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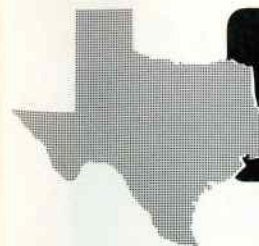
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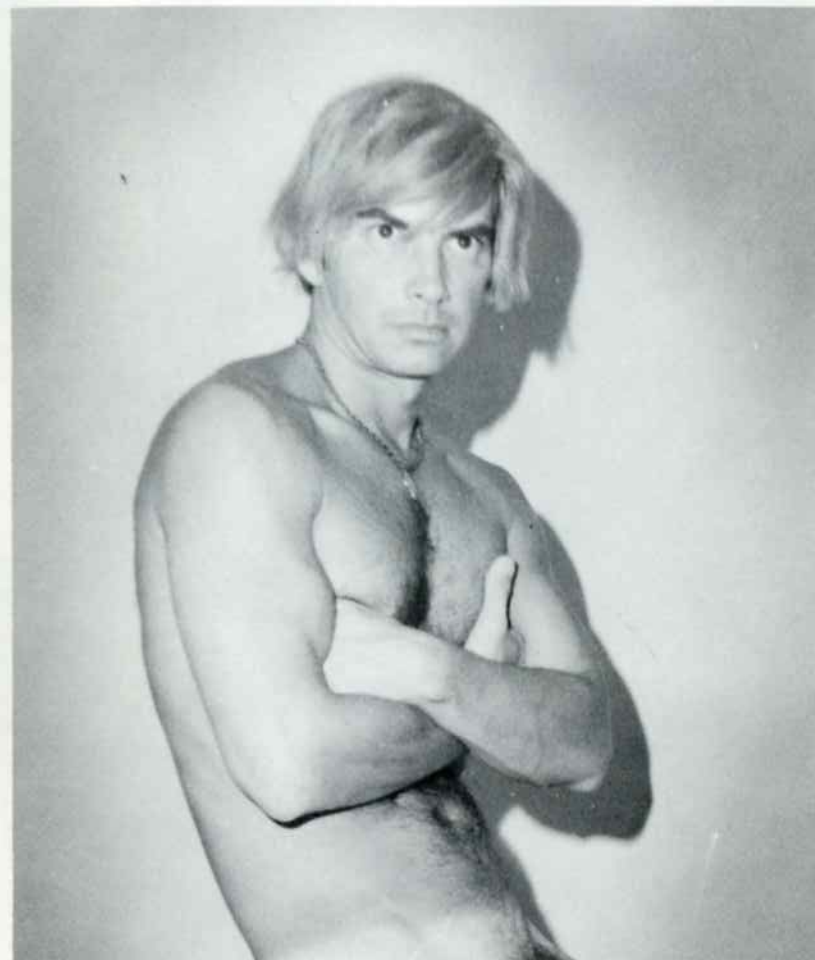
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# AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

A SELECTIVE GUIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

### HOUSTON

GPC (Gay Political Caucus) at **Just Marion and Lynn's**, 9-11:30pm. Register to vote.

Scheduled to open, **Depository**. Grand Opening to be announced.

Special show with Sahji (from L.A.), 9pm, **The Farmhouse**.

Fish and Chips, 7:30pm, MCC. Proceeds to MCC Building Fund. A multi-media presentation on Modern Evangelism by Guest Speaker, Dr. Bill Martin.

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All girl's band, "Mercee," performing at the **Fisherman's Wharf**, 9pm until 2am. \$2.00 cover.

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

### AMARILLO

Mexican Fiesta, 6pm til ?, **Pal's Lounge**. Free buffet.

### LUBBOCK

First Anniversary Party, **David's Warehouse**, noon til 5pm. Free food, drinks, pool and entertainment.

### DALLAS

Carl Walters will be singing and playing guitar at **Swamp Trash**, 3pm.

"Back-to-School" bash with free draft beer from 8-12, **Olive Branch**.

### HOUSTON

The Diana Wright Special, **Hi Kamp**, 9pm. See details in this issue.

Good-by Party for Manager Wesley, **Mr. Frizby's Baths**, 8-10pm. Free refreshments. See details in this issue.

Gay Political Caucus Public Rally, **Cherryhurst Park** (Windsor at Cherryhurst), 2-5pm. Free beer, entertainment, voter registration, and speeches by candidates for public office.

**Just Marion and Lynn's vs. Lamp Post**, noon, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School at Fairview and Yupon.

La Verne of **Dirty Sally's** and Lulu, manager of **Second Sun**, host a special benefit show for Bob Cappell at **Second Sun II**, 10pm.

Drag Show with special guest, Sahji, 9pm, **The Farmhouse**, Plantation Room.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

### FT. WORTH

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30pm, at MCC Community Center, 251 S. Vacek.



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

**HOUSTON**

TADS meet at the **Detour**, 4:30pm.

**FT. WORTH**

Agape' MCC's Open Rap, **Bailey St. Wherehouse**, 7:30pm.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**ODESSA**

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Gay Political Caucus Meeting, 7:30 pm, **Inside Outside**, upstairs.

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

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## SAMPLING TEXAS

Ah, sweet Autumn. Little by little, the smell of suntan oil and potato salad begins to give way to the crisp freshness of Fall. Surely, the differences between the times of the season are not as pronounced in Texas as they are in other parts of the country, but the feel of "something in the air" is universal. Autumn brings a cozy intimacy that provides gay gathering places with a whole new aura. It's a time for new friends, new beginnings and a sense of excitement for new adventure. Start preparing now. *This Week in Texas* will guide you through.

Before we can start the new season with a clean slate, though, we need to clear up a bit of "old" business. *This Week in Texas* made a serious mistake last week. We forgot to tell you that the picture of E. D. Lloyd which adorned our last cover was taken by photographer **Algren**. Quality speaks for itself, but just in case you're new in Texas and don't know who's who, the fine lens skill of Algren frequently adorns this publication, as it does many picture collections throughout the state. So, with that done, let's turn to the What's Happening NOW!! And with the high interest in movies at bars, that seems as good a place as any to begin. The Dallas **Sundance Kid** leads off the film week with a showing of **T.A.M.I.** on Sunday, the 21st. It's a rock-music spectacular with all the superstar standards. Get there at 7:00 p.m., enjoy the beer bust, then brace yourself for the hard-rockin' flick which follows at

9:00 p.m. The next day, Monday the 22nd, Houston's **Bayou Landing** jumps on the Mel Brooks bandwagon with **The Producers**. It's a super spoof of Broadway business churned out by the zany Brooks and the unmatched artistry of Zero Mostel. The Bayou features two showings, one at 8:30 p.m., followed by the 11:00 p.m. screening. The Tuesday night movie, Sept. 23, at the **Locker** in Houston will be the delightful animated romp **Yellow Submarine**, featuring the Beatles. Like the Blue Meanies learn in this colorful tale, all you need is love.

The big stage show attraction now in the works is going on in San Antonio, as the **Hypo** prepares for its October stage extravaganza, **That's Entertainment**. Information on tickets and show dates can be had by calling the Hypo. Or better yet, go by. Any journey to the Hypo is a real trip.

And speaking of good things, the voter registration drive in the state seems to be going especially well. The **Gay Political Caucus** (G.P.C.) is really moving their ballots for you. Incidentally, the G.P.C. in Houston now has their telephone number listed with information. If you have any questions concerning voting requirements, candidates, or political what-not, you can get direct assistance by calling directory assistance. We love ya, Ma Bell. (hee-hee)

In San Antonio, Peter's Playpen has petered out. The bar is now under the management of Dave and has a new

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## FAREWELL PARTY FOR MANAGER WESLEY

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name and look. It's now known as the **Habitat**. Both the decor and faces have been remodeled, including good looking bartenders Steve and Michael. Also in Alamo town, note that the **Penny Pub** now has a pool tournament on Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. Top winner gets \$15.00 in drinks, with second place racking up a free \$7.00 drink tab. Winners will be given assistance in returning their cue sticks to their case, should they find difficulty in standing up after consuming their "victory." All you non-poolers can get equally smashed by going to the Penny Pub's Sunday beer bust. And don't forget all the good munchie food offered on Friday and the Saturday shows.

You Wichita Falls folk can't play in the Sandbox anymore. The bar has now moved to 608 8th St., and has a new name, **Le Pisouri**. My, my!

All of Houston is heading for the first bar in the state to feature a bank motif, **The Depository**. They're now underway pulling out all the stops to draw "high interest" to the place. The formal grand opening announcement will appear in our next issue, but right now we CAN tell you they are going to have a great give-away. A trip for 2 for 5 days and 4 nights at the Marlin Beach Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, including air fare, meals and accomodations! Far out! This new "bank" bar is worth "checking" on, get down there and make your "deposit." Now.

In other Bayou City "happenings," contact Jan Russell at the **Hi-Kamp** for information on their Second Annual Miss Houston At Large contest. It's going to be on October 15th. The popular "Steak Night" eats are still going strong at the **Detour** on Thursdays and at **Mary's** on Wednesdays. Those who like the Sunday buffet treats

can still get them at **Club Houston** and **The Detour**.

Houston's **Filling Station** has a new hot night -- hard hat night. In the tradition of their popular Wednesday "bare back" night, the "hard hat" has been established on Tuesdays. Put on your hard one, and get half price drinks. The Sunday beer bust is also a hoot and a half.

Half price drinks from 8:00 till midnight can be had at the **Spur** in Houston. Plus the usual happy hour on Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., and on Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

And finally in Houston, a dear, dear, very familiar face is soon to leave the scene. The one and only Wesley, who single handedly spread the glory of **Mr. Frizby's** baths around the state is departing his daily post at that location. There's more about that elsewhere in this issue, but let us say here and now, we are really going to miss you, Wesley. you are one of a kind!

A lot of the bars in Dallas are to be congratulated for all they are doing to help the MCC building fund there. The **Villa Fontanna** is having a bar-b-que on Saturday's at 7:30 p.m. for the cause. And a lot of others are beginning to follow suit. Other Dallas news includes word that the **Act III** now has a racing tournament every Monday at 8 p.m. and the **Crew's Inn** has Wooden Nickel Day on Sunday's, get a nickle for each drink you buy, and then get a drink for the nickle. Can't beat that, kids.

And **This Week in Texas** salutes **David's Wearhouse** in Lubbock. They are having their first year anniversary party on Sunday, with free food, free entertainment and four free drinks per person, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Del Browning is to be appreciated for all his hard work in the effort. You can find out more about it elsewhere in this issue. And you'll hear more from me later, next week, in fact. Cheers.

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# DOCTORS BAG

by John Radt, M.D.

A few months ago, we ran a couple of articles concerning losing weight. At that time, we compared the different types of diets (calorie counting, carbohydrate counting, etc.) Since that time, I have received several inquiries concerning "fasting," going completely without food. Perhaps I can answer some of your questions in this installment.

Fasting goes back a long way and has been a traditional method of losing weight ever since. Famous fasters have included Moses, the golden Greeks of antiquity, Tolstoy, British suffragettes, American Indians, Colonial New Englanders and hundreds of famous and not-so famous individuals and societies.

Fasting is returning to vogue in the 20th century American culture. Recently, the prestigious "New England Journal of Medicine" reported that fasting "can benefit any otherwise healthy person whose calories now have the upper hand in his life."

Contrary to popular opinion, fasting is safe. We live in an "eat, eat, eat" society that says that if you don't have three square meals a day you can not stay healthy. This is hogwash! Fasting can be healthy, invigorating and a lose-weight savior for millions.

Although the faster can not eat food, except for coffee, tea and no-calorie soft drinks, it is not the same as starvation. Starvation occurs when the body receives no food **and** has exhausted all its own resources. This is not the case for the person who goes on a fast to lose weight. There is no harm done to a

person who goes without food if that person has extra fat. The body will simply turn on the fat, and use the fat for the nourishment it needs. Actually, the overweight body adapts quite well to fasting. Almost as if it were saying, "Thank you for not eating any more food, let me live off the fat for a while."

Additionally, there is medical evidence that a fast actually "cleanses" the body of impurities and both your mind and body find fasting a refreshing and renewing way to get a "new lease on life."

Those who go without food for a couple of days say they experience a "high" that is not unlike being stoned on marijuana. Suddenly, the mind begins to work at peak efficiency and that sluggish feeling created by being in a state of "carbohydrate coma" goes away.

Of course, there are some people who should **not** fast. Those include persons with heart disease, tumors, bleeding ulcers, diabetes, cerebral disease, and liver or kidney ailments. But if you don't fall into those categories, check with your doctor, fasting could be just the thing you need to finally get a "grip" on your own life and outlook.

Weight losses during a fast are staggering. Many people can lose 10 pounds by simply fasting for two days. The fatter your body is when you begin your fast, the more drastic will be the weight loss. I have never found anyone who fasted for 7 days and did not lose,

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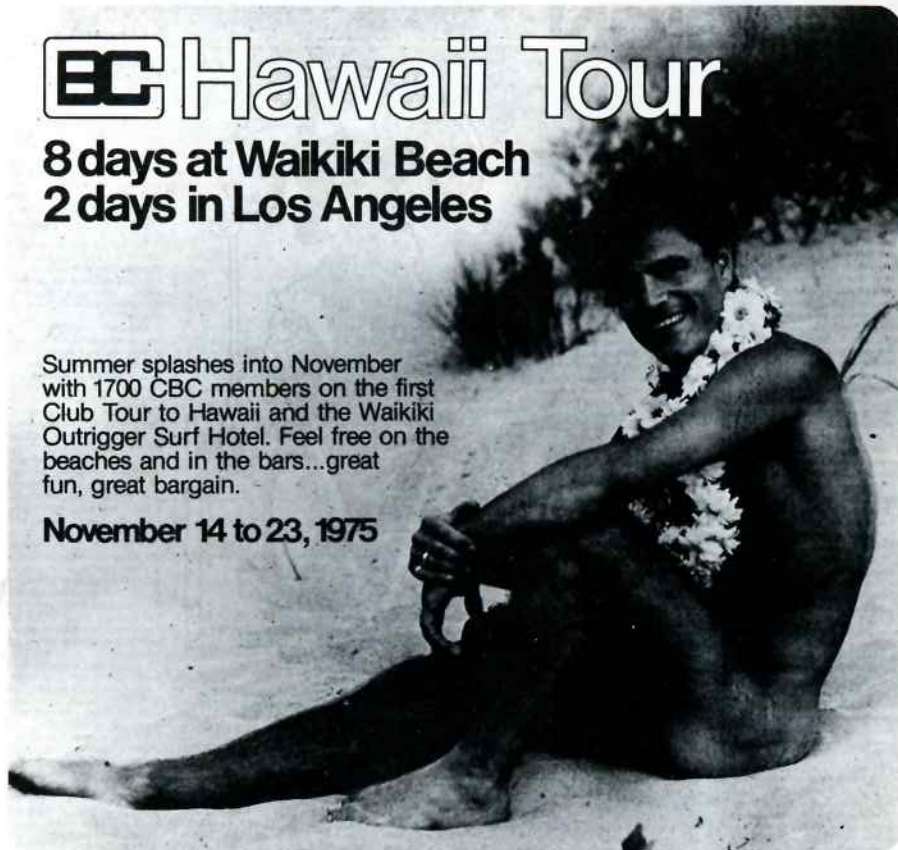


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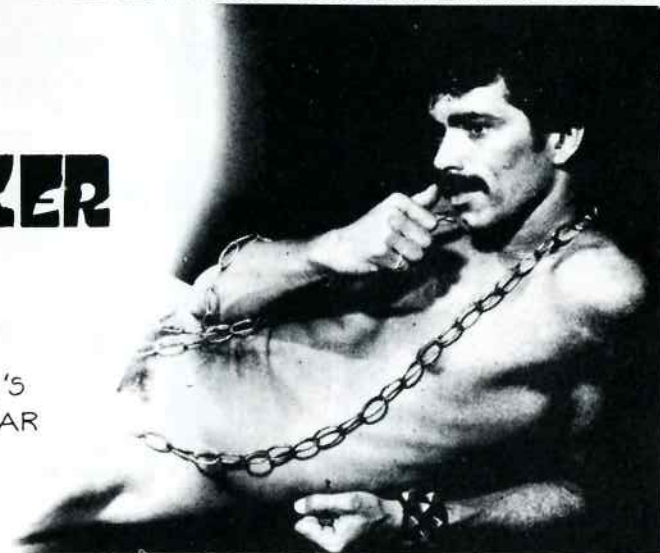
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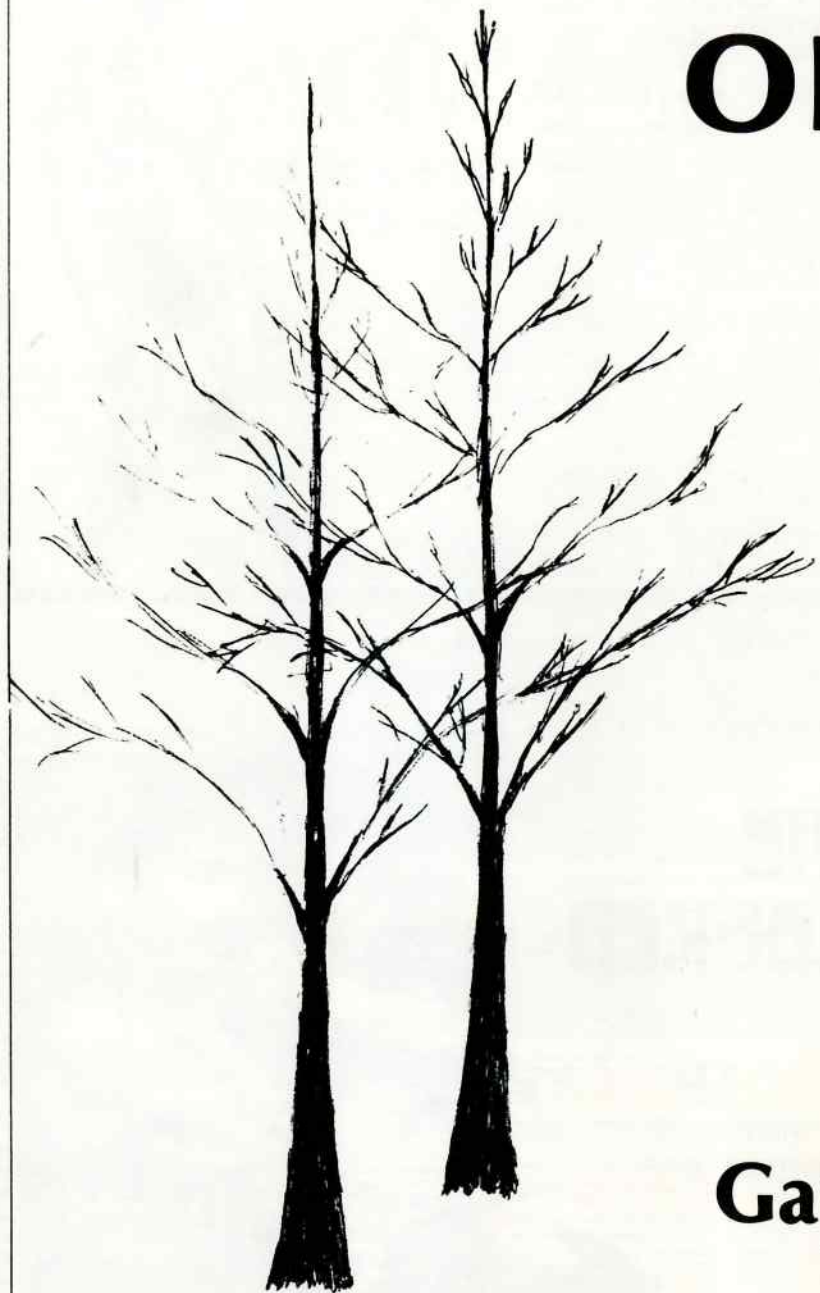


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by Eve Williams

Dear Eve,

*I am a gay woman who has just recently come out. I have no particular conflicts about accepting myself as gay; in fact, I feel a relief, since I have had homosexual feelings for a long time. However, as I have met more people in various situations, I have become confused about my identity as far as roles go. People seem to be trying to peg me as "butch" or "fem." Sometimes I feel one way -- sometimes another, or even a combination. Am I schizoid?*

Torn

Dear Torn,

First of all, congratulations for winning one of the major battles in coming out; that is, becoming more aware of yourself and accepting it on the inside -- that is one of the strongest bases from which to grow. As for your worries of a butch and/or fem role -- don't bother! The notion of a "man's man" or a "woman's woman" is beginning to crumble, even in the straight world. Instead, people are made up of varying portions of what is considered male and what is female; and there is definitely nothing wrong with one portion feeling stronger one day and then feeling different the next day.

So please, try not to peg yourself or let anyone else. We may be gay, but we were all raised in a straight culture which is bound heavily in roles,

particularly based on sex (although it is changing somewhat). This source of reference is, thus, rather hard to give up and something some gay people are still clinging to. Depending on your point of view and sense of security in relation to your own identity, sexist roles, to a degree, can help or hinder. For some it's what brings two people together and keeps them there, for others, it can shatter a relationship.

This is such an over-used cliché, but it does apply -- be yourself!

Eve

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# SCREEN SHOP

by Cristopher Savitch

Poor Mel Brooks. Poor, poor Mel Brooks. The guy created and wrote some of television's most popular shows during the 1960's. But then he said he was tired of having to "compromise" himself for the television medium. He stated that he wanted to go off and do the things that were important to him, whether or not the mass audiences approved or not. And so he did.

Mel went away and created some classic films, including **The Producers**, **The 12 Chairs**, **Blazing Saddles** and **Young Frankenstein**. If there was any dominant quality to those four films it was their sense of creative isolationism and artistic self-assertiveness. The movies made no excuses for themselves. Brooks was saying, "I think this stuff is funny, it's my kind of humor, and if you like it, too, that's fine. But if you don't, go watch something else." As a result, a cult of admirers soon grew around Brooks. He was the new, very independent, humor savior. They admired his "this is my trip, if you don't like it get lost" attitude. For the first time in his life, Mel Brooks was in a position where he didn't have to "sell out" to the mass audience.

But evidently it's true that every man has his price. And this year, Mel decided to sell his soul to the devil, again. Pity.

The television series in question is called, **When Things Were Rotten**. It's a loosely-knit spoof on the Robin Hood legend. It's a good thing people don't

have to buy tickets to see it, otherwise the only thing that would be "sold out" would, indeed, be Mr. Brooks' soul. The main thing wrong with the show is that it seems to be ashamed of itself, and consequently, the audience begins to feel ashamed of it, too.

Don't get me wrong. The show is better than any of the silly-spoof shows of its type that made the 1960's so devoid of significant humor. But like those shows, it does play to the lowest common denominator. And brother, I do mean common.

The show lacks any integrity and confidence of product that made the Brooks' movies so smashing. The movies were made with a "like it or leave it" assertiveness. The television series, on the other hand, says "like me, please like me." And all the gimmicks have been pulled out and "doctored" into the show for that effect.

The most abrasive and caustic "sell out" is the presence of an added laugh track. The man who had the bravery and firm confidence to make films "his way" was evidently coaxed into this cop-out. And it's a bad laugh track, too. I know the same people I hear giggling at the wrong times during **When Things Were Rotten** are the same people whose taped giggles can be heard on the old episodes of **The Real McCoy**. And by now, most of those people are dead, which seems somehow appropriate for this show.

Even the stars have the power to make this "new" series look like an old rerun. Tired, tired, tired. At the helm of the ship is Dick Gautier, a popular fixture in hundreds of episodes on **Love American Style**. If Gautier had any hopes of breaking from his "good for silly skits" stereotype, he climbed aboard the wrong vehicle. This show puts him back in the same old mold. And it's getting moldier as time goes on.

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by Adam Dennis

Dear Adam:

I have just settled down with a guy into a lover relationship. It's my first time to be in such an arrangement. But it seems to be working fine and I've never been happier. I guess my problem is silly, but I don't know how to handle it. My new lover had a lover before me. Their relationship was completely ended before I came along. But while they were together, his lover gave him a cat. He still has the damed thing. I've hinted that I would like him to get rid of it, but nothing seems to work. I don't like cats to begin with, but I especially don't like him having anything around that reminds him of his old lover. He once told me that when he separated from his first lover, it was a very hectic period and that he couldn't have survived the loneliness if it hadn't been for the cat. How do I get rid of this feline.

Tom D., Austin, Tex.

Dear Tom:

Talk about much ado about nothing! Really! If the cat is the only thing in the world that keeps you from being eternally blissful, consider yourself lucky. And who says the cat reminds him of his old lover. You said their separation was complete, maybe the cat just reminds him of the fact that he is separated. And he apparently likes that I think the cat is on your side. Take a lesson, learn to accept the cat. Incidentally, if you have any sneaky ideas of helping the cat just "disappear," forget

it. The other 8 lives could come back to haunt you. You could lose everything. And that's just what you deserve. Meow?

Dear Adam,

Before I begin, let me say that I really am a nice guy. Really, I am. But here's the problem. The apartment complex I live in does not allow pets. But, nevertheless, the people next door to me just got a new puppy. But it whines and cries during the night. They keep it in their kitchen at night, and their kitchen is right next to my bedroom wall. I can't get any sleep. I don't want to "blow the whistle" to the landlord, but I'm not as young as I used to be and I need that beauty sleep.

George E., Vernon, Tex.

Dear George,

Nice guy, huh? Why did you feel the need to say you were a nice guy at the start of your letter? Let's face it, you are not a nice guy. And you know it. I suppose you never cried or were scared when you were a baby. What you are thinking about doing, rattling on the puppy, is the ultimate tackey! Besides, it wouldn't do any good. You look old and ugly because there is evil written all over your face, and no amount of sleep will help that. Give the puppy some more time, he'll outgrow it. Or better yet, get yourself a puppy. You probably could use some companionship. Must get lonely stirring your cauldron and flying on your broom by yourself. But seriously, if you tattle on the puppy, I will personally come to your apartment and sit in the hall and bray and cry all night long. If you think the puppy is noisy, beware of my action. You won't get any sleep until Halloween, honey.

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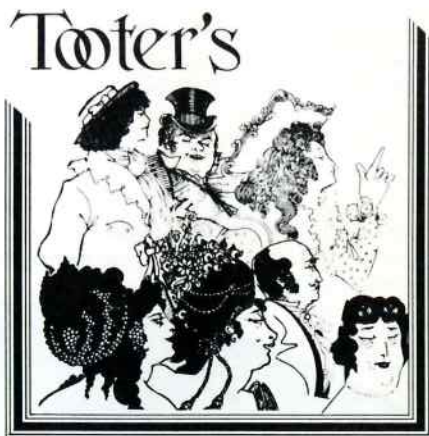


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I suppose a person who has never seen a Mel Brooks movie will find some things refreshing in this television approach, but for those who are familiar with the films, the contrasting loss of product quality will be nothing less than disgusting. C'mon Mel, you are going to have to go away for a long, long time to escape the ABC hatchet job for which you have now sold your soul. You should live so long, but thanks for the four movies anyway.

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