farewell editorial, Gene Damon wrote:

"For those of you who have supported us by word, deed, and money, as well as by writing for these pages, we simply wish the best in the future."

"For those of you who have casually read us through the years, indeed sometimes intending to subscribe but not ever quite getting around to it, we wish you whatever you deserve and leave it to your own consciences to decide just what that might be."

The gay movement is 22 years old. We are winning, but freedom will come only when we deserve it. As of now, too few lend a hand: too many merely complain.

The NUNTIVUS finds itself in somewhat of a similar situation. If the support is not there, the need for the publication and its goals are not helpful to a minority such as the Gay Community. For an individual to continue to subsidize this paper is out of the question as these funds and energies are limited. Your support is needed -- won't you try so that we may continue in some small way to help better the conditions under which we are now compelled to live.

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Gaze Members on KPFT



Members, T. Sanders, Wade Fry, Rafael Jamintz, on KPFT talk show with Jim Strong (left).

Three members of the Montrose Gaze appeared on the Wednesday afternoon talk show on Pacifica. The subject was to have been Gay bars, but the non-experts decided that this would be a good time for the statement of the personal views of each person. They were quick to admit that the bars are not the best atmosphere to meet and get to know people but in the same breath it was also stated that the bars had a place in Gay life and that they did indeed serve a need of the Gay community.

Wade Fry while ready to condemn the bars because "they promoted sex without real knowledge of the person involved," he also stated that he "was a regular customer of the baths which promotes sex for sex sake."

Sex is a natural function of the human body so why is the Gay bar an issue? Some feel that the bars make an unusually high profit. The Gay bars offer much more than the straight bars. Naturally the individuals who own the bars are in business for a profit, but they are also quick to support the community. As an example of the

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Moving away from the issue at hand, Gay bars, the show moved on to a wider field, "pick-ups," and why gays have trouble making contacts and the problems which come out of short term 'one-night' relationships. Each person expressed their own opinion and left the audience with the feeling that these one-nighters and variety was actually what they wanted.

The show is presented every other Wednesday at about 12:30 p.m., with the next show set for November 15. Issues are important but the Gay bars play an important role in the life of the Gay community of any large city.

'No Way' for Gay Marriage, Durant Officials State

DURANT, Okla. -- "No Way."

That quick and emphatic declaration by Special Judge David Kelly ended a tour of Bryan County officials by three girls in what apparently was a serious attempt to stage an all-girl wedding.

Durant has acquired a reputation as a marriage mill for quickie weddings over the years, but this was one that didn't make it.

Three girls who said they were from Arkansas appeared in the busy marriage parlor of Beal Nix and asked what license was required for a wedding. Nix, seeing no prospective bridegroom, thought he was being kidded.

"Oh, a fishing license or just about any kind of license will do," he said, going along with the joke. He thought.

A blonde in blue jeans and a sorority sweatshirt asked if a driver's license would do, then added, "Do you ever marry any gay people?"

"Most of the people I marry are gay," Nix joked. But the blonde declared they were ready, then, for the wedding.

When Nix asked about the other half of the partners-to-be, the blonde pointed to "a very, very pretty brown-haired girl" sitting in an auto outside.

"It isn't a he," the girl replied, "It's a her."

Realizing it wasn't a joke, Nix referred the girls to the county courthouse.

County Clerk Louise Gentry says the blonde girl was still acting as spokesman when the girls approached her a short time later. She advised them of blood tests and identification requirements, then asked the same question Beal had asked. The answer was the same she says--a finger pointing at the pretty brunette.

At that moment Judge Kelly passed by and Mrs. Gentry sought his advice. His terse rejection was softened by an offer to read them the law, but they said they believed him, and left.

Stymied in their quest for an official wedding, the girls reappeared at Nix's to press for something less than official just some kind of ceremony.

"I don't really care myself," the blonde told him, "but she wants some sort of ceremony, so can't you just say one for us?"

Nix was a justice of the peace in the boom days of Durant's marriage mill operation, and now holds a minister's license.

"I just don't have a ceremony that fits your case," he said.



Pitcher on the Gays' team at the Gaze softball game, and a Houston personality.

Poll indicates little support for Gay rights

Houston Gay Political Committee
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Houston Gay Political Committee, along with some members of Gay Liberation, polled candidates for the Texas Legislature for Harris County. Also polled were the Texas gubernatorial candidates. Unfortunately there were very few favorable replies. We believe many candidates who do support the gay rights issue hesitate to declare their position publicly for fear of alienating anti-gay voters. However, we cannot accept secret verbal replies. Should that candidate be elected, that same fear of alienating the anti-gay voter would affect his/her support of gay

issues in Austin.

We do not endorse any candidates. Our policy is to encourage members of the gay community to make their choices on the basis of available information. Election day is November 7th.

The Houston Gay Political Committee questionnaire posed these questions:

(1) Do you support repeal of Texas' sodomy law?

(2) Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catch-all laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy?

(3) Would you support the right of a place of business serving a primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Replies of candidates for state senate from Harris County:
 Lee McLemore from district 13 was the only candidate to answer but he took no position. The other candidates did not reply at all.

Replies of candidates for state representative from Harris County:

Ron Waters, district 79, Favorable, Dorothy Potts, district 85, Favorable, Craig Washington, District 86, Favorable, David Rossi (SWP), (Party stand Favorable), Senfronia Thompson, district 89, Favorable, Ray Bamhart, District 100, reply somewhat Favorable. The balance of the candidates did not reply.

Replies of candidates for Governor of Texas:

Dolph Briscoe, no reply, Henry C. Grover, Favorable, Ramsey Muniz (La Raza Unida), no reply, Debbie Leonard (SWP), Party stand Favorable.

Our primary importance is the enactment of legislation prohibiting discrimination because of sexual orientation as a criterion for employment. Legal reform alone will not liberate us but is an essential first step to that end. Let us continue our demand for fully equal rights, whenever and wherever possible.

R.Y.

PHOTOS BY Woody

NUNTUIS COVER PHOTOS ----

For the past several months the cover photos have been furnished by Woody Keys.

Woody is a fine photographer and great friend to the community and the NUNTUIS does appreciate greatly the pictures supplied by his studio.

If in the future, as in the past, exceptional photos appear without a byline -- they will be Woody's.

Gay Retains Job Despite Civil Service

In a case which may be indicative of a modification of its traditional policies of unrelenting, remorseless, intransigent exclusion of homosexuals from Federal employment, the U. S. Civil Service Commission, on September 28, rescinded its proposed removal, one-year debarment, and disqualification action against George A. Strasser, of Riverdale, Maryland, a GS-11 Computer Programmer at the Government Printing Office (GPO) in Washington, D.C.

Strasser, aged 30, commenced work at the GPO in August, 1971. He had received a General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions from the Army in 1960 because of admitted homosexuality.

On July 27, 1972, while Strasser was still in his probationary year as a Federal employee, following an interrogation by Civil Service Commission investigators on July 20, he received a letter from the Civil Service Commission, directing his removal from his position, debarment for one year, and otherwise disqualifying him (all subject to administrative appeal) on the grounds that:

"After carefully considering all of the facts, including your statements, we have decided that you do not meet the suitability requirements for employment in the competitive Federal service under the provisions of Section 731.201 of the Civil Service Regulations because of immoral conduct.

"Official records show that effective October 18, 1960, you received a general discharge under honorable conditions from the United States Army as a result of your statement that you had been having episodic homosexual contacts since early childhood,

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the last of which had taken place a few weeks before the interview with Army officials. During the interview with the Commission's representative, you again admitted the homosexual acts which preceded the Army discharge and subsequent perverted acts, the most recent occurring in the several weeks prior to the interview. You further stated that you consider yourself to be bisexual.

"Since your admitted history of acts of sexual perversion is both lengthy and recent, the Commission has determined that your continued employment in the Federal service would not promote the efficiency of that service."

The GPO exercised not only its option to retain Strasser on an active-duty status during the administrative appeal procedure, but also elected to file an agency appeal on his behalf.

Additionally, in a rare show of "rebellion in the ranks" (of Government), the GPO also made it clear to the Commission, informally but unmistakably, that even if the Commission ordered Strasser's removal, the GPO would refuse to dismiss him, and the Commission would have to take the GPO to court (The Commission has the legal power to direct an agency to fire a probationary employee). The Commission muttered about having the GPO's funds cut off, but it seems unlikely that this could have been accomplished.

Strasser's Counsel, Dr. Franklin E. Kameny, also commenced preparation of an Appeal on Strasser's own behalf, by presenting the Commission with a list of preliminary questions relating to the Commission's view of the nexus between the conduct alleged and the efficiency of the service, the equation of homosexual conduct with sexual perversion with immoral conduct, and the relationship for Federal employment, the Commission's right, in the light of recent court decisions, to make the inquiries which it had made in regard to Strasser's sexual activities, etc., etc.

The Commission never replied to Kameny's letter (The Director of the Personnel Investigations Bureau assured Kameny, by telephone, that an answer was being formulated, but it never appeared). The agency's appeal (stating that in their view Strasser's conduct raised no problems for the agency, that he was a good employee, that he had a letter of commendation in his file, that his personal life was his own affair, etc.) was filed in mid-September. Apparently retreating from potential multiple confrontations (With the

agency in a clash on authority and power; with Kameny on basic policies) the Commission almost immediately notified Strasser, the GPO, and Kameny that its earlier decision had been reversed and rescinded.

This seems effectively to foreclose all future action against Strasser, whether from the Commission, from the agency, or from elsewhere in the government, on the basis of his homosexuality, barring some egregious mishap such as an arrest.

The case is noteworthy in that no effort was made to evade or avoid the fact of Strasser's ongoing homosexuality (It was Kameny's intention to stipulate to it, and the Commission was so informed). Nevertheless, in a possibly unprecedented action, the Commission did not disqualify him.

Whether this case is simply a unique aberration on the Commission's part, precipitated by the agency's strong opposition, or whether it represents a backing off from the policies of at least two decades will be shown in the next several weeks and months, when action by the Commission is forthcoming on several other pending cases (both at the administrative and the judicial levels) and the Commission's long-promised revision in policy finally appears (or clearly is not going to appear).

H.E.L.P. Moves Forward

In the aftermath of the Black Pipe arrests, there have been many rumors regarding the stability of H.E.L.P., Inc. The Board of Directors feels compelled to acknowledge these, and to render a brief statement regarding the organization's current status:

As the second largest gay membership organization in the United States, H.E.L.P., Inc. bears a heavy burden or responsibility, most particularly toward those of our people who live in Southern California. Conversely, we feel justified in expecting this Community to support us in our attempts to be of service. We are presently involved in the most serious and perilous effort ever undertaken by ourselves, or by any other group. In electing to defend the Black Pipe cases with a "no holds barred" attack on the Lewd Conduct statutes, we have, in effect, taken up the gauntlet for each and every gay person in California. Our eventual success could

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Our most serious problem is a shortage of personnel...people to do the work which must be done to equip and man the Center, and to keep us in contact with our members and other organizations. Some months ago, with a smaller membership and more restricted services, the Board officers were able to handle the work load. This has now become too extensive, remembering that all these people are volunteers who need also earn a living. From now on, H.E.L.P. must look to the greater Community for workers, especially seeking those who can give time during regular business hours.

As a final point, we would like

to assure the Gay Community that the Black Pipe cases are all well in hand. The necessary legal moves have been initiated to carry our battle before the California Supreme Court. Because of the methods being employed, it is questionable whether any of the defendants will ever actually have to stand trial. If they do, however, we will want all the witnesses we can get. The H.E.L.P. attorneys already have a fairly substantial list of names, but request that anyone present at the Black Pipe at the time of the arrests, who is not certain we have his name and other pertinent information, give this data to the H.E.L.P. Center Director (7221 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood; 876-9883).

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite the entire Gay Community to join us at 8:30 P.M., November 10th, when we will celebrate our Fourth Anniversary and the official Grand Opening of the new H.E.L.P. Center.

At its regularly scheduled meeting, October 11, 1972, the H.E.L.P., Inc. Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt the "Lambda" as the universal symbol of our Gay Community's struggle for recognition and equality. In doing this, we join with such organizations as New York's Mattachine Society and Gay Activists Alliance, Los Angeles' Gay Community Alliance, and many other gay student and/or civil rights groups across the nation. H.E.L.P. is hopeful that still more organizations will take similar action, with the result that our movement will achieve a single universal symbol of unity.

Farmhouse Halloween Ball

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All eyes turn to see Mr. Farmhouse coming and going. NUNTUIS PHOTO

The second annual Halloween Ball at the Farmhouse was held on Halloween night, naturally. Gene Howel and his more than capable staff hold to tradition and celebrate Halloween on the time honored, October 31st. The show was slow getting started but the wait was well worth it. Gene was having some trouble with the sound system and was determined to have things right for the show. The show, hosted by the very personable Kitty Key, got under way about fifteen minutes late, with both the audience and the performers anxious to see the nights attraction, the contestants. With little to do, the show was kicked off by the viewing of the Mr. Farmhouse contestants. The judges had a hard time getting the fine looking constants to hold still so that they could get a good look at them. Some of the contestants even had to come back a second time for the judges; Marlyn, Stefany Carry, Bobby, Roxane, Mr. Larry, Rox????, Dianna and Terry to get a better look.

Sadji performed between categories, courtesy of Joe Ancil who will be opening his new Plantation club on Market Square with Sadji and a whole new company. To be sure the constants were all the most interesting and entertaining but with Sadji performing, the cake got a rich icing that night. Again many thanks to Joe and Sadji for the fine between acts entertainment.

The next category was that of Best Professional with several numbers that would make any TV show. The audience would not be done with the performance of Tina Minelli, but before the audience had its way the MC stepped in and moved on to the next performer. The rest of the pro's caused similar reactions, the audience was very much in to the performances. After the pro's finished it was obvious that the judges were going to have a hard time selecting in this contest of champions.

Best Costume held several very interesting faces and even a giant egg. It was clearly a night for the costume people. But the Miss Farmhouse contest was the one that drew the most attention from the attending crowd. Who would be the lucky "girl" to become The Miss Farmhouse of 1972. After a long lineup of about 30, one thing was evidenced, the judges had their work ahead in determining just which was the finer of this fantastic group. During the wait for the decision of the judges, Gene brought out his singing voice and favored the audience with a treat to be remembered -- he used to do more of this.

The hour was late when the final decisions had been reached. Kitty was the first to return with the list of winners. However noisy the earlier part of the evening, quiet prevailed at this point.

The first winner to be announced was Mr. Farmhouse, with Clifton second runner-up, Ken first runner up, and the beautiful style and body of Mark becoming Mr. Farmhouse 1972.


The Best Professional was one of the most difficult, it was not easy to second-guess the judges. Second runner-up to the title was Sally Boles who got a round of applause from the audience that was well worth the effort put into his most impressive rendition of the Cabaret number. Much to the surprise of this reporter the first runner-up to Best Professional was a performer who had done the same number, Tina Minelli.

Only one point separated Tina from the title of Best Professional, but one point was enough for this years winner of the Zodiac Ball in Dallas to make a clean sweep of the contests and become the best of the pros at the 1972 contest at the Farmhouse. The Best Professional in Dallas was now the Best Professional in Houston as well. Dashell had done it, claiming the crown that now makes her without a doubt the best in Texas.

The Best Costume was next and it took an extraordinary talent to justly judge the contestants in this category. The second runner-up was Tami Shane. The first runner-up was Genifer George. Title of Best Costume of the 1972 Farmhouse Halloween Ball went to a group entry, the storybook characters, Raggy Ann and Raggy Andy.

The long waited crowning of Miss Farmhouse 1972 was next in the line of fire. Only two names would be called out before the name of Miss Farmhouse. The second runner-up was, also the winner of first runner-up to Best Costume, Geniffer George. The first runner-up was Christi. Miss Farmhouse 1972, the winner from last year with the most becoming white gown and blond hair was the remarkable Kim English.

A perfect choice had been made and now the crowd was ready to leave knowing the results of the second annual Halloween Ball at the Farmhouse. It seems that Gene has another feather for his hat, while many Houston Gays had a truly remarkable evening of fine entertainment.



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Dashell, Best Professional, accepting her share of the \$700 in prize money.



1 to 1 First and Second runner-up and Best Costume; Raggy Ann and Raggy Andy.

Southern Gays Plan Meet

The gay movement today is in retreat. A year or so ago, many gays were shouting, "Out of the closets and into the streets!" Now, it appears, the acceptance of traditional gay roles is spreading throughout the gay ghettos.

It's clear that the gay movement must seek new political strategies if it is to survive. There can be no substitute for organized gay women and men fighting for the quality of their lives. At the same time, emphasis in the movement put on "liberated" life-style counter cultures has resulted in retreat from struggle.

We can't forget that most gays face the same problems as almost everyone else. Our special oppression as gays derives from the fact that the broad mass of people in the society are being exploited. By linking our special demands to broader demands, we can be a catalyst to hasten fundamental social change.

For example: We demand an end to job discrimination against gays. But we should also demand jobs for all specially oppressed groups, particularly blacks, and, further, jobs for all! We demand an end to the torture of gays in mental hospitals; we also demand a transformation of these hospitals and a reversal of society's attitude towards mental illness. We demand that gays not be imprisoned or beaten because they are gay; to win this we must demand an end to an unjust penal system. We demand a reversal of the image of gay people being taught in schools;

this entails change in a school system which prepares the mass of people for their own exploitation. An end to sexist roles; equal job opportunities and wages for women and abortions on demand.

All this involves a long struggle. The short cuts are meaningless games.

Local gay organizations are essential, but just as essential are active regional and national organizations. The South can lead in this respect, by forming a regional organization which can effectively fight for our demands in every Southern state. This regional organization can also foster the communication among groups which is needed, and it can help create new local groups. We can, and must, change history.

You are invited to join in the beginning of a new stage of the gay movement.

The Founding Convention will be November 10, 11, and 12, 1972 at Athens, Georgia.

The purpose of this convention is to write the constitution for a Southern organization of gay militants and to elect whatever leadership is called for to activate a formulated program.

Voting Delegates will be any resident of the South who attends, they will have a voice in the creation of the constitution and voting rights. The South is defined as the following states: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas. Participants should bring proof of residency. Observers from elsewhere are invited; the

convention will have to vote on whether or not observers have speaking rights.

Members of the Gay Education Committee of Athens will provide free sleeping space for as many as possible. Bring Sleeping bags!

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Morris Knight Joins Gay Prisoners

WALLA WALLA, WASH. - The National Gay Prisoners Coalition welcomes Mr. Morris Knight to its organization as one of the NGPC National Sponsors. Mr. Knight, as many of us are aware, is one of our more progressive and qualified leaders within the National-International Liberation movement. Mr. Knight is also on the Board of Directors of the Gay Community Services Center in Community Services Center in Los Angeles, Ca. The NGPC looks forward to many years of pleasant association with Mr. Knight.

Anyone wishing a copy of the NGPC report, which is a detailed report on the functions of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition, can obtain a copy by writing to - Mr. William Du Bay, Stonewall Training Center, 4016-37th Avenue South Seattle, Washington 98118. Mr Du-Bay, who is working with the NGPC on the citizens advisory board as director of Half-Way House Affairs, is Vice - President of the Stonewall Training and Treatment Centers located in Seattle, Wa.

I, as director of the NGPC wish to offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Don Gustavson for the beautiful job he has done in the NGPC report, preparing them and getting them ready for mailing. Thank you Don.

C. Chris Wheeler - 213735,
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DR.

FEELGOOD

THE PRODIGAL 10/15/1972 ---

Several questions have been posed recently on a special subject of interest to gays, so the M.D. on the MCC's personal service committee has come out of his closet once again to get to the bottom of several questions regarding anal intercourse (pun intended).

As the name implies anal intercourse is the insertion of the penis into the anus of a sex partner. Other words for this act include pederasty, pedicatio, bug-gery, and sodomy. Revulsion and resistance to this act by some people probably stems from early toilet training (doesn't everything nowadays?) when our parents brought us up to think of toilets and feces as revolting, dirty objects. Actually, the mouth is dirtier than the rectum (in terms of bacteria) and the rectum is usually empty except when defecating.

Many persons fear anal intercourse because of pain they believe to be associated with the act. In many cases there is pain at first, but the pain becomes far less with each subsequent act. Some

people report minimal discomfort which is far outweighed by the erotic pleasures that result. The size of the penis and rectum involved have much to do with the degree of discomfort to the passive partner (or "screwee"). The average adult rectum is 8 to 10 inches long and can be stretched a bit without physical damage. However, if you're going to take on a Ray Fuller or Mike Spaulding type (these are world famous size notables), quite a bit of caution and/or practice is advisable. People who participate frequently may get a bit "loose", but rarely does serious difficulty or physical harm result from this practice.

Most of the homosexuals interviewed in one study seemed to be in agreement that anal coitus is an important part of the homosexual's sex life and is pleasurable for several reasons:

- 1) The inserter finds the intense pressure and friction on his penis extremely exciting,
- 2) the passive partner may also experience orgasm due to manipulation of his prostate gland by the penis in his rectum, and
- 3) the passive partner finds the sensation of "being stuffed"



most pleasurable,

4) the coupling of two male bodies is found by many homosexuals to be the most pleasant aspect of anal intercourse, because while copulating they may kiss each other caress each other or perform similarly intimate exercises which may be absent from other homosexual acts.

To derive maximum pleasure from anal intercourse, careful attention to detail, technique, and lubricant are essential.

DR. FEELGOOD

GOD-GAY-TROY PERRY

It is not without good reason that most of the gay press is giving some attention to Rev. Troy Perry's autobiography, *The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay*. The book is a landmark of sorts in this genre since it broadens the spectrum of professions to which homosexuals have addressed themselves.

In many of the reviews which this writer has read, however, there seems to be considerable emphasis on his activities, doubtless intended to render insight into motivations. This approach does, but only in an indirect way.

For who is to explain God? Who is to explain God? whole theology

libraries exist to try, and just as God is as multi-faced as His creation, so also are there as many explanations. Troy's book presents another facet of God working through mankind.

God is therefore the explanation of Troy Perry. There. It's out. And who doubted it? It is such a terse reason, yet it is as infinite as God. God is the whole point of the book, really, and such an underlying motivation should please even the most conservative fundamentalist.

The title aptly expresses the focus and the origin. In the first paragraph of both the introduction and of chapter one, God is acknowledged as the author of all things--in all, through all, being the All. Troy admits a feeling of one-ness with God's creation from the very start of life.

The Lord is . . . For Troy Perry, God is real. He exists. By virtue of that omnipresent existence, God moves. Troy earnestly believes that "God can do a thing", and his belief in the present-ness of God connotes an inescapable relevance to life.

The Lord Is My . . . God is personal. God is interested not only in Troy Perry but in anyone who places faith in God. God works for people who love God, who keep God in focus. Troy often asserts that the times his life was most miserable were those when he did not have God at the focus.

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Halloween in Dallas



Dashell, Best Professional



Carol Dunbar, First Runner-up Best Costume



Fran Cook, Best Comedy

Halloween night, October 31st was a fun night in Dallas as well as very busy for the group attending the balls as well as the contestants participating in them.

At 8 PM the DETOUR at 3113 Live Oak had a \$3 cover with all drinks free for the price. At 12 midnight there was a cash drawing for \$25 and later in the evening, or should we say morning another drawing for \$15. Free pictures were taken and given to the customers as they came by.

Also at 8 PM there was a contest at Ronsue's, 3236 McKinney with the following winners of the

categories.

Most Beautiful - Little Joe, 1st Runner-up - Madam Fertilizer, Best Comedy Talent - Mr. David, runner-up - Fran Cook, Best Serious Talent - Chelsey St. John, runner-up - Golda of the Supremes, Best Gown - Chelsea St. John, Most Original - Cindy Birdsong of the Supremes, Miss Ronsue's - Chelsea St. John.

At 9 PM the Encore held the contest where Sabra Garth was winner of the Miss Encore title with the runner-up being Sally Marie. That is all we know of this contest but perhaps more will be submitted later.

The Candy Store also held its final show as it closed Halloween night with Mr. Lannette being the winner.

At 10:30 at the Villa Fontana, 1315 Skiles the Most Beautiful went to Mr. Lisa, runner-up, Bobby Smith, Original - Dickie with the runner-up being Herman. The show was MC'd by Madame Fertilizer.

Also at 10:30 the Bayou Landing at 2609 North Pearl held one of the larger contests with the Best Gown going to Recardo, runner-up, Sherry Powers, Miss Bayou Landing went to Big David, 1st runner-up, Sherrie Powers, 2nd runner-up, Mr. Jodie, Best Comedy - Ronsue, runner-up, Big

David, Best Serious - Randy St. James, runner-up, Sherry Powers, Best Amateur - Bill Timon, Best Original - Ahlfass, Most Beautiful - Jody, runner-up went to Mike.

At 12 midnight the Entre' Nuit held their contest MC'd by Madam Fertilizer with the Most Beautiful going to Roy Pena, runner-up - Cindy Birdsong, Best Original - Herman, runner-up Chee Chee.

At 12:30 TJ's had free champagne and drawings.

The coverage here of the Dallas scene is incomplete and we hope that next year with more corporation from the individual bars we can better cover the happenings.



Best Costume Sabra Garth

My Shepherd . . . God is a personal guide. He cares. He looks after his flock who trust in God. He plans for them, disciplines them, loves them.



Miss Dallas Jamie

And He Knows . . . When one accepts the foreknowledge and present-ness of God as Troy Perry has, then one must eventually accept certain beliefs flowing from

these. Chief of them is that God see who we are, and what we are, and loves us in spite of it --or because of it. Jesus exemplified this. "Come unto me All



Big David, First Runner-up Best Comedy

ye who labor and are heavy-laden" attaches no strings, makes no exclusions. One of the messages of MCC is that God knows and still cares.



MR. SAL E. MARIE

Man of a Thousand Disguises -
Carol Burnett; Lily Tomlin of Review



Zodiac Ball 1972 winners, (l to r) Miss Dallas, Jamie Dishell, Best Professional; Nova, Miss Grand Ball, Best Dress, and 2nd Runner-up Best Professional; Fran Cook, Best Comedy; Sabra Gorth, Best costume; and Carol Dunbar, 1st runner-up to Best Costume.
Zodiac Ball Photos by The Warehouse Studio

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MCC Tries Houston Again

Rev. Richard Vincent, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church -- Dallas, and Victor Pass of Dallas will conduct a worship service at The Montrose Gaze Community Center at 5 p.m. on either Sunday November 4th or Saturday, November 11th, 1972.

The Montrose Gaze Community Center, located at 504 Fairview, phone 528-9069 - was officially opened to the public on Saturday, October 28.

Rev. Vincent was in Houston, Thursday October 5th, to officiate at the wedding ceremony of two gay men held in the Harmony Wedding Chapel on the Gulf Free-

way, and given wide publicity by Houston radio and TV stations. Rev. Vincent and Mr. Pass attended the General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of M.C.C. in Los Angeles over the Labor Day Weekend. Rev. Vincent was ordained during that General Conference.

Five members of the Montrose Gaze met with Rev. Vincent and discussed arrangements for a Houston mission of the M.C.C. Rev. Vincent said that perhaps the Houston mission could contribute some funds to the Montrose Gaze Community Center.

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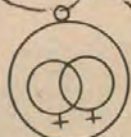
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Historians make great use of newspapers when compiling the record of any event or movement. Therefore, the headline "First Texas Gay Marriage" should not be allowed to go uncorrected, else it be accepted as correct.

In June, 1936, two men from Houston took out a marriage license in a neighboring county. One of them was in drag. Birth certificates and health certificates were not then widely required. The next day, they were married in another county. One of the witnesses was a man in drag and the other was a lesbian in man's attire. This marriage was duly recorded in the county clerk's office of the county in which the license had been issued.

Following the wedding, the wedding party returned to Houston where a reception was held in a rented hall; complete with a band and dancing, and a lavish catered buffet.

The clerk issuing the license, the person actually performing the wedding and the catering service employees were all unaware of the bride being a man, or that the matron of honor was a man and the best man a woman.

The five members of the Montrose Gaze invited Rev. Vincent to lead a worship service at the Center and promised to give the event as much publicity as possible.

At the Montrose Gaze general membership meeting October 11, the use of the center building for worship services once a month for the MCC was approved.

Gay Radio in Houston

by Wade Frey

On alternating Sundays at 5:30 p.m. there will be a homosexual radio program on Pacifica Radio, KPFT-FM, 90.1, called "Come Out Together Through the Hole In The Closet Door." This show will be a survival program, dealing with homosexual rights. It will feature interviews, panel discussions, and music.

On alternating Wednesdays at 12:00 or 12:30 p.m., KPFT-FM features a talk show dealing with gay issues. This show runs about an hour.

At the time the invitations were issued to the reception, all were told that drags would be welcome, but they must be completely convincing and that lesbians in men's clothing must look like real men. These instructions were followed.

The married couple and the man who acted as matron of honor celebrated a silver wedding anniversary party in a Houston restaurant. The lesbian who had been best man had died. Since that anniversary, one of the couple has died.

This couple owned a home in a better residential section of Houston. They had their marriage license on the wall of their bedroom, though the bride was never known to appear in drag after the wedding.

This is submitted from personal knowledge. There were rumours, even long before 1936, of actual weddings between two men taking place in Houston and in Dallas, so it is quite possible that there can never be any certain knowledge of the real "First Gay Marriage in Texas."

Tune in, better yet, call in or come by Pacifica and be on the show! Their studio is on Prairie Street next door to the Alley Theater.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gays Against the War
P. O. Box 53221
Houston, Texas 77052
Phone 523-1928

There are approximately 900, 500 gay people in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Most of our brothers and sisters remain in their closets, lonely and afraid. We say, "Come on out!" Times are changing. Exciting things are happening every day. We are fighting for our rights in the streets and in the courts: and progress is being made.

We in the Southwest have begun affirming our gay pride and advancing our struggle for liberation. Last June several hundred proudly marched in Dallas for the annual Gay Pride celebration. Many participated with the gay contingent of the anti-war march in downtown Houston in November of 1971. These were historic steps for the gay movement.

Again this year we are planning participation in anti-war activities due to our awareness that the government responsible for the oppression of gays is the same government that is carrying out a sexist-racist war in southeast Asia. We believe that all persons must live in peace. We seek a rational society that will commit itself to ending such problems as racism, sexism and war.

How is the concept of sexism (discrimination and oppression of gays stemming primarily from male chauvinism) linked to the war? War is a male chauvinists' "macho" game, a parallel of gay oppression. It reinforces the mas-

culine image of hetero males and forces them into playing roles where the end results is the death of millions of people.

Here are some statistics of the war since the Nixon administration took office: 4.6 million Indo-Chinese civilians killed, wounded or made homeless; 1.5 million soldiers on all sides killed or wounded (including 21,000 American soldiers killed and 40,000 wounded); 40,000 South Vietnamese executed without trial under the Phoenix Program; Four million tons of bombs dropped (2 tons every sixty seconds); 59 billion dollars expended-all in the last four years. As homosexuals, this is especially repugnant to us; and to millions of others as well.

Why should people participate in the anti-war movement at this time, when talk of a cease-fire is so much in the news? We believe the current peace rumors are just an election play. That Mr. Nixon would engage in "delicate negotiations", and a reduction of bombing at this time was predictable from the time of his election four years ago.

If there is any substance to the peace rumors it is because of continuing military setbacks. Due to the impossible military and political situation now facing the South Vietnam government, Mr. Nixon may be forced to settle before the final military debacle.

We hope that a meaningful settlement is negotiated in the near future. If Nixon is re-elected without a settlement being made, he could easily escalate the conflict.

SOLUTION (Happy Thanksgiving)

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Even though a temporary cease-fire may be reached, indications point to an escalation of the war immediately after Nixon's re-election. (Munitions industries have recently re-hired personnel and bought more bomb-making machinery out of mothballs.) Information indicates that Honeywell has outstanding orders for thousands of war weapons to be delivered after the election.

We feel it is essential at this crucial time to continue our pressure on Mr. Nixon by participating in marches and demonstrations; demonstrating at local CREEP (Committee to Re-elect the President) Headquarters and organizing gay people's contingents for anti-war marches.

We gays have an interest in ending the war. Our participation affirms our opposition to sexism, racism and wars, while representing a show of strength of the gay movement as well.

Gay brothers and sisters opposed to the war and others who support our goals of total sexual liberation and full equality for all people are urged to participate with us in the upcoming activities. It is becoming apparent that the end of the war, as well as solutions to our fundamental problems at

home, will be achieved only through the independent struggles of organized protestors.

Saturday, November 4, at 11:30 a.m.: Peaceful demonstration at local CREEP Headquarters, 2600 S. W. Freeway at Kirby. Sponsored by the OCTOBER COALITION, composed of various Houston organizations and individuals.

Saturday, November 18, at 2:p.m.: Anti-war march beginning at 2 p.m. at City Hall. We will march down Main Street to Moody Park for a rally. Sponsored by the HOUSTON PEACE ACTION COALITION.
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KITTY'S BOX

KITTY KEY

This month we'd like to introduce you to some very talented newcomers. Guest spotting around town are three very talented and beautiful entertainers who are all 1st place winners over the past year of the Talent Contest which is held every Tuesday night at the Red Room.

Mr. Jennifer George - Mr. Friday Foster and Houston's own Ma Bell herself - Ernestine.

One of the highest compliments that can be paid an entertainer, is to be copied.

Mr. Jennifer George, blonde and beautiful is a close look-alike for Mr. Tiffany Jones. This young man's talent is hard to beat. His fresh young approach to old standards will keep you applauding and clamoring for more. Enjoy you Jenny - you're beautiful.

Being away from stage for quite some time has been Mr. Friday Foster. Glad he's decided to come back and entertain. Friday was the first \$100 winner of the Red Room Contest - a title he shared with another new talent Mr. Foster's talent for come-on sex that actually doesn't slap you down on first impression is exceeded only by his beauty. Mr. Friday Foster watched some known entertainers before donning a wig and has put what he has observed into one. This makes him an entertainer to be watched for new things and enjoyed for himself. Happy you're making the scene again, Friday.

Ma Bell, what can I say. Miss Lily Tomlin should be one of your ardent admirers. I am. Ernestine is comfortable being Ernestine or "trucking" to "Thoroughly Modern Millie" - What most of you don't know is Ma Bell flipped her wig on the 4th of July (this year) and won 2nd runner-up at the Farmouse as "Margo-Long Cool Woman (in a black dress) From comedy to beauty - this young man is definitely one in a million.

Be sure and catch these three newcomers every chance you get, believe me you won't be disappointed. Fantastic!!!!

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Homicide detectives were looking for clues Tuesday in the stabbing death of Michael Alfred Sawyer, age 30.

Sawyer's body was found in the bathroom of his apartment at 2217 Elmen, #6. The apartment is in the Montrose area of Houston.

Police said Sawyer was killed about 5 a.m. His left foot and wrist were bound together with electrical cord. An electric iron

and towel rack had been used to beat him in the face and around the head.

Witnesses told officers they heard a scuffle in the apartment and saw a man run from the scene.

The homicide department confirmed just before press time that they were holding a man named David but did not know at this time what his connection to the murder was.

It was a beautiful Friday evening and the re-opening of Althea's was in the works. The bar had been closed for a few days for the remodeling, most of the work being done to the downstairs dance bar, with the addition of a new sound system and disk jockey. New faces abound in the crowd and in the service, it was almost a totally new crew. Some very beautiful new faces have been added to the staff.

Boots, (for which the new club has been named), is one of Houston's long time and well known members of the Gay community.

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Zodiac Ball Photos



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On stage again and claiming both trophies and prize money for their talent and efforts the winner of the best costume category was Crystal Hyak, followed by the winner of Best Comedy category, and looking every bit the part, was a young man known simply and comically as Nurse Butler. The high light of

Halloween night was now at hand, the Crowning of Mr. and Miss Hi Kamp 1973. The winners were Steve Dugas, Mr. Hi Kamp, and Sophie Salavada, Miss Hi Kamp. Trophies and prize money were awarded and two very beautiful people, the new Mr. and Miss Hi Kamp left the stage to thunderous applause and the adulation of the capacity crowd.

Congratulations to the winners and Ronnie Butler and his staff for making Halloween night at the Hi Kamp a very successful evening. The only regret on a night like this is that everyone couldn't win. The costumes, time, effort and energy spent is what makes a costume ball a glowing success and Halloween night was every bit a success at 3400 Travis.

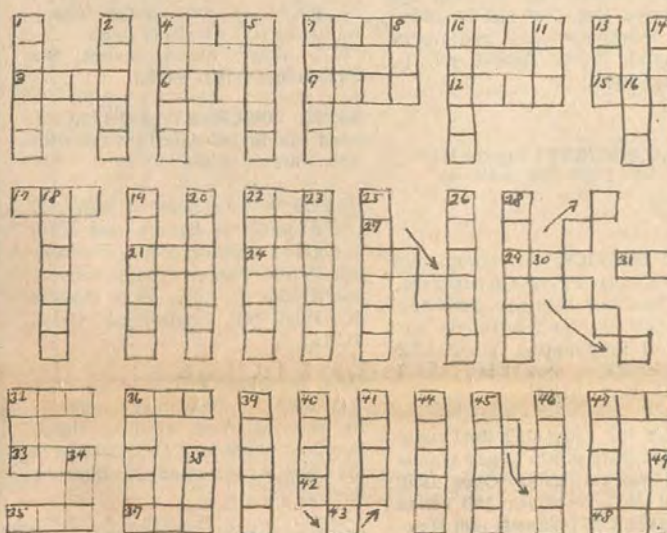
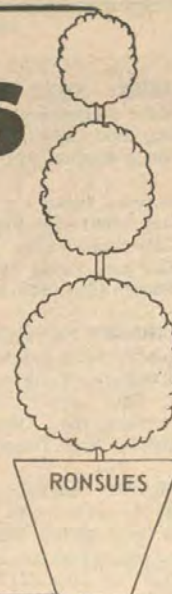
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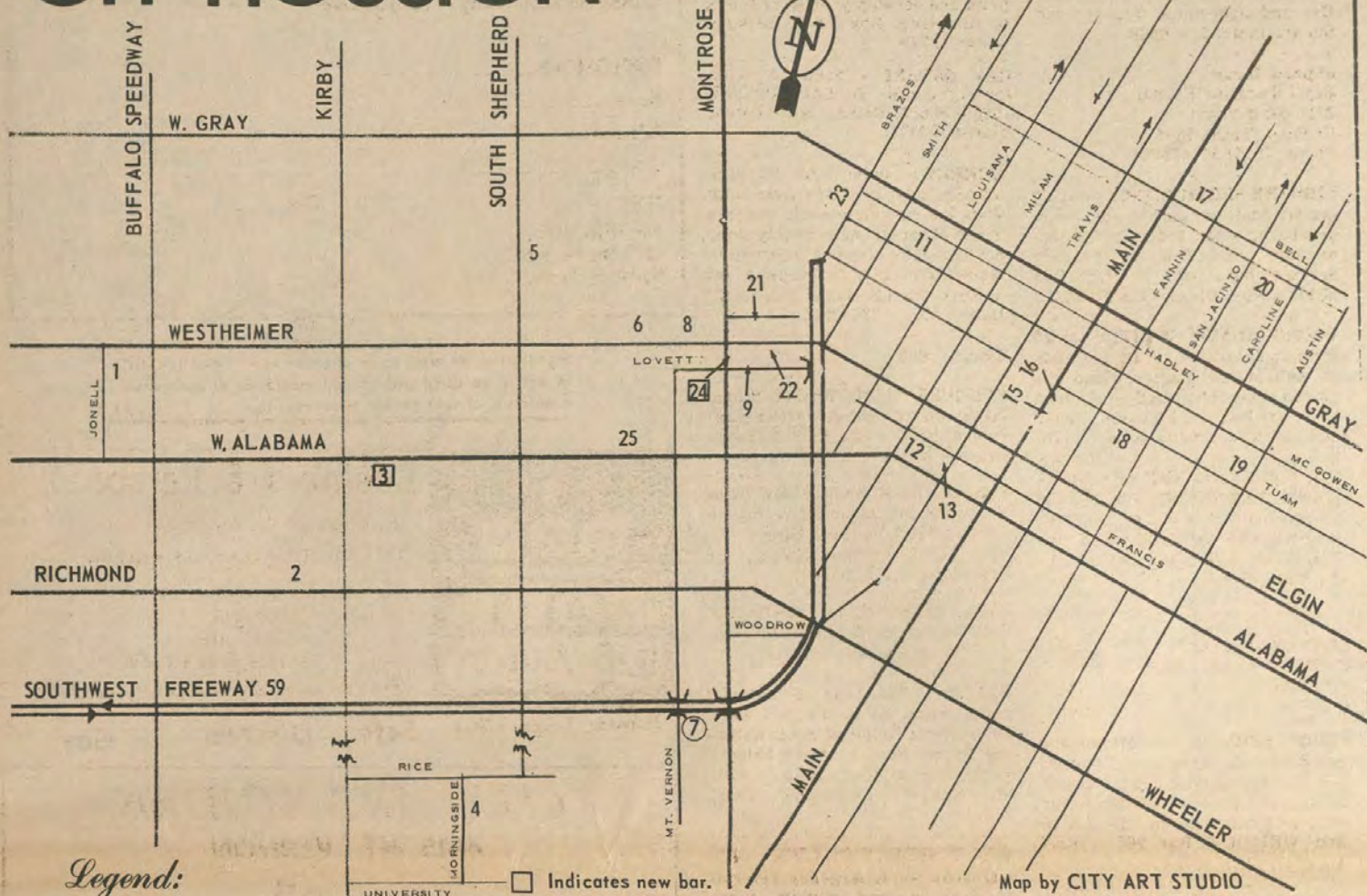
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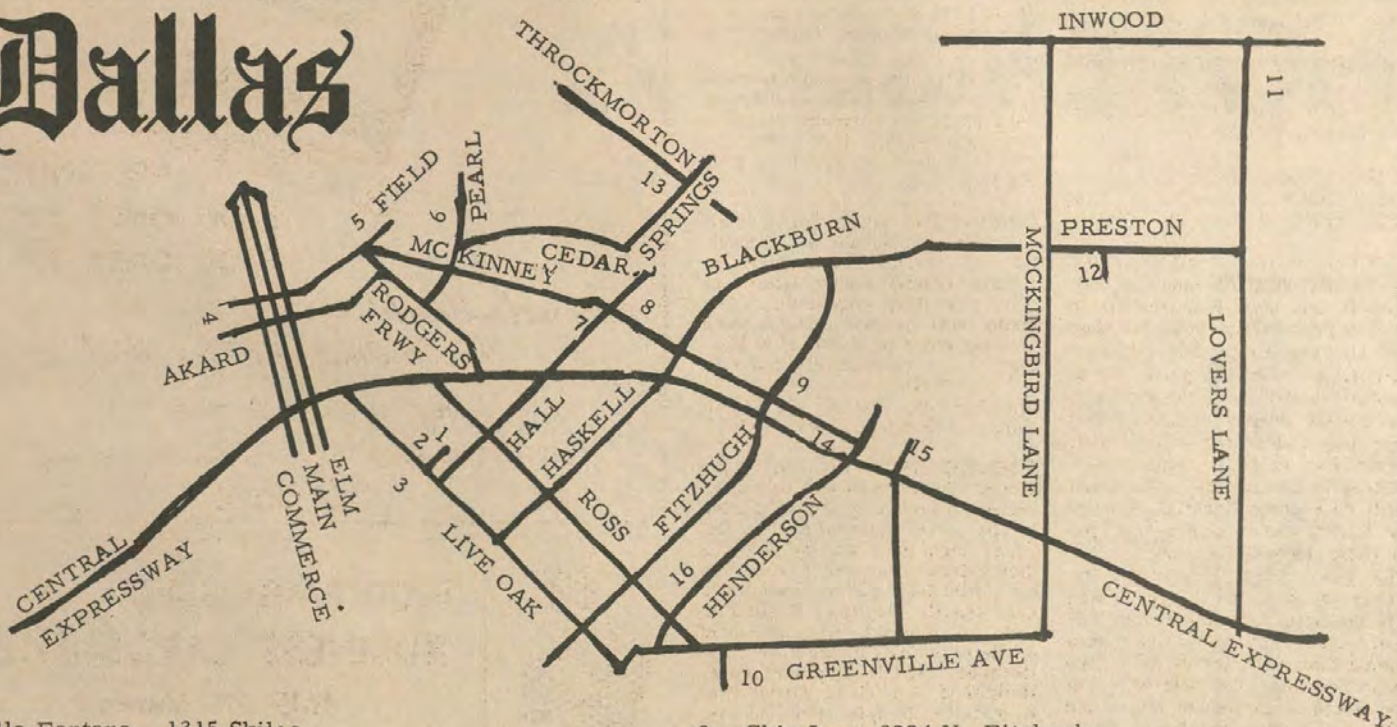
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