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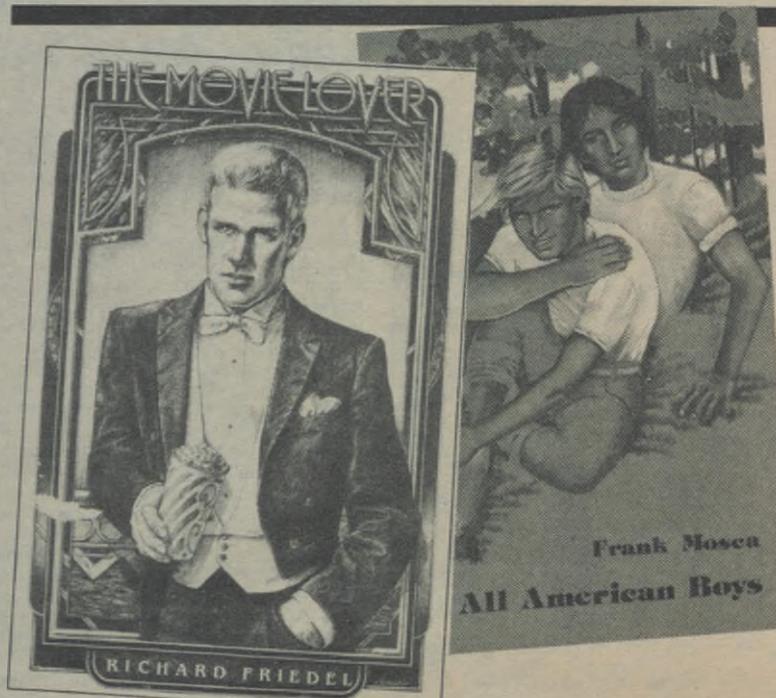
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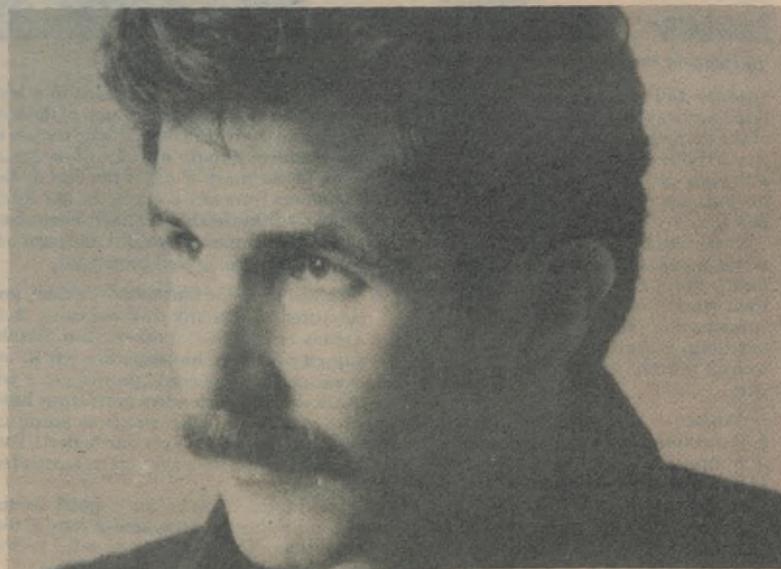
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Business may be great this Christmas, but not everything was moving like hotcakes, reports the *Wall Street Journal*.

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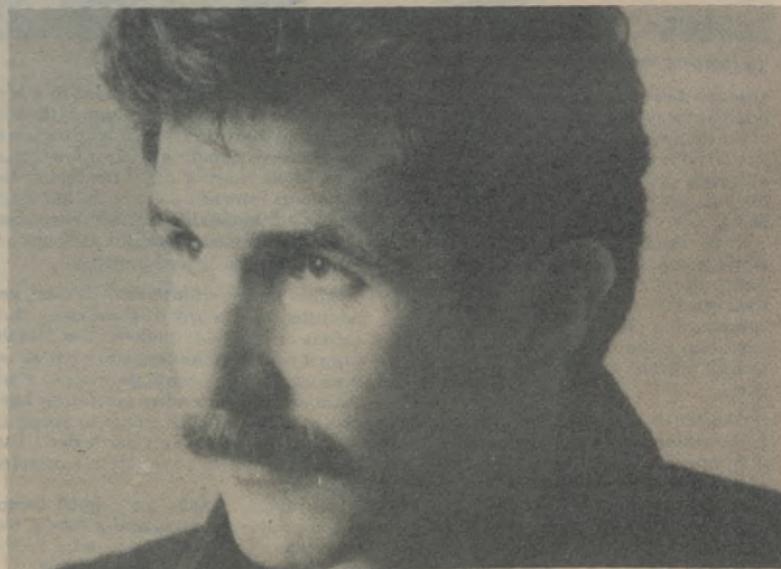
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A wiser woman than I would just resign herself to learning how to move it with the big kids. Not me, boy. You won't catch me in a gym full of third graders going, "One, two, three, turn!" I ignored TM, est and macrame, and I can outwait this silly and tenacious preoccupation with actual skill on the dance floor. Alright, so I don't have rhythm. I'll wait 'til the Old Values come back around: Money, Looks and Power. They're a lot more versatile and easier to acquire.

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## Texas Live



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## Paul Parker Wows Crowds in Capital City

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Popular singer Paul Parker cast his spell over the crowds at Back Street Basics in Austin during his recent appearance there. Appearing in the Capital City after successful tours in Europe, Australia and North and South America, Parker gave the enthusiastic customers soulful renditions of some of his most popular composi-

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The half-hour show included Parker doing his own songs, such as "Shot in the Night," "Right on Target," "Too Much to Dream" and "Pushing Too Hard."

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## Navy Still Trying to Unload Its Gays

The verdict's in on that Navy commander who was accused of sodomy with a crewman, reports the Associated Press, and the outcome is what was more or less expected throughout the gay community.

Cmdr. Gerald M. Vanderwier, 42, was dismissed from the service and ordered to come up with \$1,200 in back pay. He got off light—he could have received up to 15 years in prison and been forced to relinquish his benefits and all of his back pay. But since he had been in the service for over 19 years, Capt. Maitland G. Freed, the court-martial judge, felt he let him off easy.

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All this is nothing new for the Navy. In 1983, 1,167 men were kicked out for homosexuality. In 1982, the Navy unloaded 918 gays, including 17 officers.

## Merchandisers Facing Christmas Flops

Business may be great this Christmas, but not everything was moving like hotcakes, reports the *Wall Street Journal*.

Telephones, which many stores had great hopes for, are flops. So are video-discs, and a Montgomery Ward spokesman says video game cartridges are "about as close a thing as we have to a bomb."

One hopeful note for lovers of peace on earth: those big portable boom box radios are losing popularity, too.

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Leaders of the National Gay Task Force met on Nov. 29 with the new director of the Centers for Disease Control, Dr. James O. Mason, reports the NGTF newsletter.

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Apuzzo stressed how important the work of the CDC is to the gay community, particularly during the AIDS crisis.

"We want to see good epidemiology and surveillance," Apuzzo said. "This can be achieved within the context of protection of confidentiality and sensitivity to the status of gays and lesbians in American society."

## Artificial Trees Become More Popular than the Real Thing

The tree sheltering many Christmas gifts this year grew up in a laboratory, not on a mountainside, reports *USA Today*.

Americans bought eight million artificial trees in 1982, and industry spokesmen say their orders were double this year.

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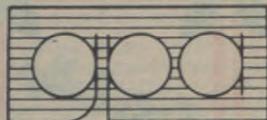


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When we sang with Holly Near those familiar lines of yearning for something better and freer, we were in part reminding ourselves of our goals and purposes, affirming to one another that we would make it to the Promised Land, to that pot of gold at the end of our quest. But while it is important for us to consider long-term goals, it seems to me that too much emphasis on our dreams may leave us just as unsatisfied as Dorothy was in the Land of Oz. What we need is an image of ourselves that is less concerned with dreaming and more occupied with doing. What we need is a political program.

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It had been a glorious fall day, with blue skies, white clouds and a light breeze that snapped the flags all around the Washington Monument. One hundred fifty thousand people had come to make themselves visible to our government and demand equality under the law.

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In *The Wizard of Oz*, the rainbow represented both escape and arrival—escape from a world of loneliness and frustration, arrival in a place of technicolor hopes and limitless potential. Like Dorothy, many of us have felt isolated and unloved, and have dreamed of some time or place where we might know security and affection. For us, as Dorothy discovers, witches have been all too real, and powerful wizards with empty promises all too plentiful (especially in election years). And, as Dorothy discovers at the end of her odyssey, the place to struggle for change is right here at home, in the real world of ordinary people and routines.

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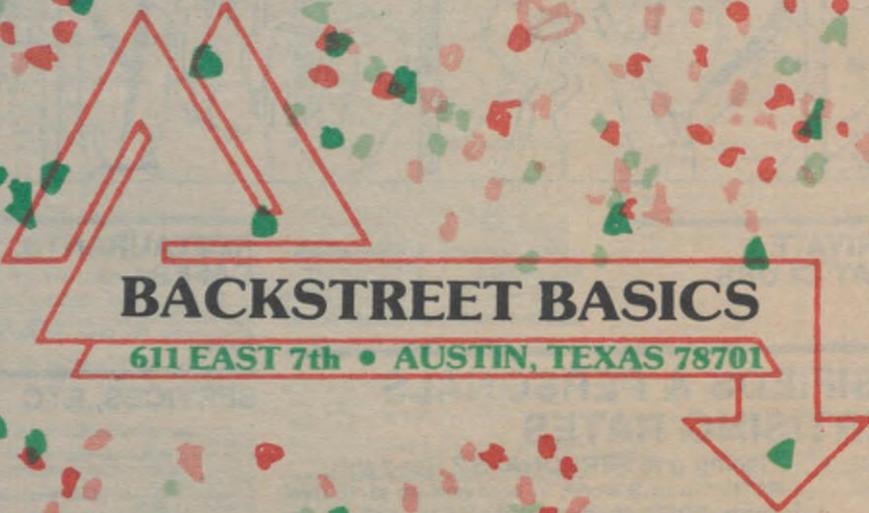
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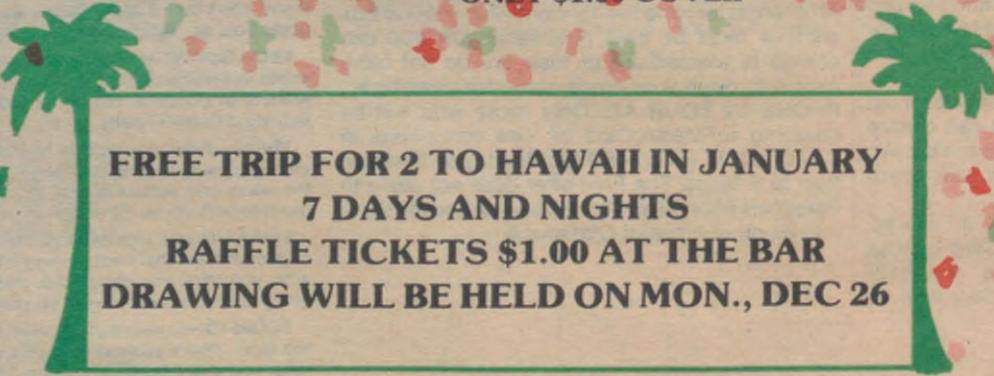
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