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## ANN LANDERS "Sexual Fascist"

Ann Landers, in a recent column appearing in The Houston Chronicle, publishes a letter from a homosexual agonising over her description of us as "sick" people. He claims Mrs. Landers has now "turned on us like a jungle animal" and he is sorely distressed by it.

Rubbish! Surely by now this sort of sexual fascism should no longer come as a surprise to anyone. Mrs Landers is only expressing her conditioned response to a sexual morality utterly alien to her. Her religious and social training has firmly established in her own mind the inadmissibility of such human expressions of sexual and emotional realities. She does no more in defence of her sexual fascism than do other bigots when they appeal to some dubious biblical injunction construed to permit inhuman behavior against us when she calls up some medical practitioners whose bias supports her own. It is a typical avoidance of the real issue, and it gives considerable comfort to the sexual fascists who need to require obedience to their own sexual modalities.

While understanding the anguish and sense of frustration experienced by the author of the letter to Mrs Landers, we do not sympathise that much with him. The reason is quite simple: we believe the time is long past when gay human beings should fall down before sexual fascists and beg them for acceptance and understanding. It is a frightful waste of time. And it is an admission of the correctness of the cruel and inhumane treatment dispensed by these sexual fascists. Such behavior on our part, collectively or individually, can only serve to confirm us in a state of servitude to the sexual fascists. We should get on with the business of building a sense of dignity and self-worth; we should ignore the patronising rationalisations handed down from on high by the sexual fascists who profoundly enjoy their social tyranny over us. We must realise finally that they enjoy that tyranny only at our sufferance. It can, and must, be ended.

We must continue to develop within the gay community and increasing sense of personal pride and begin to grant our acceptance to those sexual fascists, rather than implore their specious acceptance of us. And that acceptance

can only be gained by their rising above their principles and becoming more human, more humane and more responsible for their own behavior towards their fellow man.

The American Psychological Association will consider formally removing the category of homosexuality from their list of mental illnesses in their forthcoming national convention. Well and good. Hopefully these professionals will, indeed, accept this progressive change in their formal doctrines. Eventually such an act would have profoundly beneficial results for a considerable part of the world's human community. But homosexual and bisexual human beings should not depend on such public evidences of professional understanding in place of our own self-acceptance and self-respect! This is something only we ourselves can do for ourselves; we must stop reacting to the rubbish promulgated by the sexual fascist. We must begin to act for our own well-being and ignore the attempts of the sexually bigoted and exercise a tyranny of life-style over us.

We must live our own lives in harmony with our own nature, not theirs.

The below is a reprint of the Ann Landers column in the Houston Chronicle, March 5, 1973.



## You Have Turned On Us Like A Jungle Animal

BY ANN LANDERS

Ann Landers: I refuse to call you "dear" because you are an empty-headed, ignorant, meddling fool. For years I have read your column and believed you were a friend of homosexuals. A few days ago you turned on us like a jungle animal and exposed your hypocrisy and ignorance.

I am shocked and outraged that you would call us "sick" and describe homosexual activity as "unnatural." How dare you? We already have many psychiatrists on our

side. Some excellent papers have been written on the subject. They have given us a clean bill of health. They say we are NOT sick. We are only different. Why is it that you haven't read those papers? I think you should be fired for incompetence. — Former Reader

### ANSWER

Dear Former: I have read them, but I don't happen to agree with the authors. I am with the psychiatrists who believe homosexuals are sick and that sex between two men or two women is unnatural. I can listen to and respect opinions different from my own, however, without becoming angry, shocked, or outraged. Some highly reputable physicians are on the other side of this argument. Here are some samples of my mail:

From the British West Indies: Dear Ann Landers: May I congratulate you on your concise and perspicacious answer to a homosexual who signed himself, "One." Twenty-five years ago I was "one," also. After six years of in-depth analysis my life was changed completely. You are right when you say homosexuals are sick and their sex activity is unnatural. It is difficult to explain to a homosexual just how sick and unnatural it is. They refuse to believe it. But I know, because I've been there and back. — Forever Straight

From Topeka, Kansas: Thank you for stating that homosexuality is an illness. I made the same statement on the Merv Griffin show not long ago and have had a great deal of angry mail because of it. You do a good job, Ann. Thank you. — Harold M. Voth, M.D., Menninger Foundation

Chicago, Illinois: I have worked with many homosexuals and, in my opinion, they are individuals whose emotional development was arrested at a preadolescent level. When a massive lack of development in the maturation process occurs in any area, it can be referred to as an illness in psychiatric terms. — Dr. Sara Charles, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Illinois

From Houston, Texas: Homosexuality, in my opinion, is not normal or natural behavior. The original purpose of sexual activity was to perpetuate the species. Any deviation from the norm that

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## ARSON IN FARMHOUSE FIRE

March 3rd about 5:25 A.M. the fire trucks were again called out to one of the leading Gay clubs to douse a fire deliberately set.

The Farmhouse Club, 3535 Westheimer was the scene of this latest attempt after a lapse of about two years to turn one of the communities places of recreation.

Mr. Gene Howel, operator of the Farmhouse has been looser before as a result of his club, The Plantation on West Gray having been burned.

Arson investigators said that the building had been entered through a vent in the rear. A screen had been cut to admit entrance and the fire had definitely been set in a storage room. The room had some lumber stored in it and this is where the fire had been set. Had it not been discovered when it was the club would have been destroyed completely as the fire was set next to one of the main walls inside the club.

From past experience the owners have someone at the club at all times and this is what saved this club.

At this time there is no knowledge as to the person responsible for this fire but it is under investigation by the Houston Arson Squad.

## MR FRIZBY ROBBED

The many customers of Mr. Mr. Frizby's many customers were shocked to hear that Rocco, one of the doormen at this private bath-club had split one AM early with the proceeds of the night. The loss to Ted was around \$300.00.

The night of the robbery Ted scouted around the bus stations looking for Rocco to no avail. In his haste he left his clothing and things in the club.

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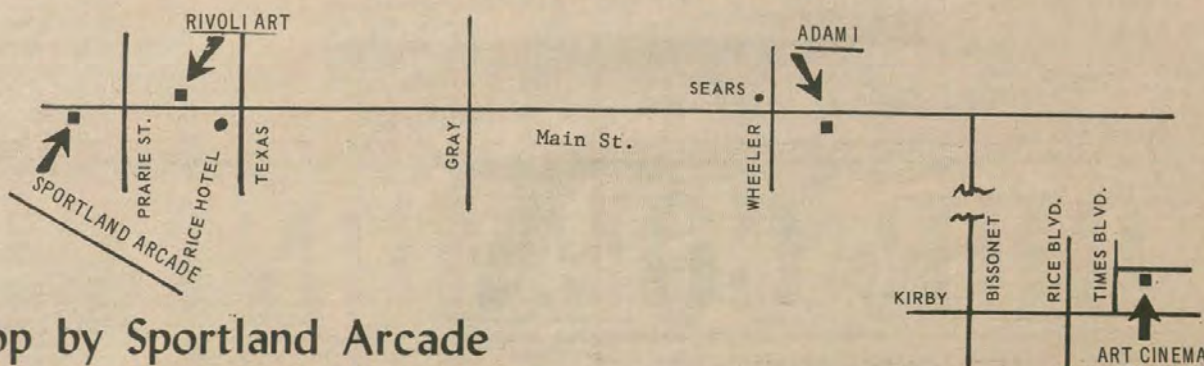
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ANN LANDERS  
(continued)

threatens "the herd" cannot  
be considered normal or natu-  
ral. Please do not use my  
name since I am not a spe-  
cialist in this field. — Heart  
Surgeon, Baylor University

From New York: I would  
not call homosexuality a "dys-  
function" as you did in your  
column recently, because this  
means the inability to use sex  
organs adequately, which  
many homosexuals are able to  
do. Homosexuality, however,  
is a distortion of the choice of  
sex partner from the natural  
to the unnatural. This distor-  
tion comes from severe and  
early developmental problems  
caused by an inability to re-  
late to significant adults. —  
Natalie Shainess, M.D.

So there you have a small  
sampling, dear readers. And  
my thanks to all who wrote —  
even the angry and hostile  
readers. I appreciate all  
points of view, whether I  
agree with them or not.

## CRUISING AROUND "BIG D"

Have we ever had some beautiful  
days in Big D!! Just yesterday  
enroute to our den of loveliness  
Flame and Mother saw this gorge-  
ous number roaming around Turtle  
Green but didn't have time to stop  
and check it out!! Today it's rain-  
ing like hell!

It has been a fun-filled month  
for Mother. Mr. Terry Lee had a  
birthday -- spent she was after-  
wards. Had a little birthday party  
for Dougline (roommate) and No.  
1 son Joey. Sipped on a little  
citrus and Mother cooked up a  
divine meal.

We caught Fertilizers live show  
at Ronsue's one night, and it was  
like old times. Love that old pussy!!  
That trashy old Sallie Marie has  
been barred from birthday parties  
----- Honey, the trial and tribu-  
lations of a star!! Lost her wallet,  
found it later somewhere on her  
body -- Love you Sallie Marie,  
and you can sleep on my couch  
anytime!!

Had citrus, and dinner, and  
breakfast numeri times at the  
Bayou Landing and the food and

service has been great. Love that  
Tiki Room where everyone is a  
star because they deserve it!!!  
Like that trashy old Bertina --  
says she's doing column for com-  
petitive mag. called "Bert's Bot-  
tom" that will put "Mom's Mouth"  
out of business!!! Up yours too  
Bertina! She'd love it!!

One of our more interesting  
cruisy areas, White Rock Lake,  
is hotter than a pistola. There's  
a lot of hunky numbers out there,  
but many of them Tillie Blue  
Shirts in Drag. Mother's advice is,  
do your hooter hunting someplace  
else. For further information you  
may contact Sara Lee (with the  
cream filled buns) at our address  
here at the Detour - Dallas.

For those of you who will be  
visiting our city in the future, it  
is inevitable you will run into  
this matronly figure who will in  
all probability walk up to you and  
say "Hello, my name is Dave  
Bradley and I'm new in town"  
this is not a prefabrication but a  
"Trade Mark." The name is Dave  
Bradley, alias Big Mable, Alias  
Miss Management of the Filla  
Fontana!! Love you too Greg (Little  
Melvin).

We had a Valentine Ball - more  
pretty girls flying around town -  
made Mother feel like a bitch at  
a family reunion. Sallie Marie  
and Sheri Powers were here with  
our regular cast and other guests.  
Mr. Tina won out on Best Prof-  
fessional with Mary Wilson and Mr.  
Golda 1st and 2nd runners up. Mr.  
Mary Wilson scarffed up on the  
sweetheart trophy. Then there was  
Mr. Jama, a girl that should be  
a real girl! She won best amature  
with Mr. Cooke as 1st runner up.  
Mother could never be a judge for  
these gala affairs - Everyone can't  
win, and how could a mother  
choose?

Caught Mr. David's show on a  
Wednesday night, and honey she  
just floats thru the entire show  
with the greatest of ease! How  
dare you poke humor at my very  
used up scuffies. I like your  
straight ??? man Mr. Dickie too!!  
It was a very good show and a very  
receptive audience!

Our citrus business has been so  
good Flame Flemming is contem-  
plating a citrus grove on the back  
parking lot. That's between tours  
to Nacagdoches and the "Peris of  
Pauline" - that blue streak you  
can see on almost any Friday  
between Big D and the city men-  
tioned above is only Flame in her  
almost flying machine- - - -

There's a couple of new bars  
opened, one the Palace on Gaston -  
a beer bar. Go by and meet Pete  
and Earnest. The other is the  
Ramrod on Fitzhugh. Sorry to say  
I haven't seen it yet, but one night  
soon will put a dress on and will  
tell all next month.

This epistle must come to a  
screeching halt. I could go on and  
on telling you about all the lovely  
people I meet and talk to daily  
and nightly - - but - - my very  
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over - come see us!!!

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Whitney, the centers location. The  
dance, which featured bop music  
from the Fifties era, drew in  
about thirty-five dance fanatics  
which entertained the 9-room cen-  
ter with antics uncommon to todays  
dance styles. The dance was con-  
sidered a minimal success and it  
is expected the "Beatles" dance  
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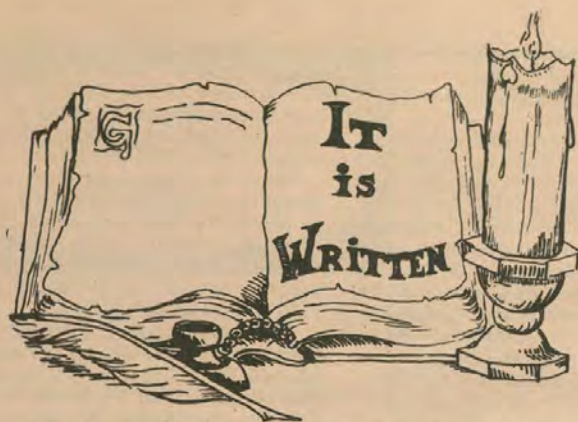
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## THIS 'N' THAT







(The below is from THE PRODIGAL, January 21, 1973 and we feel it is interesting and should be passed on to those of you who do not receive this MCC publication.)

While it will probably never rank with such classics as *Lady Chatterly's Lover* and *The Tropic of Cancer*, the PRODIGAL has been criticized on occasion for its frank treatment of sexual themes. These denouncers have pointed out that a religious publication should concern itself more with spreading the word of God than with such "worldly" subjects. The Word of God, eh? Well, let us look at the manner in which the Bible handles the subject.

One hasn't far to look. Genesis 16.4 in fact mentions the subject very modestly:

And he (Abraham) went in unto Hagar, and she conceived . . .

Very modest? Yes, until one finds that a direct translation from the Hebrew gives a much more frank and open view:

And he (Abraham) went gushing into Hagar, and she conceived . . .

And all of the "went in unto's" in the Old Testament can be translated as above.

Or take for an instance the sordid affairs related in Genesis 38:1-25. (You'll have to read that one yourself as it is too long to quote entirely.) Onan spilling his seed on the ground--now we all understand that one, don't we? Or Judah taking his daughter-in-law to bed believing her to be a whore. Strange goings-on for a religious book to concern itself with.

And the sad case of Lot and his daughters. In the nineteenth chapter of Genesis, the daughters say to one another:

Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come into us (THAT phrase again!) after the manner of all the earth: Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

And they did lay with him and conceived two children who became the progenitors of two of Israel's greatest enemies, Moab and Ammon.

And how are we to judge the supposed author of the Pentateuch, Moses? Perhaps it would be good to consider the estimation given in Deuteronomy 34:7.

And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he dies: his eyes were not dim nor his

natural force abated.

Considering the correct version for the words translated "his natural force abated", we come up with an entirely different picture of the man:

And Moses was one hundred-twenty years old when he died: his eyes were good and his waters were not dried up (Hebrew idiom which means he could still ejaculate).

The great king of Israel, David, makes the same use of this idiom in Psalm 32:4.

. . . my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

And on and on it goes. The affair between David and Bathsheba; the Song of Solomon, and even the method for referring to men slain in a battle:

. . . There was not left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pissed against the wall. (I Sam. 25:34)

But why point out all of these

things? To degrade the Bible to to a Grade B novel? NO! But simply to point out that the Word of God does not pull punches but deals with the fact of real people living in real situations and does not consider doing so to be irrelevant to its religious outlook.

The PRODIGAL must deal with life also. It must as a publication dedicated to God teach men how to treat their fellow men with consideration and love. And since even the Bible considers sex an important part of life, it is both expedient and relevant to deal with considerate and loving manners in relation to the sex act in a religious publication.

I close with this quotation from Titus 1:15.

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure: but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

--Theophilus

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About 4:30 p.m. on a weekday, a Houston school teacher walked into the public restroom at the Northline Shopping Center. Inside one of the toilet stalls sat a man exposing himself and being obvious about it. Another of the stalls was occupied and a man stood in the open area where the latrines and wash basins are.

The teacher entered one of the booths and shortly thereafter the man so obviously exposing himself went outside, only to return

twice more in a very short period of time. Meanwhile another man had entered the facilities making it four. There was some playing around and indication that perhaps there might be something afoot about to happen when the door burst open and the vice officer came in announcing that all were under arrest.

The four men were first taken to the security office of the shopping center where the police were called to take them to the jail. Several hours later they were charged with Loitering although the threat of sodomy charges had been made. After the Loitering

charge had been made the four posted bond and were released about midnight.

Not being satisfied with having made their arrests, filed their charges, received the fines and bonds, embarrassed and harassed their prisoners, the Houston Police Department then directed calls to inform the principal of the school of the teachers entrapment. The information given to the principal or the affect it will have on the teacher is not known at this time. The teacher is, however, employing legal council in the event any action is taken by the Houston Independent School District as a result of his arrest and the subsequent information related by the Police Department.

The teacher in question is a retired military man and is associated with the R.O.T.C. program in the school where he teaches. The principal of the school reported the arrest to the military personnel placement director who in turn inquired of the teacher about the circumstances surrounding his arrest.

It seems in the mind of the general public "Loitering" is wrongfully considered strictly a ; homosexual charge. The military personnel director stated to the subject that the information he had would go no further than his desk. The word of this individual to keep to himself what he had "been told" is yet to be seen and will not be known until this coming August when it is time for renewal of the teaching contracts for the coming school year.

Are the arresting officers fully doing their jobs. Loitering is a misdemeanor, so is a traffic ticket

yet you are not taken to jail in all instances and we have yet to hear of an employer being informed of an employee getting a traffic citation.

One of the four persons arrested owned his own florist business -- he posted the cash bond of \$27.50 same as the others and has heard nothing from our "qualified guardian judges" in the Houston Police Department.

The forfeiture of the "cash bond" posted for the release of a person charged with "Loitering" is not a plea of guilty, yet, unless in this instance, the teacher in question contests the charge -- the assumption of the informed persons with whom he works will be the same as if the charge were "sodomy."

The teacher has a family, fortunately when told in detail by the police of her husband's arrest -- she questioned the honesty of the informant -- she believes in circumstantial happenings and knows her husband from years and years of marriage. Her intention is to forget the happening as an unfortunate incident -- yet can she -- at the possible cost of thousands and thousands of dollars to her family.

Contesting this misdemeanor will be costly to the defendant which cannot be recovered from the state upon winning the case. Having the charge dismissed or thrown out "just might" to some extent erase the stigma homosexual drawn by the people informed of the arrest. Regardless of the action deemed necessary by this individual -- a complete win is impossible -- thanks to the vice officer who

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told the arrested men, "I could charge you all with sodomy, but will let you off easy this time." Their gratitude to this "angel of mercy" for his considerations -- or lack of evidence -- in not having filed a just and proper charge.

Let this be a warning -- if you have to use a public facility in one of the shopping centers in the city -- think twice -- would it not be less complicated to defend yourself against the charge of "Indicent Exposure" -- do your business on the parking lots between cars, in the stores between or behind the counters and in the dressing rooms -- it's safer.

## GUIDELINES ON GAY PRIDE PARADE - - - PURPOSE:

### GUIDELINES ON GAY PRIDE

#### PARADE - - -

#### PURPOSE:

This parade is designed to educate and make the public more aware of the needs of Gay citizens and their demands as one of the most oppressed minorities in this nation. In addition, we hope to erase myths, superstitions, prejudices, and fears from the public mind, creating a more positive image of the Homophile community. We celebrate Gay Pride Week with millions of others across the nation, claiming our equal rights of human dignity and citizenship and taking pride in our personal identity as Gay people who live and serve as responsible, contribution members of society.

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Dallas, Texas 75222  
Phone: (214) 824-0770

The Circle of Friends is Texas's oldest homophile organization. A political/educational club dedicated to the betterment of the homophile community.

NOTE: We must be informed regarding the number of cars and floats to be entered in the parade as this information is required on the permit application. Please indicate your intention to enter cars or floats as soon as possible.

#### FEES:

Fees will be assessed from all organizations participating in the parade including the sponsoring group, The Circle of Friends. Fees will not be assessed for individuals

participating in the parade. The fees are as follows:

\$15.00 - Fee to enter a float.

5.00 - Fee to enter a car.

This money will be used to pay

advertising, posters, mimeographing, postage, and all other related expenses for the parade.

NOTE: Advertising of a commercial enterprise by name cannot be permitted in the parade unless a fee of \$750.00 is paid in advance through The Circle of Friends prior to the permit application. Commercial enterprises may share this expense if they desire and no other entry charge will then be charged to them. This is a result of the new Dallas City Ordinance passed since last year's parade.

who will be in the parade/

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#### ALSO:

The Circle of Friends  
Dallas Chapter of Daughters of Bilitis

Several congregations of the Metropolitan Community Church  
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Straight organizations who believe in human rights for all people. Individuals from all backgrounds who have the courage to stand up and say we have the right to live our lives with human dignity.

#### NO VIOLENCE:

No violence of any kind will be permitted. This is a demonstration for the entire gay community with hard work and sacrifice by many people. Violence has no part in this parade.

#### DATE:

The parade will be held, Saturday June 30, 1973, at 11:00 a.m. It will begin at the corner of Market and Main Streets, proceed up Main Street to Harwood, over one block go back down Elm Street, ending at the starting point.

#### GAY PICNIC:

Immediately following the parade, a picnic is scheduled at Flag Pole Hill at White Rock Lake Park. Bring your own food and beverage. The picnic is open to the entire gay community in celebration of Gay Pride Week. Last year there were 500 people attending the picnic. This year, let's make it a thousand!!

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The following must be agreed to by all who participate in this parade:

1. The laws of the United States, Texas, and all Dallas City Ordinances will be strictly followed.
2. No firearms, liquor, or illegal drugs will be carried or used during this parade.

NOTE: The Circle of Friends attorney has informed us that it is illegal for anyone to march in the parade with a bag or a mask covering their face. If a person needs to hide his or her face, he or she may walk under our long dragon labeled "DISCRIMINATION" from which only one's feet will be visible; or in other non-sensitive positions.

signs, posters, banners, etc

You may carry signs, however, no obscene or overtly sexual works, symbols, or objects are

to be used. If there is any question concerning this, check with the Parade Chairman.

#### DRAG:

It is not against the law to wear drag in Dallas.

You are solely responsible for the expense and decorating of your entry in the parade. You may make it as simple or elaborate as you wish. You may provide either live or canned music with your floats, but let the Parade Committee be aware of your intentions so that your music does not interfere with the other sound systems being used. The final decision as to the actual placement of your entry in the parade will be the Parade Committee's. Remember, public verbal obscenity is illegal.

#### NEWS MEDIA:

The gay, straight, and underground press will all be sent press releases concerning the parade. We will also be advertising in all the news media, including newspapers, magazines, radio and television.

#### HOUSING:

Housing will be furnished to all out-of-town guests who will be participating in the parade either as individuals or as a group. Please bring your own bed roll and food supplies. Write or call the Parade Committee informing us of how many people are in your party.

#### THE PARADE COMMITTEE:

Any ideas or questions you may have should be made to the Circle of Friends Parade Committee. The committee meetings are open to anyone in the gay community. If you have suggestions or criticisms, come join us.

CHRIS MCKEE

PARADE CHAIRMAN

## REDEFINING HOMOSEXUALITY'S LABEL

In most societies homosexuals have had to fight for the freedom of their feelings or hide for fear of condemnation. A major factor in society's censure of homosexuality has been that sexual desires outside the heterosexual realm are often viewed as mental aberrations. But to most homosexuals these desires are real, no matter what their basis. Accordingly, members of the Gay Activists Alliance have requested that the American Psychological Association remove homosexuality from its official catalogue of mental disorders. The gay activists charged that such labeling (sexual deviation) results in discrimination against homosexuals in business and government. They presented medical findings showing that homosexuals are as well adjusted as most heterosexuals. The APA's manual of mental disorders is not due for revision until 1978, but an AP group intends to draw up a statement disavowing the old classification. They hope to have it ready for formal consideration when the APA meets this May.

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"Overshadowed, queer, alcoholic, I should have been a complete failure. To this day I am still surprised when the critical or financial success of one of my novels, or plays, or films in various countries would seem to suggest that I am a success. But I am not a success in my own eyes for reasons which this book will certainly reveal."

The book is *Escape From The Shadows -- An Autobiography* - (McGraw-Hill, \$8.95). Its frank, outspoken, bitter and immensely talented author: Robin Maugham. The shadows in the title: that of his father, Lord Chancellor of England, and the shadow of his uncle, Somerset Maugham.

"My story is of a lonely child," writes the brilliant author of *The Servant*, *The Second Window*, and other memorable works. "It deals with an adolescent who was more

attracted towards his own sex than towards girls, yet who was so imbued by the strict upper-middle-class conventions in which he lived that he was stricken with guilt by his homosexual desires and tried to make himself normal -- and at times succeeded."

The war years made Maugham realize that he was predominantly homosexual, he further reveals, and "the guilt of that realization turned me to drink . . . My life has been a struggle to cope with my homosexual passions, a struggle to deal with my desire to drink myself into oblivion."

It has also been, of course, much more: the Cambridge student, the Libyan Desert tank battle hero who was mentioned in dispatches for gallantry under fire, the writer who abandoned the Bar to devote himself to literature also emerge from these pages.

### Dallas Girls Form D.O.B.

The oldest Lesbian organization Nationwide has come to Dallas with the formation of a local chapter this year. The Daughters Of Bilitis meets the multi-faced needs of Lesbians through rapsessions, united front action, counseling, social opportunities, a library, etc. The need for such an organization is very apparent by the response evidenced at the first meetings. Outreach and activities will develop as the women involved express their needs and then work together to meet them.

Although a Lesbian organization by definition, the Dallas' chapter has established an open door policy for any woman defining herself as such regardless of sexual orientation. The group is presently operating under a loosely structured format which allows all women to participate and share leadership roles.

Members presently meet twice a month on first and third Fridays. First Friday meetings are defined more as action sessions where various projects and business are discussed and worked upon. These meetings are held at 8 p.m. in the MCC Community Center at 3834 Ross. The third Fridays are given over to various consciousness-raising and rap sessions, speakers, exchanges with other

groups, etc. and the meetings are held at 2001 Bryan, Bryan Towers, Suite 290, 8 p.m. Women attending these sessions may park free across from the Federal Street entrance (the only one unlocked at night) and sign in under any name they wish to use at the guard station, indicating that they are going to the Women For Change (WFC - a straight women's lib group) offices.

Contrary to the misconceptions of many, Dallas DOB is not anti-male. The concern is to meet the needs of women in a free atmosphere and where inequities are existent to bring these to light and dispel them where possible. For further information call (214) 824-0770 or write Bx 5944, Dallas.

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### Teen Friend Is Not Psychiatrist

(Dallas Morning News Feb. 26, Jean Adams' Teen Forum)

FEAR OF DEVIATION: Q. I am 17 and have never felt anything for a girl. I kissed one, but felt nothing. But I have felt something for one of my best friends, who is a boy. Every time I am near him I get this wonderful feeling. When I don't see him I am sad. But I have not had any physical contact with him. I told one of my other friends about him and he said I might be half boy and half girl. When I was little I loved dolls. I still love stuffed animals. I have two. Please help me. I can't afford a psychiatrist, so please don't recommend one. -- Mixed Up in Mississippi.

A. Ignore what your other friend told you. He has no qualifications for judging or advising you. It is not unusual for a boy to think highly of a male friend and to miss him when he is absent. Love is a beautiful thing and it is possible for boys or men to love each other in ways that have nothing to do with sex. Also many teen-age boys like stuffed animals--some even collect them. You will probably find a girl later who will appeal to you. Don't consider yourself a homosexual until and unless you have more evidence. Why not have an intimate conversation with your school

counselor or minister? Either, if you seem to need help and really cannot afford it, can refer you to some community agency for counseling.

### Sex Reform Argued

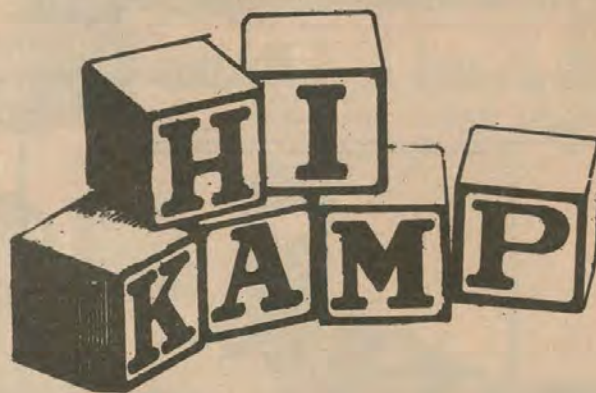
Bonn, Germany -- West German lawmakers are debating a package of legal reforms that would liberalize outdated sex laws but crack down on television violence to protect minors.

Provisions of the bill include lowering the permissible age limit for homosexual acts between consenting males from 21 to 18, permitting the now restricted sale of pornography and lifting an outright ban on such activities as wife-swapping.

The amendment would still permit prosecution of pimps and brothel owners.

Another provision would permit pornography to be published and sold to anyone over 18, with the exception of films and literature with sadism, bestiality and child molesting.

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## FARMHOUSE HOSTS MISS HOUSTON CONTEST

The night of February 28, found the Farmhouse at 3535 Westheimer filled to overflowing with anxious contestants and customers to see who Miss Houston '73-'74 would be.

All who attended were warmly greeted at the door by Lynn or Gene, the club operators. Upon leaving the same two were at their stations to wish all a safe and happy "good night."

The MC's for the evening were Kitty Key and Miss Farmhouse '73. Kitty is known to many as one of Houston and Dallas' favorite female impersonators. She has appeared professionally in Dallas at Ronsue's and The Bayou Landing, in Houston, the Farmhouse, Hi Kamp, Glass Stein, Bayou Landing and for almost two years was one of the "Fabulous Four" at the Red Room.

The numbers by Liza - Nova, the out-going Miss Houston and Kitty Key along with Gene were enjoyed by the awaiting crowd for the contest to commence. Liza received notice when the sound-

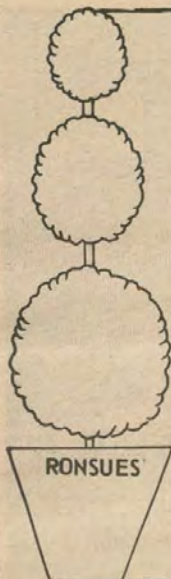
man put on the wrong record - being a quality entertainer - the show did not stop and she was great. The audience fully understood her plight and were very polite.

Each of the contestants were escorted around the stage by Mr. Farmhouse 1971 - John and Mr. Farmhouse 1972 - Mark. None seemed to mind except one of the "ladies" who brought her own with her and they made a very fine looking couple.

Winners were:  
Miss Houston 1973  
Miss Houston 1972-'73 -  
Marilyn Michales

1st Runner Up - Friday Foster  
2nd Runner Up - Prissy

All contestants are eagerly looking forward to the coveted title next year which promises to be bigger and better. Until that time, the jewelry, pasties and eyelash glue are all still very much in use for the various upcoming Halloween Balls, the event of the year.



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### SCOTTY HARBORS LEAVES POST AT NUNTIUS - - -

THE NUNTIUS and City Art Studio announce with regret the departure of Scotty Harbors from his association with us. Scotty handled some advertising for us and occasionally worked as a reporter for The NUNTIUS. Scotty also served as an assistant editor of the newspaper.

Scotty Harbors always enlivened the office with his wit and active imagination and he will be missed by us all. We wish him the best in his new endeavours.



FRIDAY FOSTER, 1ST RUNNER-UP TO MISS HOUSTON





PRISSY, 2ND RUNNER-UP TO MISS HOUSTON



Winner of the "MISS HOUSTON CONTEST", Marilyn Michael

## OFFICERS AT S.I.R.

Frank Fitch, 29, is the new President of the Society For Individual Rights, the nation's largest Gay liberation organization. Mr. Fitch, who served as Public relations Committee Chairperson during much of the last year, succeeds Bill Plath, President for the last 2 1/2 years. Mr. Plath did not seek re-election. Don Scott, who campaigned with Mr. Fitch as a team, was elected Vice President.

Also elected at the annual membership meeting were Duke Smith as Secretary, and Roger Hayden as Treasurer. The five new Board members are Jim Foster (of Democratic National Convention fame), Gary Miller, Doug DeYoung, Deno Thomas and Devin Norton.

After the election results were announced, Mr. Fitch addressed the membership briefly. "Thank you for the vote of confidence you have given me, as President, and Don, as Vice President, and to the program of change we advocate. For those that ran for a position and were not elected, be assured that the membership is grateful for the dedication you have demonstrated by the commitment and would want you to remain a valuable resource of the Society. One way you can do this is to apply for Director of one of the twelve standing committees." He asked that any persons in the com-

munity who may have felt that their suggestions for improvement of the Society had not been given proper consideration in the past, to step forward now. He reminded members that Officers and Board members would be installed on Wednesday, February 14th at 8 PM. At that time the new President will make his first major policy statement, that will help to set the tone and direction of S.I.R. for the next year. Also, at that time, the committee Directorships will be decided upon. This meeting is held at the S.I.R. Community Center at 83 6th Street and the meeting will be open to public press.

The membership was also reminded of the forthcoming 1st Annual Presentation Banquet on Saturday, February 17th at 7 PM. At this time the outgoing Officers and Board members will be presented with a commemoration for their service and the newly elected Officers and Board will be introduced. Following the sit-down dinner, there will be a dance and two shows by entertainer Lori Shannon. Tickets for this gala event can be reserved by calling 781-1570 and may be purchased for five dollars at the S.I.R. office at 67 6th Street in San Francisco. This event is also open to any person who wishes to demonstrate their support or interest in the work of the Society.



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## MOVIE REVIEW

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by Al Goldstein

This week I am reviewing the very best porn film ever made, so superior to others that it defies comparison. The movie hits the all-time best score of 100% on the Peter-Meter, not only for its raging raunch, but more startlingly for its wit, wild humor, fine acting and hilarious story. In fact, this is the most laudatory review I have written for any sexploitation flick since I inaugurated this column in SCREW on November 4, 1968.

The film was supposed to be called The Sword Swallower but the distributors realized that it would be impossible to advertise that title in the sterile newspapers so they opted for the equally bewitching title of Deep Throat. It opens March 20th at the Cinema West, 5341 West Alabama, 626-0279, Houston.

At the time of this writing, the distributors were not sure whether their film would be booked on the 20th for sure but you can verify this by calling the theatre. If the film opens on the 20th as scheduled then I still recommend hiking down to the Cinema West to see the 60-second trailer for Deep Throat. That's almost worth the price of admission alone: hard rock soundtrack, fine animation and some choice glimpses of the film not only whet the appetite but the ---- as well.

The finely photographed film was shot in Miami and contains many new bods for the discerning audience. The excellent color, high calibre lighting and good sound all contribute to make this exemplary dirty-film making. The star of the film has fine legs, firm tits, a not unattractive face and the greatest mouth action in the annals of the profession.

Queens will protest they can do better but mere practice alone does not a perfectionist make. It takes heart and these attributes which a very few run-of-the-mill homosexuals possess. The girl with the deep throat is almost a Ripley's Believe-It-Or-Not as she takes the WHOLE joint down her gullet. No. It's not small but a roustabout in the neighborhood of ten good inches that plummets into the deepest recess of the oral cavity; down, down and down it plunges until nothing remains. It seems a miracle, a physical impossibility. Now, I am blase and bored

with sexploitation flicks and can respond more to the passions provoked by a photo of a chocolate malted. Yet I was seized with yearning by the greatest on-screen fellatio since the birth of Christ performed before my very eyes.

The wholly ingenious plot of Deep Throat concerns the lady with the endless throat, and her strange inability to have an orgasm. Her delicious roommate helpfully arranges for two guys to pound her into oblivion. They do, but our searching queen still cannot achieve a climax, so she goes to a doctor and his examination reveals that she doesn't have all the equipment . . . or at least not in the orthodox place. Rather, her sliver is located deep down her cavernous throat.

Remember the 20th is the day and the place is Cinema West - 5341 West Alabama.

(Parts of the review taken from SCREW at the request of the advertiser.)

### "THE HOMOSEXUAL IN LITERATURE" COURSE OFFERED

New York City's Barnard College will offer an experimental course on the homosexual in literature next spring as part of its humanities program.

The faculty-approved course will be founded by a special grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation made to the women's college.

According to the official description presented to the faculty, students enrolled in the course will study the "literary image of homosexuals and their experiences of life from antiquity to the present with an emphasis on the 20th century."

Readings will include selections from the Bible, Sappho, Plato, Tetrionius, Michaelangelo, Shakespeare, Marlowe, Balzac, Whitman, Wilde, Proust, Gide, Diana Barher, and William Burroughs.

Another course being offered by the college this spring is "Determinants of Sexuality."

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## CARTOONIST SAYS THAILAND NOTORIOUS GAY CENTER

Bangkok - Thailand has become one of the world's most notorious

"gay centers," where homosexual businessmen from all over the world come "to spend their secret life at the various gay joints," a famous Thai cartoonist told a panel discussion on "sexual morality" here.

Prayoon Chanyawong, a 1971 winner of the Ramon Masaysay Award, revealed that "I have received more than 100 letters from transvestites telling me about their secret life."

He said he was "shocked to see how the world has changed, when I paid a visit to a gay center the other day just to observe."

## Gays Seek Powwow With Webs

The Gay Activists Alliance has written a letter to the three network standards and practices heads requesting a meeting to discuss, with reference to web practices codes, the "recent rash of anti-homosexual remarks, jokes and characterizations" on the networks.

Signed by the Alliance prez Bruce Voeller, the letter charges that the practices chieftans have not been ensuring that web shows "contain no slighting or offensive references to minority groups."

Says the letter, "We have no objections . . . to humorous remarks or skits dealing with homosexuality and depiction of homosexual characters on television . . . But sniggering 'fag' and 'dyke' jokes won't do, nor will the suggestion that the mere fact of homosexuality is hilarious. In short, we do not object to jokes that deal

with our lives-but our lives themselves are not a joke!"

An Alliance spokesman has cited as acceptable the sketches on the Burns and Schreiber comedy specials (ABC) dealing with a homosexual son and his father, and a homosexual drunk at a bar asking a heterosexual couple what they do sexually. Also, a bit on a Mary Tyler Moore segment in which two women are after the same man who, it turns out to the great relief of one of the smitten, turns out to be gay.

On the home scene radio station KIKK has an announcer of the news that seems to have the habit of adding to any news item happening in the Montrose Area of Houston, you know "that strange section". It is not only in poor taste but embarrassing to businessmen and old established families of this section. We might, as a group,



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Left to right: John - "MR FARMHOUSE - 1971", Mark Ambrosy - "MR FARMHOUSE - 1972", Prissy - 2nd Runner-up, Miss Houston, Friday Foster - 1st Runner-up, Miss Houston - - - - - MARILYN MICHAEL - "MISS HOUSTON", and Kitty Keys - M.C.

If it is fear that is blocking the homosexual from a sexual relationship with a woman, then Goldstein and his colleagues work on a process of "desensitization."

In a relaxed setting the patient is asked, for instance, to imagine holding the hand of a woman. Does that give him any pause. If so, at what point? And why? And so the sessions go on.

In addition to his "satisfactory" heterosexual life, the patient must also report end to homosexual contacts and impulses before his treatment can be called a success.

In many cases, Goldstein reports, the old homosexual fantasies and desires die with the development of a new heterosexual life. But in other cases, they linger on.

To suppress the homosexual urges, Goldstein and his colleagues in a few cases use the controversial "aversion therapy." The patient is shown a slide designed to arouse his homosexual desires. Moments later he is given an electric shock, strong enough so that he feels relief as the slide fades, the shock stops, and the slide of a woman appears. The treatment is repeated and repeated, until the patient reports the end of his homosexual fantasies.

The unit is not concerned solely with homosexuality. It is carrying on work on frigidity, impotence, obsessive compulsive neurosis, and agoraphobia (the fear of open places). And in varying degrees, parallel work is being done in most major hospitals in the country.

## MOVIE REVIEW "THE EXPERIMENT"

The Experiment, an excellent new film from Jaguar Productions, explores the trauma of a teenager's homosexual awakening and how he comes to grips with these inclinations.

Billy Joe lives in one of those southwestern desert hamlets whose population can be numbered in two digits, where activity revolves around the local gas station-cafe-general store. His father, Herm, is the proprietor of this business complex, and Billy Joe helps out pumping gas—that is, when he and his buddy, Gary, aren't sneaking off into the desert to drink beer swiped from the cafe. The two also have a secret hideaway, a shack, and it is here they decide one night to "experiment" and have a sexual experience together.

It is an intensely emotional experience for Billy Joe, but Gary is rather indifferent to its implications. Thinking himself rejected, Billy Joe runs away, hoping time and distance will settle his sexual confusion, but in his flight, he is picked up and used by a salesman, a motorist and his hitchhiker, and finally, in Hollywood, meets a jaded rich boy and experiences his first orgy.

In the interim, Gary is having second thoughts about his own sexuality and does not resist when picked up by a tourist. The casual sex act by itself is meaningless to him, though, and he begins to realize that his relationship with Billy Joe can be both emotional and physical.

Billy Joe confronts his homosexuality and returns to tell his father, who was aware of the problem all along and was waiting for his son to discover himself. The two boys are reunited, poised on the threshold of a newly found sexual maturity.





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Producer Barry Knight and writer-director Gorton Hall are to be commended for their courage in tackling the subject of a boy's homosexual awakening, exploring it in depth, and not letting the material get out of hand. It's a dangerous topic, and if treated superficially can spell cinematic disaster, something that more than one major studio has learned the hard way. Perhaps the reason The Experiment succeeds where other films have failed is because it was not bound by the restrictions of the MPAA code and depicts the sexual encounters as graphically as necessary, particularly Billy Joe's first hesitant approach to homosexuality.

Apropos evolution, The Experiment is further evidence that producers for the so-called "pornographic market" are not afraid to take risks in elevating the whole genre to new levels of legitimacy. Another recent film from Jaguar, Deep Compassion, also made this attempt, and while it was less successful in achieving its aims, nonetheless it was conceptually a giant step in the right direction.

The makers of both films are to be

applauded for their daring, for affirming the belief that audiences do not park their mentality at the door of a porno theatre but want and expect something to involve their minds as well as their libidos.

Now, with the release of Marlon Brando's Last Tango in Paris, there is no longer any distinction between explicit sex scenes in films made for the general and porno markets. The only difference is the frequency of these scenes. Audiences will no longer have to pay \$5 for what they can see for \$3 down the block, but the foresighted makers of The Experiment have a movie to meet this new challenge.

In addition to having a solid and mature script, The Experiment has very substantial production values. Filmed on location near Palm Springs and Indio, Barry Knight's photography captures the scenic beauty of the area as well as the intimate dramatic scenes with skill and sensitivity, making full use of every sophisticated camera movement audiences are accustomed to in general release films.

Mike Stevens plays Billy Joe, bringing

the character to life in a very real and understated performance. He has keen competition from Joel Daniels, in the role of Gary. Daniels almost steals the picture with a natural and offhand portrayal, capturing exactly the right mood and communicating it to the audience with small gestures and facial inflections.

The Experiment was directed by Gorton Hall from his original screenplay, and he also plays Billy Joe's father. Hall dominates his few brief scenes with such a commanding screen presence that he almost bursts the seams of the small role. This is not to be confused with overacting. On the contrary, it is an obvious abundance of talent being squeezed into the confines of a small character. Fortunately his writing and directing capacities allow him full vent, and he makes the most of the opportunity.

Jimmy Hughes is seen as the salesman and Robert Weaver as the tourist, with David Blair, Tony Ross, Dave Craig, Peter Thomas, and Eva Faye completing the cast.

The Experiment is the first major production of 1973, and if it is any indication, this year may prove to be the most exciting yet for gay filmmakers and audiences alike.

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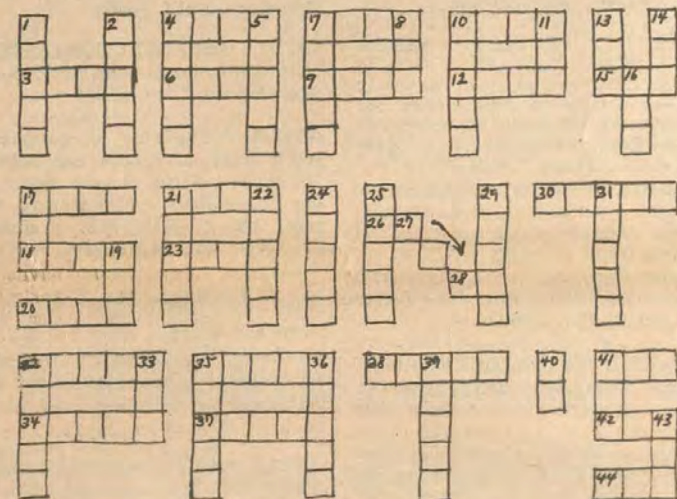
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8. allow; permit
10. color rather like lavender
11. Adam's wife
13. drenched
14. pleasure; amusement
16. sight organ
17. ingest food
19. obtain
21. Morris -----
22. sex object (sl)
24. belly button
25. male organ
29. salivate; dribble
31. competitor in love
32. mod suffix meaning "one addicted to"
33. homosexual; happy
35. make it with someone (sl)
36. ----- gritty
39. all (adj)
40. myself
41. bone in chest
43. meshed snare

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3. number: none
4. to tie; to constrict
6. to labor; to work
7. sheared from sheep
9. super----
10. have affection for
12. citrus flavor
15. common number
17. TV award
18. hoodlum
20. level; plane
21. retain; hold
23. opp. of receive
26. and (Lat. or Fren.)
27. (diag.) 1000 lbs.
28. negative
30. "obscene" literature
32. throw; sling
34. "----- to bed, etc.
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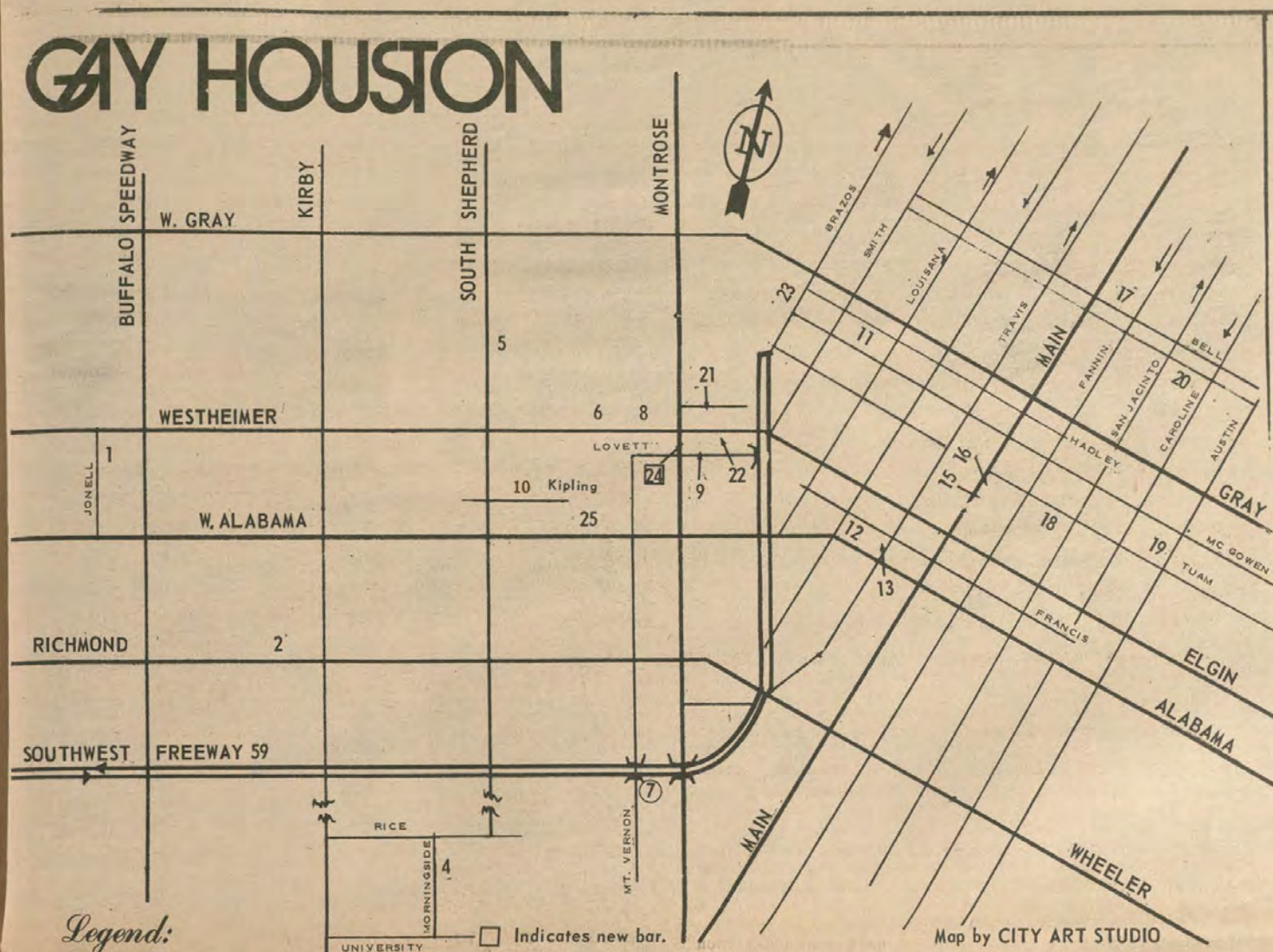
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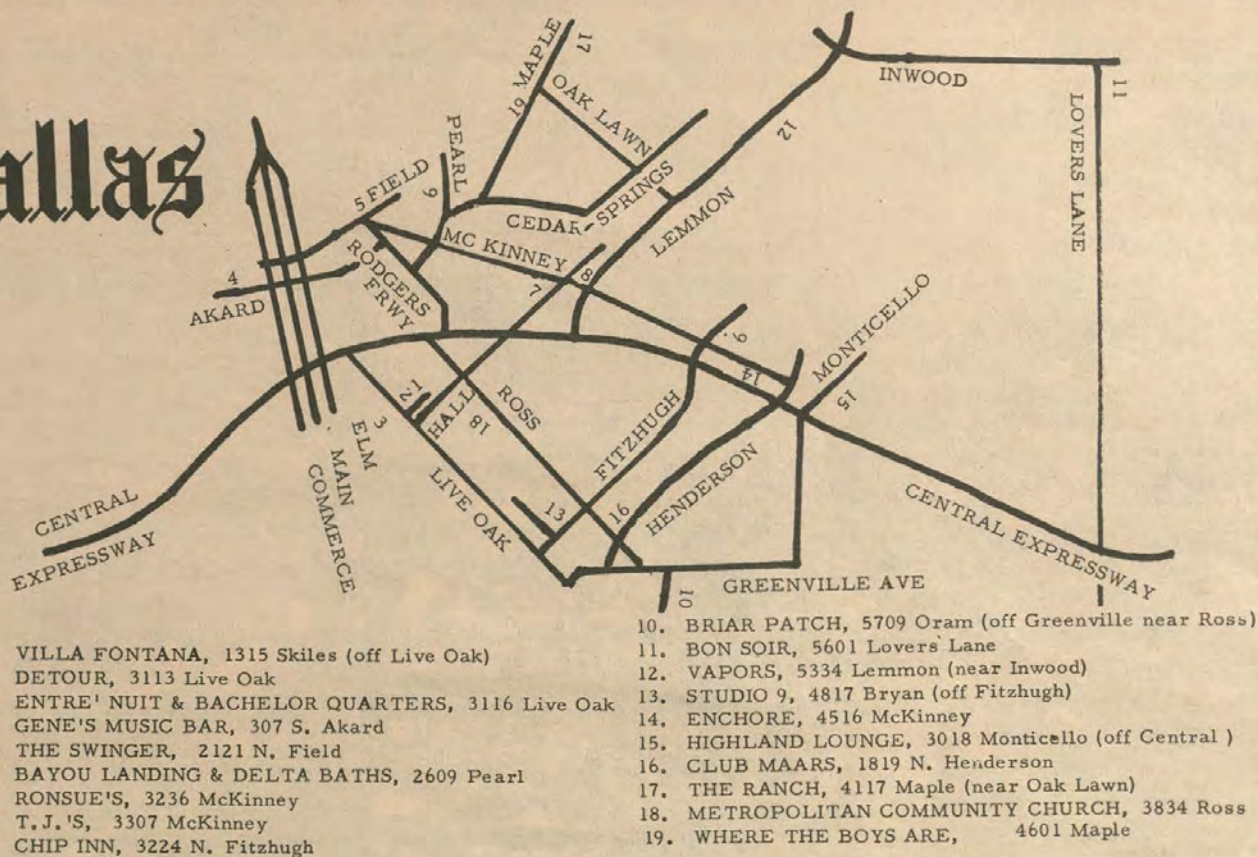
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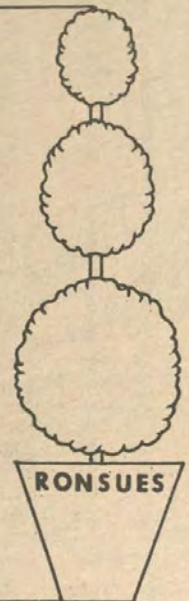




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