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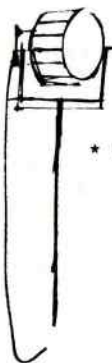
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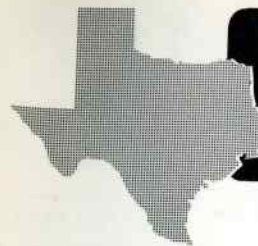


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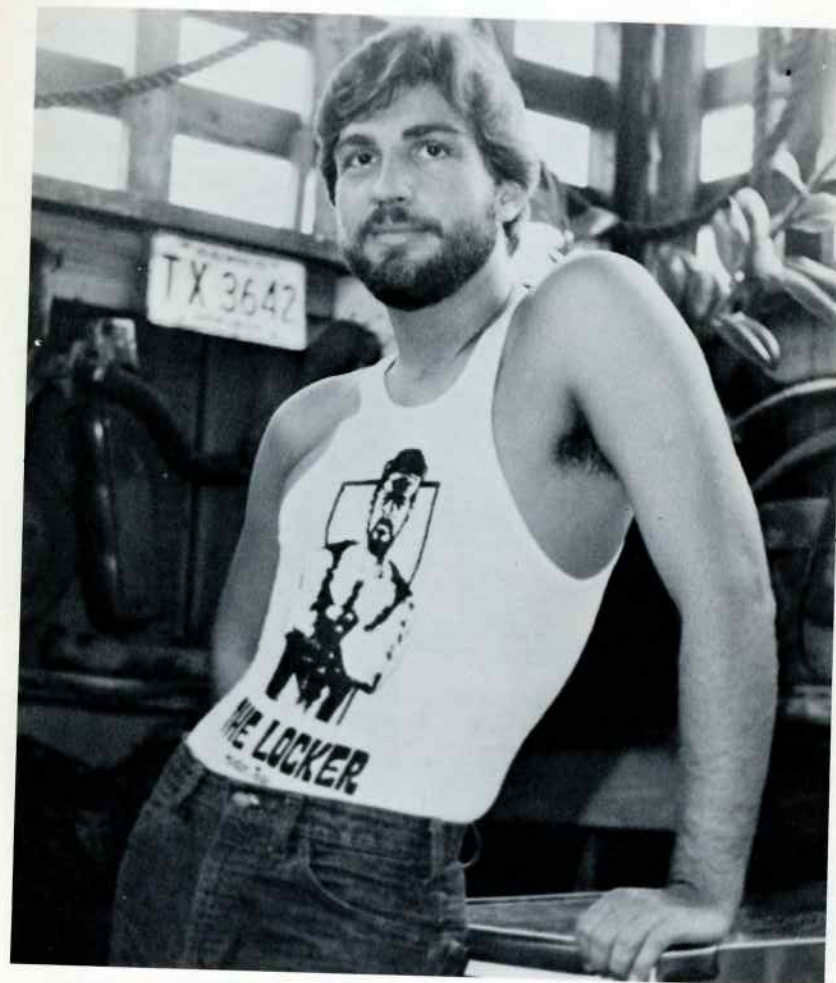
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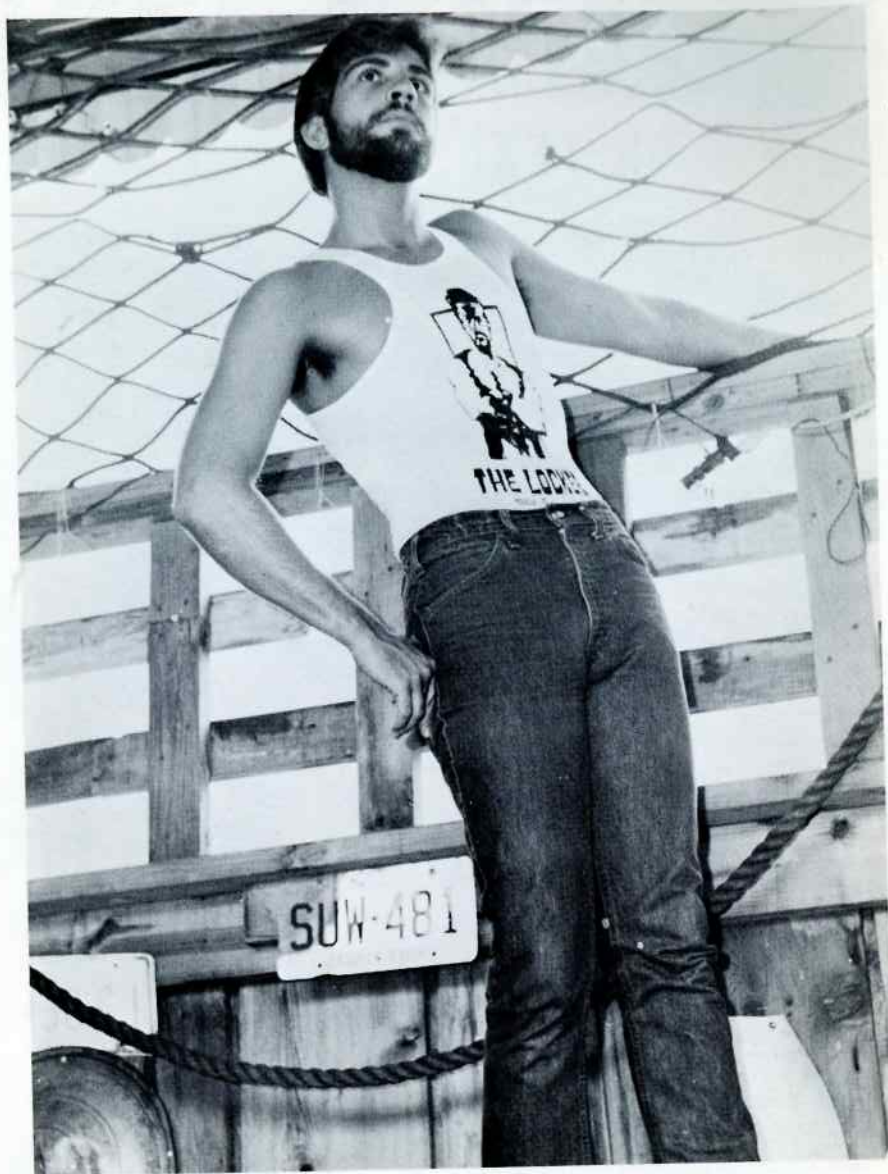


ROBERT JONES, HOUSTON, TEXAS

JULY 12 — JULY 18

THE OFFICIAL GAY GUIDE TO TEXAS

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



Robert Jones, Bartender at the Locker, Houston, Texas

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AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

A SELECTIVE GUIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

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MONDAY, JULY 14

DALLAS

Ping Pong Tournament, **Olive Branch Saloon**, 7PM. Fifty cent entry fee.

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TUESDAY, JULY 15

HOUSTON

Club Houston VD health clinic 8-10PM.

Frogs voting party **Second Sun** 8-10PM.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

DALLAS

Banelle sings 9PM, **Olive Branch Saloon**.

HOUSTON

Frogs voting party, **Locker**, 8-10PM.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

DALLAS

Miss **Olive Branch** Contest. Trophies, plus \$100 cash prize.

GALVESTON

Frogs voting party, **Robert's Lafitte**, 9-10PM.

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Inside Outside VD health clinic 9-11PM.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

HOUSTON

Houston MC's presentation of *Up Yours 2*. Contact **Marys** for info.

Second Sun VD health clinic 9-11PM.

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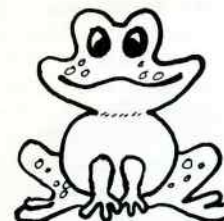


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11PM. See ya there. . . . Congratulations to **Locker** bartender **Robert Jones**, who won the **Mr. 4th of July** contest at the **Farmhouse**. Similar pats on the back to **Mike Ganza**, who, at the **Chez Paris Gorgeous Legs Contest**, was voted as having the best 2 of the 14 entered. They matched, too. . . . It's no wonder you'll see **Larry Hawkins** at **The Wonder's** bar in Houston. He's the new manager. . . . And finally, Houston's **Lana**, the current **Miss Gay Texas**, ventures to Fort Worth to headline a show at the **Bailey Street Wherehouse** on July 11 and 12. When **Lana** packs her bags, it packs 'em in. Go early to get a seat and be prepared to hang on to it.

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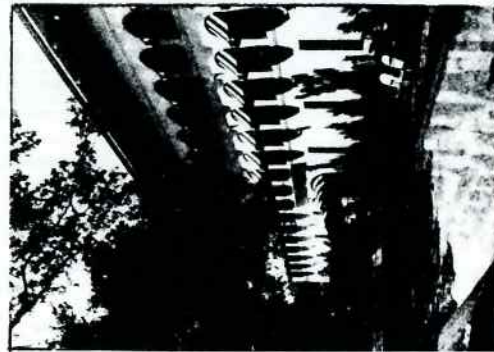
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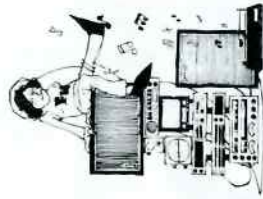
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by Cristopher Savitch

The hoax is over. The truth was revealed. The cat, albeit against her better wishes, was let out of the bag. It's now time to name the names. Tell the tales. Wash the dishes.

Once upon a time there was a television network called ABC. In the home office of same said ABC was a buzzing "secret" rumor that negotiations were under way to bring *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* to the small screen in weekly series form. Pass it on.

They knew it would be tough. Transition of a property from one medium to another was risky biz. When the public has seen a movie, it's a difficult task to get them to accept a new "version" on TV. And a lot of people had seen the movie, it had even been on TV in movie form. Twice. The masses had seen Kate and Spencer and they wouldn't accept substitutes easily. Even ABC knew that.

But the executive hopefuls had an ace card up their sleeves. No, they didn't have Hepburn. No, they couldn't resurrect Tracy. But they had Kramer! Stanley Kramer, the "genius" cult director who had brought *Dinner* to the big screen. Kramer had agreed to direct the refurbished effort.

The conference rooms filled with various and sundry "big wigs" grinning with anticipatory delight previously thought intrinsic to horny hyenas. They were gonna knock CBS and NBC right out of the box. Cancel the florist, everything was coming up roses right on their home turf. The studios were made ready on immediate

priority, the taping began, and the PR machine revved-up to cut a massive chasm through the viewing masses, the likes of which had never been seen before.

But then strange things began to happen. The red carpet to the studio was removed. In fact, the doors were closed to those expressing interest in "what was going on." A mandatory "hush" replaced the earlier hoopla. *Guess Who* became *Guess What*.

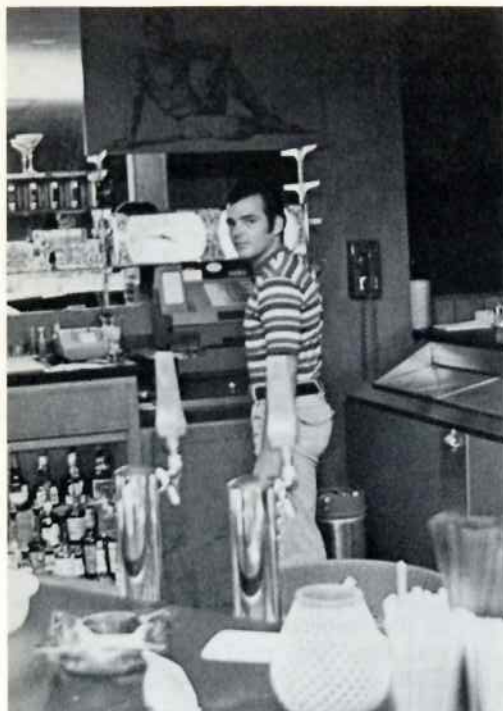
Either one of two things was happening. It was turning out to be even better than they expected, and they wanted to keep it a secret until it could be promoted as a major television event. Or, it was turning out so horribly that they wanted to "dump" the project quietly after the excitement had died down.

And die down it did. In no time at all the general public had forgotten that they had "read somewhere" that *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* was going to be a series. But there were still a few of us who wanted to know the honest dirt. Our chance came, we thought, when the pilot film was scheduled for public showing on the ABC air roster. Scheduled unobtrusively, but scheduled nevertheless. But it was not to be. It was deleted at the last minute. Postponed.

More waiting. But on the night of July 4th, 1975, it was finally "peeped" to the hinterlands. Evidently in hopes that everyone would be out of the house and away from their television sets, burning their fireworks, steaks and skins. The pilot of Stanley Kramer's television version of *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* was on the air!

Oh, my God! It can't be that bad. It wasn't. It got worse. I understood that the lead roles wouldn't be the

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*Bartender Lou Frank,
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same without Hepburn/Tracy, but I did expect their "understudies" to be able to talk intelligently. If not about art, at least about acting. Suffice it to say they did not "have it together." Or individually. Ugghhh. Even the "audience" was bad. Canned or "sweetened" laughter is bad enough, but you at least expect them to get it put in the right places. Apparently even the laugh mixer couldn't understand the small talk on the stage. That's small!

Poor pacing. Audio-visual "accent" sunc out of phase. Background distortion. Staid camera placement. It made *I Love Lucy* appear avant garde. But thank Medusa it's over. ABC cancelled further "development." Rumors that Mr. Kramer was last seen slinking down the hall with a copy of *Gone With the Wind* are unfounded. I hope. The South has been through enough.

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BY ADAM

by Adam Dennis

I consider myself to be one of the "healthy gays." I don't flaunt my homosexuality, but nor do I take drastic measures to hide it. I've always been very above-board with my friends and employers when they've asked. It's worked out suprisingly well. I've never lost any friends or a job by being honest. Most of them seem to have so many problems of their own that they don't have time to worry about my lifestyle. My problem is not the attitudes of society, but my own. I have a little 11 year old sister. This may sound silly, but I have an intuition that she's going to be a lesbian. And while I have no problems coping with my own homosexuality, the thought that she might be gay upsets me. My parents don't know that I am gay, so they certainly can't perceive anything along that line regarding my sister. But why do I get upset over the thought that my sister may be a lesbian?

Terry S., Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Terry:

First of all, congratulations. I think you are correct when you say the bulk of your attitudes reflect a healthy perspective concerning your own homosexuality. Now, about your sister. I don't think your fears that she will be a lesbian reflect any homosexual "hang-ups" on your part. Instead, I think you are only feeling a natural protective attitude toward your sister because of her young age. You called her your "little" sister. You are obviously from a very "close-knit" family and have strong protective

instincts. We always view the young as innocent, beautiful and frail. You're seeing her as a child facing an adult situation. I'll bet that if given a choice, you'd be willing to "trade places" with her if she caught a disease. Loving people are always willing to assume any burden of the young, if the young will be spared. If a dog is attacking a child, adults step in and take the "bites" to save the child. It's natural instinct. So relax. By the time your sister reaches the age to consider her sexuality, she'll be adult enough to handle the situation.

How old can a man be before it's no longer considered "proper" for him to go to the bars and baths.

Larry A., Dallas, Tex.

Dear Larry:

As long as you are able to "get a trick," without paying money, you're entitled to go to the bar the next night. Of course, you're entitled to go anywhere, anytime you like. But when you reach that point where bars or baths no longer provide you with a sense of physical companionship, I think you should seek alternate outlets and social circles. Don't waste your time swimming in a pond where you're not appreciated. Fish elsewhere.

I've just moved here from New York. Why do people in the Southwest wear heavy denim or corduroy pants in the heat of summer? When did such attire stop being something you wore only in the winter.

Mark R., Houston, Tex.

Dear Mark:

The heavy denim and corduroy was pulled out of the winter trunk when it became considered fashionable. And butch. And while such attire may be intrinsically warm, no material has a more comfortable "feel" after it's been "broken in." It's soft and "bends" in all the right places.

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DOCTORS BAG

by John Radtz, M.D.

Syphilis. It's an ugly disease. Its ability to ravage the body with hideous lesions and monstrous sores that engulf human flesh is well known. Untreated, it transforms the human body into a mountain of decayed "raw meat" on legs.

But that's just half of the story. The other horror of syphilis is the attitude of the societies in which it appears. There is treatment for syphilis, for those with the courage to acknowledge the presence of the infection. However, the historical record shows time and time again that the social stigma the disease would generate proved to be the disease's greatest ally in spreading its agonies. Syphilis was considered "evil." It was something "good people" didn't get.

And if they did, it was more proper to "suffer in silence" for your "sins" than seek needed help.

The disease itself became inseparable from the additional miseries created by the societies in which it occurred. We shall examine both aspects during the next eight installments of this column.

To modern medical science, the definition and symptoms of syphilis are quite obvious. It's easily recognized. Yet history records no existence of any syphilis-type disease until just about 500 years ago. What "created" it? Where did it "come from"? Was it always present, but unnoticed? For nearly half a millennium, scholars and medical historians have debated the mysterious origin of syphilis.


Those debating the issue are divided into two schools of thought.

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Either syphilis originated in the New World (Columbian Theory) or had always been present in the Old World from time immemorial (Pre-Columbian Theory).

The New World followers believe the syphilitic infection was native to Haiti. It was then carried from Haiti to Europe by Columbus' crew when they returned to Spain following his second voyage. Columbus departed Seville in August, 1492, and following his visit to Haiti, he returned to Palos Bay on March 15, 1493.

Accompanied by six sailors and six Indians, he traveled from Palos to Barcelona by way of Seville. This group of travelers, plus the sailors who remained at Palos, are believed to be the disease carriers who caused the syphillization of all of Europe. And ultimately, the world.

Scholars adhering to the Old World theory affirm just as vehemently that syphilis had been present in Europe prior to the voyage of Columbus

but was either unrecognized, confused with other diseases (leprosy), or was present in a much, much milder form.

Whatever its origin, there was no question that a great epidemic of syphilis suddenly appeared in all parts of Europe, and by 1497, had spread as far as Scotland.

It is obvious that neither theory of the origin of syphilis is entirely satisfactory. Not only is it difficult to conceive how such a major disease could spread so rapidly from a single port of entry, but it is equally difficult to accept the conclusion that a previously "tame" disease could so suddenly produce the severe symptoms of syphilis and become epidemic.

But nevertheless, the "new" disease was a reality and it began to startle physicians and the populus alike. Their writings in the 1500s reflect intrigue, shock and horror. We'll examine some of those early written records in the next installment.

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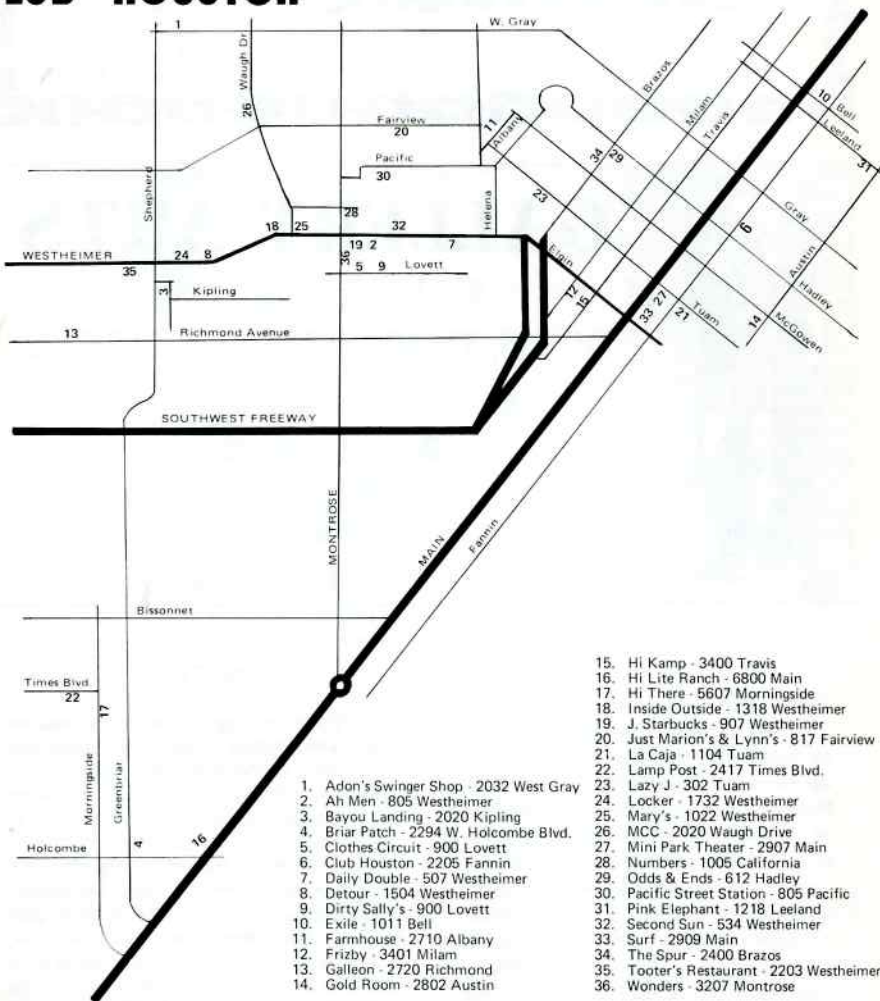
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20. Just Marion's & Lynn's - 817 Fairview
21. La Caja - 1104 Tuam
22. Lamp Post - 2417 Times Blvd.
23. Lazy J - 302 Tuam
24. Locker - 1732 Westheimer
25. Mary's - 1022 Westheimer
26. MCC - 2020 Waugh Drive
27. Mini Park Theater - 2907 Main
28. Numbers - 1005 California
29. Odds & Ends - 612 Hadley
30. Pacific Street Station - 805 Pacific
31. Pink Elephant - 1218 Leeland
32. Second Sun - 534 Westheimer
33. Surf - 2909 Main
34. The Spur - 2400 Brazos
35. Tooter's Restaurant - 2203 Westheimer
36. Wonders - 3207 Montrose

THIS WEEK'S SUPPORTERS

Listed below are Texas establishments that support This Week In Texas. Each week we are in touch with our supporters, so the list is both **Accurate and Dependable**. If you're visiting the **Lone Star State**, we sincerely hope This Week has assisted you in having a good time.

Abilene

Lounge:

Bar H - 4001 Pine - 672-0076

Amarillo

Lounge:

Skyline Lounge - 1507 10th - 372-0182

Corpus Christi

Lounge:

Chez Paris - 1718 S. Staples - 884-0063

Restaurant

Harbor Inn - 1601 N. Shoreline

Dallas

Lounges:

Act III - 3115 Live Oak - 824-9043
 Bayou Landing - 2609 N. Pearl - 742-3269
 Chucks - 3019 Haskell - 526-9329
 Crews Inn - 3220 N. Fitzhugh - 526-9320
 Highland - 3018 Monticello - 526-9551
 Olive Branch Saloon - 2822 McKinney - 823-0921
 Ramrod - 3224 N. Fitzhugh - 526-9110
 Sundance Kids - 4025 Maple - 526-9173
 Swamp Trash - 3014 Throckmorton - 526-9184

Bath:

Club Dallas - 2616 Swiss - 821-1990

Clothiers:

Fifteen Grand - 2611 N. Pearl - 742-1068
 After: 7:00 PM
 Union Jack - 3918 Cedar Springs - 528-9600

Florist:

Flowers by Charles Inc. - 4201 Gaston Ave. - 827-7496

Art Deco:

Gallery Arts - 4511 W. Lovers Lane - 352-5138

Mike's Things - 3136 Rough St., Suite 104 - 748-0210

Theaters:

Cornet - 2420 N. Fitzhugh - 821-9489
 Studio 9 - 4817 Bryan - 823-0447

El Paso

Lounges:

Apartment - 804 Myrtle - 544-7175
 Pet Shop - 800 E. San Antonio - 532-9721

Fort Worth

Lounges:

Bailey Street Warehouse - 259 Bailey - 335-0232
 500 Club 506 W. Magnolia - 335-0692

The Other Place - 2308 W. 7th - 335-0586
 Regency - 1812 Hemphill - 927-9416

Galveston

Lounges:

Fruit Jar - 2214 Mechanic - 763-6319
 Kon Tiki - 214 23rd & Tremont - 763-9031
 Mary's Number II - 2502 Ave. Q½
 Paradise - 213 Kempner (22nd) - 763-9880
 Robert's Lafitte - 409 Rosenberg - 763-9507

Bath:

Kon Tiki Baths - 220 23rd & Tremont - 763-6319

Houston

Lounges:

Bayou Landing - 2020 Kipling - 526-8951
 Briar Patch - 2294 W. Holcombe Blvd. - 665-9678
 Detour - 1504 Westheimer - 528-9552
 Dirty Jose's - 1220 Taft - 528-8057
 Dirty Sally's - 900 Lovett - 528-8900
 Farmhouse - 2710 Albany - 528-8864
 Gold Room - 2802 Austin - 226-9940
 Hi Kamp - 3400 Travis - 528-9772
 Hi Lite Ranch - Frontenac Plaza, 6800 Main - 528-8730
 J. Starbucks - 907 Westheimer - 528-9901
 LaCaja - 1104 Tuam - 226-9125
 Lamp Post - 2417 Times Blvd. - 528-8921
 Lazy J - 302 Tuam - 523-8364
 Locker - 1732 Westheimer - 528-8844
 Mary's - 1022 Westheimer - 528-8851
 Pacific Street Station - 805 Pacific - 524-1225
 Second Sun - 534 Westheimer - 524-1225
 The Spur - 2400 Brazos - 528-8141
 Ursula's - 1512 W. Alabama - 527-0734

Baths:

Club Houston - 2205 Fannin - 229-0156
 Frizby's - 3401 Milam - 523-8840

Book Stores:

Action Adult Book Store - 4613 Mt. Vernon - 522-5609
 Studz News - 1132 W. Alabama

Clothiers:

Adon's Swinger Shop - 2032 W. Gray - 523-4022
 Ah Men - 805 Westheimer - 524-9337
 Clothes Circuit - 900 Lovett - 523-6131

Exterminating:

Highlands Pest Control - 402 W. Clay - 522-5633

Social Activities:

Gay Activity Society - P. O. Box 66274 - Houston, Tx 77006 - 661-9354

Restaurants:

Tooter's - 2203 Westheimer - 524-9327