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RICHARD TONI MAYES NOW

Beginning with the next successive issues, this publication will print a serialized, complete life history and medical data on Richard Anthony Mayes, 25, of Houston, Texas.

As many of the readers of this paper are aware, Richard, or as she would prefer to be known, Toni, as at the present time a candidate for sex-assignment surgery at the Stanford Medical University in California.

We intend in future issues to give the complete story of Toni's life to this point listing all of the facts as are known at this time of the trans-sexual problem, and the complete story of her constant battle with the Houston Police Department regarding her mode of dress.

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RICHARD MAYES 1969

SEX- CHANGE PROBLEMS of TONI MAYES

Dr. FRANK KAMENY SPEAKS at Republican Convention

Remarks of Dr. Franklin E. Kameny, representing The National Coalition of Gay Organizations, before Subcommittee II -- Human Rights and Responsibilities of the Resolutions (Platform) Committee of the Republican National Committee.



DR. FRANK KAMENY

Mr. Chairman, Members of Subcommittee II on Human Rights and Responsibilities of the Republican National Platform Committee:

Taking your Subcommittee title at face value, I am pleased to have this opportunity to appear before you to discuss the human rights of some fifteen million of our American citizens and why the Republican Party has a compelling responsibility to concern itself with those rights.

My name is Dr. Franklin E. Kameny. I live in Washington, D. C. I appear before you, with pride, as a homosexual American citizen. If, throughout my remarks, and in your later deliberations, you will keep constantly in mind the second and third words of that phrase-- **American citizen** -- instead, merely, of the first word-- **homosexual** -- you should have no problems at all with implementing our needs and with incorporating our concerns in the Republican Party Platform. In fact, if you keep that phrase in mind, it will be difficult indeed for you not to incorporate our concerns in your platform, if only because it is so outrageous that ANY group of **American citizens**, in this day and age, should still have these concerns unmet and requiring attention. And so it is with a burning sense of injustice long endured and justice long denied that we appear here today.

More formally, I appear before you as a spokesman for the National Coalition of Gay Organizations.

There are over 500 organizations in this country working on behalf of our fifteen million homosexual American citizens, men and women both. As is to be expected in a vital, vigorous, rapidly-growing movement, these groups contain amongst them, a variety of approaches, philosophies and ideologies, methodologies, and emphases. But each, in its own way, is working for rights, equality, opportunity, decent treatment now, and basic human dignity for homosexuals as homosexuals. We enjoy none of those things now, although ALL American citizens are supposed to enjoy them all. These groups have formed an informal, or semiformal, *ad hoc* coalition for purposes of involvement in an impact on the current Presidential campaign. That coalition is the National Coalition of Gay Organizations. By formal decision, the Coalition deals with gay issues alone, and not with other issues currently in the forefront in our country and in this campaign. While no one person can possibly represent the entirety of a large and varied community, and it would be foolish of me to claim to do so, in my presentation here, I represent the entirety of a large and varied community, and it would be foolish of me to claim to do so, in my presentation here, I represent as good a general consensus of the majority of our community as it is currently feasible.



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ible to achieve--a consensus of a community which constitutes the largest minority group in our country after the Blacks; a community which is now entering the political arena openly, vigorously, and enthusiastically, both as voters and as candidates being voted for.

I could easily devote several times my allotted quarter-hour to a full and detailed recital of those of our grievances which our government at all levels should be considering. I will not try. Even an adequate treatment of our abuses at the hands of our Federal government alone would take far more time than I have, even were I to limit that, in turn, to the indignities visited upon us just by the Executive Branch. Attached to copies of my remarks, which you have received, and which we shall try to place in the hands of all members of the full Platform Committee, is a proposed Platform Plank, the provisions of which will

indicate to you some of the abuses which we feel should be attended to and which properly come within Federal purview in one way or another, directly or indirectly, formally or informally. We point out, however, that the situation is not merely one in which we need or can utilize governmental assistance and protection of our rights; it is one in which government at all levels, but particularly at top and bottom--the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, and municipal governments and police departments--are our most relentless, remorseless, merciless, ferocious, and all-too-often enthusiastic adversaries and persecutors. It is a situation in which our community justifiably feels that our governments have declared and are waging a war against us. No group of American citizens should ever have to say that; it is a disgrace to our country and everything for which it stands, that we DO have to

at this emergency the 15 million
say that.

There is no rational basis, for example, for denying Federal Civil Service employment, which rarely has any connection with secret information, to homosexuals, as such; the interest of no one except the enemies of our country can possibly be considered to be served by throwing some 2500 persons annually onto the human trash heap, by rendering them permanently unemployable or underemployable, through less-than-fully-honorable discharges from the armed services because of homosexuality; there is no possible excuse for diversion of police manpower and court resources badly needed elsewhere--or even if they were not needed elsewhere--to the discriminatory enforcement of sundry municipal ordinances and state laws in order to hound and harass harmless homosexuals who are merely trying to achieve a personal life no different from that accepted as a matter of course for heterosexuals, and to achieve it in ways no different from those utilized by heterosexuals.

We wish to be productive citizens. We are faced with a pattern of pervasive and well-nigh-universal invidious discrimination which prevents us from being so. In general, anyone known to be homosexual is fired or not hired. It is as simple as that, despite the fact that one's out-of-working-hours personal life--homosexual, heterosexual, bisexual, or asexual--obviously has not rational relationship to job competence, performance, or eligibility. Not only does our government not lift a finger to assist us, but it is the chief creator, administrator, bulwark, and buttress of the prejudice and bigotry which underlie that discrimination. Not only does our government not attempt to dispel the prejudice and the pervasive pattern of discrimination against us--our government is the most active conspirator in the perpetration, perpetuation, and reinforcement of those attitudes and patterns.

Our country proudly tells the world that we have no second-class citizens. Yet, by long standing, persistent, pernicious governmental policy at all levels, homosexual American citizens are forcibly relegated to a situation in which we consider ourselves fortunate when we manage to elevate ourselves as high as second-class citizenship.

Why should the Republican Party include us and our concerns in its Platform? There are two broad classes of reasons. **First:** Basic humanitarian considerations and considerations of fundamental Americanism--really closely related to each other; and **Second:** Considerations of practical, pragmatic politics--that is: VOTES. I shall address myself to each in order.

I stated above, and I repeat, that we are **homosexual American citizens**; we are that, and we are also **homosexual human beings**. If you look at our proposed platform plank and ask why ANY group of American citizens or of human beings, in this country should have to be placed in a situation in which it is necessary to ask for anything listed there, perhaps you will gain some insight into the depth of and the

reality of our grievances and the pressing need for remedy, and perhaps you will begin to understand our anger, our resentment, our impatience, and our growing militancy.

Our country's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence, grants to us--ALL of us--the grants to us--ALL of us--the inalienable right--Inalienable--inalienable right -- inalienable--to the pursuit of happiness. That is really what America is all about. To guarantee that right to all Americans is one of the major functions of our government. That right is one of the unique glories of our country. And, of course, that right is one of the major functions of our government. That right is one of the unique glories of our country. And, of course, that right is meaningful only if it refers to the happinesses chosen by each individual citizen for himself, not merely those happinesses granted him by his government or allowed him by society. But when we, as homosexuals, wish to pursue our happinesses--interfering with no one else in the pursuit of their happinesses--we are hounded, harassed, and presented with often-insuperable obstacles at every turn. And not only do we get no redress from our various governments, but they are the most rabid zealots of all in doing the hounding, harassing, and placing of obstacles, with a singular ferocity rarely equalled elsewhere.

Our society takes pride in its pluralism. But you had better pluralism. But you had better realize just what pluralism means and where it leads. It means not only that the enjoyment of no right, privilege, prerogative, benefit, advantage, or eligibility of citizenship can properly be made contingent upon popularity, but also that when a group of citizens are unpopular--ANY group of citizens, and no matter how unpopular -- the government has a duty and an obligation not only to protect those citizens in the enjoyment of all the benefits and prerogatives of their citizenship, but a duty and an obligation as well, to work vigorously and effectively to dispel the existing prejudice, bigotry and discrimination which prevent that enjoyment, from whatever direction they may come. In 1960, during the administration of President Eisenhower, the President's Commission on National Goals, in its Report, put it well when they said: "One role of government is to stimulate changes of attitude."

The government and our political parties have played that role admirably in regard to our other minorities. We expect them to commence to do so with regard to this last major, heretofore neglected minority group: our homosexual American citizens.

In a pluralistic society, every minority group can properly say--and we do say--that for us as homosexual American citizens, this is OUR country, and it is OUR government, and he is OUR President, and they are OUR political parties--and this is OUR Republican Party, for us as homosexuals quite as much as for you as heterosexuals. That places an inescapable obligation upon you, as an American political party. We ask--we insist--that you shoulder your obligation, and do so NOW.

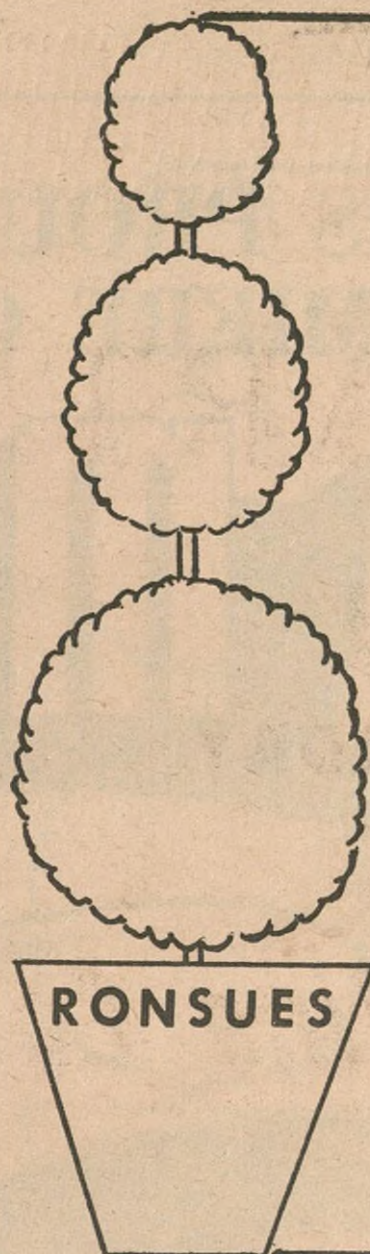
And so, we have come here to ask for no special favors or dispensations, for no crumbs from your table, for no condescending, patronizing, demeaning, degrading and dehumanizing compassion or pity. We are asking for--and ever more of my people would say that we are quite properly demanding--that which is OURS, by right to begin with, and which we should have been enjoying all along, not fighting to obtain. We ask for no more than other citizens, but we will settle for not one whit less--nor need we settle for less, as long as America represents all that it claims to represent. Nor can you give us less, consistent with the Americanism for which you claim to stand. We are an impatient minority; we are an increasingly angry minority. Your Party and its spokesmen at the very highest levels have claimed that the Republican Party, the Administration, our government, and our whole system are indeed responsive to the citizenry. Here is the test; we are waiting to see if you will make good that claim.

In summary, homosexual men and women really want nothing more than or different from what everyone else wants--and what in our society and culture everyone is brought up to expect as a matter of course--their basic rights and equality; their human dignity; acceptance of them and judgement of them upon their own personal merits and by criteria relevant to the basis of judgment; the active and affirmative assistance of their government in the achievement, implementation, and enjoyment of their rights and in the elimination of institutionalized and societal discrimination--and the right to love whom they wish how they wish --all while being true to themselves as the homosexuals that they have an absolute moral right to become, to be, and to remain. We do not have these things. We have a right to have them. We are going to have them. Our votes will go to those most likely to give them to us.

And that brings me to the stuff and substance of politics: votes.

Some 10% of the voting population of this country is homosexual. That 10% cuts equally across every possible segment and subdivision of society and population: race, religion, gender, ethnic origin, age, occupation, geographical region, socio-economic status, educational level, affluence-- and political party affiliation.

Thus, since our country is divided more or less equally between the two major political parties, it is likely that our gay citizens are also equally divided, although no census of gay political party membership has been taken that I know of. But an oppressed minority tends to give priority to their oppression and its alleviation. As things stand at this moment, the Democratic Party and its candidates have made provision for us--perhaps not quite as much as we might wish--but they have come through. And so, for the moment, it is likely that they have the majority of our 15 million votes in their pocket. If the Republican Party comes through equally, they will get back some half of these votes--no small number. If they do better than the Democrats, they may well get more than half those



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And the Republican Party can do this, at this time, at no possible loss to themselves, only gain. The Democratic Party was fearful lest those Democrats who might find it offensive to cast their votes for the candidate of a party supporting rights for homosexuals, might defect and vote Republican. Nevertheless, they did include us. Therefore the Republican Party need have no corresponding fear, because a defection from the Republican ranks for this reason would gain these bigots nothing, since they would now have no place to which to defect. In any case, however, the argument is specious for either party, since there are enough of us so that every vote lost through supporting us will be offset by several gained.

I point out, additionally, that personal freedom, individuality, the right to one's life-style, the right to be different and not to conform, which are the basis of Americanism, are of particular importance to our younger voters of all political persuasions. This issue of homosexuality is the ultimate test of sincerity and dedication on those sensitive questions of personal freedom. With astute and considered treatment, much political capital can be made of support given us.

Let me say, finally, that while we feel strongly about adoption of the detailed platform plank which we have proposed here, or some closely-approximate variant upon it, and we are working through every possible means to have it adopted, if you should choose to incorporate our concerns into your platform through more vague and ambiguous language, I urge that in doing so, you take pains, by one means or another, to make it publicly, formally, and officially clear, for the record, through some sort of equivalent to a "legislative record" as it were, that homosexual American citizens are, in fact, explicitly included in the Republican Party platform. The Democratic Party has done this.

Severe limitations of time have necessarily forced this to be a somewhat superficial and simplistic presentation. I have left a few minutes, and will welcome questions, comment, dialog and discussion for as long as you may wish. I will be pleased to discuss these matters with any of the Subcom-

mittee members who may wish, more informally later on today. We look forward to seeing a gay rights plank in the platform of the Republican Party.

Thank you.

HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS

A Plank proposed by The National Coalition of Gay Organizations to the Committee on Resolutions (Platform) for inclusion in the 1972 Platform of the Republican National Party to be adopted at the Republican National Convention.

Sexual Orientation

Millions of gay women and men in this country are subject to serve social, economic, and legal oppression because of their sexual orientation. We affirm the right of all persons to define and express their own sensibility, emotionality, and sexuality, and to choose their own lifestyle, as long as they do not infringe upon the rights of others.

The Republican administration will:

Urge repeal of all laws, federal and state, regarding voluntary sex acts involving consenting persons in private, laws regulating attire, and laws used as a shield for police harassment.

Enact civil rights legislation which will prohibit discrimination because of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and public services. Eliminate sexual orientation or preference as a criterion for employment by all public and governmental agencies, in work under federal contract, for service in the United States armed services, and for licensing in government - regulated occupations and professions.

Eliminate sexual orientation as a criterion for obtaining or retaining loans, insurance, and bonding. Eliminate sexual orientation as a criterion for immigration to the United States.

Upgrade to honorable all less-than-fully-honorable military discharges previously issued solely because of sexual relations between consenting persons or because of allegations relating to sexual orientation.

Seek release of all persons incarcerated in prisons and mental institutions for victimless sex acts.

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H.E.L.P. President

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Tells Press

Los Angeles, Calif: On Sunday, August 20th, just before 6:00 PM, approximately 15 officers of the LAPD Wilshire Division raided a H.E.L.P., Inc. benefit, being held at the Black Pie Tavern, 2440 So. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles. This was a gathering of some 300 to 350 people, all of whom had come to the location for the specific purpose of assisting H.E.L.P., the second largest homophile service organization in the United States, in launching its fund-raising campaign for the opening of its new Community Center, located at 7221 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. I would further emphasize that this was a private gathering, with a \$2.00 donation being requested at the door. Everyone who entered the premises were fully aware of the nature of the organization they were supporting. Although most of the people were outside, in one of two patios - all during bright, daylight hours - the gathering itself was not visible from the street. In other words, the police were not "protecting" anyone from inadvertently having to observe us.

H.E.L.P., Inc. - H.E.L.P. being an acronym for: Homophile Effort for Legal Protection - has been in existence for almost four years, and is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation under California State law. We have always been noted as one of the "conservative" organizations within the Gay movement. We are a membership group, with almost 800 individual members, most of whom come from the professional, and semi-professional and working, middle class strata of society. We also operate a Tavern & Guild Association, with approximately 60 business members. It has always been H.E.L.P.'s position to cooperate with the police and other regulatory authorities, and to insist that our member establishments adhere to the laws and other rules laid down by these authorities.

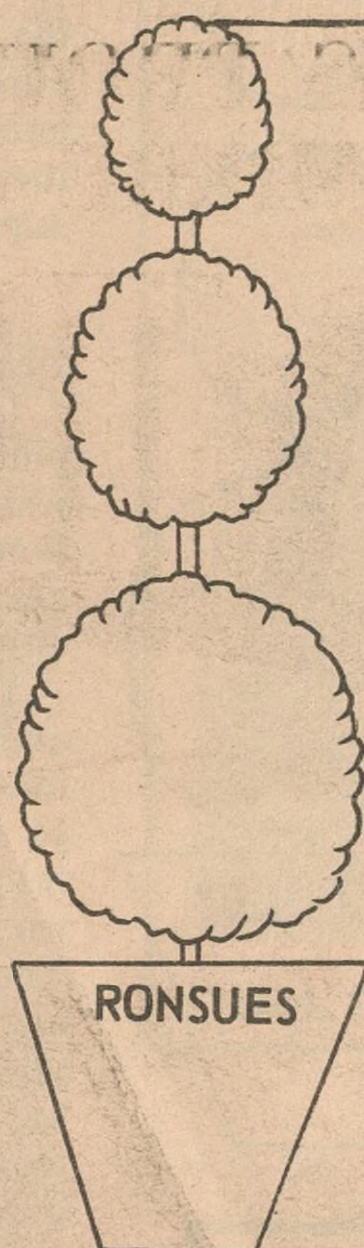
But in this instance, our "Establishment" orientation didn't seem to make any difference. Nor did it matter that our gathering was being closely scrutinized by our own internal monitors, to assure that no actions took place which could be construed as violations. They still arrested 21 of our people on trumped-up charges of Lewd Conduct!

Why did it happen? Why did they decide to attack H.E.L.P.? The answers are all too obvious. First, we were engaged in registering voters and had three voter registrars on the premises. During the course of the otherwise random selection of arrest victims, several of the officers were heard to ask: "Where is the guy who was sitting at that table?" - gesturing toward the voter registration table. Secondly, we are convinced that the officers involved in plott-

ing this outrage were seeking to prevent H.E.L.P. from opening its new Community Center, which would allow us to dramatically expand our services. And make no mistake about it. This entire assault was carefully planned in advance.

By the officers' own admissions, several of their number had been on the grounds for close to two hours before the raid. The violations they allegedly observed were supposed to have taken place over that extended period of time. Had the police been concerned with preventing these alleged "crimes", they had only to have arrested the person or persons involved, and it would certainly have stopped any further activity. Had they really been interested in "crime prevention", they could have identified themselves to one of the H.E.L.P. officers, all of whom were wearing name tags to identify themselves, and asked us to "tighten the reins." But they chose not to do this because: 1) There were no violations taking place, and 2) They wanted to make a mass arrest in the hope of destroying the organization. Upon entering the premises, the leader of the uniformed raiding party stated: "There is going to be a mass arrest," after which we were ordered to stand against the patio wall. Except for the selection of myself and our Tavern Guild Director, and the unsuccessful hunt for the voter registrars, the arrests were on an arbitrary "you, you and you" basis. At the end of the raid, one officer was heard to tell another: "We have room for two more," at which point the policemen inside obliged by selecting two more victims.

Now, this is not the first instance of police harassment of our bars, nor can it be termed an isolated incident. It simply happens to be the largest raid in the history of California - and, naturally, in an election year. In the majority of cases where "Lewd Conduct" arrests take place in or near our bars, the circumstances are no more valid than they were at the Black Pipe. All a person has to do is to appear to be homosexual, and he is an open target for the Los Angeles vice squad. Some of these arrests involve physical mistreatment by the arresting officers...beatings, shoving the arrestees against lamp posts or car doors, and other terrorist tactics. Later, in court, the officers will get on the stand and lie about it, claiming that the man resisted arrest or attacked the officers. There are innumerable instances where the police malpractices have been so gross that the average citizen refuses to believe it could happen. That's one of the tragedies of the whole situation! It is difficult for any of us who have been brought up to respect the law and the men in police uniforms, to equate this type of behavior with the lessons we were taught at home or in school. The cards are generally so stacked against these defendants that they are forced to give up



MADAM FERTILIZER



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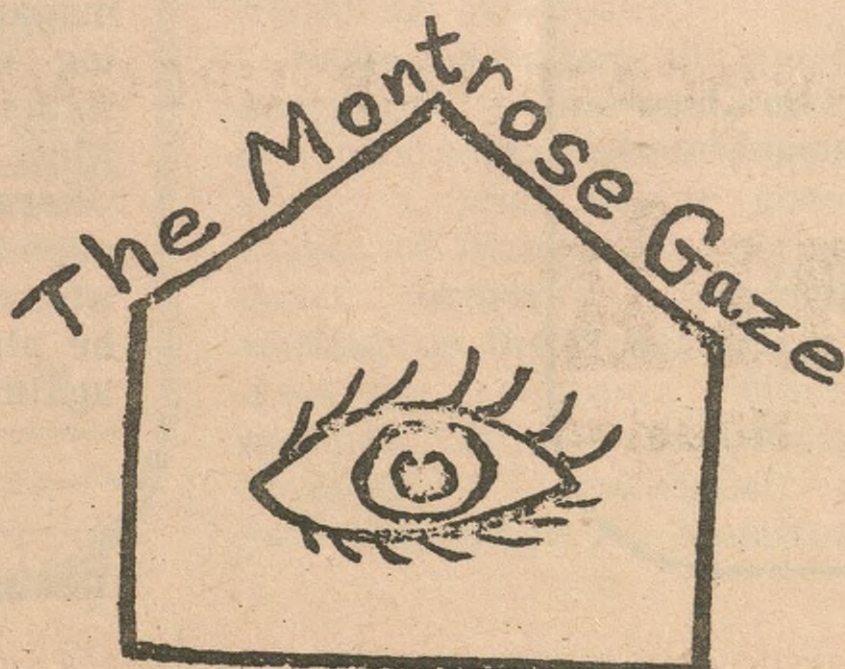
without a fight - to cop a plea, pay a fine, and ever after go through life with a criminal charge on the record. But this time, we're not going to lie down and take it!

Of the 21 people arrested on these Lewd Conduct charges, 100% have agreed to plead not guilty and to fight their cases as far as they can go. In doing this, all of us stand in basically the same position as the non-violent civil rights demonstrators who have been arrested while trying to force an unresponsive, disinterested government to pay some attention to their legitimate minority needs. The one major difference in this situation is that the notariety has been thrust upon us. We did not seek to become "examples" or "test cases" or martyrs to any cause. At this point, however, we are angry enough over this affront to our rights as American citizens and to our intrinsic human dignity that we simply are not going to let them get away with it!

We already have the support of many, many people, both heterosexual and homosexual, with more pledges coming in every day... churchmen; county, city and state officials; political club people; professionals such as attorneys, doctors, psychologists... all of these have expressed concern, anger and indignation. We presently have fourteen (14) of the finest trial lawyers in Los Angeles working on these cases. No legal stone will be left unturned, and all of H.E.L.P.'s considerable resources are being mustered in our effort to re-introduce the provisions of the American Constitution into the administration of Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis.

Thank you.

Larry Townsend



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Montrose Gaze on the Move

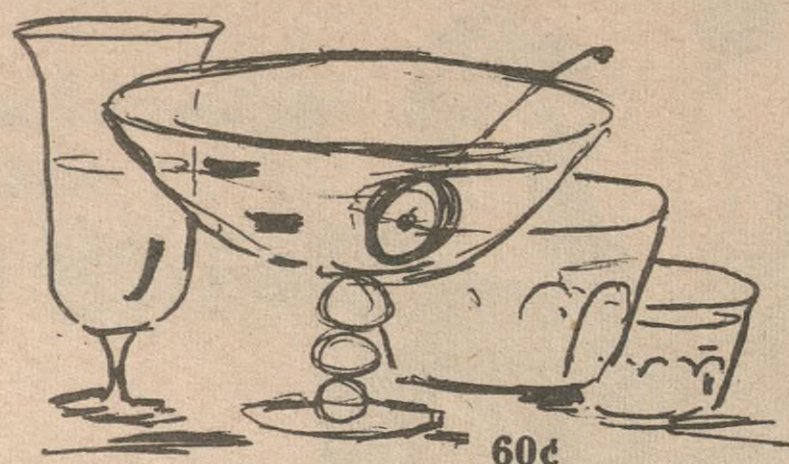
Montrose Gaze began in June, 1972, with three people who had an idea: to form a community center geared to Houston's homosexual population. The idea was to provide basic services such as legal council, parent education groups, recreational facilities, switchboard, counseling, and other much needed services not readily available to our community. Since then we have been building memberships, working on our incorporation, holding fundraising events and collecting needed equipment. We are holding off on renting a building until we become incorporated and have sufficient funds to guarantee we are not just a "one night stand". The incorporation is the least of our problems.

On August 20, Slugs, a bar in the Montrose area, lent us their facilities to hold a Gay benefit dance. The dance was a success, almost 600 people attended and we took in almost \$700.00. This money swelled our bank account to \$800, our membership grew to thirty. We were excited and wanted to open our doors immediately. But with the realization of rent, telephones, legal fees, deposits, and much more, within no time we would not have been able to maintain our facilities and provide these much needed services. Although \$800. sounds like a large amount, it is just a drop in the bucket, so on September 24, we will have another dance at Slugs. Tickets will be \$1. in advance, \$1.50 at the door.

Although money is always needed, people are our prime concern. Having a functional community center is also important. Without the gay community, all we will ever be is a building. Come and join us, everyone has equal say in all matters.

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Editor Frank:

We would appreciate it if you would mention in **NUNTIUS** that we are preparing a new edition of the directory of organizations and publications. This way any of your readers who knows of a new organization can tell them, they can contact us and get listed.

Also, we still have copies of our 71-72 bibliography, for 35¢ each, which gives a good guide to books to read in the field of homosexuality.

I would say that supporters of McGovern should reconsider since the devious behavior of him and his staff.

I didn't see **NUNTIUS** on the stand in Dallas when there, is it on Commerce St. or Newland, or have you no direct mail contact? A back issue of **Tangents** had a listing of the few stands we were on, and we had no trouble with them, and we see that still most

publications have trouble with distributors. But this is as we all know a problem that is not sexual in cause.

You seem to be doing a good job and we can only hope that more and more people will support such a worthwhile work, since what we all need is communication and you are alone in your area of the country.

Sincerely,

William Edward Glover
Homosexual Information Center
3473 1/2 Cahuenga Blvd.
Hollywood, Calif. 90068

Dear Mr. Glover:

We are not aware of all the organizations in our area and hope they will respond so that your directory may be complete.

Nuntius is sold at the Commerce Street News in Dallas. As of this writing we have had nothing but favorable relations with

this outlet.
Thanks for the compliment. The **Nuntius** hangs by a string, the support is almost nil. The staff consists of myself only and bless the contributors for their help in supplying articles.

Editor

Dear Sir:

I became familiar with your publication just a few weeks ago while in Dallas for the Gay Pride Week activities. I am a new subscriber to the **Advocate** and have enjoyed the paper they put out.

Your Houston paper is quite good and I have enjoyed reading the many stories in it. I would like to come to Houston, but feel that things would be as bad as they were in Dallas when I was there. The gay scene for me has been one hell of a bad one. I am 18 years old gay and never have had sex with another man, but I would like to, for as far as it goes, I have been a virgin all my life prior to my accepting my gayness three years ago. I really do hope I will be able to share a lasting relationship with another man.

I would like the chance to pose for the cover of your paper whenever I am in Houston. I am and have been a male model with a modeling firm, so I am not afraid to show to the public, my sexy young virgin body.

Keep up the great work and I will keep in touch.

Peace,
Larry
Seguin, Texas

Dear Larry:

If you return to Dallas you might contact the Circle of Friends and in Houston the Montrose Gaze for contacts.

When you bring your "sexy young virgin body" to Houston to pose for the **Nuntius** cover also bring a parental release with you to clear the paper in the event we use it.

Editor

Gentlemen:

You may discontinue mailing your publication to me.

Cordially,
Joseph D. Quillian, Jr.
Dean

Southern Methodist University
Perkins School of Theology
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Quillian,
Thanks!

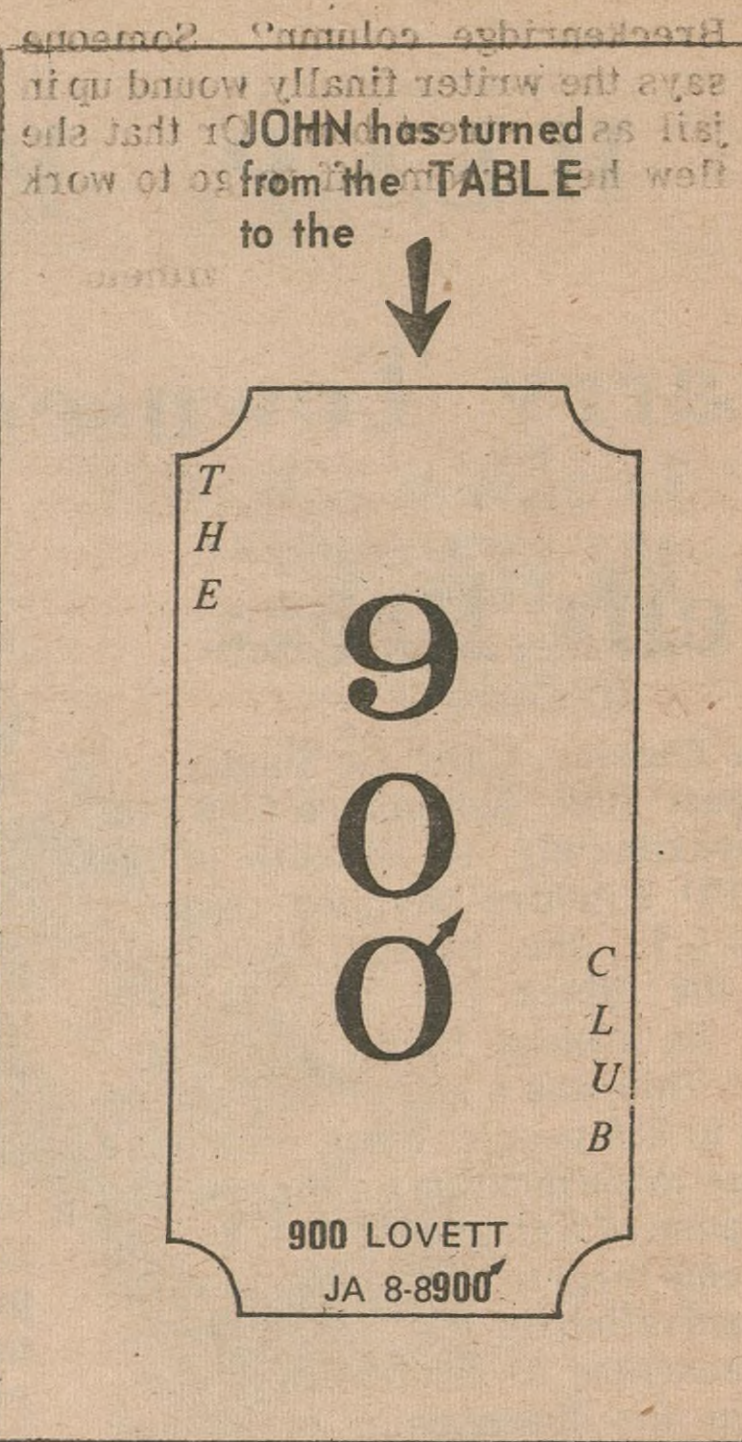
Editor

Dear Phil:

Last year Big Lynn Hudspeth (Mr. Clean) faded from the Houston scene only to be found as the new manager of one of Dallas' leading clubs, the Bayou. From there he went on to the Bayou Landing and then to Mr. Ducks in Dallas. I finally spotted an ad in **DAVID** magazine and the **NUNTIUS** showing him as owner of the Delta Baths in Dallas. But last week when I was up there, no-one knew where he was. A friend says he was seen back in Houston. Do you know where he is these days? And is he planning to work in a bar here again.

A good friend of his.
Name Withheld

Dear No Name:



Lynn's reportedly in Houston negotiating for a new bar for himself.

Dear Mr. Frank:

Every time I'm in Houston, and return to a bar I grew fond of on a previous trip I learn of its closure. I guess I'm just unlucky. But what's the chief reason for so many going like that?

Bobby
San Antonio

Dear Bobby:

The chief reason is almost always the same. Management. The well established **FARMHOUSE CLUB**, to the smallest **LA BOHEME** seem to go on forever. The many in between have the same chance at survival when they play by the rules; no hot checks, no sales to minors, total restriction against dope traffic, and proper tax payments.

Editor

Dear Sir:

Is it true the same people who have the Bayou Landing in Dallas are now planning a similar club here in Houston?

J.W. - Houston

Dear J.W.:

According to Dennis Sisk who is representative of the Bayou Landing --- it's true.

Editor

Dear Phil:

What's the gayest spot in town these days?

Tad - Galveston

Dear Tad:

Have you tried one of the department stores lately?

Editor

Mr. Editor:

You stink!!! I've written three letters and you've never published one. This is my last!

J. Jones II - Conroe

Dear JJ:

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Editor

Sirs:?

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whatever happened to your nasty Breckenridge column? Someone says the writer finally wound up in jail as a street bum. Or that she flew her broom off to go to work for some talent agency.

Name gladly withheld

Dear ?

She did not get booked as a street bum. We're not sure whether she rides a broom but we know she's not at a talent agency. That's only for talented people or people who have talent for spotting same. She is supposed to return shortly from a cruise "on her yacht" and pick up on some of the locals.

Dear Phil:

I hear Mr. Clean is back in Houston again. Do you know why he left Dallas?

A Dallasite

Dear Dallasite:

He quit. A close friend of his says Mr. Clean is too attached to leave Houston for long.

Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

I now have a line on who Browne Breckenridge really is. I think she's a warped little closet queen who sticks her fanny up to the peep-hole at a certain "flick-shop" here. Anyway she'd better keep her identity a secret because if I find her now it's going to cost her for the dildo she never had the courtesy to return that day. Keep her writing, and one of these days I'll trap her.

Chck. The Fist, Mace
Houston

Dear Chck.

She's been trying to find you.
Editor

Mr. Frank:

What finally happened to Ronnie Levine's Arson case; was it true that his best friend, Verne Bechtel

actually confessed naming Larry Shea and Ronnie Levine as accomplices? And what about Gene Howle's Plantation Club; who is accused by the fire department on that one?

Inquisitive
San Francisco, Ca.

Dear Inquisitive:

I don't know where your information comes from but not this office. The case against Mr. Levine was dismissed.

Editor

The letter below was reprinted by permission from the July 10, 1972 edition of the Dallas Times-Herald:

DOING THEIR THING -

Re the recent outpouring of disbelief and disgust over the homosexual parade in Dallas recently. Why are we so quick to condemn that which we do not understand? Homosexuality is not a disease, although I'm sure "gay" people often are made to feel like lepers. It is their way of living and certainly no different to them than heterosexuality is to us. As a matter of fact, they probably think we're a bit weird for being heterosexuals. Being a minority group, however, and probably more compassionate, having experienced our sneers and snide remarks, they are not as quick to condemn straight people.

All they want is a right to live as human beings--they force their life style on no one. What kind of freedom is it when you have to hide what you are and can only be yourself behind closed doors and drawn shades?

DEE SMITH
Dallas

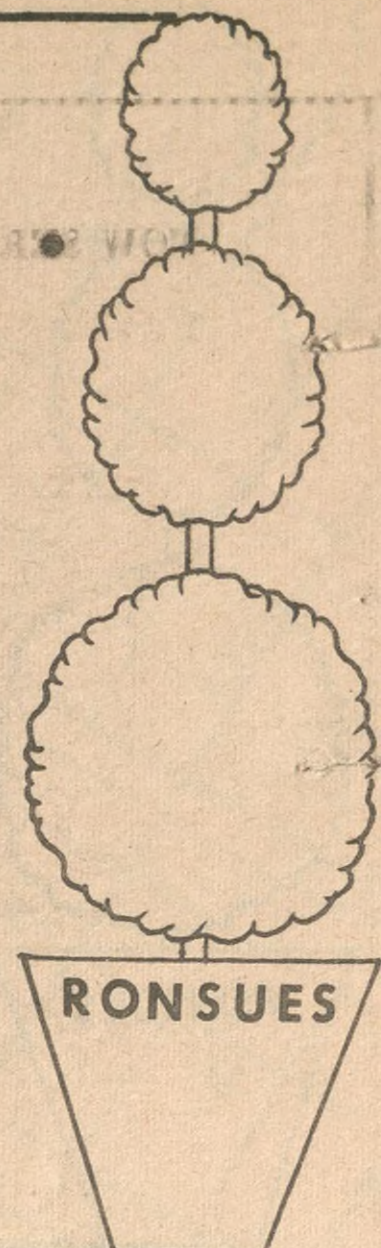
Dear Miss Smith:

We're with you all the way.
Editor

MR. CHELSEY ST. JOHN



Blond, Sexy and Beautiful



BOSTON GAY MEN

BATTLE POLICE HARASSMENT

by Allen Young

BOSTON -- "The Block," one of the most popular cruising areas in New England, has been the focus of increased police harassment in recent weeks, but the gay community is fighting back.

Dozens of arrests of men walking on the sidewalks in this area have occurred in July and August. The most common procedure is for plainclothesmen, working in pairs in unmarked cars, to make arrests for "disorderly conduct."

Charles Bevitt, a member of Boston's Gay Male Liberation (GML), is one of several gay men who are fighting back by refusing to plead guilty. The most common procedure has been for the arrested persons to plead guilty, paying a small fine, or, in some cases, merely having the arrest noted on police records.

Bevitt appeared in Municipal Court on July 24, the morning after his arrest, and pleaded not guilty (as did two co-defendants arrested on The Block). Judge Elijah Adlow denied a motion for a two-week continuance and proceeded to try Bevitt and the others on the spot.

A plainclothesman testifying against Bevitt noted that this area -- the block bounded by Commonwealth Avenue and Arlington, Berkeley and Marlborough Streets -- is known as "Queen's Row."

Bevitt told The Advocate Liberation News Service that "Adlow's attitude throughout the trial was offensively flippant with such tacky comments as 'They don't call it Queen's Row after Queen Elizabeth, you know!'"

Judge Adlow gave the courtroom spectators (including several gay brothers who came to show solidarity) a brief speech about the status of The Block, noting that under ordinary circumstances walking on the street late at night does not constitute "disorderly conduct," but that since this neighborhood is "notorious" as a gathering place for homosexuals,

it is permissible to consider mere presence there as grounds for such arrests.

The judge pointed out that the neighborhood, located at the edge of the Boston Public Garden, was once "one of the finest in the city," and that the police have an obligation to protect the public and the homosexuals. He said that the clean-up of The Block was for the homosexuals' "own good," since gangs of ruffians might frequent the area to do violence to these "unfortunate people."

Peering down at Bevitt, who is tall and slender, Judge Adlow said, "I don't know whether you are a homosexual or not -- for all I know you are a prize-fighter." He then found Bevitt and the others guilty and fined them each five dollars. All three filed appeals.

In a leaflet prepared by Bevitt and other GML members, Bevitt wrote:

"I contend that my conduct (being a homosexual in a 'notorious area') is not disorderly; we intend to appeal this case into Superior Court with a jury trial. Our defense will be that I was on the block, as a homosexual and have as much right as anyone to be on the street. (The streets belong to the people!) A verdict of not guilty will hopefully set a precedent which will stop such arrests. Failing in the Superior Court, we intend to continue to the State Supreme Court and have the disorderly statute thrown out as unconstitutional. It's been done before with the old puritan law about 'being abroad at night'; we'll do it again. Dare to fight, dare to win!"

Another leaflet distributed by the Homophile Union of Boston (HUB) warned pedestrians on The Block about the current wave of police harassment. HUB also suggested a plea of "not guilty," pointing out that "if enough cases are appealed and overturned, it is more than likely that the number of arrests for 'disorderly' and the like will be drastically diminished."

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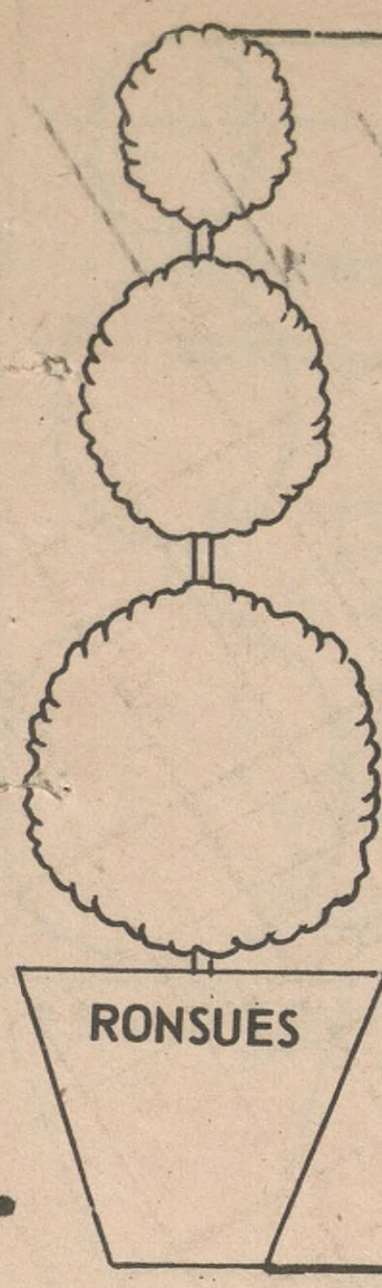
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Beginning next month "Astrol Erections" will begin again as a regular monthly column.

ARIES: Known for their leadership qualities and dominating attitudes, they are easily recognized by their brilliant piercing eyes, usually in shades of blue or green. They are the inventors and organizers of almost anything and can usually be found heading new projects with typical Arien energy.

TAURUS: The face, body, and overall makeup is of heaviness. By that I do not necessarily mean fat, but the entire carriage reminds one of the Bull, their sign symbol. Like the bull they are steady, down to earth and not easily moved from ideas or life style. Slow to change friends or make new ones, they are born skeptics. They are also highly

reliable. Look for one disagreeing on some questionable thought.

GEMINI: Gemini never appears to be truly impressed with much of anything, and this surface indifference is one of their strong identifying features. The set of the face is refined however, appearing intellectual and mysterious. As adaptable as they are they will usually go along with anything new and fit in like they were made for it.

CANCER: These people are usually kind and sensitive making them usually pleasant to be around. They are worriers however, and they show it. The face looks at first glance to be insecure and nervous, showing the tendency to take the world to seriously. They have marvelous imaginations and are truly sympathetic. Look for them taking someone under their wing.

LEO: These folks have a forcefulness about them that is hard to mistake for any other sign. There is no other way to describe it without meeting one. The face is firm and strong with a look you straight in the eye attitude. Dynamic action and leadership qualities are found almost universally, and they stick out of a crowd with their personal magnetism.

VIRGO: This is the guy that always seems to look like the dude on the "Adon's" ad. (how about that for a sneaky plug eh?) For real though, Virgos are famous for their inherent neatness, and rarely is one found that has a hair out of place. Their faces are fastidious and intelligent although prone to look a bit prim. They're also known for their anylitical approach to problems and a very critical nature.

LIBRA: Librans are famous for being charming, so that handsome guy talking to your friend is probably a Libra. Having about them an inborn grace, they are among the handsomest of all the signs. The face is well formed with large warm eyes and clear cut features, although lady Libras seem to have a problem with angular legs. Usually refined, they also seem to

have a bit of a problem getting it all together.

SCORPIO: This is another group with distinctive eyes, only in Scorpions case they seem to look right through you with a hint of evil. As a matter of fact the whole face seems a bit satanic and creates an aura of mystery about them. Remember James Bond? Right, a Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS: In these people the fire of Aries and Leo has taken a different turn. Although they are good leaders and organizers, they are the playboys of the zodiac. If you see a crowd of people at a party all around one guy telling spicy stories, you can pretty well bet he's a Sagittarian. The face usually appears aristocratic and refined, even a bit snobbish. The imp of mischief leaves the eyes only when angry and then quickly returns.

CAPRICORN: Easy to spot because of the grim appearance of their faces, Capricorn always looks like he means business, and usually does. Anything said to one is taken as an iron clad promise, and anything he says can be depended upon to be the same. All this does not prevent him from having a sense of humor though, and they are most reliable of all the signs.

AQUARIUS: Independent as these guys are they usually are the first to volunteer to right a social injustice. Aquarians are logical and practical with a noble cast to their faces and a full mouth. The eyes are lively and expressive, holding your attention whenever they speak. Usually found wherever there is business talk.

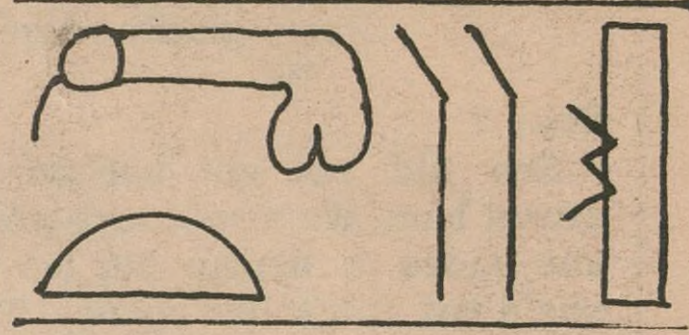
PISCES: The most pschic of all the signs, Pisceans are idealists, dreamers, and very human. The large misty eyes are their strongest identifying mark and they can be found in any group discussion on the occult. Their natural compassion and humility makes them pleasant to be with and just naturally makes them considerate. Unfortunately, these same characteristics make them vague and not well collected in their thoughts. A gentle shove in the right direction, and a capturing of their intellectual interest generally does the trick.

Watch next month for our monthly forecast for each sign - perhaps that will ease the pain?

A well hung young man entered a gay costume party wearing only a pair of roller skates. Everyone admired his costume, but one little queen finally asked, "But what are you supposed to be?"

"What else?" the stud retorted. "I'm a pull toy."

EGYPTIANS:



earthy?

Dr. Paul Brand of Leipzig University once wrote that the oldest record of homosexuality "dates back more than 4500 years, and is to be found in an Egyptian papyrus which proves that it was at that time widespread in Egypt (and) was presumed to exist amongst the gods as a matter of course." This would be centuries before Moses. Herodotus also attest to ancient gaydom in Egypt.

Those papyri also contain some other things of interest, and one example is given above in the illustration. It is those papyri and those Egyptian heiroglyphs that gave us one of the earliest pictographs of the phallus.

As can be seen, its form has changed little into modern times. It has moved from the walls of temples to the walls of johns, or so it appears, but with little change in meaning. This needs clarification.

Egyptian glyphs were often used literally, the glyph carrying its meaning by itself. Thus the phallus glyph conveyed the idea of "masculine" or "beget" or "copulate". This is still the general meaning which appears in the john.

On the walls of temples and in papyri, however, the phallus mostly appeared in combination with other symbols rather than alone. The meanings were generally figurative, so it was not such usage that moves to the john. It was seldom there to begin with.

The copy of the glymph shown in the illustration is the way that the word "true" or "righteous" was written in the Papyrus of Ani and other papyri. A variant form of it meant "testimony". The implication of a rather high level of meaning is clear.

Such a conclusion is even more apparent in the most common glyph involving the phallus. It is used in the pictograph meaning "in the presence of" or "in front of", and is always followed by the name of a high diety or an allusion to

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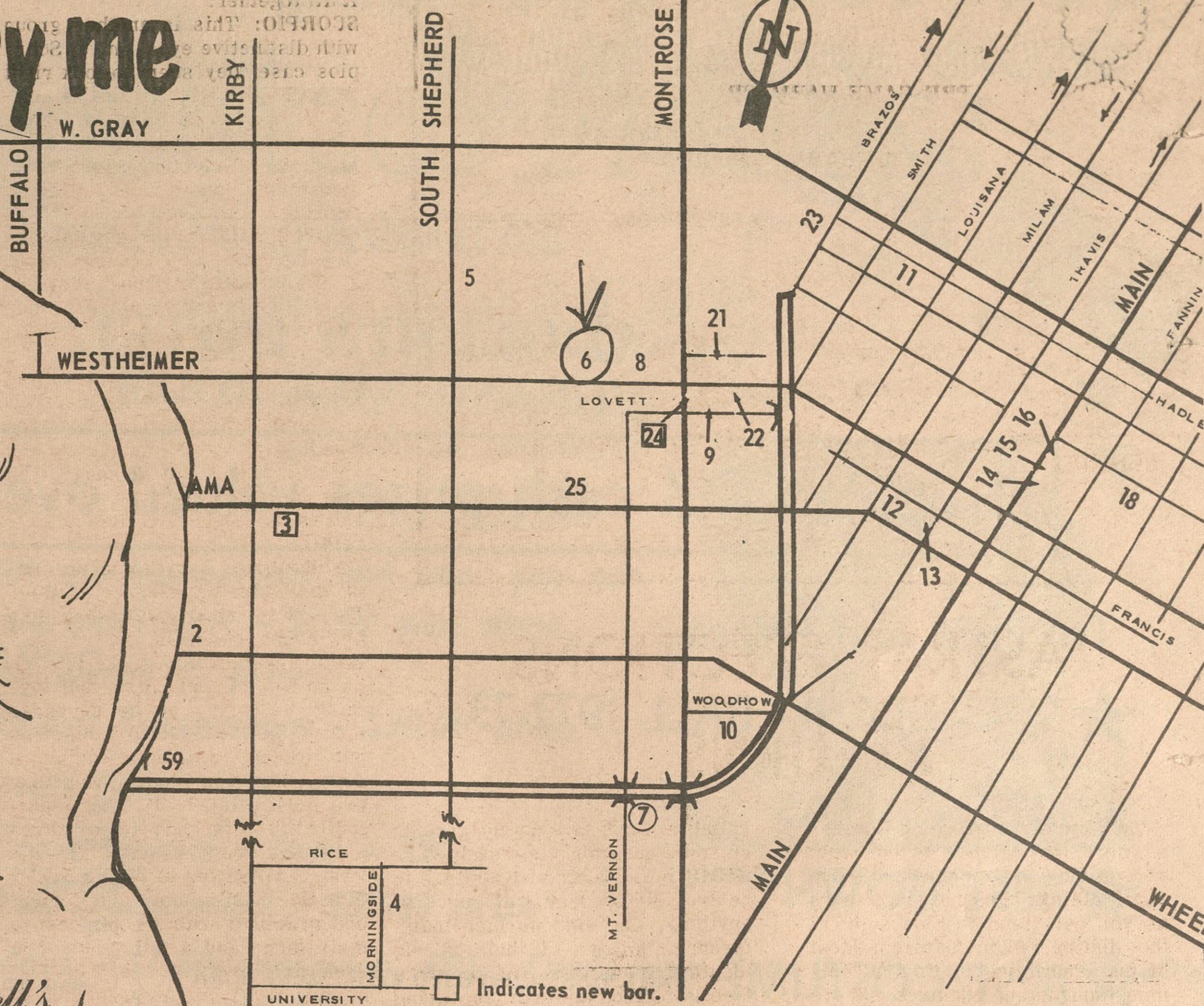
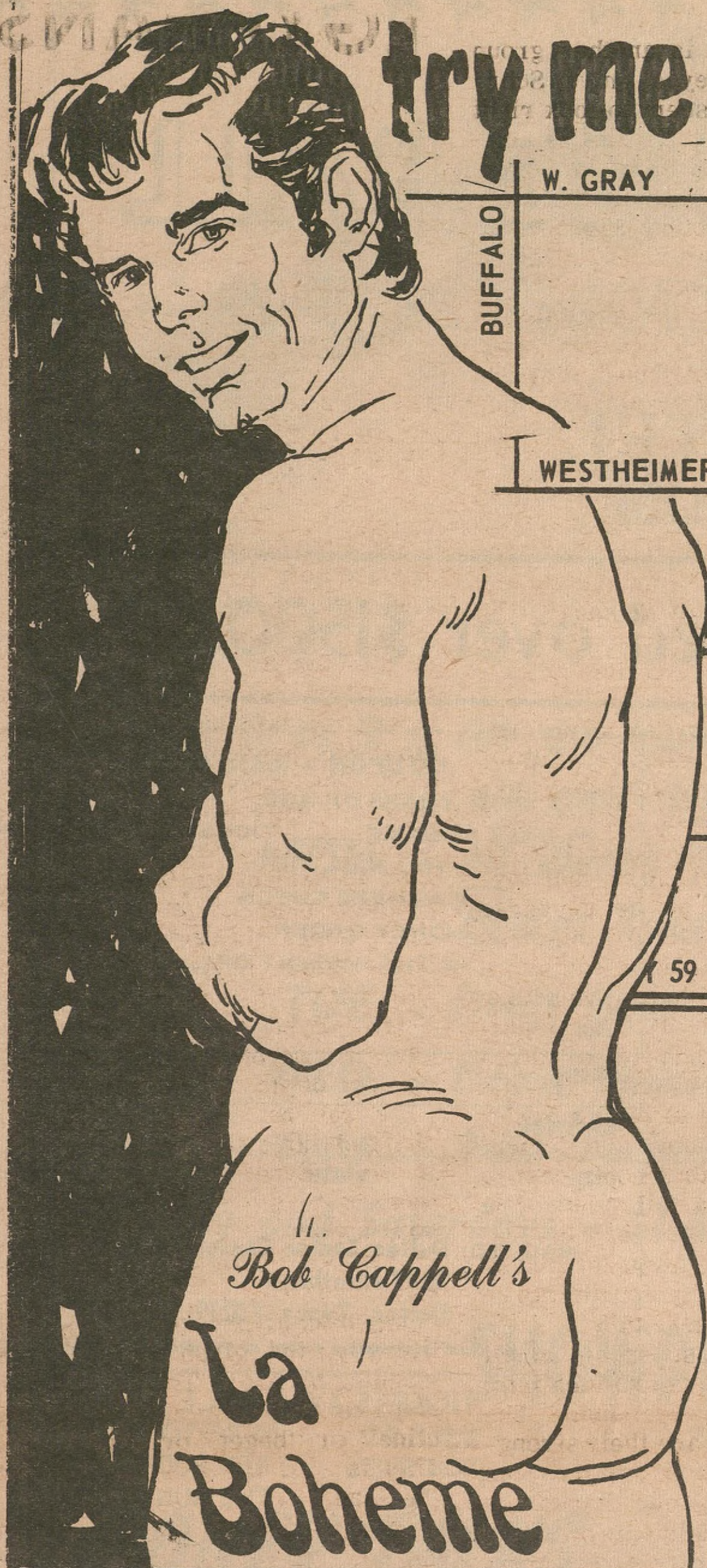
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one. It is always linked to reverence or holiness.

There must be a moral here somewhere, and it is probably this: sex, like its symbolism, can be fixated on the literal or the base, or it can be motivated by love or reverence. The great preponderance of the use of the ancient Egyptian phallic glyph in their written language was the latter.

All of which goes to suggest that the Egyptians were not far different in their actual sexual practices than we moderns are. Their one

strong taboo (among all but the royal family) was incest, and this is hardly a new taboo. Even royal European families were occasionally incestuous.

We should remember that most of the scathing denunciations of the ancient Egyptians in old literatures came from the Israelites. Is it any wonder, after their long slavery there?

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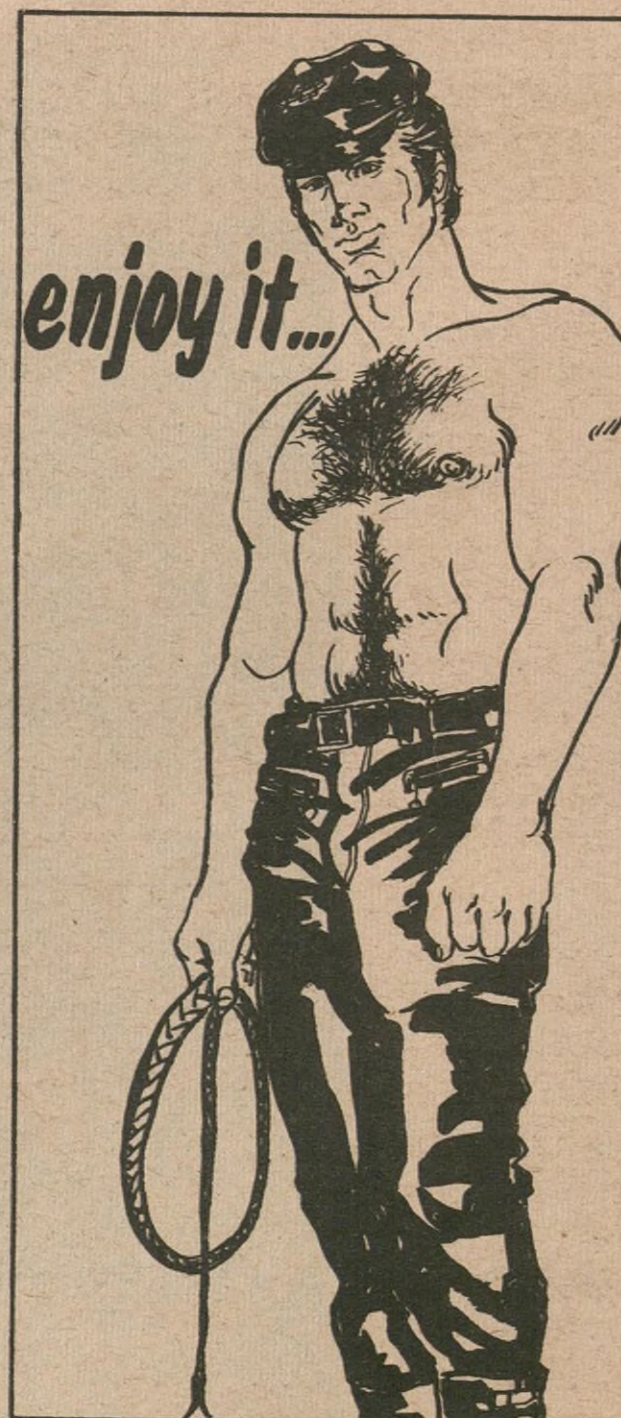
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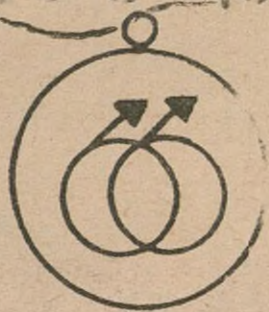
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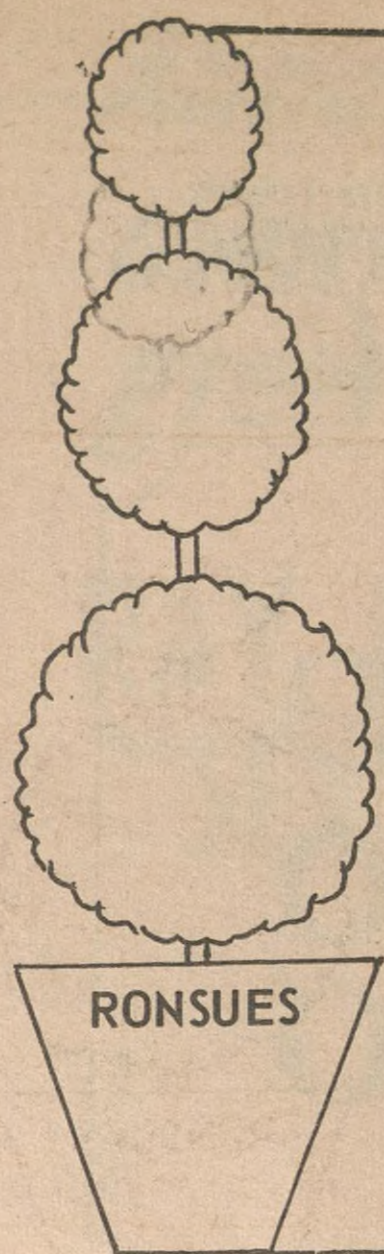
some critics have said about Dean's earlier work: "provocative and illuminating" (Rex Reed); "one of those handsome volumes that give a coffee table an air...Its pages are alive with photographs..." (After Dark Magazine;...brehtaking beauty...a poet and photographer of rare lyrical intensity..." (The Advocate).

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Theologians come and go and in their coming and going often leave behind spiritual and moral chaso. It is characteristic of the liberal mind that such chaos constitutes no barrier to fame -- nor to a ready following, when the same theologian comes up with another bright idea.

Remember Anglican Bishop John A. T. Robinson? His book, **Honest to God**, was the preface to the whole "God is dead" movement and was almost universally hailed in official Presbyterian circles.

The former bishop, now promoted to dean of Trinity College, Cambridge, has done it again. As the invited guest speaker for the British Methodist Conference, he said the current sex revolution should be celebrated by lowering the legal age of consent to 14. He also said he thought the age of consent for homosexual relations should be lowered to the same age (from 21 to 14).

Initial reaction, as was the case when **Honest to God** first appeared, appeared largely negative. Methodist Conference President Harry O. Morton defended the dean's right to express his opinion,

but said he "frankly doubted" that his 13-year-old daughter would be ready to make mature decisions concerning her sex life in another year.

Mr. Morton qualified his opposition by saying. "I welcome any speech that helps us in this matter to get away from sham and hypocrisy and which puts the real questions." He added that "as a Church leader" he did not want to do anything "to cast doubts on" the Church's ability to discuss the issue to its advantage.

An official of the Boy's Brigade, youth group claiming 160,000 members in England, said he felt sure his organization definitely "would condemn sex at the age of 14."

We'll try to keep up with the debate as it proceeds. Sooner or later the course, it will cross the Atlantic and wind up in a PCUS General Assembly resolution.

After all, won't the Church's abortion program take care of any undesirable consequences?

(The Presbyterian Journal)

GAY RESOLUTION AT A.B.A. CONVENTION

(SIR) S.F., Cal. - The following resolution was presented to the resolutions committee of the A. B.A. on Tuesday, August 15 at 1:30 by the combined efforts of The Society For Individual Rights and Gay Activist Alliance/ New York:

"Resolved, that the legislatures of the several states are urged repeal all laws which classify as criminal conduct any form of sexual conduct between consenting adults, saving only those portions necessary to protect minors and to protect public decency."

Speaking for the resolution were William Thom, A.B.A. delegate GAA/NY attorney; Richard Hongisto, Sheriff of S.F. County; and Donald Lunde, M.D.; Professor at Stanford Medical School, Dept. of Psychiatry. Extensive media coverage was obtained by advance press releases, including two T.V. station's camera crews.

For the first time in the memory of its chairman, the Resolutions Committee was unable to make a recommendation to the Assembly. The committee was split evenly on the resolution. Of the 13 other resolutions before the committee, one was recommended, three were requested to be referred to committees, and the rest were reported out with a "don't pass". Several committee members revealed that the presentation and the fact that a high elected official would testify for it were instrumental in changing their vote from no to yes.

On August 16, the resolution was brought before the Assembly and a motion to refer to another section was made. After a spirited debate, the vote to refer to the Criminal Law Section was passed 140 to 85.

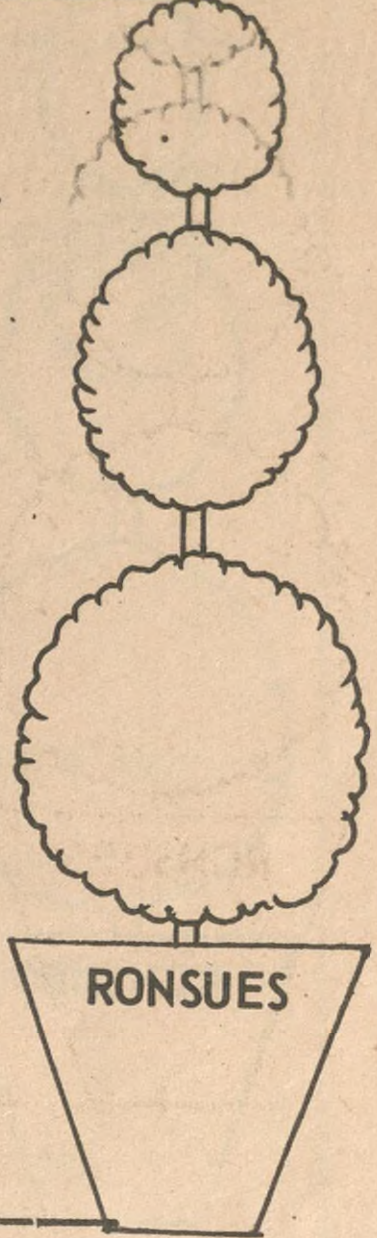
Delegate Thom said after the vote that he considered their efforts had resulted in a partial victory. Predictions made before the convention were that the resolution would be given a "don't pass" by the Resolutions Committee and that it would be killed by the Assembly. He felt that, in addition to the 85 that voted not to refer, many of the 140 were in favor of the resolution but felt it should be studied by a section specializing in criminal law to approve the wording. Thom is confident that the Criminal Law meeting in Cleveland in February of 1973 with a "do pass". Also, he is informed of similar resolutions from the Young Lawyers Section, presented to the House of Delegates. He expressed confidence that the House of Delegates would commit the A.B.A. to support of Sex Law Reform in the U.S.

Later in the afternoon of August 15, Tom Coleman of Gay Law Students Association held a committee meeting at the Law Students Convention at the Jack Tarr Hotel. He outlined plans for the submission of two resolutions to the Law Students House of Delegates: one calling for the elimination of laws prohibiting pro-

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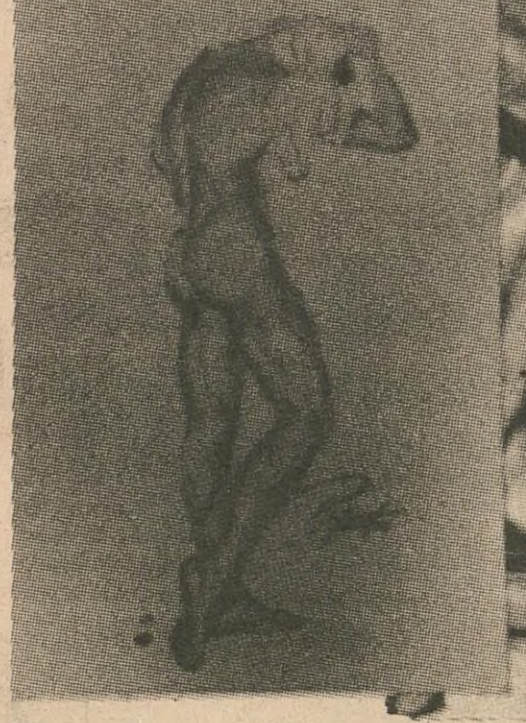
stitution, marijuana possession, obscenity, and sex acts between consenting adults; the other titled 'single person's bill of rights', which included repeal of tax laws prejudicial to single persons and elimination of discrimination against singles in housing, hiring, insurance, and credit (these resolutions were passed by the Law Students House of Delegates and will be presented to the full A.B.A. House of Delegates in February).

Other speakers were present: Dr. Barnett, visiting professor at Hastings Law School spoke of ways in which the sex laws could be attacked on constitutional grounds. Tim Starnes, a student bar president, talked about a law student research project for S.I.R. which

will result in a Form Book of Motions and Pleadings that will be made available to lawyers representing gay persons charged with violation of the sex laws. It is expected that this form book will result in better defense for these defendants for less cost and will prepare cases for constitutional challenge. Marshall Jacobson, Vice Governor of the 9th Circuit of the A.B.A. Law Student Division, gave some details of the constitutional challenge. Marshall presentation that would be made to the Law Students Division House of Delegates on the two resolutions introduced by he and Tom Coleman. Jim Foster, Political Director of S.I.R., elaborated on the work of the law student re-



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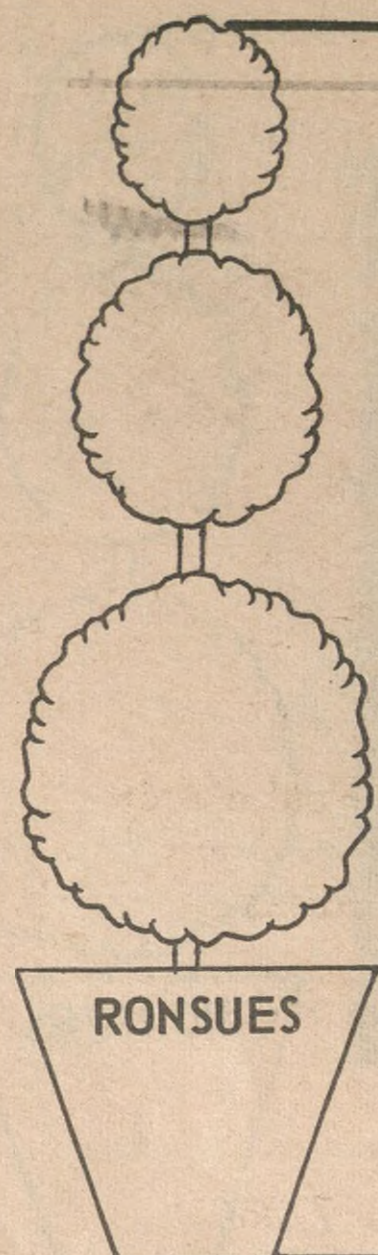
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search project and spoke about efforts with the legislature for sex law reform by the California Committee for Sex Law Reform. He expressed hope that the Whitman-Radcliffe Foundation would be able to fund the work of the law students for S.I.R.

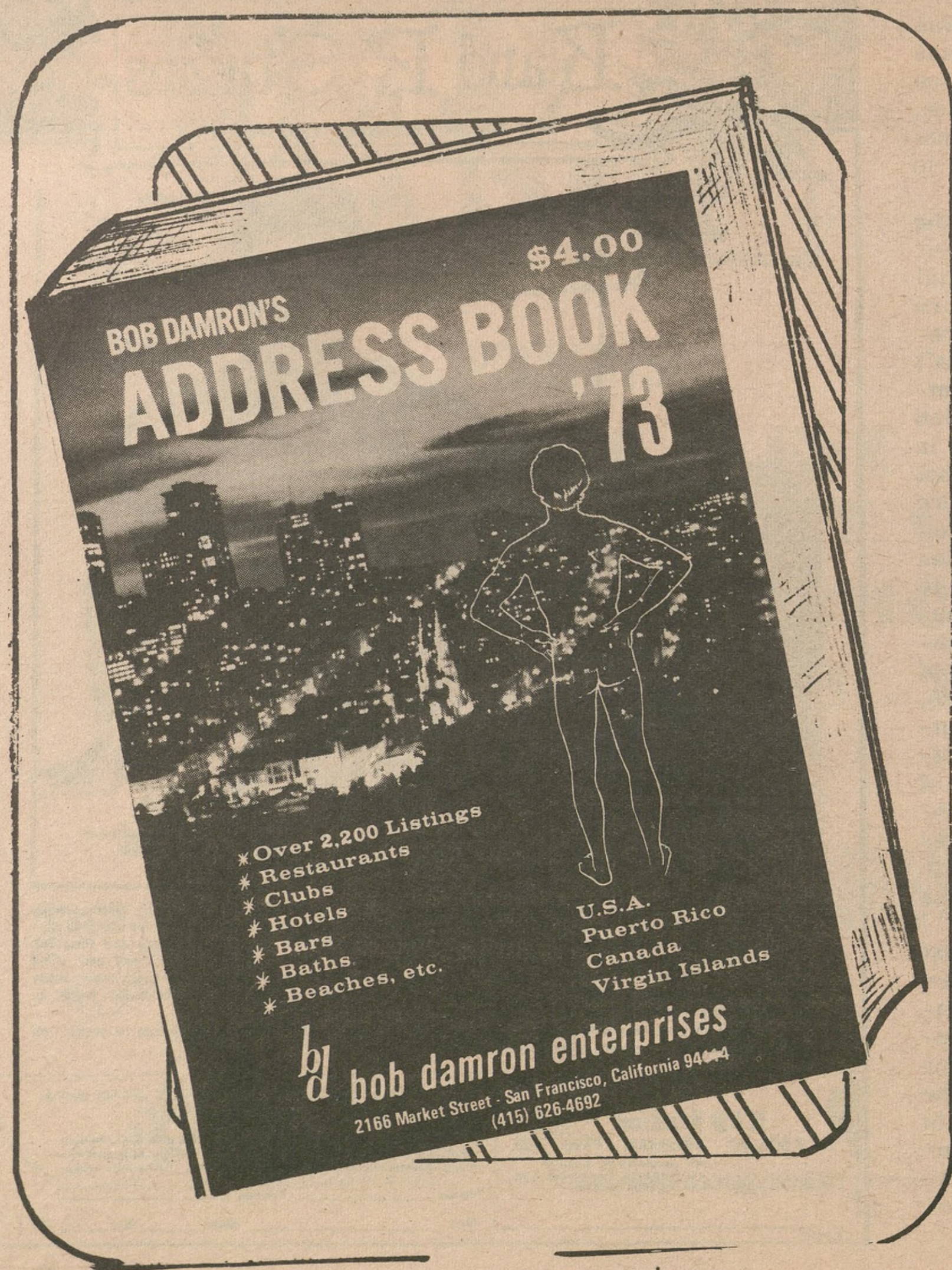
GAY CRUISING AREAS:

Responses to a SEXIST SOCIETY

by Ron Young

I am writing in response to an article called "Midnight Son" by Tim E. Lane (published in issue one of ABRAXAS and MOCKING-BIRD earlier this spring.)

I found "Midnight Son", concerning Houston's Montrose gay cruising circuit, very interesting. You reported that situation accurately from your observations. Although possibly not intentional, the thrust of the article is extremely anti-gay.



Underground publications have been consistently favorable with gay reportage. Allen Young's article in the same issue of ABRAXAS is a fine example. Meanwhile the establishment media has been rather consistently anti-gay. However that situation has begun to improve somewhat recently.

Nevertheless, in fairness, the existence of the phenomena you observed must be explained.

We in the gay movement are aware of the unfortunate dehumanizing gathering places that are for many of us the only means of coming together. Basically our choice has been the oppressive, segrated gay bars or the streets. American society has forced us to live only one way, in shame of our so called "unnatural desires". Gay cruising areas exist as a result of continuing unreasonable intolerance of gays by the majority of straight society. Such segrated bars and cruising areas are a natural response to a sexist society, like ours.

In recent years the gay movement has begun to attack the lies and myths perpetuated for so long. Some basic truths being promoted by the movement: Heterosexuality is not an inherited trait. It is a learned response as is homosexuality. Heterosexuality has no natural superiority in human sexual activity. It is as natural to relate to the same sex as to the opposite but social conditioning serves to reinforce the rigid sexual stereotype of straight society. Homosexuality is not limited to a very small minority of the population (although only a small number live an exclusive homosexual lifestyle). Scientific findings indicate that there are many millions of homosexuals in America (probably 10% of the total population). Thirty Seven percent of the total male population has at least one homosexual experience during his lifetime. These scientific findings and many others were first documented by Alfred Kinsey and his associates twenty four years ago (Sexual Behavior in the Human Male 1948). More recently other recognized sex research authorities such as Masters and Johnson have supported these positions. Movement folks are all familiar with Wilhelm Reich's truly revolutionary sexual political party of Germany in the thirties. Abolition of laws against abortion and homosexuality was one of Sex-

Pol's demands.

Only when the truth is fully realized and accepted will we be able to relate as openly, fully and naturally as do heterosexuals. Necessary for our complete liberation, beyond repeal of the anti-homosexual statutes, is the necessity to bring about a level of consciousness concerning sexism. Briefly (for my purposes here) sexism may be defined as discrimination against certain persons because of their sex or sexual orientation. The following analogy may be drawn: Sexism is to gays and women what racism is to blacks. Laws (or abolition of them) do not correct such prejudices. How do we deal with sexism and racism in this society? Any reasoned discussion would require many written pages. Nevertheless, we are all victims of a puritinnical, sexist, racist, male dominated (chauvinistic) society.

So much for today's 'Gay is Good' lecture.

To return to your article, I feel that you conveyed the impression of enjoyment enticing "the queers" while cycling on the circuit that night. You speak of peering into one of the cruising cars, looking into the faces of the occupants where you found "the weak, frightened depravity expected". "Poor lost sould", you say, "let the hurt begin." So you cycle off.

Let me cite a few day to day realities that gay people must live with: Fear of entrapment by plainclothes cops; physical attacks (both occur frequently in Houston); serious penalties incorporated in anti homosexual state and municipal laws; fear of discovery which can lead to blackmail, loss of employment, ostracization by family and "friends"; etc.

All things considered, you will certainly agree that living as such can make for a bit of schizophrenia.

Kinsey said that there is that component of gayness in all people. Some use it exclusively, some not at all and many are somewhere between the two. But to some degree that gay component is in everyone.

Due to social conditioning mentioned above resulting in the "fear" that one may be gay, one may never know the extent of that gay component in them.

My suggestion: "Try it, you'll like it."

MINI PARK "flicks" IMPROVE

by Wayne Frey

The Houston Post has made a major blunder in refusing to continue printing Mini-Park motion pictures.

A Sweet Taste of Youth that just played is a lyric, haunting film. It was held over a second week late in August. The smashing success of this film is due to the genius of its director, Barry Knight and its star Jeff Colt. Inspired cinematography in Eastmancolor, combined with skilled editing and the use of lovely background musical themes, make this film a masterpiece of throbbing, sensuous art.

Jeff Colt gives the viewer a definitive screen portrait of homosexual male virility. There are two outstanding scenes in the movie, each of which feature Colt, the priapic stud, socking it to his

youthful male lover.

Artistry and creative genius abound in A Sweet Taste of Youth. Barry Knight is a dedicated, professional movie-maker, who composes his film lovingly and with devotion. The result is mellow magic.

You'll grove on this film as well as its companion feature, Blast Off. This latter film incidentally, rewards the viewer with a sex scene by the pool, in which a tanned, statuesque nude male strolls out beside a swimming pool to make a threesome of the two guys who are already commutating sexually.

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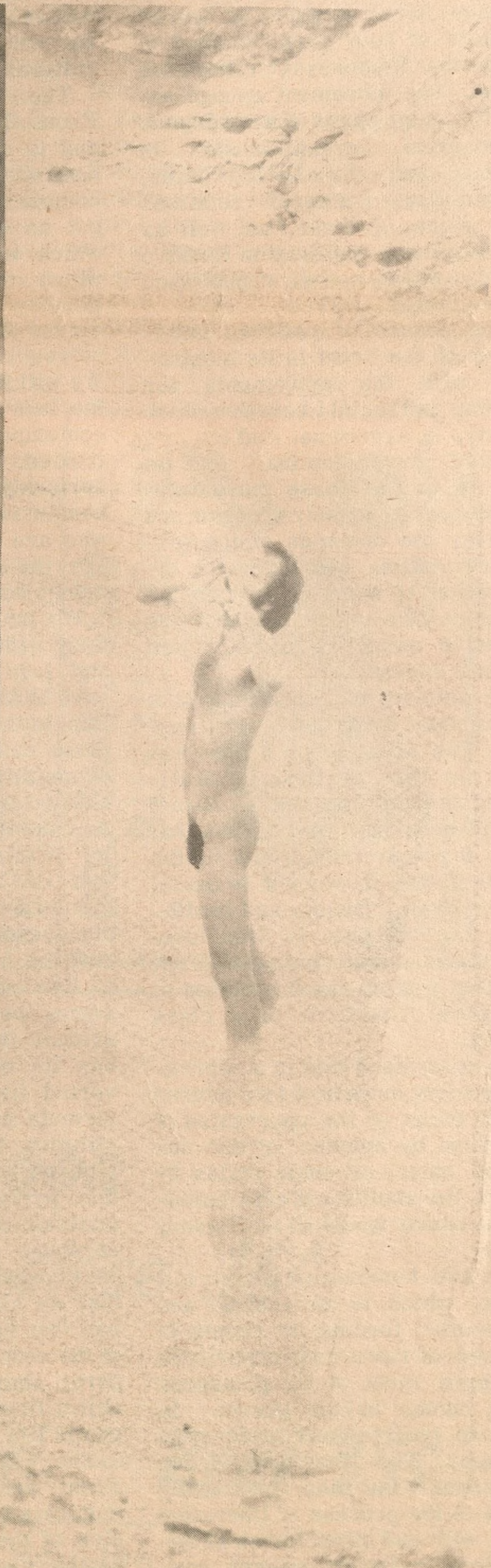
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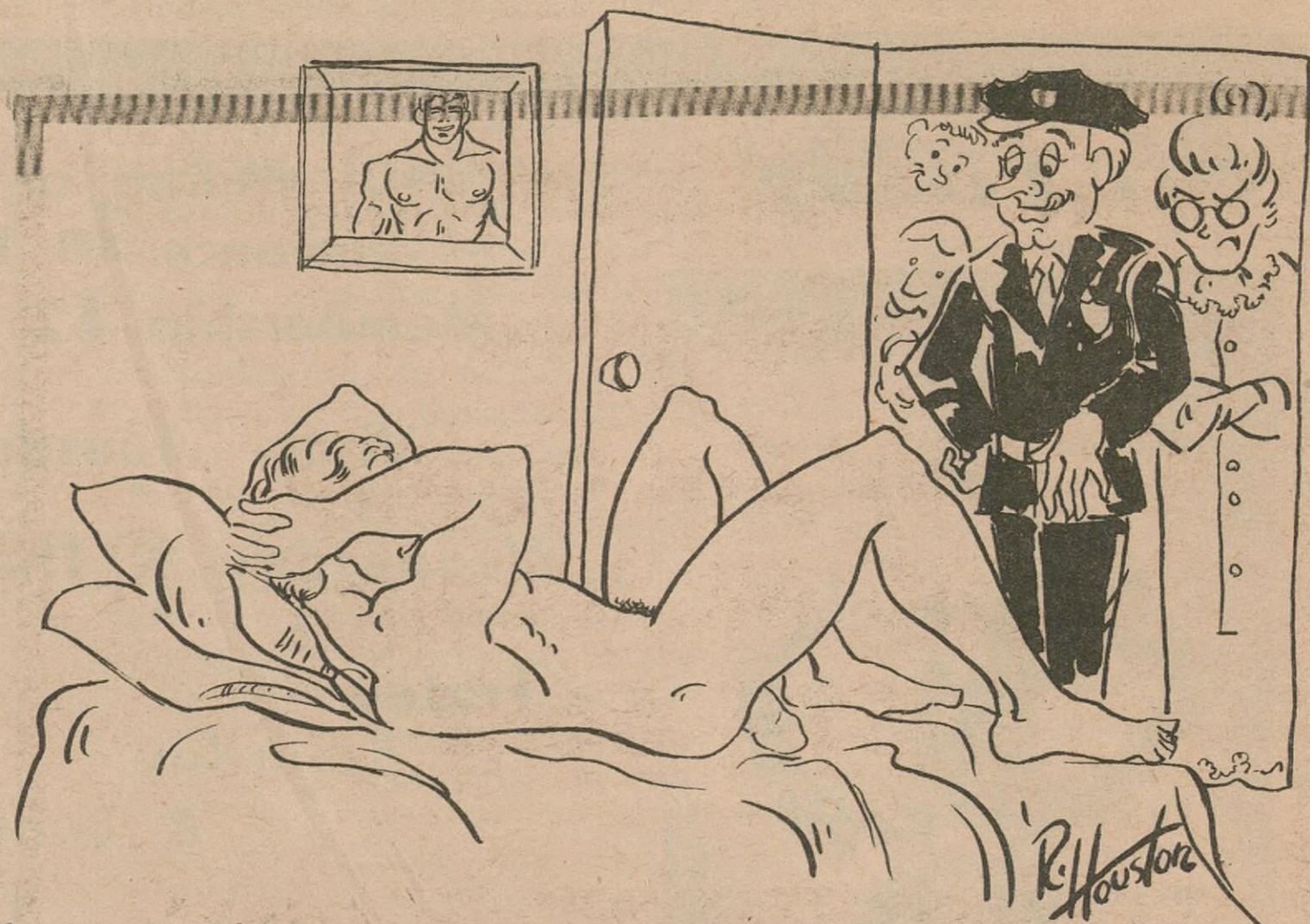
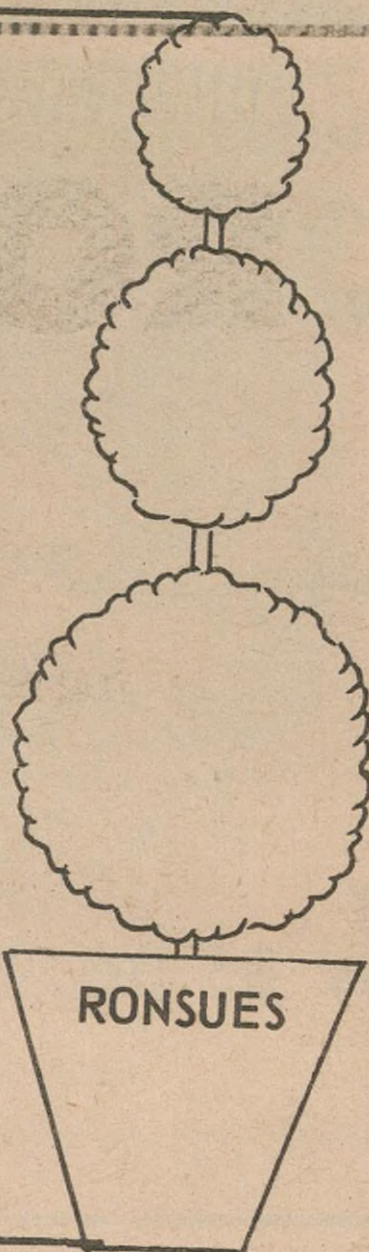
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"Madam,...I'd hardly call that indecent exposure!"...

ganize groups in which to discuss and spread the goals of the movement. Homosexual liberation is part of the sexual revolution which must exist with the social revolution that is sweeping the contemporary world. This is the fundamental contribution, along with the growth of consciousness, which the Front hopes to give to the current process of our society.

The movement has adopted a pink triangle as its emblem. This symbol was used in Nazi concentration camps to distinguish the homosexual prisoners. It has been chosen since it constitutes a synthesis of the ideals sought: human liberation against a society which is classist, authoritarian and repressive.

What is at issue is the right of each individual to live without fear, to have freedom of choice,

to be able to control his or her own body, labor and knowledge.
(Translation by Allen Young)

(Editor's note: The full Spanish text of this declaration, as well as other Spanish-language gay liberation articles and poems, may be found in *Afuera*, published by Gay Latins in New York City. A copy of *Afuera* may be obtained for a donation --- a dollar is recommended -- from *Afuera*, % Ecstasy, Box 410 Old Chelsea Sta., New York, N.Y. 10011. Anyone wishing to communicate with the Argentine Homosexual Liberation Front should write to them in care of *Afuera* at this address, since Argentine sisters and brothers are unable to have a published address at this time due to repressive conditions.)

G.L.F. Argentina

In August 1971, somewhere in Buenos Aires, a group of homosexuals of both sexes decided to form the Homosexual Liberation Front. The movement recognizes as its antecedents the analogous homosexual organizations in Europe and the United States, maintaining fraternal relations with some of these, as well as the Argentine publication *Nuestro Mundo*, which was first published in September, 1969.

The source of political inspiration of the Front is its integration with the movements for national and social liberation which function in Argentina. And its function in Argentina. And its goal is to get these movements to incorporate in their program and strategy the demands of the sexual revolution, without which the liberation of mankind will be incomplete. We understand that our objective entails a complex and difficult endeavor.

We believe that eroticism is a fundamental instrument of freedom. The creation of a New Man requires that the flesh be unalienated and unrepressed, as Daniel Guerin once said. We affirm that it is the unavoidable duty of the revolutionary movement to teach, and cultivate, joyfully and healthfully, the art that is free love. A profound social revolution is not possible without the liquidation of the moral standards of a class society.

We understand that in a repressive society and a world structured on the basis of the oppression of one class by another, of one sex by the other, or some states by others, the abolition of anti-homosexual taboos would be an illusory victory.

The anti-homosexual society is a society which is anti-sexual and anti-erotic, forcing its people in the name of morality to experience with guilt most of the pleasures which human beings pursue in order to realize their tendency to be happy. The liberation of the homosexual is, then, profoundly linked to the process of liberation which will end other forms of oppression, ending the misery, ang-

uish and defiguration experienced by human beings because of the current economic structure and cultural superstructure.

The Homosexual Liberation Front is determined to put an end to the silence and the falsehood which surround the subject of homosexuality. We will strive to put an end to the marginality in which we live, a marginality to which society condemns us, a marginality which we impose on ourselves through self-censorship. We will strive to end the distance, the lack of communication and the contempt with which we are usually treated, noting that this situation seriously distorts an aspect of human relations -- between those who are oppressed and those who are the oppressors -- and this brings harm to both.

We must have a dialogue to do away with the prejudice, ignorance and fear that the ruling classes have built over the ages. Male and female, masculine and feminine -- these categories can no longer be dogmatically accepted in order to satisfy the exploiters of the day. And the dialogue will not be fruitful without ideological equality, that is, without removing the infamous stain which marks the homosexual. It must be understood that the homosexual has the right to live out his other eroticism as seems best to him or her. It is evident that the official morality has its origins in, and has converted itself in the philosophical formula of, a socio-economic institution -- monogamous matrimony, which was instituted so that private property could be maintained and transmitted in accordance with normal, unchallengeable lines. It is essential that we clear up the myths about sex that have arisen in the name of the conservation of private property, since these myths imply the objectification and alienation of erotic life.

The Homosexual Liberation Front seeks to regularly communicate its objectives and principles of the movement, and urges homosexuals of both sexes to or-



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ANOTHER 'LETTER'

Dear Editor,

In regard to the "Don't Do It" editorial in your August 1972 issue, I would like to set forth a few points in opposition to the negative position taken by your editorial writer.

First, the editorial was heavily rhetorical and polemic in its style and was calculated to frighten the gay guy who has never experienced FF (fistfucking). Those who have had experience with FF will certainly be inclined to write off this editorial as the work of one who is either excessively cautious or perhaps totally unaware of what FF is about.

Admittedly, one can sustain damage from an FF session in the same way that one can be harmed by a brutal screwing or a sadistic blow job. The gay guy (or girl, for that matter) who wants to enjoy FF need only take some elementary precautions to minimize the possibilities of any damage.

Common sense will tell him that he needs to be certain that his fittfucker uses ample lubrication and proceeds slowly enough that the anal sphincter can adjust to the considerable bulk of the human fist and forearm.

I'll not go into all the details here since anyone interested in the esoteric date of FF can read "Pardon My Fist," a provocative article by Louis Jekyll in the October 1972 issue of QQ Magazine, which has already been published.

Over the last few months, this writer has received an appreciated the contributions made by books published on the subject of gay and straight S/M sex. I've reached the conclusion that if one has to ask WHY should I do any of the supposedly bizarre things --including FF -- mentioned in the pages of these special books, IT'S NOT FOR YOU!

There are a lot of pleasures to be derived from S/M sex and

from FF in particular, but if you are wondering why you're doing it, then forget it, baby. There's no need for you, the thinking gay who was somehow motivated to read this far, to go along with every new kick that comes along.

BUT if you feel the urge to do it, then get it on! Exercise the same restraints and caution that characterize the wise person in most of his activities and you'll do fine. Not for you are the strident voices of those who envy and condemn the adventurous and innovative gay.

You may be reassured to know that some of the S/M set have been engaging in FF for many years (no one knows just how many). Only recently has FF become a noted phenomenon, and it seems that a lot of gays want to jump on the bandwagon when something kinky and freaky pops up.

To those of you who are fluffs (the S/M term for non S/M types), my gut reaction is that FF is not probably going to be your special pleasure. But if you want to try it, be sure to let your partner know that this is your first time and advise him of your "limits." That is, let him know that you can take just so much (which may be just a fist for some, whereas others can take an arm all the way to the elbow) and NO MORE! Unless his is absolutely demented, you can expect him to respect your limits.

So, FF novices, quell your fears, use a generous amount of lubricant and a large supply of common sense.

Pease,

A.T.

Dear A.T.,

Everyone has a right to their opinion, and so do you --- but, I would hate for you to encourage someone to try it (gently or otherwise) and be hurt. So until an arm or a leg is requested, why not keep them in their respective places and the appendages "ordinarily" used in the sex act in theirs.

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tournament. First place went to
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Rosie Fournier.

The first drag show was held
with a great attendance. All the
contestants were beautiful and all
deserved to win. The judges had
a very hard time. Miss Pamela
Tiffin won the title of MISS
MISTY 1972.

Usually the first person you
will meet at the door will be Jack.
He will always be there to give a
hand, a joke and to make you feel

at ease. Jack is loved by all.
Without him, much would be lost.
Jack will be more than glad to
issue a guest card or a yearly
membership for \$10.00.

At the bar the Misty has lov-
ing Don. Ask him to mix you a
MISTY SPECIAL. It won't take but
a few of these to get you in the
right mood for fun and pleasure.

If by chance you are setting at
on of our tables, Bobby will be
more than glad to take your order.

Please be our guest the next
time you are traveling through
Lake Charles. Our phone number
is 436-9391 and the Lounge is
located on Legion Street off High-
way 14. If you can't find the
Lounge, please call and someone
will be more than happy to give
directions.

Well this is Mother Nature say-
ing "HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE
GAYEST PLACE IN SOUTHWEST
LOUISIANA".

Three hours drive and you are
in another country or so it seems.
Out Interstate 10 to Lake Charles,
La. There you find people of a
different breed completely from
the accustomed "Houstonian."

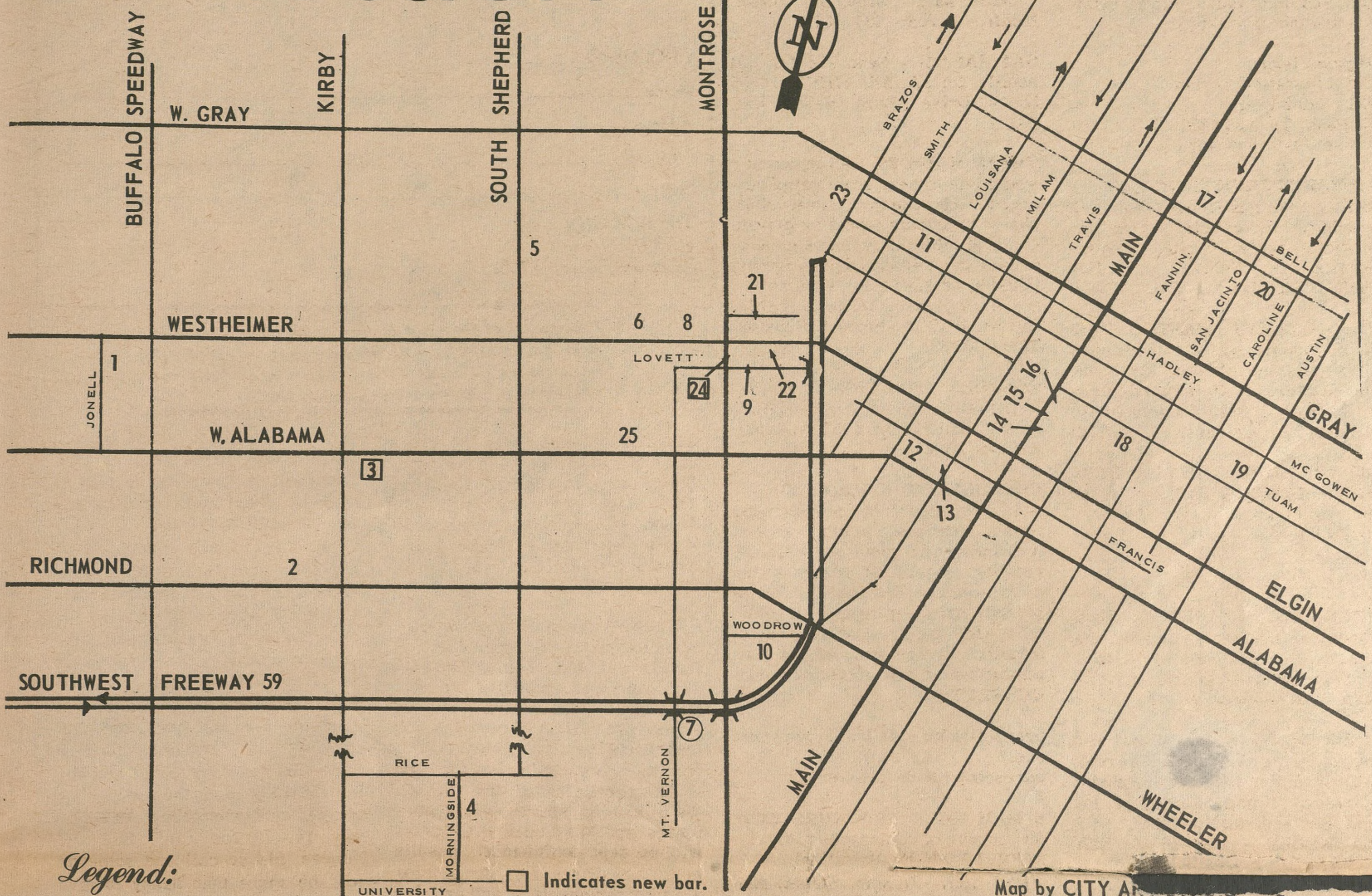
The spot where the Gays all
go is something else. It is called
Misty and run by Lynn Roy and
his lovely wife Gene, who by the
way are not but the kids of the
clan have accepted them as "fam-
ily."

Other great people associated
with the bar are Jack, Don, Bob
and Ann. All of this group strive
to make this place in Lake Charles
what it is. For dancing, pool, good
drinks and great folks visit there
for a fun-filled weekend. Go and
stay for a day or two as there is
plenty to see and do in this never
to be forgotten scenic town.

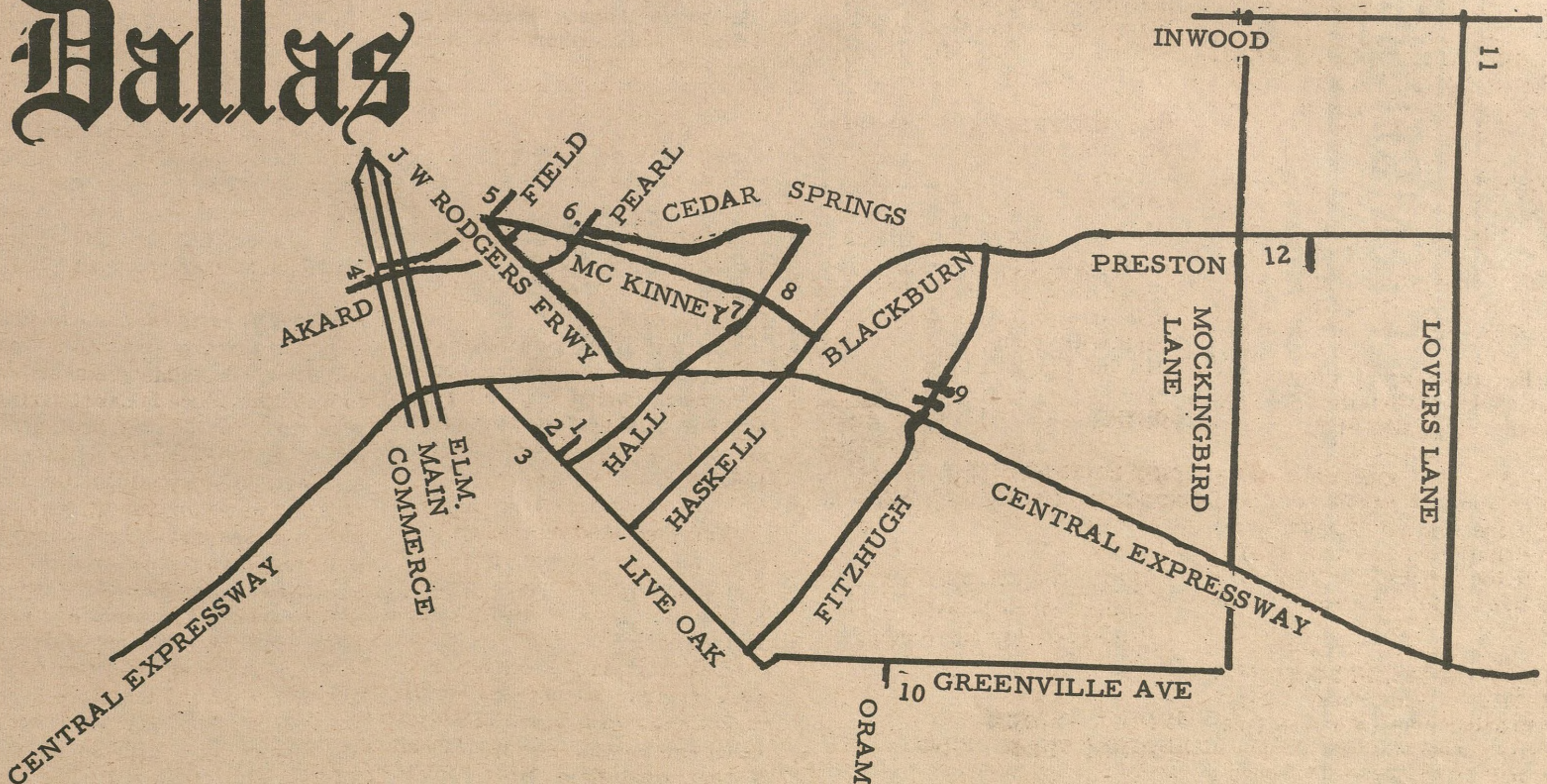
There is a lake for water
skiing, beach for sunbathing and
water for swimming and fishing.

Have you ever been Gar fish-
ing, if not do and the place to do
it is here. Jack and wife Ruby
are shown here with some un-
knowns with much fish. The one
alone holding with thumb and fore-
finger is none other than Don, the
bartender from the Misty. I really
think he could do better but his bag
is tropical fish.

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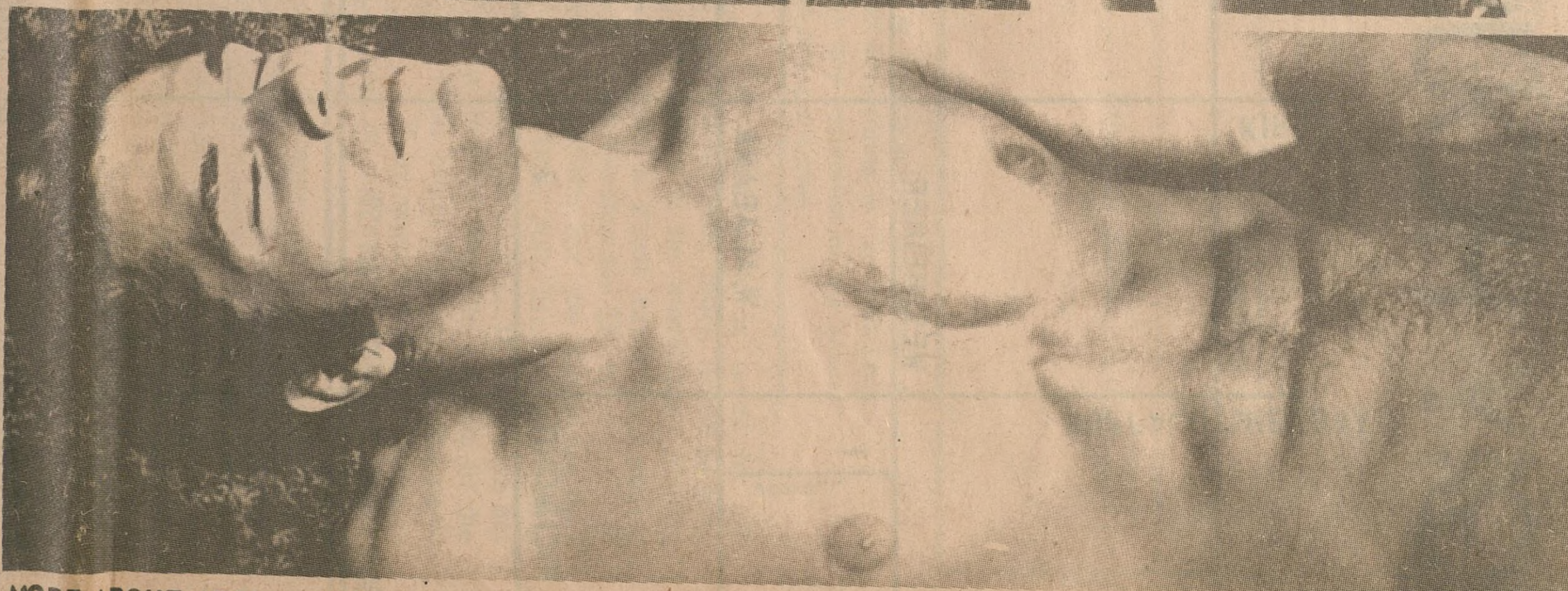
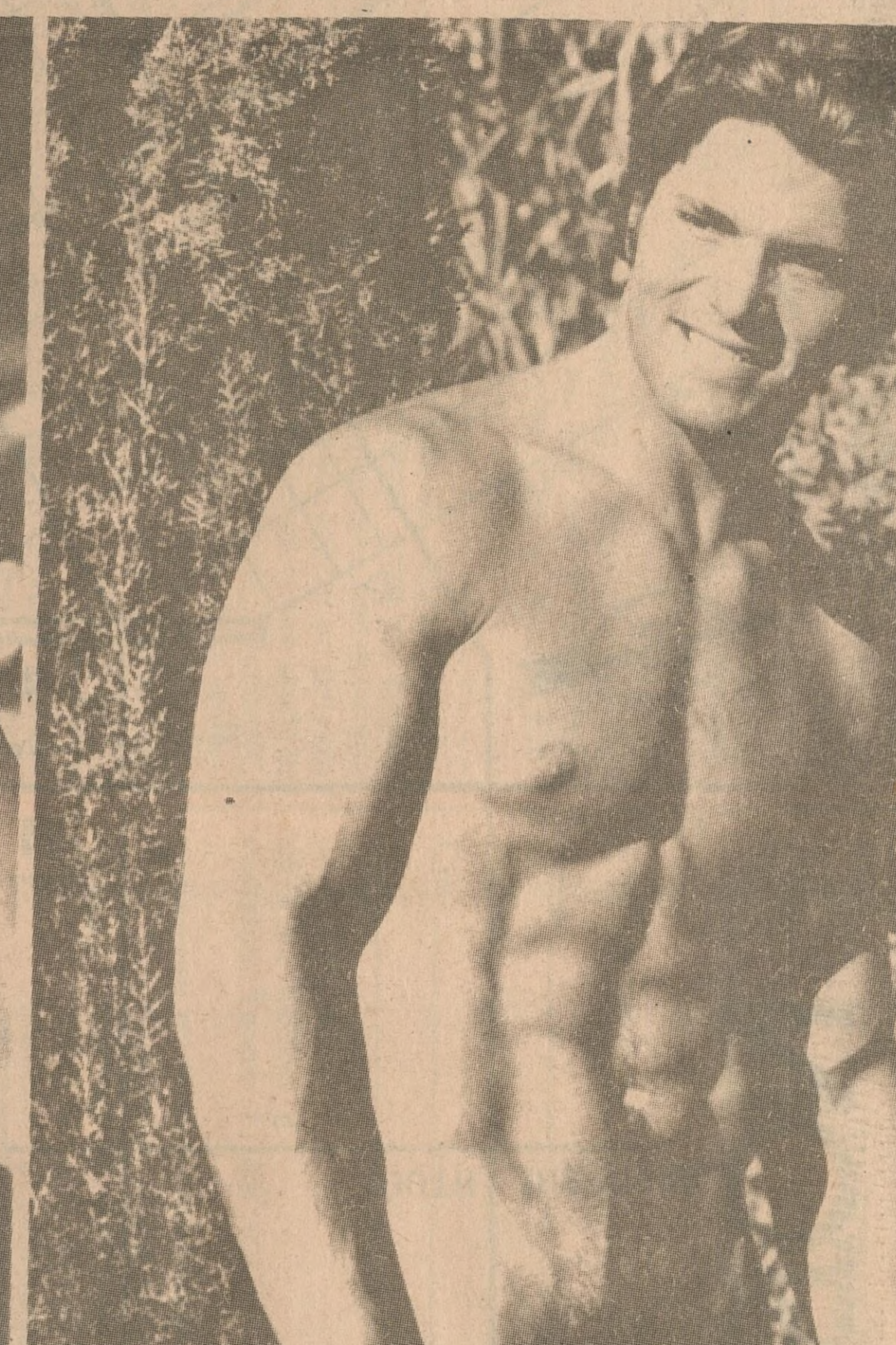
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