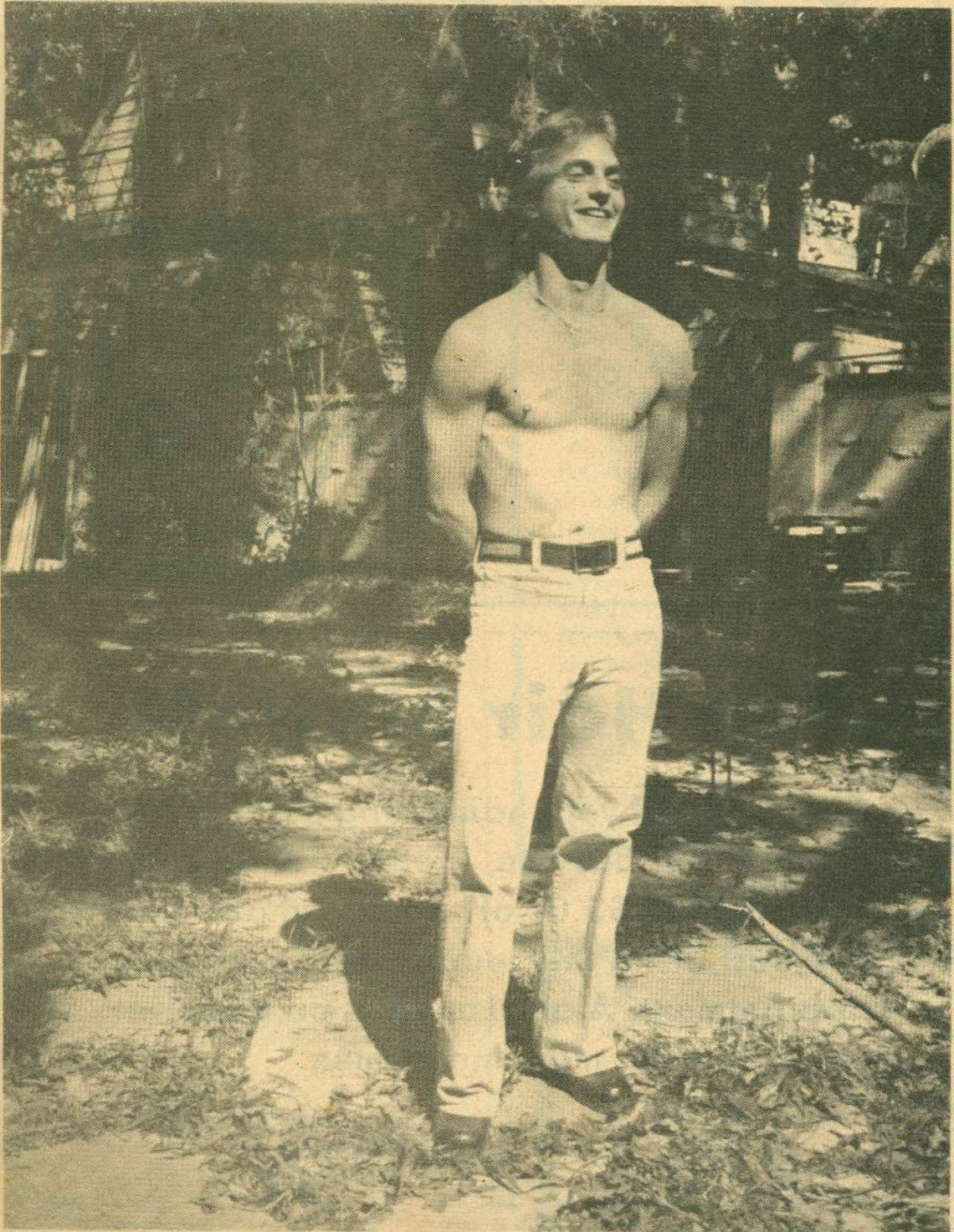


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THIS SPACE FOR RENT

For our regular readers in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas, I'm sure most of you are wondering what has happened to the **Nuntius**. For months now as the **Nuntius** has gradually been expanding its circulation territory across the Southwestern United States, readers in each area have been surveyed as to what type of publication that they would most like to have.

Many wanted a smaller magazine type of publication, while the others seemed satisfied with the newspaper size publication.

And then suddenly one day the suggestion came in why not take the two and combine them. And that is what you now see before you.

It has taken quite a bit of time to revamp the **Nuntius** to this size and expansion has only begun. Over the past month, the **Nuntius** has moved into Oklahoma City, and as of this issue, we now have distribution in Tulsa as well.

For those of you also wondering what has happened with our "Match Maker Ads" - don't worry, as they will return next week along with Aunt Sofa and some of your other favorite items.

Houston's E. D. Lloyd will be leaving Houston within the next few weeks for a grand show tour of California. This fantastic blonde bombshell of an entertainer will be opening at the **Show Biz** in San Deigo, with bookings also at the **Queen Mary** in Los Angeles and the **Gilded Cage** in San Francisco.

One of Houston's favorite female impersonators, Ernestine will be out for a short time due to an illness. I'm sure the Houston, as well as the Dallas audiences will miss the queen of comedy and will readily await his return.

For our new readers, as well as regulars, the **Nuntius** welcomes your comments, news events of your area, or just what is happening around you in general. And if you really want to get brazen, drop a note to Rhoda

better known as the mouth of death!
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NEWS ON THE MARCH

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KNIGHT MURDERER CONVICTED

A Philadelphia jury convicted Salvator Soli of first degree murder in the stabbing of John Knight III, heir to the Knight publishing interests.

The 12 member panel deliberated a little more than 8 hours before returning with the verdict against Soli, who was also convicted of burglary, robbery, and criminal conspiracy.

Soli, 37, was charged with killing Knight in the victim's fashionable Philadelphia apartment Dec. 7th.

Soli stood and faced the jury as the verdict was read. His only visible emotion was a smile.

Nino Tinari, Soli's attorney, called no witnesses during the trial. He told the jurors they had to judge Soli "on the evidence the Commonwealth has given. There is no need for additional evidence."

Tinari cancelled Soli's appearance on the witness stand after deciding that the D. A. Emmett Fitzpatrick might question Soli about the Felix Melendez murder, a third man who was sought in the slaying, who was found slain shortly after Knight was killed.

D.A. Fitzpatrick asked the jury for a first degree murder conviction, saying that Soli was "the sole reason why John Knight III is dead."

The prosecutor said that Melendez had no reason to kill Knight even though he "may have had a homosexual relationship with John Knight." He discounted theories that Knight was killed in a lover's quarrel.

"Melendez was the only one of the three conspirators who might have benefited by Knight living," Fitzpatrick said.

The D.A. said the entire incident, as planned by Soli, was "a scheme to rip off John Knight."

"Perhaps their grudge came about because John Knight didn't have any money or drugs," Fitzpatrick said. "They looked and when they couldn't find anything, they stuck him with a knife."

The prosecutor said the slaying was premeditated because of the nature of Knight's injuries. He said that Knight had 7 visible bruises and five stab wounds, which he said were inflicted either in a struggle with the intruders or after he had been subdued and bound.

Soli was sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in the murder.

Soli and Maleno, who was Soli's accomplice, face additional murder charges in the death of Isais Melendez, who was found shot to death in Pine Hill, New Jersey, five days after Knight was killed.



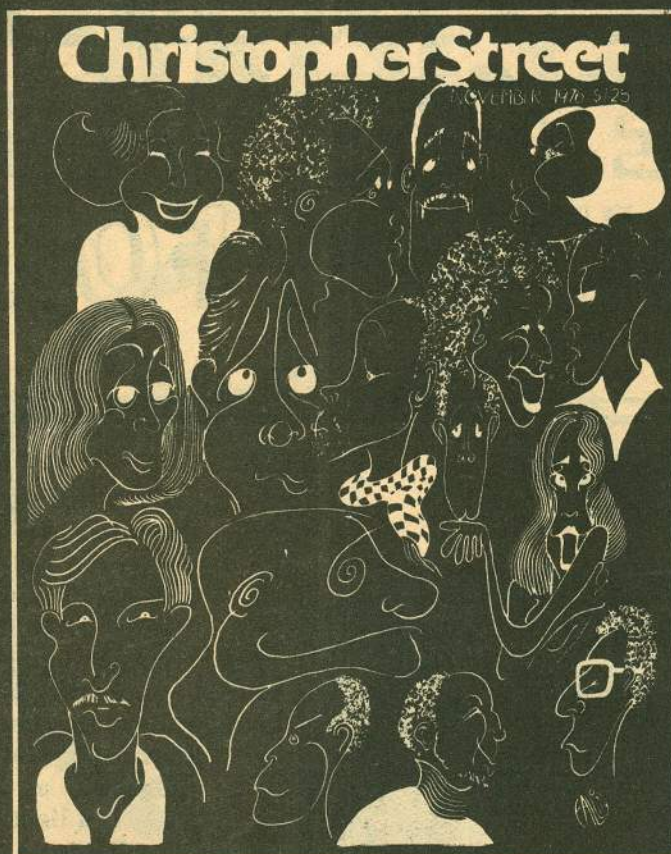
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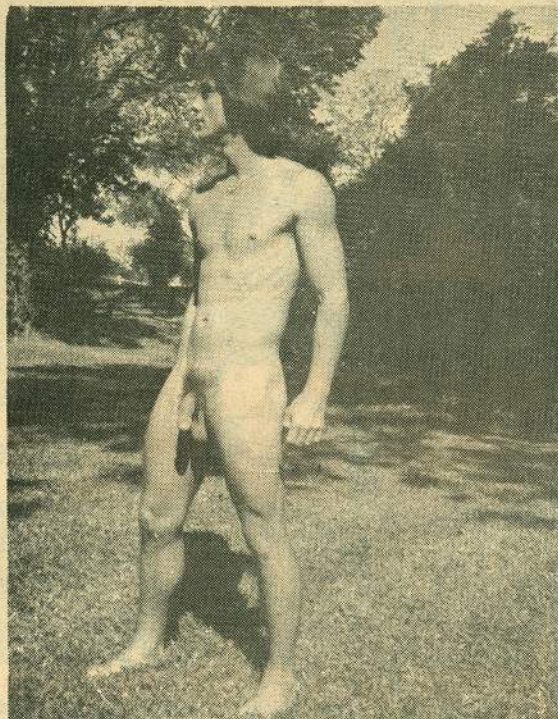
ANSWER:

One gay person told another.

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COVER BOY



With our home base in Houston, and after many months of searching, our cover boy of the week is not only a native Texan, but also a native Houstonian. This six foot, green eyed beauty is Robin Rogers.

Robin is 24 years old (if you can believe it, because it's true!). As previously stated, Robin is 6 feet tall, weighs in at 155 pounds, with green eyes, and light brown hair.

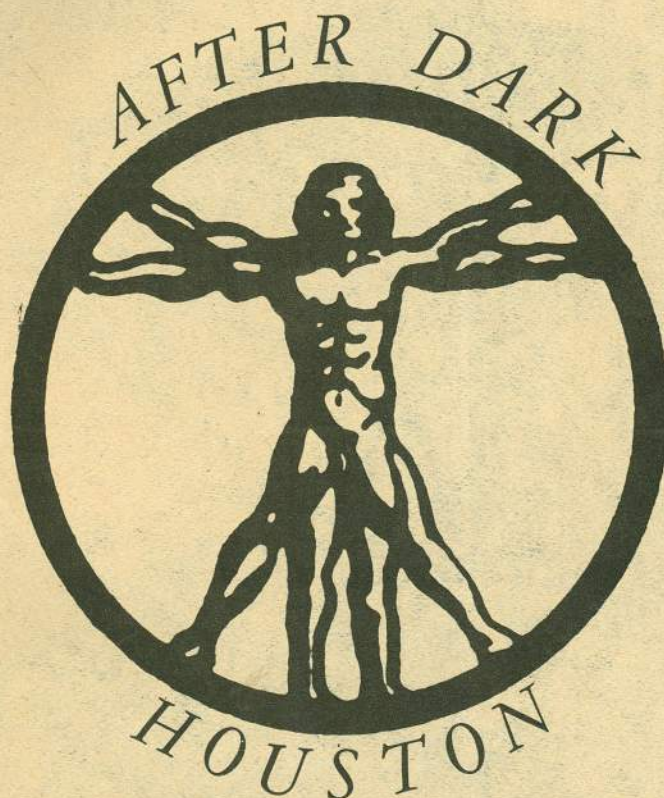
Robin is an Aquarius on the cusp of Pisces with a Virgo rising. Being a true Aquarian, Robin enjoys meeting and being with people. He enjoys the out of doors along with horse back riding, and swimming.

Robin is single as of this time, and says he isn't "looking" at this time, but you never can tell when the right person might come along.

When asked about his sex life, Robin commented that he was a bi-sexual -- "he likes both boys and men"

What else can be said?

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Take it on a Bette

Occult is in! Director Dan Curtis found himself a Victorian house along with weird developments that await a gothic manse's occupants.

For **Burnt Offerings**, Dan Curtis found himself a line-up of stars that could make even the poorest of scripts become most acceptable. Bette Davis, one of screenland's most stoic and top drawing stars, along with Oliver Reed (remember him from **Tommy**?), Karen Black, Anthony James, along with Eileen Heckhart and Burgess Meredith round out this top notch thriller.

Creepy matter is a must, and the endearing characters which are able to place fear into the hearts of thousands makes this Victorian mansion self type-cast that when things go bump in the night, strange sounds of silence become apparent, you know in your heart that it's creepy and definitely weird.

The plot revolves around the house that manages to control its tenants, rather than having the tenanat being in control of his house.

One can think back to the most recent of occult films where evil reigns supreme. And once again, evil is triumphant, as the beautiful haunted Victorian mansion so graciously awaits its next victims.

In Burnt Offerings, Bette Davis, left, begins to suspect something's amiss in the house rented her and her family by its mysterious owners, Eileen Heckhart and Burgess Meredith, below

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RHODA BLABLITT

DIRT FOR THE MILLIONS

Well, gang, Rhoda is back one more time! Having just completed a swing through North Texas and down through the Southwestern portion of the Lone Star State, dirt does seem abounding.

We managed to catch Tiffany Jones show week before last at the Old Plantation in Big D. Tiff, as usual, was hot, but Frank Caven's personal show at intermission could have even overshadowed the Presidential Inauguration. It seems that the general manager of Dallas' upcoming new **SUPER** and modern disco, Dimension 3, was handing out some personal business cards when Mr. Caven swiftly dove down and escorted Mr. Robinson to the front door and very impolitely told him to leave and not return. I guess Frank has a stigma about losing employees to his future competitor. It's strange how quickly one can forget that when they were opening their Houston OP that visiting the other bars and handing out business cards and grand opening invitations seemed to be no problem at all.

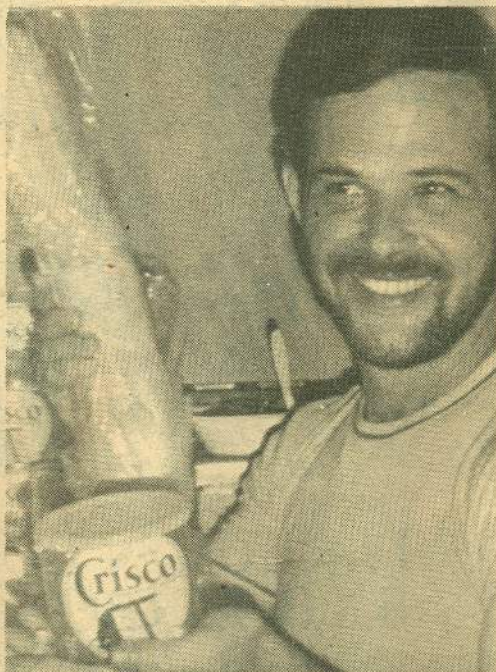
Once upon a time, recently we are told, Mr. Ram Rocha, esteemed dj and self made star of the Houston Old Plantation, made his well publicized trip to the **Billboard** Forum Music Awards gathering in New York City. He writes about music a lot, you know, at least a bit better than he plays it. Anyway, while moving across town in a crowd of dj's from everywhere, fate found him in an elevator with a blonde, buxom woman, on whom he proceeded to go off, pointing out in a sly little whisper that she looked a lot like Dolly Parton. Mr. Rocha apparently found this as being hilarious. He has been cultivating a wit for years, you know. Well, it was Dolly Parton.

One of our photos of the week is Ron "Rhonda" Shirley, who is a waiter at Tooter's in Houston. Ron is pictured on the T-room floor after a lengthy cocktail party. So as of late Miss Shirley has been embroiled in a controversy surrounding her pre-



sent "engagement" to M. W. Mac Donald's 34th husband, Cliff. (For some apparent reason it seems that Ms. Mac Donald can't hang on to one longer than a week!) As of this time, Miss Shirley and Cliff are on the out and out about Ron's overabundance of dates with other people extending over into next week.

Our other "photo" of the week is that of Terry West, reknown bartender at Sally's. Terry doesn't delve into the occult, but as you can see from the picture, just the bizarre!



Bob Fournier, manager of Houston's OP has become his original self again. It seems this time he took the idea of

having the **Entertainer of the Year Awards** right out of the head of Mel Plummer. It seems that Mel had shared the idea of reader's voting for their favorite entertainer and then wind it up with a big bash. Well, it seems that the OP got quite upset that the Mr Gay America Pageant wasn't shanged to an off date where they wouldn't have to miss out on any gravy, and be held at the OP, so Mr. Fournier immediately takes what has been on someone else's draw-board and outs into action. We must admit, it was better than most deals that he ever made at the bus station.

And unfortunately Ah Men's Frank Steiger just missed out on his Academy Award for his portrayal in "Guess Who's NOT Coming To Dinner?" It seems that Frank has managed to give a few intimate parties lately where NO one shows up. But just as he was a "shoo-in" for his Oscar after slaving many hours preparing gourmet meals, it seems that everyone turned up after a romp at Mr. Peeper's Glory Hole. Only this time the gourmet meal was chili cheese dogs! Sorry about that Frank.

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