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Miss GAY TEXAS Pageant held in Houston



2ND RUNNER UP - GOLDA



MISS GAY TEXAS - JODIE LANE



1ST. RUNNER UP - NOVA BERNARD

The Miss Gay Texas Pageant held April 7th and 8th at the fabulous Bayou Landing in Houston was a tremendous success. Quality presentation and production creditable to Bill Baker and Hal McNealey. Working with a group this size, unknown to the producers is quite difficult without prior rehearsals but all went well throughout the two evenings. The sound by David also helped make this one of the more professional contests seen in Houston of this type.

The twenty-two contestants were from all over the state, the majority being from Dallas and San Antonio. The question was asked several times what happened that Miss Houston didn't compete?

All of the Houston Gay Com-

munity wishes to thank the men responsible for the promotion of this contest as well as all of the contestants entering for making it the finest show witnessed by anyone. A collective gathering of talent such as this was rarely ever seen at one time.

The judging of this competition was one of the most open and above-board there has been in the city of Houston. The question raised by the gathering at the table to the rear of the judges about it having been "fixed" by that "old queen" at the end was the only out-of-line mention made about the decision of the judges. There is always someone or a collective bunch like this, but it is known to all breeding will tell when "borrowed funds" can't alter the fairness of a contest - eh

Honey?

The contest was judged on three categories. Evening gown - max. 25 points - Costume - max. 25 points - Talent - Max 50 points. For the benefit of the persons questioning the scores they are listed as follows - (1) the contestant number, (2) the total of the five judges scores (3) the first listing is of the 22 contestants from which the ten were chosen. If there is any question the original ballot sheets are available for anyone to check.

Contestant #	Points
1	220
2	223
3	302
4	344
5	322
6	293
7	337
8	293

9	344
10	401
11	356
12	296
13	369
14	242
15	309
16	353
17	339
18	428
19	310
20	368
21	231
22	326

The top ten scores listed same as the first twenty-two are as follows:

Contestant #	Points
4-Golda	397
7-Tiffany	284
9-Kim	412
10-Nova Bernard	449
11-Queenie	296

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Our thanks to the MC's for their patience with the entrants, the judges and the audience. Jennifer George was just as beautiful as ever and for a change did beautifully on the microphone.

One of the highlights of the evenings was Miss Gay America voicing her experiences and doing numbers for the receptive crowd. For unrehearsed response to some of the questions, Norma Christi (Miss Gay America), made all feel proud that she was the representative of the Gay Community.

Jodie Lane, from Dallas, winner of the contest for Miss Gay Texas is both beautiful and talented and wish her much success in the up-coming Miss Gay America 1973 Pageant to be held in Tennessee the first part of next month.

The first runner-up, Nova Bernard, has added another trophy to her large collection. I think that from what we can recall she now has a total of eleven, five of which were won at the Zodiac Ball in Dallas this past Halloween and in Houston at various clubs. Her costumes are always something startling and take months to make.

The second-runner-up, Golda, is not known to us but she was very talented and beautiful.

The Miss Gay Texas Pageant will be held again next year and we know it will attract much more attention since this one was so outstanding. It is with sincere hopes that the people from "that group" can have, or develop, enough good taste to remain home for the next contest or improve on their behavior as we, the average "old queen" and "young queens" alike note, not with pride the behavior of such outstanding gay citizens. "Since you think you are someone, why not endeavor to act the part?"

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Dallas police seized the controversial film "Deep Throat" Thursday, March 29th after a policeman testified at an adversary



movie, in violation of Art. 527 of the Texas Penal Code, will be filed against "all who had a hand in exhibiting the film."

This is not the first time "Deep Throat" has played Dallas. It was exhibited at the Guild Art Theater, 4923 Columbia for two weeks in 1972, and was never seized.

D. W. Marks, Dallas policeman, filed an affidavit in which he stated that acts of sexual intercourse and sodomy were depicted. Policeman Marks was placed on the stand in Cole's court by Asst. Dist. Atty. Jay Ethington. Cole then issued a search warrant.

hearing before Justice of the Peace Robert Cole that the film was obscene. Three reels of 35 millimeter film were seized and impounded in the police property division warehouse. "Deep Throat" opened the night before at the Arcadia Theatre, 2005 Greenville Avenue.

Detective Lt. Mel Southall of the police alcohol licensing unit said charges of exhibiting an obscene

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Mike Aranson, an attorney representing the Arcadia and the Guild, contended at the hearing that Judge Cole did not have jurisdiction as a justice of the peace in the case, and that the film was not obscene.

"The burden of proof rest with them (Dallas police). This film is as pure as 'Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm' in the eyes of the law," Aranson contends that publicity in New York and in Play-boy magazine caused Dallas police to seize the film. The police have denied this.

A New York City judge ruled the film obscene and levied heavy fines against the exhibitors. However a court in Binghamton, N.Y. ruled the film was not obscene.

The management of the theater immediately began showing an copy of "Deep Throat." Subsequently the Dallas police raided the theater twice Friday and once more Saturday, forcing the Arcadia management to substitute "Dynamite" Sunday in the hope of appeasing Dallas vice Squad officers.

Theater manager, Robert James Moore and three women employees were arrested both Friday and Saturday, but theater patrons went unmolested.

On Saturday night, the theater was surrounded by members of the police department's riot trained tactical squad and vice squad officers swarmed into the building, packed with movie-goers. Police confiscated \$500 in ticket receipts. Those arrested were charged with

"exhibiting obscene material" Friday, and "conspiracy to exhibit obscene material" Saturday.

In further action, a hearing has been scheduled for April 19th in Judge Fred Barless' 14th District Court on a suit filed by Asst. Dist. Atty. John Tolle seeking an injunction to stop the theater from showing "Deep Throat."

Houston!

(An exclusive interview with Joe Spiegel, Manager of the Cinema West) Editor's Note: Joe Spiegel is the sports editor of the Houston Scene and is also the managing editor. As we go to press, the Grand Jury is considering filing charges against Mr. Spiegel in his connection with the controversial movie "Deep Throat".

SCENE: Why did you decide to bring "Deep Throat" to the Cinema West when you must have known there would be a raid?

SPIEGEL: First of all, I really

believed we would not have any trouble exhibiting the film as it is playing in a

playing in quite a few cities across the country without any trouble.

As for why we would bring "Deep Throat" to the Cinema West, we felt that when over 20,000 Houstonians call a theater in a little over a month and a half and ask for a specific movie, they definitely want to see that movie.

SCENE: Do you personally believe that "Deep Throat" is obscene and why has it had so much trouble being exhibited throughout the United States?

SPIEGEL: First of all, I do not believe the film is obscene as it has a definite plot, some very humorous lines and a great original musical score that has played on every radio station in Houston.

The reason it has run into so much trouble being exhibited is that it has received so much publicity that many public officials feel compelled to try and prevent its showing. However, I feel confident that the courts will rule the film legal and that we will be able to show it shortly.

SCENE: You have not been charged with anything yet. What do you think is in store for you?

SPIEGEL: I understand that I will be indicted on a felony conspiracy charge.

Of course, I do not consider myself a criminal and I have never conspired to evade any law or become involved in any illegal activity.

SCENE: One last thing, what can a concerned person do to help bring "Deep Throat" back to Houston?

SPIEGEL: The first thing is to send letters to the Scene, to the Post and Chronicle, to the mayor to Herman Short and to any radio or television station to let them know that you want to see the film.

Secondly, even if you don't want to see the picture but feel that you are a responsible adult who can determine for himself what he wants to see, let the Texas legislature and your congressman know. Tell them you don't want the police to tell you what you can or cannot see and that obscenity laws should be discontinued.

Finally, keep coming to the Cinema West. We are fighting to protect your rights under the First Amendment of the Constitution that guarantees you freedom of speech. If "Deep Throat" can be censored, no telling what could be next.



RICCI CORTEZ
ONE OF THE CONTEST JUDGES

MY DESERTED BUILDING

My mind is like the darkest corner of a deserted building, like a cracked and dried river bed that has been scorched by the sun's searing rays, like the top of the tallest mountain where no life exists.

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American men are divided into categories by the pressures of church and state filed under the headings of heterosexual (good) or homosexual (bad). They accept these labels to a greater or lesser degree depending on their individual personalities. The men of the church have found that the principle of good and evil, reward and punishment, is good business,

particularly in the area of sex, one of our most basic physical drives. One of the reasons it has become the richest institution in the world, and the state has walked hand in hand with the church, passing laws to support these principles and making the abstract idea of reward and punishment for our sexual affairs a reality. To their credit, several states in the last few years have gotten out of the sex-law business, leaving the church to find a new way to beat the population into submission.

Through this tactic, the church has been able to divide men into these two categories, teaching each group to hate the other. Straights hate gays because the church says homosexuality is bad; gays hate straights because of their oppression. This has, to a large extent, destroyed our true sexual nature, which is bisexual. Ancient people accepted this fact in cultures a lot more civilized and sophisticated

than our own, and slowly this fact is dawning again as we start to emerge from the sexual Dark Ages. If we accept our bisexual nature, regardless of our orientation to either side of center and to whatever degree, then we have, to a large extent, eliminated our sexual hangups. We can then relegate sex to its proper place in our lives and keep it in proper perspective.

Let's look at the full spectrum of man. To the one extreme, we have the complete heterosexual, usually married, a family man. He is the church's ideal. The closest he ever came to homosexuality, if ever, was in a few masturbation sessions with his buddies at puberty. Then, thoroughly brainwashed by the church, he backed away from enjoying any form of male love. He may, deep inside, feel a vague awareness that something is missing in his life, but is too frightened of himself to try to find out what it is. Gay people only think they are in a closet. These characters are far into their closets that they make even the most hidden gay look like he is standing in the middle of Times Square at high noon with a spotlight on him.

Next to them are the men who have a vague subconscious awareness of their homosexual side. This is the group that can be the most dangerous as far as the homosexual is concerned. Afraid of exposure and the possibility of having to face their own true nature, they fear and hate homosexuals. In this area fall those in city councils, state legislatures, and other public offices who cry the loudest against gay rights and sexual liberty. They are the tools of the church, its strongest weapon.

At the other end is the dedicated homosexual, and they are in no better shape than their counterpart, the complete homosexual. They are just as afraid of the heterosexual side of their nature as is the counterpart

as is the counterpart of their homosexual side. They mirror all the same hang-ups and will not even admit they have a heterosexual side.

Between, lies the broad range that can be called bisexuals. Most of them have themselves labeled "heterosexual" or "homosexual," depending on the direction they lean. Many also use the term "bi" as a label to cop out on their homosexual side, reasoning within themselves that by using this label, they can, to a degree, deny their homosexual side.

A true bisexual cops out neither to his homosexual nature or his heterosexual nature. They recognize both and enjoy both. They may have a preference for one or the other, but they are not hung up in it. Some people prefer tea, some coffee but the preference does not prevent them from savoring the other when the occasion calls for it.

This does not mean the heterosexual should run right out and go

to bed with the first man he meets, nor should the homosexual try to make it with the girl next door, but each should recognize that there is some of the other in them and, should the occasion arise to "jump the fence," as it were, accept it for what it is: a new and interesting experience.

The ankh, which appears as a symbol of the newsletter, goes back to the very dawn of Egyptian civilization. To it has been attributed many meanings. For our purpose, we take the meaning that represents the dual nature of man.

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County Board to FUND Gay Symposium

The King County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board has recently approved a \$2,000.00 grant for the second major two-day symposium on homosexuality, Lesbianism, and other minority sexualities to be offered for the benefit of mental health and social workers, March 29 and 30.

The symposium entitled "Refugees from America: an Educational Laboratory on Issues Confronting Sexual Minorities" will be held at the Capitol Hill Methodist Church, 16th and E. John in Seattle. Those interested in attending, including representatives of the media, should contact the Seattle Counseling Center for Sexual Minorities. Registration is limited and the fee is \$10.00. Over 150 applicants had to be turned away from the last symposium held last spring.

The symposium is being organized and will be presented by the "Sexual Minority Communities of Puget Sound," comprising workers from the more than 16 sexual minority organizations and service centers in Seattle and Tacoma.

Workshops, panels, and rap groups will be offered on a variety of topics including "The Institutional Oppression of Sexual Minorities," "Patterns of Gay Relationships," and "Gender Identity and Transexual Expression."

There will also be a variety of cultural presentations including theater, poetry, art, and music from the gay movement. Representatives from the various gay organizations and service centers will be on hand with information concerning their activities and programs.

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Adopts Report --

The San Francisco Mental Health Advisory Board has adopted the report of its subcommittee on Homosexual Activity and the Law.

The subcommittee chairman, Mr. Rosenblat, read the report to the MHAB at their April tenth meeting and urged not only its adoption but vigorous dissemination to the media and legislators.

The board adopted the report and his resolution unanimously.

Some stereotypes were shattered by the evidence gathered into this report over the last years. Of the five hundred and five valid charges of Rape in the year of 1972, "Those classified as Homosexuals: NONE", indicating that homosexuals do not engage in rape.

Of the one hundred and seven offenses of child molestation, "classified as homosexual: - NONE".

In addition to these figures, the committee has access to the mental health literature on the subject and cited, "one careful study (ore-

gon) which showed over ninety five percent (of child molestation offenses) to be HETEROSEXUAL contacts, mostly WITHIN the family UNIT (especially stepfathers, uncles,)." Thus is it made virtually clear that molestation of children is a heterosexual problem, not a homosexual one.

They found that of two thirds of arrests for soliciting a lews and lascivious act "were by plain clothesmen (vice squad)" A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF LAW is that of prhi

prohibiting a person from deceitfully or directly using, or enticing another to commit a crime. If done by a police officer, who then arrests the very person he/she has enticed, it is called EN-TRAPMENT.

"When a police officer declares in court that a person has solicited him/her for prohibited sex and the other denies it, it is the case of 'one person's word against another'". If police officers automatically are believed to be the truth-tellers, the power of unchecked abuse (especially entrapment) COULD be great." In addition they noted that there were "NO arrests for petting, (or) heterosexual requests (solicitation)."

The report concludes with some recommendations.

Since modern scientific findings (anthropology, medicine, Kinsey, Masters, et al) have thoroughly demolished the 1870's definition of "natural" sex, and since it is patently obvious that millions of "normal" people practice the so-called "unnatural" acts hundreds of millions of times; and since

constant violations of a law on such a massive scale breeds a contempt for it and for law in general; and since the only function of these laws has been a threat and/or an open invitation to blackmail; "they all add nothing to the public safety or welfare" (S.C.J. Robert Conyers).

Pending appeal of laws defining "unnaturalness", we recommend that the law enforcing agencies not attempt to vigorously enforce these "laws", except where the sexual activity is a true public nuisance.

Under section 290 of the statutes, any one convicted of any offense under 267, 268, 286, 288, 288a, 314.1,2 and 647 (a) (d) must thereafter register (in prescribed fashion) as a "sex offender." This is a gross lifetime condemnation of a person; we recommend the total repeal of this section.

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Although the main outreach is to the gay community with a message of God's love and His salvation through His son Jesus Christ, they are achieving a good balance of gays and straights in the congregation.

At present they have two community houses, one at 1216 Norwood Road where the church offices are located and one out on Mt. Bonnell overlooking the lake.

There are several activities scheduled throughout the week, held at the community houses. These include bridge parties, pot lucks, etc.

They are now involved in Key '73 - a major evangelical effort undertaken by the major denominations in the U.S. to bring the good news of the gospel to every home in America this year.

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GAY MEN IN PRISON

This article is being written after eight months of work coordinating the Southwest Gay Prisoner Project, whose ads have appeared many times in this paper. It is written after much reading and personal experience. Finally, it is being written as a response to the hysterics of the straight media decrying "homosexual rape" in jails. I am indebted to two sociologists; Peter Buffum in *Homosexuality in Prisons* and Laud Humphreys in *Out of the Closets; The Sociology of Homosexual Liberation* for their insights.

The prison is one of the number of closed, single sex institutions, a total institution which becomes nearly the total environment of its

inmates. The prison population is physically, psychologically, and sexually intact. Most jails and prisons are very authoritarian-run and prisoners have little say so in their daily lives and little chance to exercise autonomy. For the average heterosexual man who finds himself without the customary objects to dominate, women, he feels powerless and his false sense of masculinity is threatened to its core. Most researchers in the field all come to the same conclusion: that most rape in prisons is by men who define themselves as hetero/straight and most of the men who are raped are gays or effeminate/slight straight men. Those suspected of homosexual inclinations are singled out to be dominated, and abuse and rape is a logical extension of that need to dominate and achieve power over others that many straight men have.

Most sex in prisons, though, is not rape although that is what the media picks up on. Many straight men come out in jail and maintain serious, intense relationships. Often for the first time there are no women, the usual source of support and affection and so many straights, needing love, turn to other men for deep emot-



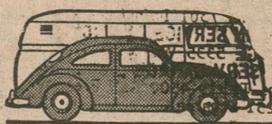
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ional contact. Often two gay men meet in prison and become lovers and friends. Sometimes a straight man takes a gay as a sort of concubine and "tricks out" with him.

Prisons vary in their security and in their attitude on homosexuality. Many gays face segregation which, while it prevents them from being physically and psychically abused by straight inmates, often they are forbidden to work in shops, deprived of money, and not allowed to have "good time" credits for earlier release. Also by removing homosexual prisoners into their own jail ghetto the needs of the straight "wolves" as jail lingo calls them, are not satisfied and they turn on each other to sexually abuse and dominate. Finally, gay segregation in prisons carries over into the outside world and reinforces the subordinate position of gays in society and their inequal treatment in the eyes of the law. In America all men are created straight... Prison isn't as different an institution as most of us think. I learned that early in the project. Much of what goes on for my gay brother in prison and the countless people who write me is not that different from what happens on the outside. Rape is uncommon; loose sexual liasons predominate and some gays achieve a lasting love affair. Straight inmates as a whole are unfriendly and insulting to gay men imprisoned; but there are exceptions. Deprived of their crutches they need to prop up their sagging "manhood" they turn on gays as supposedly weaker "punks".

There are now several regional and national groups that specialize in assisting homosexual prisoners. The pioneer group in this field was Join Hands in California. A penpal service is started and legal, educational, and financial aid often is included. Various homophile, gay lit, and gay church groups help gay prisoners. Gays in jail

Texas legislatures are busy at work on the revision of Texas' out-of-date laws. The way the law, concerning sex, appears to be shapeing up now seems to be quite interesting, but more interesting for straights than gays. For instance, if a man and woman wish to enjoy anal or oral intercourse, it will not be illegal. After all, what one does in the privacy of one's bedroom should be of no concern to lawmakers. But if gays wish to enjoy the same activities, in private, well you know. After all, society must be protected!

But cheer up. We won't be quite as illegal. The penalty, as it stands now, is up to 15 years for either gays or straights. And never mind that only gays are ever punished. But Section 21.06 will make consenting private sex (for gays) a Class B misdemeanor punishable by up to 6 months! Well, that's nice.

Eight states now have no laws for sex between consenting persons in private. Texas may someday join the ranks. But in the meantime, **BE DISCREET. LIKE STRAIGHTS?**

have recently organized themselves where possible. They have formed the National Gay Prisoners Coalition % Charles Wheeler, -- #213735 - P. O. Box 520 - Wash. State Pen. Walla Walla, WA 99362. There are many court cases and legal actions as well as educational programs and literature concerning gays in jail, particularly in California. For information in this part of the country write: Southwest Gay Prisoner Project % Dennis Milam, 1906 San Gabriel, #9, Austin, Texas 78705.

"MOTHER" of BIG "D"

Hi There, Mother of Dallas Here!

First of all congratulations to the new Miss Houston, Marilyn Michaels and all the runner ups. All the girls here are buzzing about the Miss Texas Pageant -- sewing machines are mucho in demand, and they are all anticipating a fun week-end for that gala occasion!

Mother has had a very full fun month, but all good things must come to an end. Yes, Mother went on the wagon after four months of severe eneliration! Can you imagine one whole entire day without a citrus? Even got Dougalinis tits together, and we went fishing - almost froze old puss off!! Dougalina got one good breath of fresh air in her lungs and they almost colapsed! These Baroom lungs of your mother's can't take all this back-to-nature bit unless it's in the raw!

Speaking of being on the wagon, we caught Big David's show at the Landing one Wednesday evening, and she says she is on the wagon!!

Even without the aid of a boost of booze she could still fly around and kick those legs in the air -- my Dear."

The body beautiful Sadji couldnd't have been better or more beautiful. That girls has the most georgeous eyes I've ever seen! We did enjoy the show and Donnie Mae enjoy the show and Donnie Mae its good to see you back, behave your self girl ---.

We have had a number of contests and such in Big D this month. Tex and Joe at the Encore hosted a Mardi Gras do that was very enjoyable, even though the sound system blew midway the show-- but good ole saw #2, Ronsue, came to the rescue with her system in time to save the show.

I guess the biggest blast of the month was Mother's Birthday party. Hosted by Flame Fleming and Brenda Starr at the Detour, it was the party of the year, and even the Dallas Police Department was represented--in a friendly way of course. A Happy Birthday to you

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Bill and Ray celebrated their 8th anniversary on St. Pat's Day. Miss Ray says they're doing it more and enjoying it more. How's that for a marriage that no one thought was made in heaven? Hope you have numeri more.

We have girls constantly coming and going. Many seem to be migrating to the West Coast. We'll miss you and your husband Miss Cotten! Then on the other hand we have added to our community the Salty Sisters from Salt Lake. Welcome Brent and Chuck. Think they plan to settle here and raise a ruckus.

We have had a divorce or two, but we also have some budding romances which could lead to something a bit permanent. Mother isn't too free with her blessings on these "love at first sight" affairs. Sometimes it's an adventurous hooter that begins and ends the hole thing.

I hear business has been perked up at Studio 9 . . . You might check with good ole Fred at Entree Nuit. Saw him at Ronsue's last night, and he seemed to be getting around alrighty....

The Lady of the Lake has just returned from a week-end in L.A. with numeri messages and goodies from friends. They say I can return now, they've finally recovered from my last visit. If you're planning a trip there soon, go by the David Lounge on Melrose and ask for good-ole-George, the black bitch of David. Tell her Mother sent you - - -

To end my little epistle, I must do a little sidhin' as in any city we have the never ending flow of ass-piring young female impersonators. Just a word of advice to those who will come and go, and even those who stay--if you can't make it on your own merits and in your own drag---forget it!

These girls spend a lot of time and money on their costumes, jewelry, feather boas and records -- much too much for a rip-off by a sister who could very easily be a has/been before she starts.... Any good girl might have to tell a little fib now and again to prevent blood shed, but there is nothing good to be said for a thief.

Here's to a Happy Easter ---
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The Metropolitan Community Church had been in their newly purchased home only about a month. Much work needed to be done getting the battered building clean, safe and decorated. There were holes in the floor, and the roof leaked badly. Paint and plaster were peeling off the walls. Window panes were broken or missing. Despite this, about 125 people enjoyed the food and had a glorious time.

There is still much work to be done on the building, but great progress has been made. Surely even more people will take advantage of this second feast. Be one of them. I promise you, you'll receive a warm welcome and you'll like it.

Also coming up in April is Movie Nights at MCC. This is tentatively planned for Friday and Saturday nights, April 20th and 21st. (But you might want to call 826-0291 to confirm this.) As this is going to press, the name of the movie has not been released. But MCC hopes it will be a gay rollicking film you may have missed a few seasons back. But even if you did see it, you'll want to laugh through it once more. A donation of \$1.50 per person is



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One more thing. If you or one of your friends would like to live in a real neat apartment house run by gays for gays, close to downtown Dallas, with very reasonable rent, you might inquire around MCC.

One more thing still. The Singles Club meets twice a month. They contribute to the gay community by folding and distributing the MCC newsletter. They also have Game Nights, dinner parties, and theatre outings. So, what good is sitting alone in your room? Come where the music plays

GAGS, READ THIS

(from the TEXAS OBSERVER, March 16, 1973)

'Psychiatry for better or for worse, has come to be considered the highest authority on a good many matters, including homosexuality. Many psychiatrists like Thomas Szasz and Martin Hoffman have followed the lead of Freud in calling homosexuality nothing more than an individual variation. Others like Irving Bieber have gone to great pains to demonstrate that homosexuals are categorically sick. But if even the harshest verdict of the psychi-

atrists is accepted, its still hard to imagine any intelligent argument to support the jailing of homosexuals.'

"The persecution of homosexuals date from the inception of the Christian hegemony and has included as punishment legal castration in modern California, mandatory life sentences in Georgia, and death by burning at the stake during the Spanish inquisition. If the antiquity of the persecution partially explains the resistance to change, it also gives some indication on an enormous amount of accumulated human suffering."

S.I.R. Pen Pals

The Society for Individual Rights is now maintaining a Pen Pal list to provide a means of communication for gay men and women throughout the country and the world. There is no charge for the service other than a stamped self-addressed envelope to minimize the cost of running the service.

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For further information contact Lee Spencer, Society for Individual Rights, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94103 (415) SU1-1570.

BOOKS



DOUBLE-F:
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COLOR PHOTOS OF THE ATROCITIES -- poems by Kenneth Pitchford - An Atlantic Monthly Press Book - Little, Brown and Company - Boston - Toronto.

This is the first book by a man in which the concern with anti-sexism is stated as a priority--not as ideology, but as concrete details drawn from personal life, complete with an emotional expression of the cost of that involvement. The poems in "Struggle Entries" focus on the anti-sexist struggles in the poet's relationship with a radical feminist and their child. Those in "Effemist Inklings" -- including the well-known Flaming Faggots Manifesto--speak with eloquence of his

own oppression as a homosexual, conveying (perhaps for the first time) how deep is the homosexual's experience of love, how vivid and painful his world, how perilous his survival. Finally, "War Casualties" displays an explosion of consciousness born of commitment, militance, and a transcendental glimpse of freedom that sings from the page, concluding with "Four Ways"--about the four sorts of people who make a revolution: the saint, the martyr, the prophet, and the hero.

Pitchford has published two previous books of poems, The Blizzard Ape and A Suite of Angels. His poetry and prose have appeared widely in magazines such as The Nation, Poetry, The Saturday Review; media such as Liberation News Service, Faggoty, Rat, The Village Voice; anthologies such as A Controversy of Poets, The New Yorker Book of Poems, Campfires of the Resistance, and The Movement Toward a New America.

As an activist in the Revolutionary Effeminism Movement, Pitchford has defied anti-faggot campus administrators, disrupted panels of effemiphobic psychiatrists, taken part in a homosexual riot in Greenwich Village, and now co-edits Double F. Most recently, he has given talks in cities and on campuses across the country, as well as readings from Color Photos. His talks dwell on the necessary struggle to end male domination in the world and on the vital place of effeminists in this struggle.

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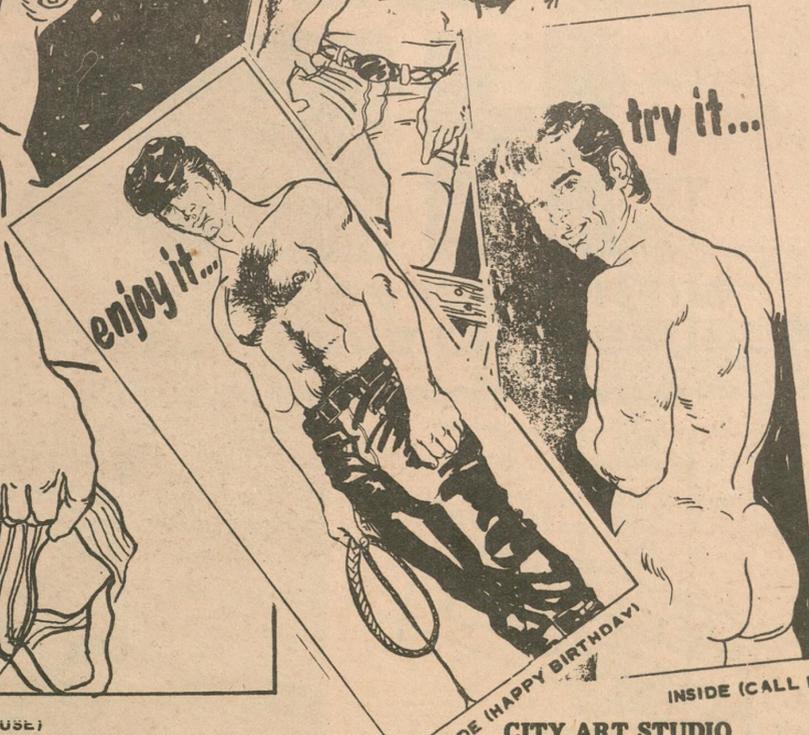
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PRO-GAY BOOK from Inside Academia

Out of the Closets: The Sociology of Homosexual Liberation, by Laud Humphreys, Prentice Hall, 176 pp., \$5.95 hardback, \$2.75 paperback.

Inside the world of academia, a sometimes quiet, sometimes noisy battle has been raging among social scientists (as well as pure scientists and engineers). Basically, it's a conflict between those (the majority) who accept the values of American society and those who challenge those values in alliance with oppressed peoples.

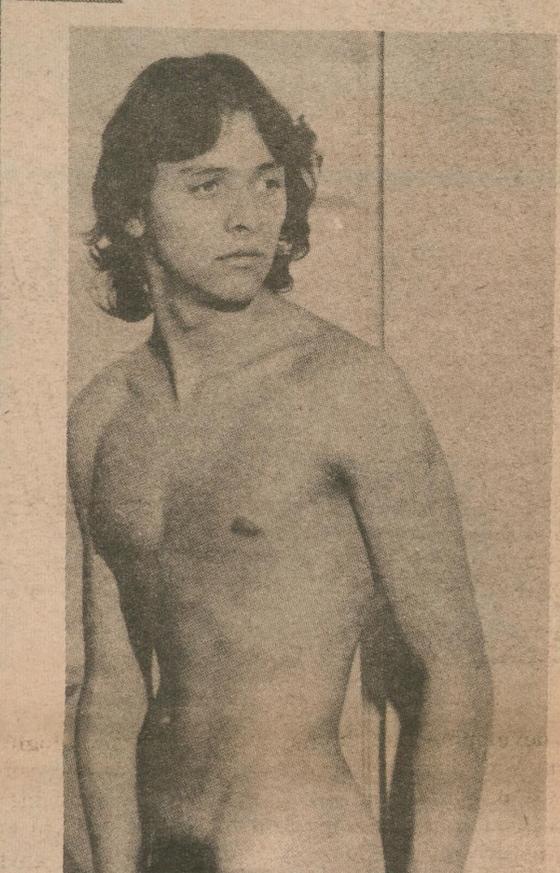
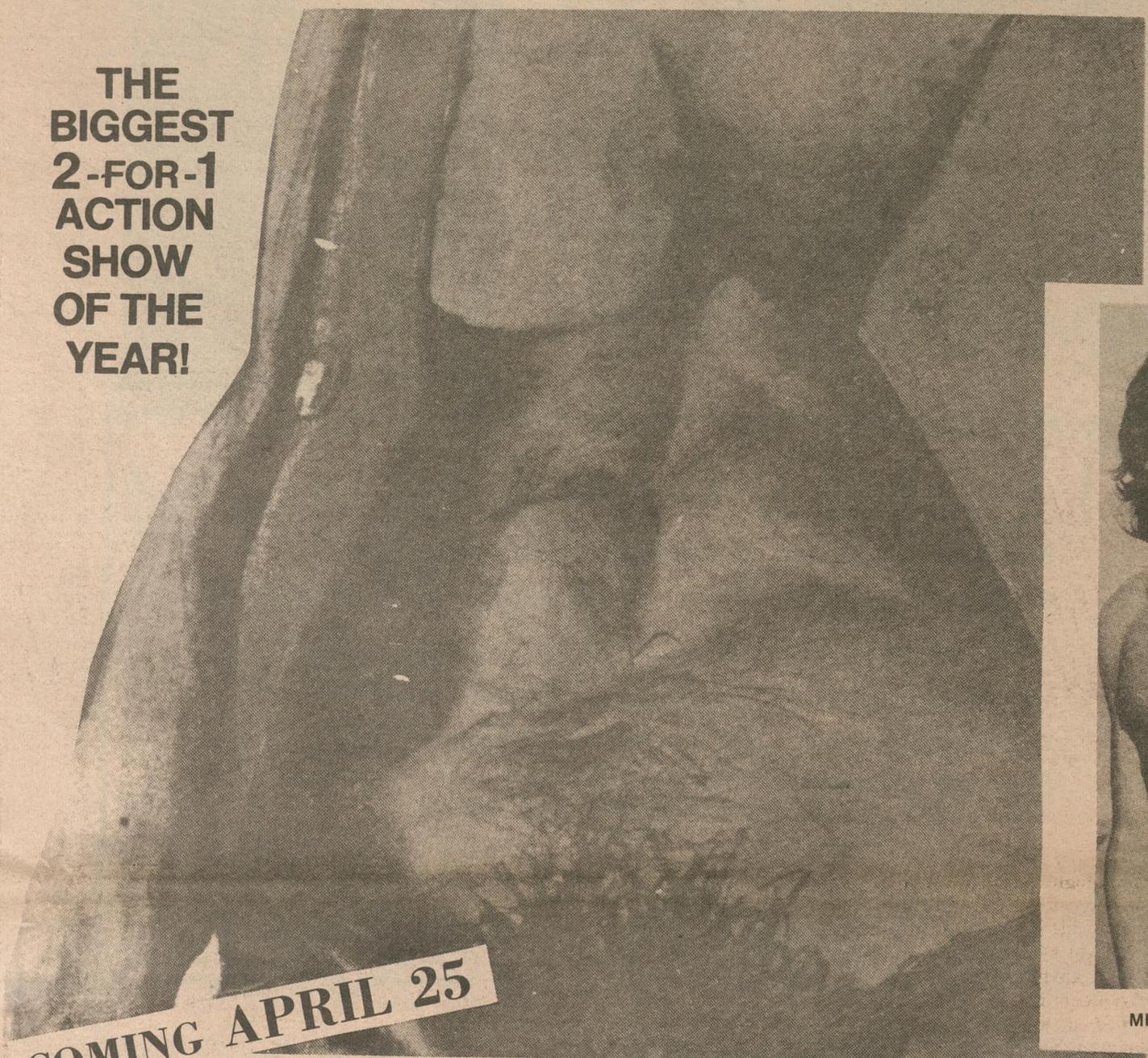
Laud Humphreys is one of the first academicians to direct his studies so that they are of assistance to the gay liberation movement. An earlier book written by him (Tearoom Trade) is a study of men who sneak away from their straight lives to seek anonymous sex in public restrooms; it strikingly documents a connection between sexual repression and right-wing political behavior.

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the development of the gay movement and the nature of gay oppression. It provides, for example, significant data and analysis of how gay oppression is accompanied by economic oppression -- how gay people are channeled into certain kinds of jobs (many of them low-paying), and how closetry is essential for any gay person who wants to function in certain professions.

There is something that disturbs me, however, about Humphries relationship to gay liberation -- and perhaps it is the problem of the "trained observer" studying a

"sociological phenomenon." As far as can be determined from reading his works, Humphreys is a straight sympathizer. He doesn't reveal anything of his own involvement in gay consciousness beyond a kind of humanitarian, Christian concern for the welfare of others. He doesn't even answer the obvious question: how much hassle and/or wierd vibes has he gotten within the sociological profession because of his interest in homosexuality.

So, along with gratitude for his work, I feel a certain mistrust for Humphries, perhaps not unlike the

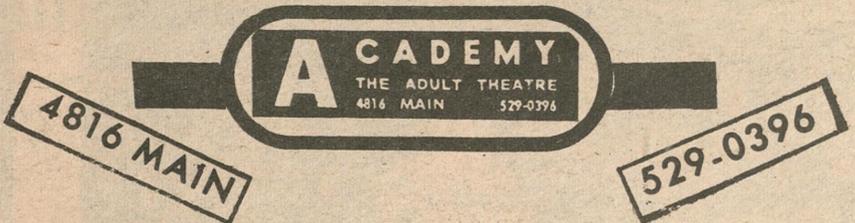
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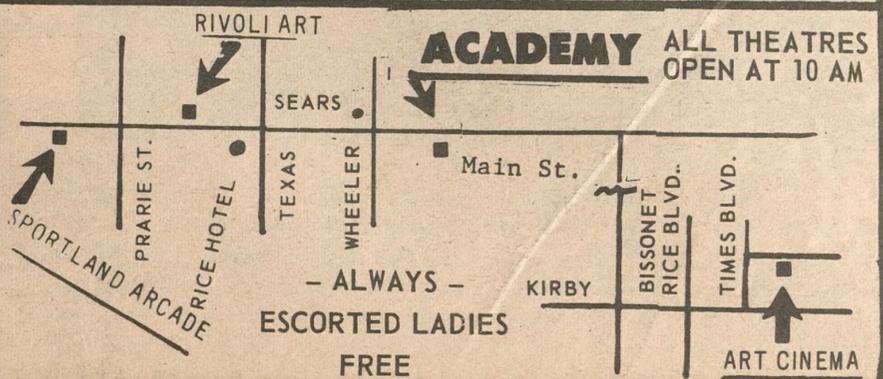


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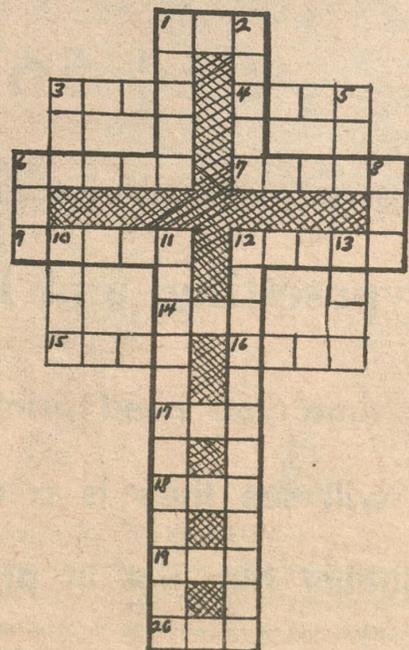


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3. cleaceous tree
5. dry (wine)
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8. poss. pronoun
10. Cain's brother
11. wrote *Lysistrata*
12. he painted in the Sistine Chapel
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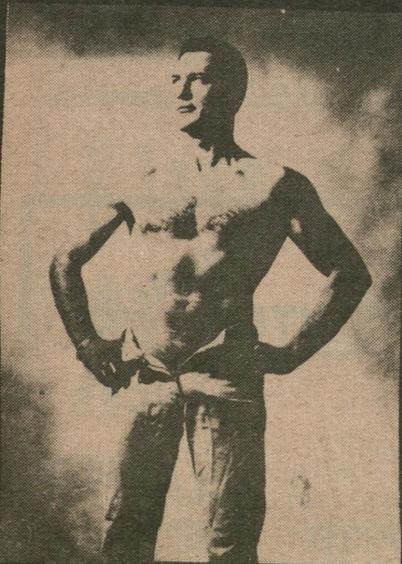
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mistrust that a radical Native American might feel for a "sympathetic" white anthropologist or the mistrust that black liberationists feel for "sympathetic" white social scientists. I hope in any case that Humphreys work inspires gay people interested in sociology and political science to openly help their brothers and sisters. In this time of job shortages, however, it can be unrealistic and unfair to chant "Out of the closets!" at working people, including teachers.

Another shortcoming of this book

is Humphreys' expression of rather definite sympathies for the activist but reformist political tendency within gay liberations, exemplified by the New York Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) and by gay people who work within the Democratic Party. The author seems to misunderstand, misinterpret and even mislabel (with the strange term "gayrev") the revolutionary kind of gay consciousness that emerged out of the original Gay Liberation Front -- a consciousness which now lacks organizat-

ional form but which has by no means died.

The author also ignores or underestimates the fact that whereas many lesbians link their notion of gay liberation to feminist and anti-authoritarian concepts, male-oriented GAA wing of the gay movement has not done so. It is one thing for Humphreys to direct his research primarily toward male homosexuals; that is just a matter of practicality for a man. But he understands little or nothing about lesbians, and it is my opinion that someone so concerned with gay liberation must learn better how it relates to lesbians and all wo-

men. Gay liberation, strengthened by the ideas of effeminism, is ultimately not a mere civil rights movement but rather it is a revolutionary movement in which men overcome "masculinity" and try to ally with women.

Whatever the political failures of the book, the gathering together of facts if valuable and impressive. It may help to convince some people, gay and straight, of the validity of our movement. Still, it seems strange to say that we need "facts" and "arguments" to justify a movement which is based so much on experience and feelings.

Humphreys, after all, does not and cannot write from the perspective of gay range.

--reviewed by Allen Young

(Editors' note: Laud Humphreys, book should not be confused with another book that has a similar title. That other book, a new anthology, is *Out of the Closets; Voices of Gay Liberation*, edited by Karla Jay and Allen Young (Douglas Books, 1972).

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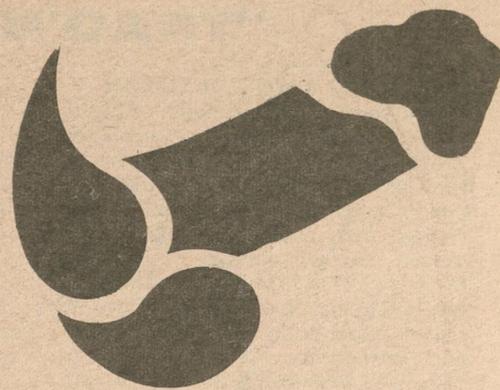
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SMALL MIRACLES AT MONTROSE GAZE

by Wade Frey and Billy Walker

Montrose Gaze is a small outfit located at 504 Fairview and Whitney. Twenty people attend the Wednesday night membership meetings at 7:30. Only a handful of gays populate the center on a given night. Small outfit or not, the center has a way of producing small miracles week after week, month after month.

The following illustrations will show you what we mean about miracles.

It's eight o'clock p.m. The phone at the Montrose Gaze Center rings. The voice of a young man comes over the line and asks where the center is located. The doorman gives directions on how to get to the center, but before he finishes giving directions, the young man bursts out with "I am so lonely. I'm new in town and on I'm new in town and don't know anybody. And I just don't go for cruising the streets to pick up a trick."

The doorman advises the young caller to come on down to the center, telling him that it is easy to meet other gay people at the center.

What the Montrose Gaze Center offers people is friendship.

Someone else comes into the center, feeling a need to contribute to something: the center comes up with a project, feeling needs for this. The Montrose Gaze

plan to make Easter Baskets and take them to Texas Childrens Hospital. The group also plans a community Easter dinner to be held at the center Sunday, April 22.

A young teenager comes in. He doesn't know where to go, and he feels like he is the only one in the world who has such burdensome problems with his parents. He meets other young gay people his same age, and finds out that things are not that bad. He enters into a rap session with the other into a rap session with the others at the center, and each person is able to help another person a little bit with his problems.

People need people. That is why the Montrose Gaze Center is successfully meeting gay people's need in Houston week week after week. The center is week after week. The center serves as a meeting ground for gay people to come and get acquainted with others like themselves.

Are you tired of battling your problems? Are you in a lone-come rut? Get out of it!

The Montrose Gaze is a friendly place. More and more gay people are proudly claiming the center building as "their" place and bringing their friends to look the place over.

The small miracle of gay friendship happens here. Come on over and experience some of this small miracle yourself one day soon.

You may find out you're not so different after all.

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Several letters of protest have recently been sent to authorities of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons regarding the harrassment of John John A. Gibbs and Ernest Valenzuela who have been attempting to seek recognition from the Department of Education for gay sin the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Gibbs is on the borad of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition and was attempting to form a chapter of that group in the prison where he and Valenzuela are confined. Last December 10 visitors from the Lawrence College Gay Liberation Front were prevented from visiting him. On January 15, both he and Valenzuela wrer isolated from the general population by being locked up in their cells, where they remain until now. They have also been threatened with removal to another Federal institution.

On January 30, materials sent to the Supervisor of Education at the prison were returned without comment to Chirs Wheeler, Director of the National Coalition of Gay Prisoners, who had protested the lack of recognition given the gay inmates.

Further protests should be sent to congressmen and to Norman A. Carlson, Director, Bureau of Prisons, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20537.

Chapters of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition have been formed and approved in state prisons at Walla Walla and Minnesota Mens Reformatory.

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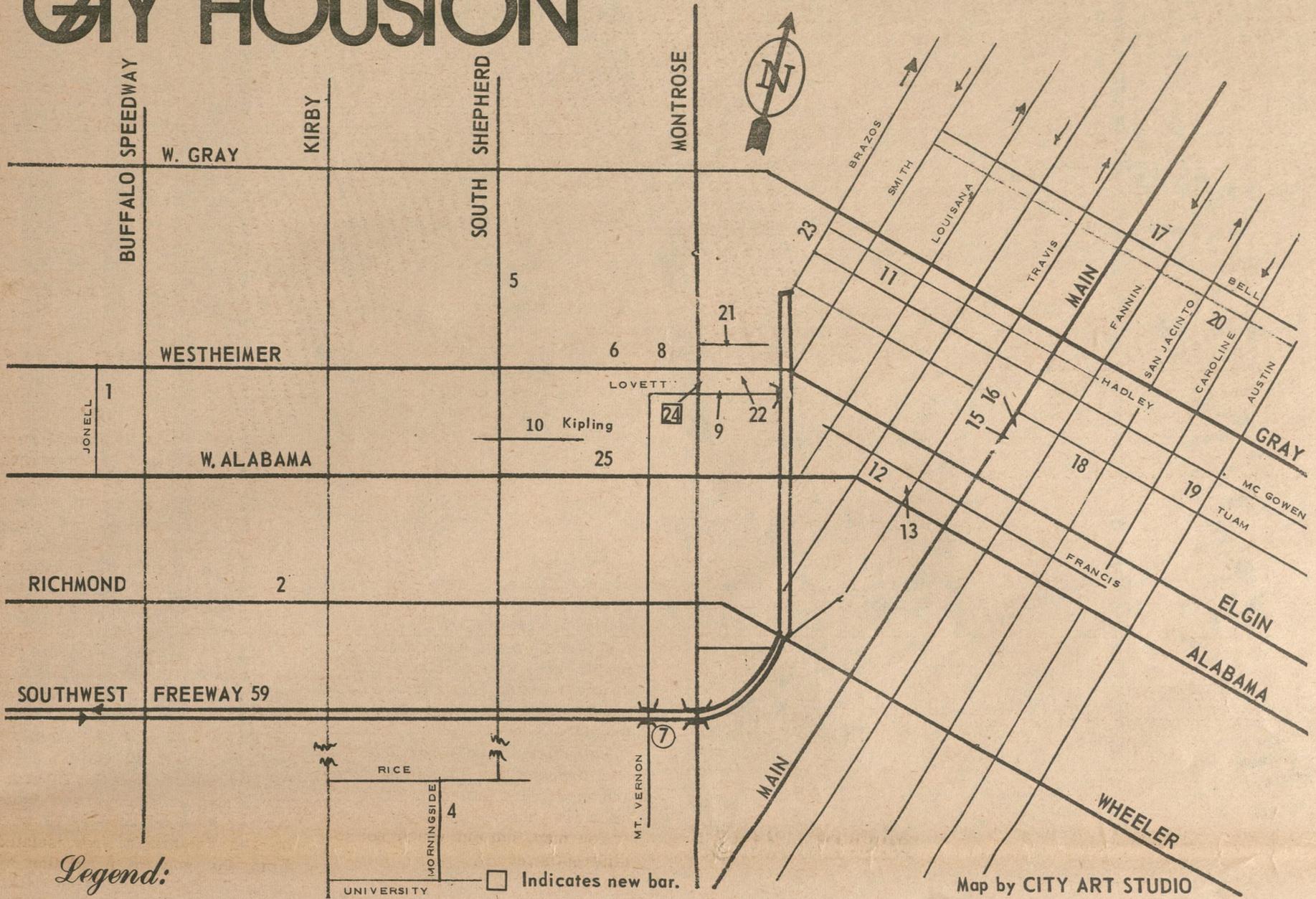
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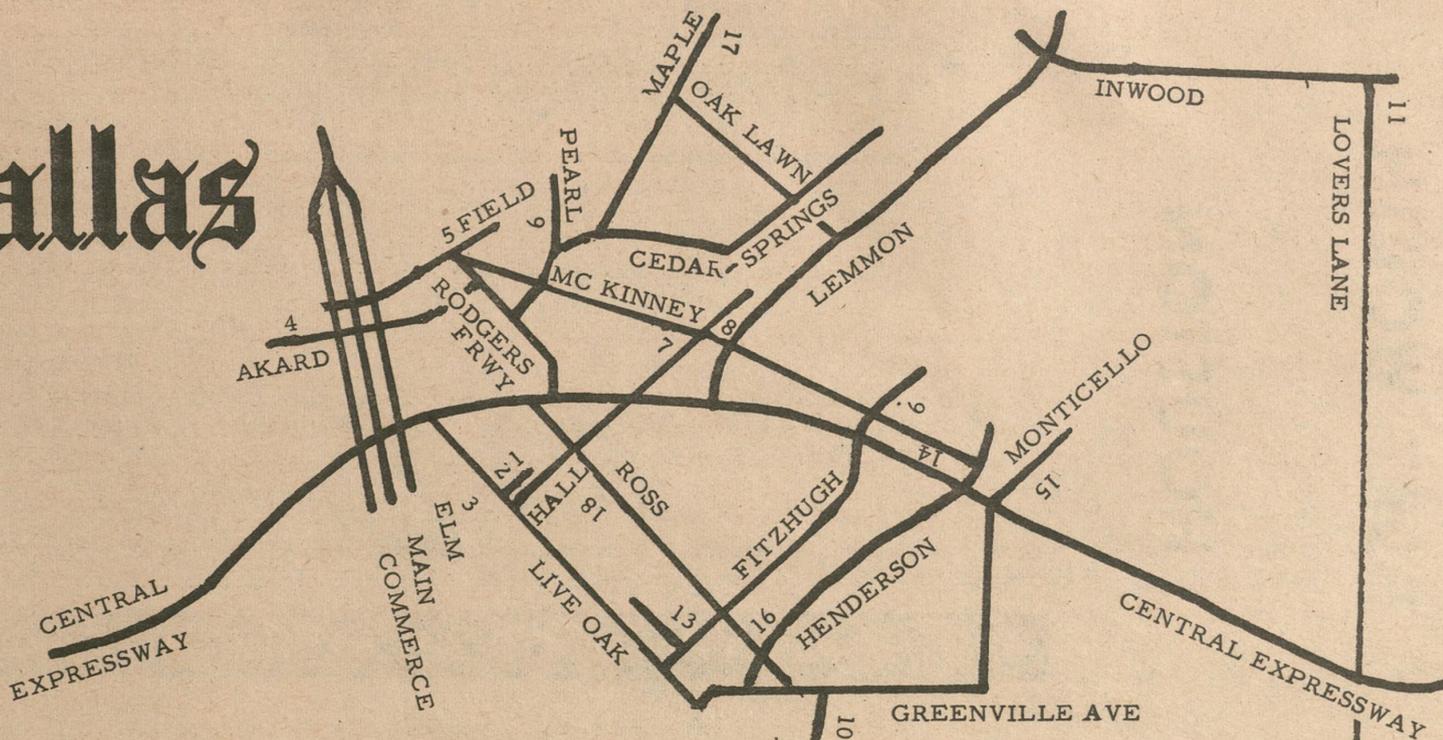
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