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SEX WITH DOGS to be OK - SEX BETWEEN GAYS - NO!

Houston D.A. explains proposed penal code.

Harris County District Attorney Carol Vance testifying before the Criminal Law Study committee of the legislature November 6th said proposed code would erase most sex crimes.

The Texas penal code revision should include removal of most sexual offenses from the realm of criminal law, Vance said.

Some eliminations by the proposed code would be bestiality in private, fornication, adultery except in its aggravated form, which is bigamy, seduction on promise of marriage, and consenting heterosexual deviate conduct in private.

Homosexual activity between human beings and rape would be retained as crimes.

Lowering the age of consent for females from 18 to 16 is also proposed by the State Bar of Texas.

The idea that it will be legal in Texas to have sexual relations with a pet poodle but illegal to have sexual relations with consenting human beings of the same gender is patently ridiculous!

Mr. Vance is vice-chairman of the legislative committee as well as a member of the revision committee.

The proposal to retain the inhuman and archaic legal prohibition against homosexual behavior between consenting adults is inconceivably insensitive to the legitimate human rights of a large minority of voting citizens of all races, creeds and colors. Just as in The Soviet Union!, our sexual behavior is to be determined by the state. (God Help Us!)

We would hope that the district attorney and others directly involved in forming the new Texas Penal Code will rise above mere political expediency designed to satisfy the brutish interests of the supposed average voter.

We would hope these men would rise to the rank of genuine statesmen, honestly concerned with the human rights of all minorities who live and work and serve in this state.

Ponography suspects arrested

Two men have been arrested here as a result of having been named in a sealed indictment issued by a federal grand jury here.

Robert Martinez, whose age and address were unknown here in Houston, was arrested in El Paso, Texas and put under \$10,000 bond, charged with 16 counts involving mailing of pornographic material.

Thomas Henry Pratt, 26, was arrested in Houston at his office, Pratt Productions, 6001 Gulf Freeway.

Postal investigators allege that the two men conspired to send and did send lewd, lascivious, vile, filthy and obscene materials through the U.S. mail, sometimes at random.

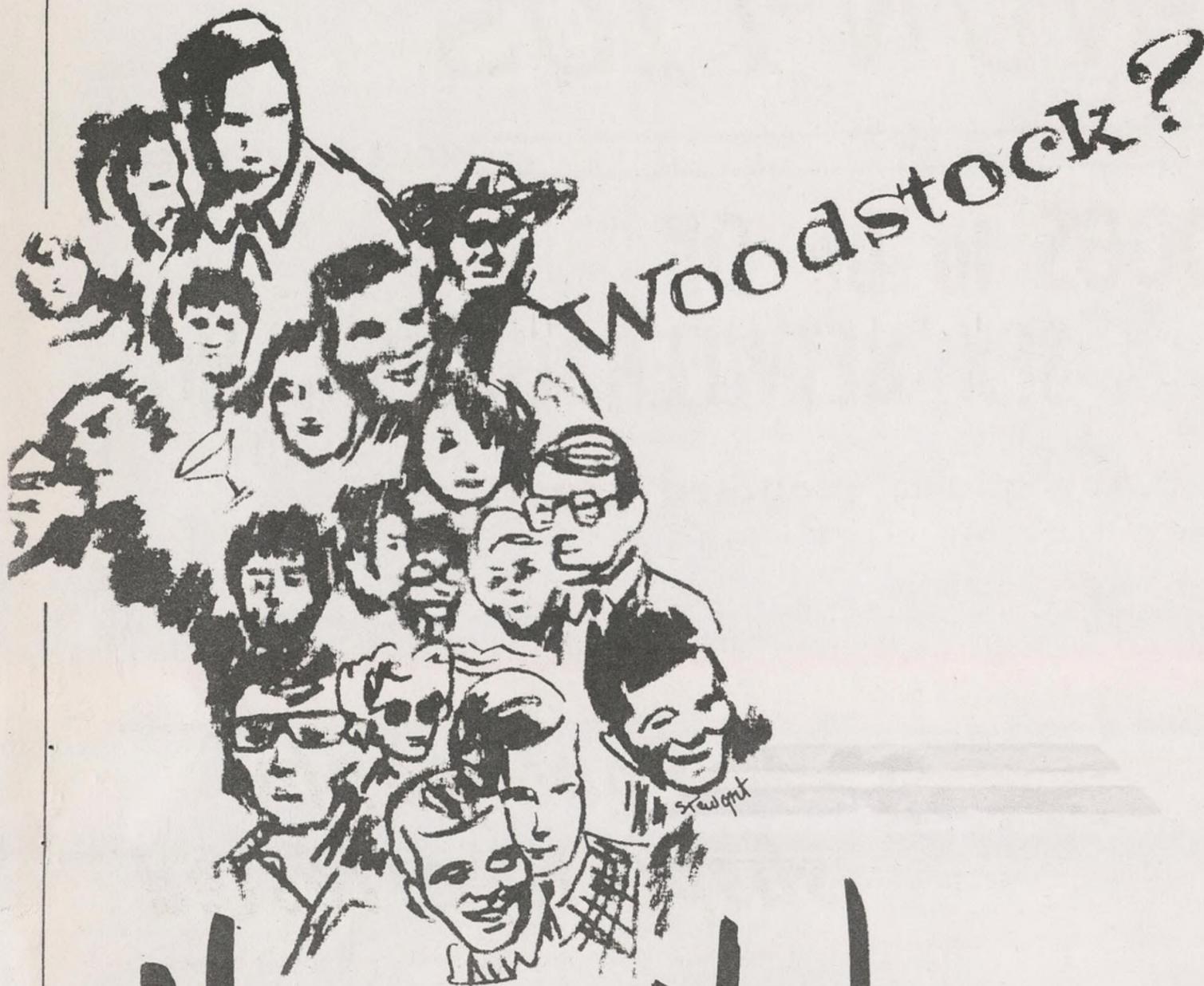
BOOKSTORES - MOVIES RAIDED

Film houses and bookstores in Houston have been the target recently of raids staged by the Houston police vice officers.

Persons arrested in these numerous raids were charged with exhibiting obscene movies.

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The A & A Bookstore, a favorite of many gays in this city has been raided on two occasions as have the others listed. Some of the others were the Zipper Lounge, Cinema X, Kitty Arts, and others.

The raids ceased in the face of a temporary injunction enjoining police from raids on the movie houses pending a higher court ruling on the constitutionality of the Texas obscenity statute.

A three-judge federal panel on November 13 overturned the temporary injunction by ruling that police may continue making arrests at places allegedly showing obscene films pending the higher court ruling.

Police Chief Herman Short said last week that raids on adult movie houses would be resumed and that patrons as well as operators and employees would be arrested.

"Since it is the law, we are going to enforce it," Short said.

Chief Short's raids on theaters showing explicit intercourse came after the three-judge federal panel set aside a restraining order which had halted the raids.

District Attorney Carol S. Vance said the raids can be conducted under the same procedures police used in the October raids.

District Attorney Vance also said it would be a matter of judgment of the raiding officers whether to arrest patrons watching the movies.



" " **NAKED ON MAIN STREET** "

The tranquility of wooded forest and mountain streams that made 'Song of the Loon' a classic gay novel is indeed missing from Amory's new book. It has been replaced by a 'Peyton Place' of sorts called 'Plesant' Valley that is anything but what its name implies. It houses a cross-state of untypical small town folk

that includes hippies, bike riders, religious fanatics and a lot of rough trade. Indeed strange bedfellows, but Amory weaves them all into a highly believable plot.

The book's protagonist, Justin Purdom, the boy next door, left home to find peace and a trick in hicksville. But, as fate and the author would have it—all does not go according to plan, and, as Justin puts it—"It was my balls got me into trouble." Trouble includes poison pen letters, peeping toms, runaway hippies and a public assignation that would put Hitchcock to shame.

Spiced with bright dialogue, original situations, and highly erotic sex—"Naked on Main Street" will be read and talked about—and I'll just bet he writes a sequel.

John Rowberry

RICHARD AMORYS new Book: "Naked On Main Street". Plus "Song Of The Loon" "Song Of Arron". "Listen, The Loon Sings". Autographed copies of "Gayboy" issue number one. "A Crocodile of Choir-boys" - "City Of Night" - "Numbers" - "The Advocate" - "The Nuntius" - and "Gaypower".

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The overwhelming percentage of all crimes are committed by known, practising heterosexuals. From theft to child molestation to rape to murder to high treason human history reeks with the outrages perpetrated daily by this majority of mankind! No amount of fantasising or rationalising can eradicate this fact. Heterosexuals, taken in this perspective, are incredibly dangerous to society and human morality: they should be removed from society for the safety of all mankind.

Preposterous? No more so than equally inaccurate observations similarly made in reference to the homosexual minority in society. No more so than the stereotyped observations of some about other minority groups today. But today praise the merciful God who made us all, these minorities no longer submit cravenly to such degradations vested upon them by the neurotics and the bigots running the land.

As with other minorities, the bigotry and prejudice of people reflects their own anxieties concerning their own view of themselves. In the instance of irrational antipathy towards homosexuality, it demonstrates a deep-seated fear of repressed personal homosexual behaviour patterns. When a so-called heterosexual attacks a so-called homosexual, he is attacking that recognised homosexual part of himself which he fears and abhors. He was taught to abhor niggers, yids, spics, crackers, honkies, wops, pigs, etc., etc., etc.!

Within the context of our culture, because of the anxiety inculcated towards anything sexual, the so-called heterosexual bias militates against the homosexual expression of human sexuality. And we are usually forced to justify this anxiety pattern by religious injunctions. To do so debases Western religions concepts to the level of superstition.

Without launching into biblical exegesis, we would suggest the central doctrine quoted most frequently by the sexually anxiety-ridden to denounce all homosexual behaviour is specious. Most who quote scripture do condone bestial treatment of fellow human beings who fulfil their sexual needs in a manner different from common heterosexual forms are biblical illiterates. The Old Testament, the motherlode of justification for inhuman treatment of human beings who happen to be gay,

denounces the temple practises of non-Jewish People— not essentially their sexuality. David and Jonathan were not blasted by a vengeful God for their homosexual relationship. On the other hand Onan was punished in the Old Testament not for auto-eroticism, but for deliberately disobeying a direct command of Yahweh to marry his brother's widow and perpetuate his family line.

Fortunately, in this country Church and State are supposedly separate — at least in theory. But we pervert this doctrine by such political tricks as imposing upon the people specific religious prohibitions against liquors, marriage between the races and personal sexual expressions. Always claiming biblical morality as justification. To dictate the personal life of another human being is outrageous when public order is not threatened. To impose upon one's neighbors a code of behaviour personally satisfactory is to deny the principle of individual liberty. To victimise a person on account of his differing preferences in any area not endangering the commonwealth is monstrous. To indulge in repression of those whose life styles deviate from one's own is to invite similar repression — whether it is abusing citizens on flimsy accusations of witchcraft, heresy or sexual preferences. Such distinctive behaviour is always, in every instance, based on fear of the different. And fear is the instrument of man's most heinous crimes against his own kind. It reduces us to the level of beasts, and denies our humanity.

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EDITORIAL

OBSCENITY RE-EVALVATED

Concerning the recent raids on theatres around Houston showing sexual intercourse on the screen, I feel that the District Attorney's office with its dangling puppets of executives are going way overboard on this issue.

It has been remarked that man has two basic urges: one of sex, the other of aggression, neither of which are uncontrollable. Yet where communication and literature are concerned, the so-called "moral leaders" (I'm beginning to question the merit of such a group here in Houston) seem to consistantly attack an over-kill the former, while completely disregarding the latter. I consider it much more of an obscenity to see a man being pumped full of bullets or a woman being mercilessly strangled to death, than to see two people making love — — — a harmless matter.

Why doesn't the District Attorney curb instead, say, the

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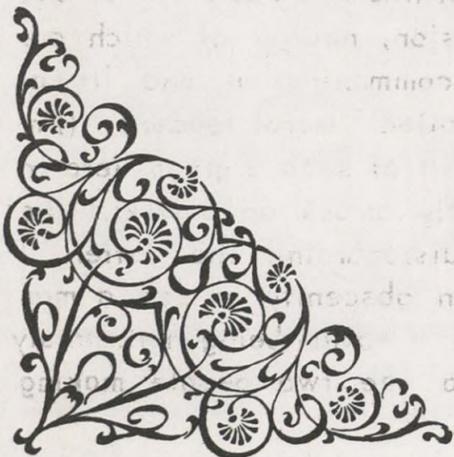
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promotion of movies like **Bonnie and Clyde**, or prohibit the pandering of books like **The Boston Strangler** and other such horrible writings? Why doesn't it censor T.V. and film in their relentless portrayal of crimes, murder, and a sick emphasis on violence? **That** is obscene! **That's** what corrupts! **Not** Nature-given sex.

But if an exposure to the horrors of violence should serve toward preserving our awareness of the realities of this world, then let's be equally realistic about the practices of sex in all its facets and not just promulgate the one while hushing the other. Furthermore, we should seriously consider the general agreement that obscenity prosecutions are among the most difficult, time-consuming, and expensive of legal actions.

Enough time and money wasted! Let's concentrate our energies on more pressing, more harmful issues. Pornography is totally harmless as long as there is no suggestion of an assault by publication in a manner so obtrusive as to make it impossible for an unwilling individual to avoid exposure to it.

A. K. DeV.

THE UP AND DOWN DRUGS

AMPHETAMINES

WHAT ARE AMPHETAMINES?

Amphetamines, first produced in the 1920's for medical use, are stimulants to the central nervous system and are best known for their ability to combat fatigue and sleepiness. They are also sometimes used to curb appetite in medically supervised weight reduction programs. The most commonly used stimulants are amphetamine (Benzedrine), dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine), and methamphetamine (Methedrine).

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WHAT ARE THE PHYSICAL EFFECTS?

Stimulant drugs increase the heart rate, raise the blood pressure, cause palpitations (throbbing heart and rapid breathing), dilate the pupils, and cause dry mouth, sweating, headache, diarrhea, and paleness. They also depress the appetite.

HOW DO THESE STIMULANTS WORK?

Scientists have found that in the body these drugs stimulate the release of norepinephrine, a substance stored in nerve endings, and concentrate it in the higher centers of the brain. This speeds up the action of the heart and the metabolism, which is the body's process for converting food into the chemicals it needs.

ARE STIMULANTS MISUSED?

About 20 percent of all medical prescriptions for mood-affecting drugs are stimulants. The amount produced by the drug industry each year is enough to provide each American with 25 doses of these drugs. The Food and Drug Administration reports that about half this supply enters illegal channels, for nonprescribed use. Stimulants are also produced in black-market laboratories and are easily obtained from illegal sources.

Stimulants are misused or abused by people of different ages and walks of life — from the middle-aged businessman or housewife to students, athletes, and truck drivers. Recent government surveys show that young people are becoming the greatest abusers of these drugs. Drivers take them to stay awake on long trips, students take them while cramming for exams, and athletes take them

although, sporting associations have banned their use. Some try them for a temporary "kick," Some abusers "get" on both stimulant and sedative drugs, to get a chemical "up" and a chemical "down." This practice is, of course, unsound, and is not recommended.

The stimulant drugs are generally swallowed as pills, but can be taken in liquid form by injection into a vein at regular time intervals. This is a dangerous practice known among abusers as "speeding."

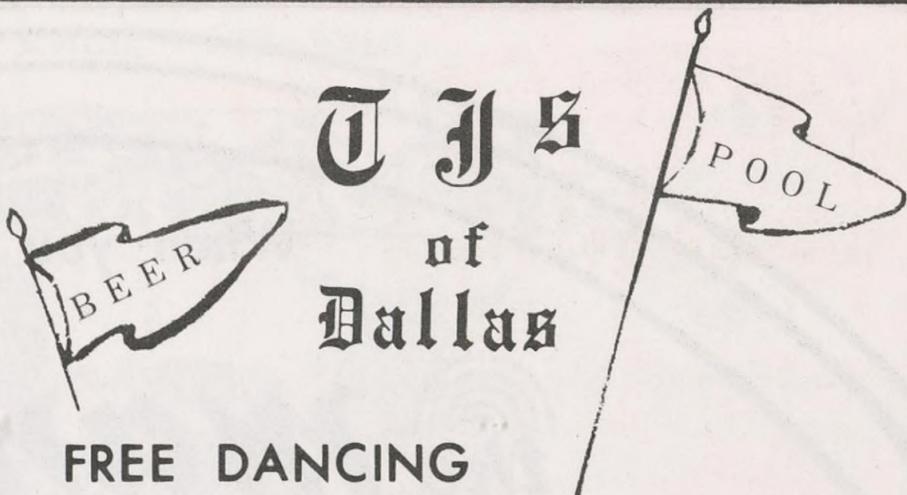
ARE THESE STIMULANTS ADDICTING?

Benzedrine, Dexedrine and other stimulant drugs do not produce physical dependence as do the narcotics. The body does not become physically dependent on their continued use. It does, however, develop a tolerance to these drugs, with larger and larger doses required to feel the effects.

There is another kind of dependence medical authorities note in connection with the abuse of stimulants. They call it "psychological" dependence, or a practice that can become a habit for mental or emotional reasons, with the person "getting used to" and turning to the drug for its effects.

HOW DANGEROUS ARE STIMULANT DRUGS?

The drugs can drive a person to do things beyond his physical endurance that leave him exhausted. Heavy



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doses may cause a temporary toxic psychosis (mental derangement) which requires hospitalization. This is usually accompanied by auditory and visual hallucinations (hearing and seeing imaginary things). Abrupt withdrawal of the drug from the heavy abuser can result in a deep and suicidal depression.

Long term heavy users of the amphetamines are usually irritable, unstable, and like other heavy drug users, show social, intellectual, and emotional breakdown.

Dangers from unsanitary injections of "speed" (methamphetamine) include serum hepatitis and abscesses. Injections of "speed" cause abnormal heart rates, and can result in psychotic states (mental derangement) and long term personality disorders. Unaccustomed high doses may cause death.

WHAT ARE THE LEGAL CONTROLS?

Stimulants are regulated by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, Department of Justice. Laws provide for a strict accounting of supplies of drugs by the manufacturer, distributor, and seller, and restrict the user to five refills of the prescription, at the discretion of his physician. This means that these drugs can be had legally only through a doctor. Illicit manufacturing and dispensing of barbiturates can bring fines up to

\$10,000 and prison sentences up to 5 years. Those convicted of selling the drugs to persons under 21 can be fined \$15,000 to \$20,000 and receive 10 to 15 years in jail. Merely possessing these drugs illegally can bring a fine of from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of 1 to 3 years. State laws also control the illicit use of these drugs.

WHY THE SMITHSONIAN MIXED THE NUDE DANCE

A nude dance solo at a government museum didn't come off — partially because the performer planned to wear an American Flag around his neck.

The incident occurred at a dress rehearsal of the Grand Union, a New York dance group booked for an appearance at the Smithsonian Museum of History and Technology.

When Steve Paxton, a member of the troupe, came forth unclad except for the flag around his neck, James Morris, director of the Smithsonian's Division of Performing Arts, called a halt.

Morris said the number was excised for several reasons — it is illegal to appear nude in the capital city; the use of the flag would be viewed by some as a desecration and the Smithsonian was a public tax-supported institution.

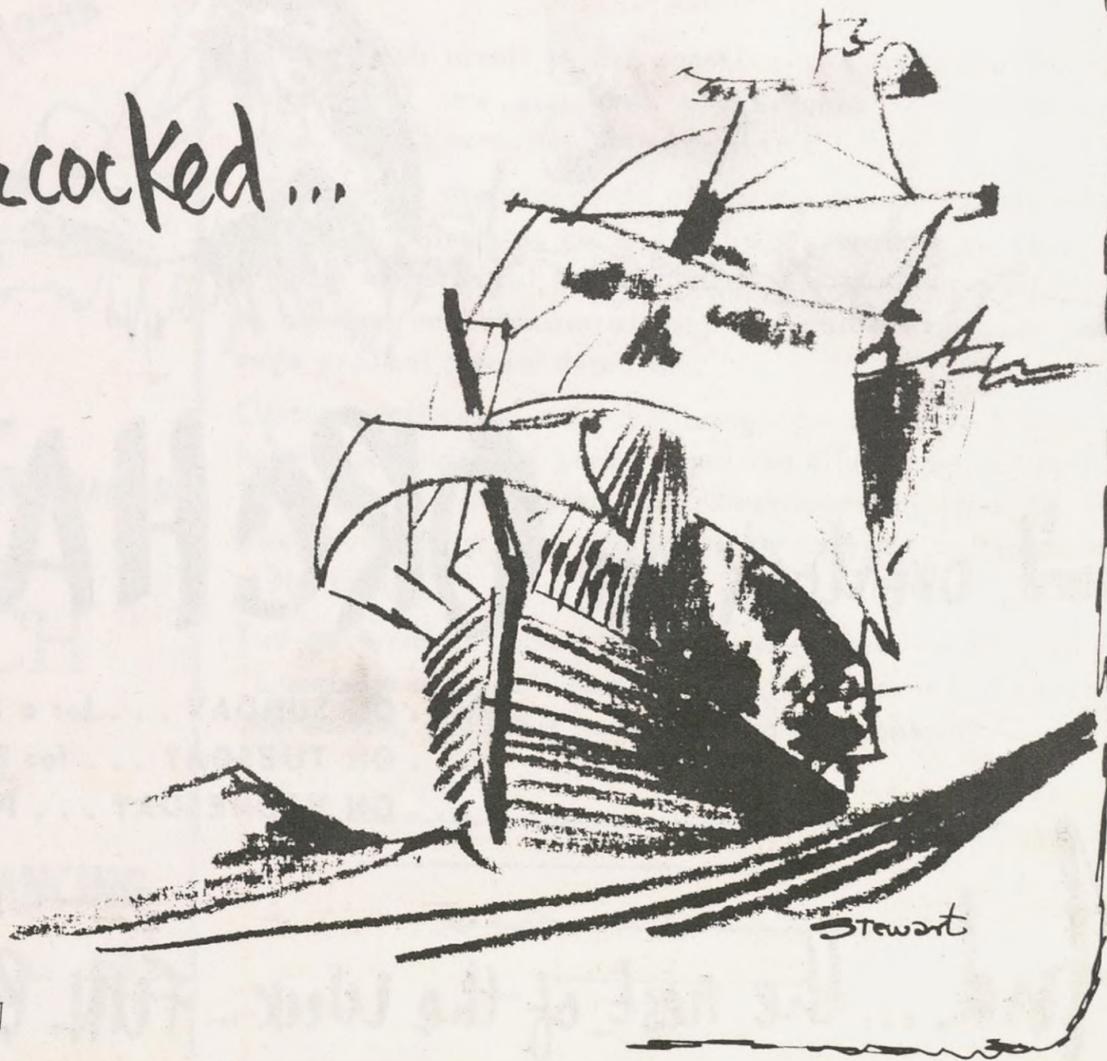
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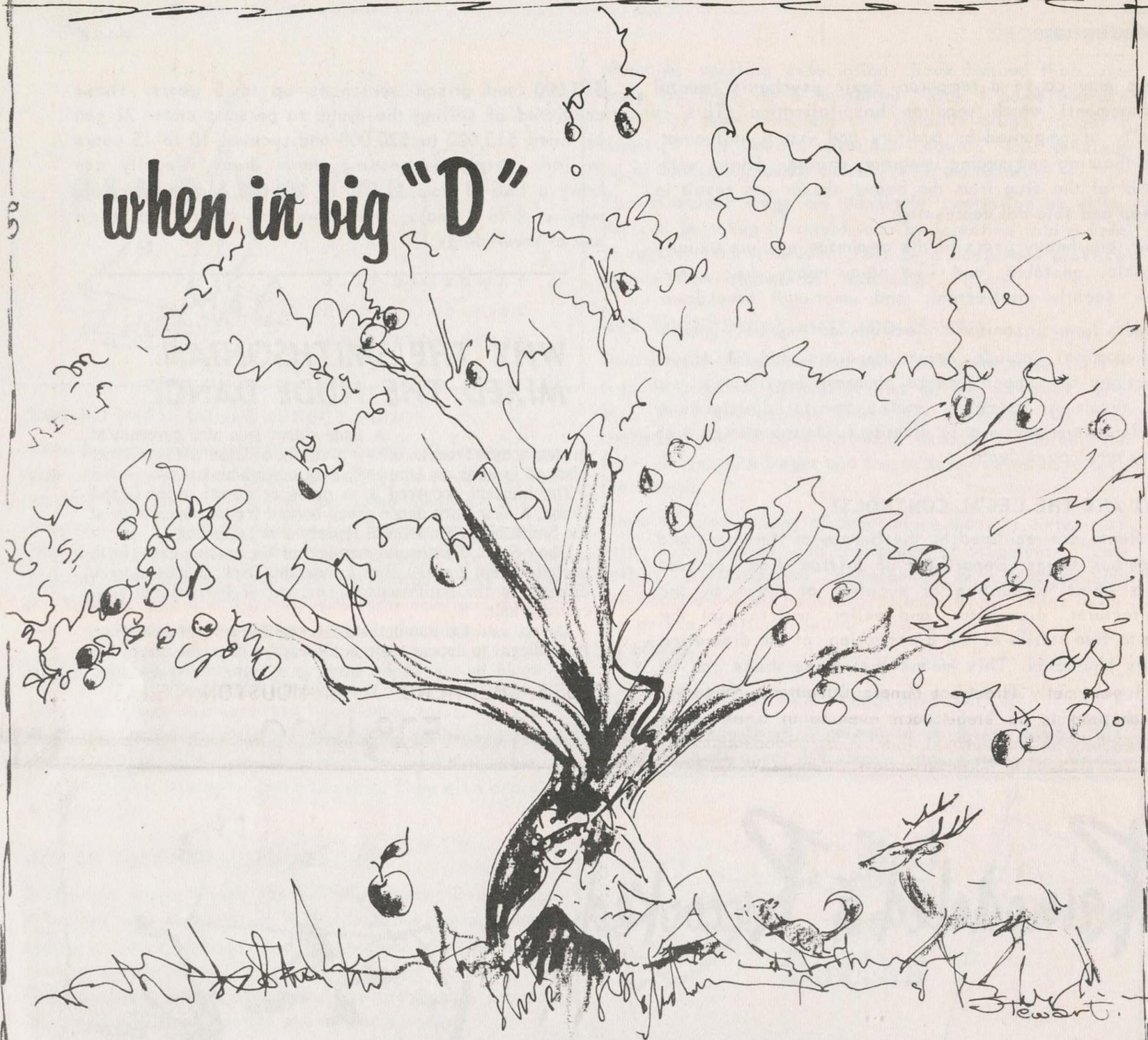
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Sex film import rule appealed to top court

The Nixon administration argued in an appeal to the Supreme Court this past month, foreign films with explicit sex scenes and only "incidental" social value should not be permitted to enter the country.

The fact that a movie exploits "shameful or morbid sexual interests" should qualify it for suppression, Justice Department lawyers said in seeking a ban on the Swedish film "Language of Love."

The appeal described as "unrealistic" the 1966 high court standard that only material "utterly without redeeming social value" can be censored.

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"Talk about the standards of the community is not very meaningful when the community is prevented from enforcing any substantial standards by this steady progression to slimmer and slimmer elements of value with more and more explicit sexual depiction."

Customs officials seized "Language of Love" and a federal jury in New York judged the film to be obscene. This ruling was upset last September by the U. S. Circuit court in New York, which allowed distribution of the film.

The government appeal, seeking to restore the ban, said "Language of Love" contains "explicit scenes of sexual intercourse, and other sexual action and contacts."

BONNY FIGHTER or FALSE KNIGHT

To be young today is not only to enjoy many advantages and comforts unknown to former generations but to suffer many trials and to cope with many problems which did not plague our fathers. Young people are genuinely puzzled by the frictions and deficiencies in our society. Impatience comes naturally to the young. They resent the bureaucratic time lapse between pressing the button and getting an answer to their questions or action on their requests for change.

Young people have a consuming passion to make wheels turn, to go somewhere. Discontent with things as they are is not wrong in itself. It is the impetus which has created most of the greatness in "men and women" in all of history. But discontent which looks only at burdens to demonstrate against and not at blessings to use is



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unhealthy. Both "burdens and blessings" are part of normal life. The great scientists, historians and philosophers agree that life on this earth has been and is one continuous, never-ceasing process of readjustment.

Young people know that they are maturing in body and mind at an earlier age than did preceding generations, and they want to have that fact acknowledged. Their demand to be heard reaches into every nation, and within the nations into universities and schools and into the universities and schools and into the policies of government.

It is the legitimate aim of young people to make the future so attractive that older people will wish they were going "to be there." Most young people handle the requirements of life and its pressures adequately. Their urge is to seize the passing hour and fill it with experiments.

In lauding our age as one in which we have machines that think, let us be mindful of the fact that human beings must think harder to keep ahead. The highest purpose of society is not to prepare a nation fit for computers, and this is one of the central points in the protest of youth. They see the world around them becoming captivated by electronic mechanisms, and they fear that they, too, may become slaves of the machine. They seek a profounder meaning to life and a more satisfying culture. The society in which they wish to live would be eminently

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For almost every young person, adolescence means one thing above all else: he must prove that he is no longer a child. He is fighting to establish himself as a person.

Progress in maturity may be measured by our acceptance of increased self-responsibility and an increased safety in decision-making. This transition is not a time of calm enjoyment, but of growth and adaptation. Maturity is not something you can "gate-crash." You have to enter it legitimately, sustained by an appreciation of inner and outer reality.

The searcher for maturity should not allow himself to be led into blind alleys. Discerning thought will protect him against the woolly speculation in which a youth imagines himself a hero who will put salt on the tail of the "millennium." However, he can be like the Centurion: a man who could both take orders and give them. This is a mark of character.

Character takes in the whole man. A man may be a bonny fighter, but a false knight. The test is: to like and dislike what one ought. In summation, Plato versed: "Know thyself . . . Nothing in Excess."

Alan Dumas'et

NUDIST CLUB'S FLOAT WINNER

El Cajon, Cal. - The Sun Island Nudist Club's float won the sweepstakes award in the annual Mother Goose parade here.

The float depicting the rhyme, "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe," was viewed by more than 400,000 persons who turned out for the parade Sunday.

The girls on the club's float wore clothing.

"A GAY MOTHER GOOSE TALE"

An old woman lived in a shoe. She had so many children she didn't know what to do. And her children loved her. Let's call her Mother Goose. This old mother deserved to get far more love than he got. He was benevolent, real, sure of self, established, and took care of his children. His shoe was known as the Ah Group. Ah is pronounced as when you play doctor and tell patient "stick out your tongue and say ahh, and I'll put something in there that just might not make you gag." Enough about throat massaging and how happy things were in the Ah Group. then good Mother upped and died leaving all his flock homeless and disorganized. Can't you just feel how distraught the babies were, as some of them were young, truly, back then. Please pause for a silent prayer, (or do anything else that makes you feel well) to honor Houston's first and only gay club.

After his death there was no communistic struggle of gay power, nor Roman type triumvirate. There was a vacuum with just a feeble disorganized provincial orgy occasionally. New out of the flock came a new would be Mother Hubbard in disguise. He was really the wicked witch from both the East and West. Doesn't it grab you that he was from both? How yummy and witchy-bitchy. The East was East Houston, and the West was a 3rd rate "social" fraternity at the State U. in out Austin. Small wonder New Mother has a double dip of social chips on his shoulders to try to overcome. Also New Mother has lots of trouble with his flock. Strays and breeds of question wander in. Other loved ones leave the flock when Mother's discipline gets too harsh, and others get SHOED out when they talk back to Mother. Some of the older children have learned that Mother is not always right. Some of the cleverest children don't

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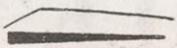
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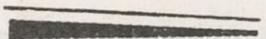
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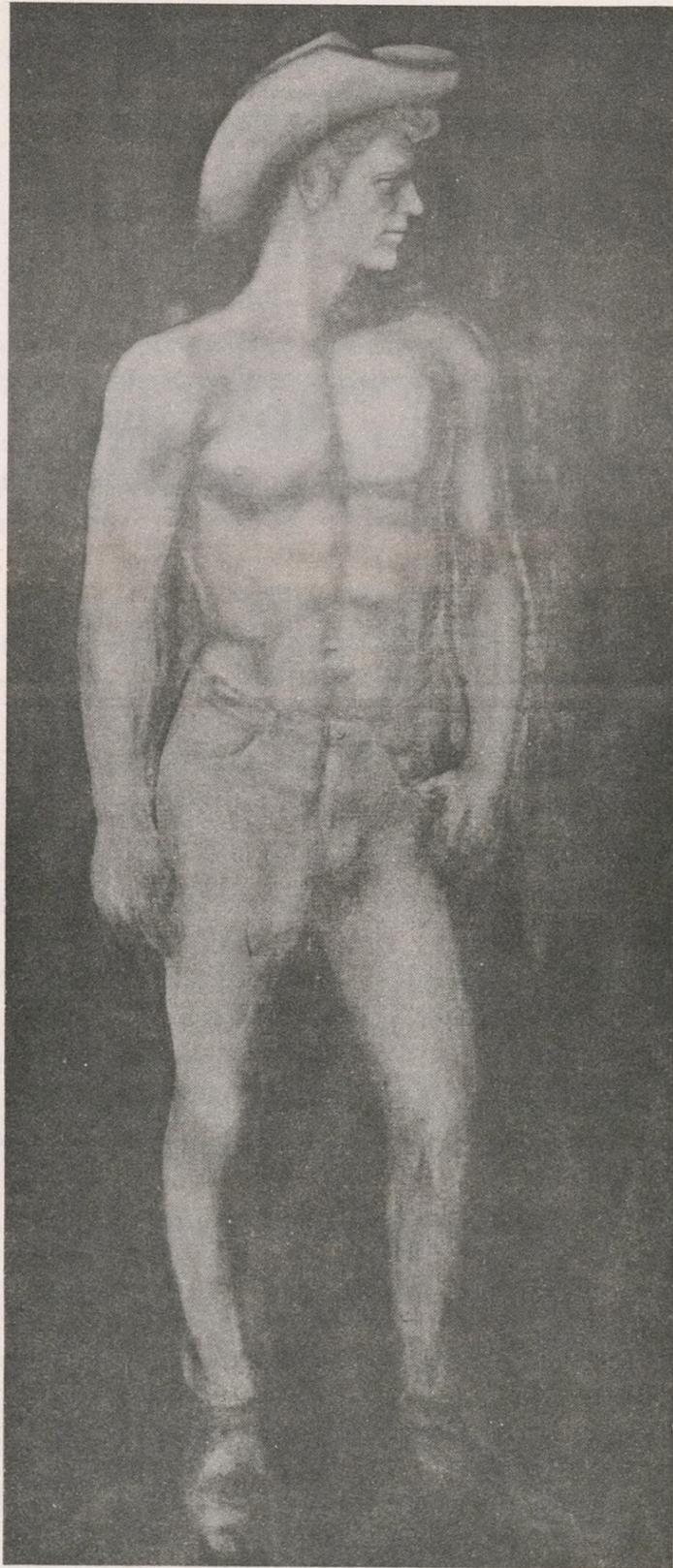
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take up with New Mother at all, or else leave him shortly. Others about to stray from the shoe see that the transparent halo is not real, is also askew, and that New Mother has been pushing them around like pawns to help Mother in his own busy personal vendettas. Most of the flock takes the shoving around like good boys should and I knew he would - - bit. Every month gets more confusing as to who is in the flock for sure. Alas, only a Mother can know her own children for sure. What's up in your homoscope for next month? Maybe you will be Mother's favorite, maybe NOT. , r maybe you wouldn't want a bitchy old hag like that messing around in your shoe at all. How would you feel if Mother tells you that you cannot ask your favorite buddy butch to your upcoming birthday party as well as Hotlips Harry, Friendly Frank, and that new stud up Mason Street just because MAW doesn't like them, ask a few stray and kept hustlers. My sleepy memory is trying to remember Mother's maiden name. It has never been seen in any real social columns, or I, ho hum, should remember better.

What ever happened to her last semi-kept off and on husband who DID work (good man?) Sometimes he took a good look on how unmotherly and how unwifely MAW had become. He is not alone if he has remarked that Mother's sick ways are, because she is going through a change of life!

Oh yes, New Mother calls her flock the A group, pronounced as in you don't say. Yes, and also true is that Mother also says an A group does not really exist (quite true) except in the eyes of THE B group. (equally imaginary.) Yes, but everything MOTHER says is not true. Oh how we children used to twitter when MAW fibbed so much, he got hung up (like he wished he was) in his own fibs. And there was the time Maw got downright bitchy trying to control invitations and dates to an awards box bare cupboard supper. Wonder why his cupboard was so bare that his good dog hardly had a bone? But the guy next to me had one, so I gnawed on his. His name is Mono. Groovy that one, and he can cook too when he wants to.

Oh it is getting so late, and I hear some old aunties in a bitch fight outside, and I'm going to look for an OLD SHOE to throw out my window so I can get some sleep instead of making love to you dahlings like you, and you and YOU . . . Hate bitch fights.

Best of dreams,

Sleepy Maxie



“maxies”

A most fortunate incendiary incident on Whitney Street prompted a young society real estate agent to evict a non royal but very gracious petilous living dutchess lawyer, offering his grace a fond farewell drink. Nothing better ever happened to the dear dutchess. He really turned the agent's "rearrangement" into true beneveloence (a real fairy tale). He got a more handsome new town house, and even more handsome new room mate. The roomie came equipped with a handsome huge coffee table and something else huge that might be nice to have afound the new house as well. Luv practical working house pets and "High Episcopalians" yet, too. And new house pet doesn't even know how incredibly handsome he is, which is so refreshing these days, if not downright reassuring. And so they are living happily ever after with a stunning candelabra added to the coffee table by another handsome regular guest from Galena Park who has recently returned to the Houston area to live, see page 13 last issue.

A perfectly charming post deb named Rose had his coming out party beer bust just after this paper's last issue had gone to press. Twas such a joyous timing anyway, for it was held on All Saints day following Hallowed Eve at a very popular uptown night spot. 150 or more enthusiastic guests cheered radiant Rose's michrophone announcement that all would be welcome back at the night spot any time. "Just ask for Rose." The elaborate P.A. System so deftly handled the personal touch, that it took the place of those beastly receiving lines. And Rose, at his post deb age, would not want that. But once a deb, always a deb, and luvs, aren't we all glad that Rose finally came out? The decorations were invisible due to a lack of light, surely, so many broomsticks and witches and goblins left ovd from the Hallowed Eve were gobbled up in the darkness along with dancing and funsies to a much in evidence beat of that powerful P.A. system. There were 2 joyous kegs of beer consumed to almost the last guest, so that not a drop of that joyous juice was wasted, and the party blended into the night spot's evening opening to more commercial revelers. The only sour note of Rose's fun evening came when one of the principal revelers left conspicuously early because of a shortage of chickens present.

Another smart pair had a smart flair of an evening at an up-town apartment. Like so many of these apartment dwellers, it was a warm night outside and warmer inside.. Twas no wonder that a contagious outbreak of groping commenced, but the moon was full and with those 100 hot bodies . . . Thrilling! don't you know luvs? One of the hosts, Edythe, was also hot. She was adorable in his fetching, flufffffy, white fingertip fur which he



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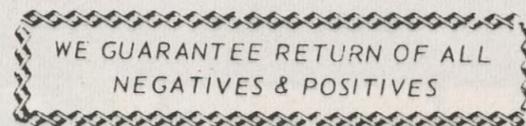
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kept on all evening. His cooler co-host roommate was the "butch" in a dashing black spanish hat. This matador type has made an attractive entry on the Houston scene this season making the spics really chic. He's refreshing — just like a good drink of Mexican Rum, or Ron, as they call it there. Informed sources say he's really a gringo which is muy bueno tambien if maybe we can keep him on this side of the reever.

by
maxie

The MANHOLE

The Manhole, a unique, space age boutique has just opened in the River Oaks Shopping Center.

The decor of The Manhole is alive and cheerful through the use of vivid colors, varied texture and unusual hole-like appearance achieved by eleven large arches. For those so inclined, a grand entrance, or exit, is enhanced by an antique glass and brick foyer that is ramped to lead customers onto a stage-like front portion of the store that overlooks the plush carpeted main part of the store. A new store front sets The Manhole apart from other stores in the center.

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Houston's Gay Society Scene

LOWER MASON STREET was simply throbbing with suspicions and accusations about Who Told What To Whom! All the dears have for so many years been gossiping about and dishing just everyone that it is frightfully difficult to fix the blame. It seems they, too, were over our column last month. Tush, luv, it's just all those chickens (!) coming home to roost en masse. We understand they're not even accepting drink from each other without having it tasted first! So tragic, really, when such dear, devoted friends can't TRUST each other these days

WHEN WE WENT TO the opening of The Galleria recently it was simply thrilling, really. It was just like a Gay Liberation Convention, luv! We have never seen so MANY Beautiful People cavorting under one roof at one time. Without doubt it is one of the most fascinating people-watching sites locally. It was so amusing watching some of our better-known social figures walking

into walls while cruising some Beautiful Beast. Hard on the noses, though, luv.

THE RED ROOM, one of our favourite dance halls, has introduced a topless go-go dancer for our delectation. It's all just too wonderful, luv, and the sight of that marvellous young thing wriggling and writhing is such fun. Almost as much fun is the sight of the patrons whose reactions seem to run from awkward surprise to downright panting naughty thoughts. To paraphrase Hitler (you DO remember Hitler, don't you luv?) 'Topless today, bottomless tomorrow' might be the coming thing now. After all, luv, California has already done it! Anyway, just everyone is terribly thrilled by it all for now and we await with glee the next spectacular innovation at the RR

THE PALACE CLUB has recently lost temporarily their wonderful singer in The Forum. The dear girls in Las Vegas doing all those exciting star-type things and we do hope she succeeds just wonderfully well. Meantime, out in the Other Room a group of people closely resembling the wild folk of Borneo have been inflicting permanent damage upon inner ears and it is all just madly exciting, luv. It's such fun feeling the windows throb and sway and we can estimate just when the whole thing crashes in on us. Fortunately, there is the marvellous dulling sensation produced by the Palace's dandy drinks, luv, so just endure it and dance a lot. There's a dear.

THAT DEAR BOY from Louisiana is firmly fixed in his new townhouse, with a lovely dear as roommate, and it is just lovely, luv. So tasteful and so much better than his last residence, actually. However, we do hope the dear boy will have an asbestos bed installed this time. His last recreation of the film Joan of Arc was too, too close to permanent reality! Keep it camp & fantasy, luv, and leave all that auto-do-fe business to lesser types. Too, too sweet.

WE HEARD THE MOST interesting version of some gatherings at a certain ranch near our fun city, luv. My goodness, the amount of stuff being used boggles the mind-figuratively as well as literally, pussy-cat! And

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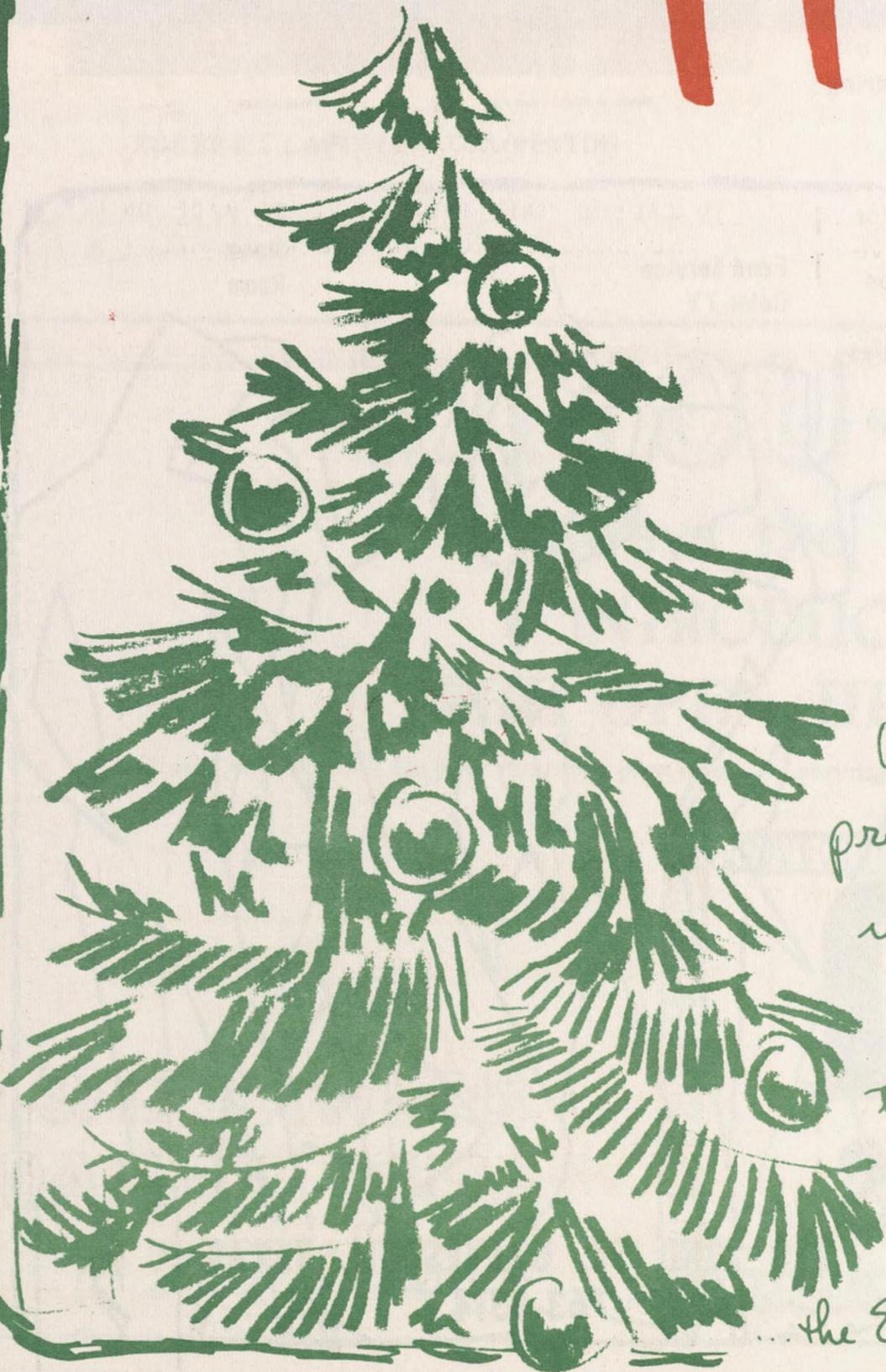
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those mad, mad movies the host has collected over the years. It sounds all just terribly thrilling, actually, and wouldn't it be jazzy to view it all through flashing red lights sometime? La! The host is a dear old churbs, really, and has done so much for young blue eyed blonds all over the world, including financing a popular photographic studio in New York which gives work to needy youths. So wonderful for them, luv, because we all must eat don't you know. We understand this dear old chubs may be the topic of a novel soon, and won't THAT just be too, too racy! The part about his television camera in the bedroom & the video taping of romps therein should be just too, too wildy fun, luv!

FINALLY, we have heard of a reward (!) being offered by some old dears as to our identity. One Beautiful Person even offered \$1000.00, but don't rush to collect it luv. Fascinating as it all is, we would urge that none of their cheques be accepted, cash only. In the art of keeping Up The Front one runs a bit short of money these days, don't you know and keeping the Thirties alive is costly. In the meantime luv, keep on doing all those wonderful things and we'll keep on remembering them for just everyone!



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The "security force" that last visited the Exile consisted of six uniformed officers. These officers asked a couple of patrons their age, checked licenses and beer boxes along with health cards.

Everything being in order the management was told to turn off the music. The leader of the "security Force" asked "all of you in here that are gay raise your hands."

The gay bars and clubs in this city require much less time or police action than do the so called "straight" places. Why, when the gay club and bar owners cooperate with, respect and support our law enforcement agencies is action such as this necessary. If this type action is not harrassment, we would appreciate hearing from one of the directors of the police department as to why it was necessary.

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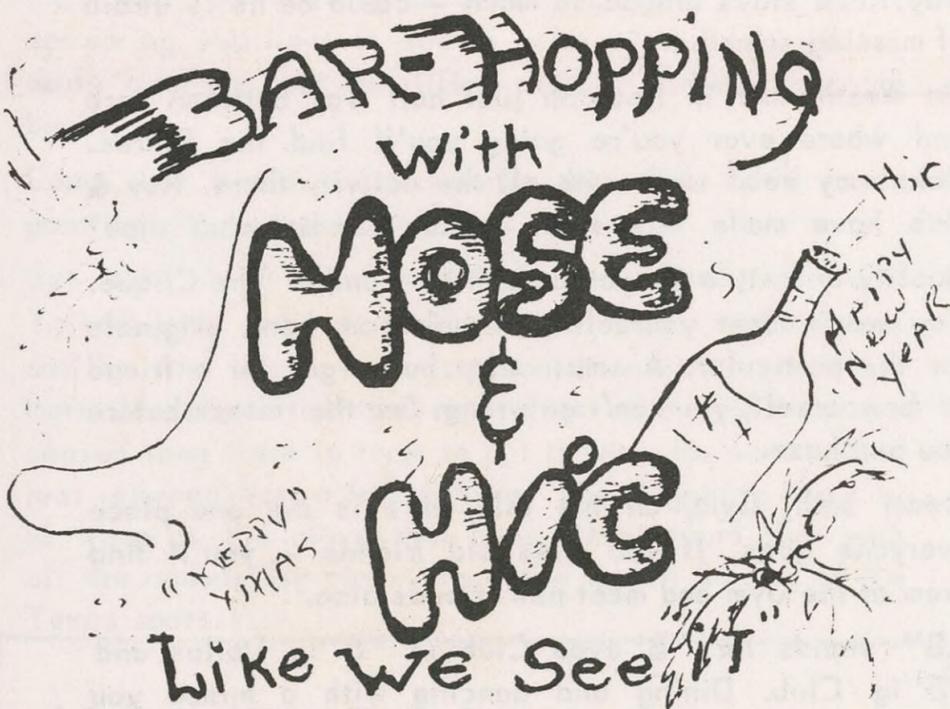
La Boheme back to normal, Dennis is again smiling — can someone tell me why? Miles still humping — won't say what but can't you guess. Service still first rate. El Toga and Little Elviras in Fort Worth are sure swingers, if it happens anywhere it happens here. These up-going spots give with everything.

One of Houston's big, big clubs, packed all time, a real gone place has changed managers. Romulus out Richmond way, the in spot is where Terry is now located as manager. Young, but with help we'll see changes, good luck to this newcomer.

Fast, with this jet age we now have a real-gone shop out on West Gray. The Manhole, yes clothes for everyone with good taste.

In Galveston the 4617 Club on the way in for a drink and dance after the drive down is a must.

Have you ever done it on a pool table? That's where the ad was made up at T. J's in Dallas, only light you could see by. Dance bar, that is if you can pull yourself and your eyes away from the good looking bartender.



The Red Room and Sunday Brunch are now a must for Houston's smart fun set, that is the ones able to get up "early noon." What's this I hear - jealousy - Big "G" had Cooper take the glass off the pin-ball so he could beat Happy? (see Star Chamber)

Snappy news and views found at Westheimer News, All the latest Gay Books — latest film and mini theaters. Just looking or shopping you're always welcome by help worth going to see. This fun spot a must when browsing around.

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Dennis and his crew at the Orchard Club in big "D" can't seem to find where to stop. Always much action and a fun time. Don't just go by activities shown here in the paper, drop in at this club and see the action. Sure did enjoy Dennis's visit to Houston and am looking for his return when we are more rested and can plan for his coming.

"On beautiful Galveston Isle" (quote, un-quote) Robert's Lafitte is changing. New stage for Robert, new kitchen and office for Bernard and both just where everyone can see everything and they can watch each other. In a layout like this, who do you think will work with all the fun going on.

Meanwhile, upstairs over Lafittes there is a quaint male hotel. If you're tired and want to rest, don't go. Rooms move 24 hours a day at this place, from one to the other. Rest up and visit with Bob, enjoy the new winter rates to!!!!

The girls at the 60's keep a fast pace serving the steady flow of girls and boys who frequent this active club. Never dull but the Bears keep everything in line. In line brings up another thing, if you get out of line, call the

pappa Bear, she will take care of all bail bonds, traffic tickets, and quick too, 60 seconds!

Gentlemen in Dallas need not ask where to go, they know. Bon Soir in this city for a quite, discriminating evening.

Jim Wiltberger, still at the Table, doing what?, you will have to go see and ask - anyway, Jim - keep it up - whatever you're doing.

We have missed Frank at the Exile but it hasn't affected business at this downtown Houston bar. Shows great! Wonder when the bar owner from N.Y. will let Frank come home?

Got a couple of rolls of film back from the Ro-Ed Color lab in California. The quality of this work is great. Try them with your snaps or movies, the p fce and service are the best.

Thanksgiving on a Wednesday nite. That's what happened at the Tradewinds. Payne said her cook day was Wednesday and that is when she would cook. She cooked Turkey, Ham and all the trimming - sure was good even though it wasn't Thursday - everyone says thanks.

In the clouds things happen all the time. The Forum has good entertainment, the club is fun. A must for new loves and star gazers, weather fine for the Sky Terrace. Fort Worth's Old House for fun and dancing plus the best in drinks and food - just next door. Can't understand why Rock stays around so much - could be he is afraid of missing something?

On Westheimer in Houston just half way between here and where ever you're going you'll find the Entree. Makes my head swim with all the activity there. Roy & Bob have made this spot - just wonder what else?

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Scene 1 changes all the time, new management, new part-owner, new show and a brand new crowd, and I do mean crowd. This place is jumping with a lively group. Go see!

One of our Houston club owners who just returned from a few days in San Antonio says "the El Jardin is the place. The crowd is a happy fun group with Danna doing a great job at the piano." Sounds like when in this fine place - Hello Gil!

On your way to New Orleans Club, where just everything is that one wants in New Orleans, La. is. Stop by the Chez Gisele in Lafayette, La., for a fun evening, these Louisiana bells know what fun is and you just might have a ball at both places.

Have you met "The Coal Miners Daughter?" She is a scream and is up stage each evening at a fine show produced by Ab - that is when Ab at the 651 Club in Fort Worth isn't trying to steal the show. This bar is something you have to see to believe, if my health returns from my last fun filled evening there, I'm going back.

Long time friend and insurance man Bob Eddy sends greetings to all for the season.

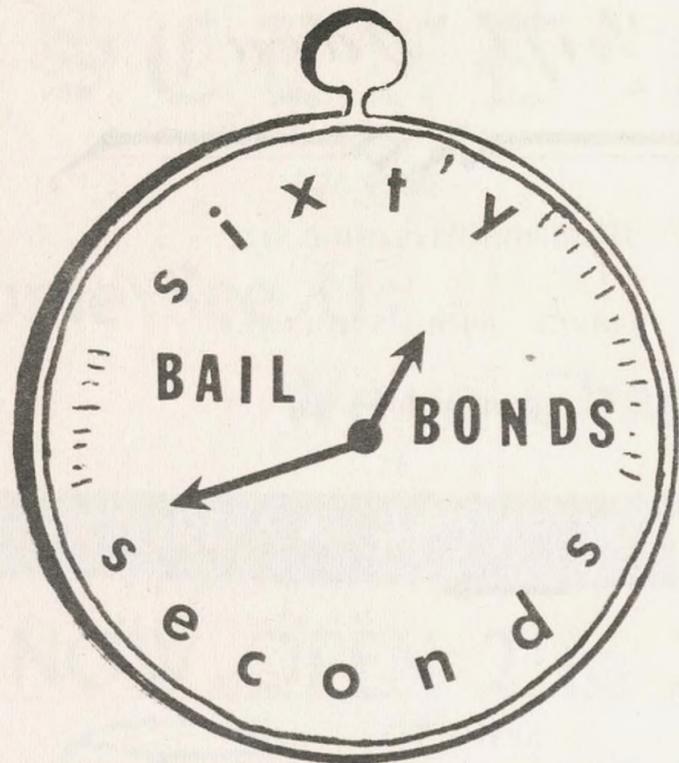
Get more news from out of towners than I do here. Talked with Jodie from The Other Place in Beaumont and he said things were just great, business great and more fun people all the time. Has more plans for the season than there is room to put it here. He said he had just returned from a trip to Waco. The Nugget in the city of Waco is the place that hops. Understand that with all the remodeling plans they have it will be one of the Texas spots.

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Jim Woods Barber Shop has re-opened at a new location where getting a haircut can be fun and not seem like a waste of time. Merry Christmas and much luck to you at the new location on West Drew - better known as Tobacco Road.

One of the advertisers is going to have to open or get a phone of their own as it keeps mine busy. The Armadillo that you have all been wondering about is with a lot of luck and Santa's help going to be open for Christmas. Lots of luck - see you New Year.

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 "We had a good time" -

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 and turned out the light
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 and said

"Good Night"

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Dear Forgotten —

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Perhaps something from you about what is going on with the girls in the Port Arthur — Beaumont area from you will stimulate someone here in Houston to give us a bit of news.

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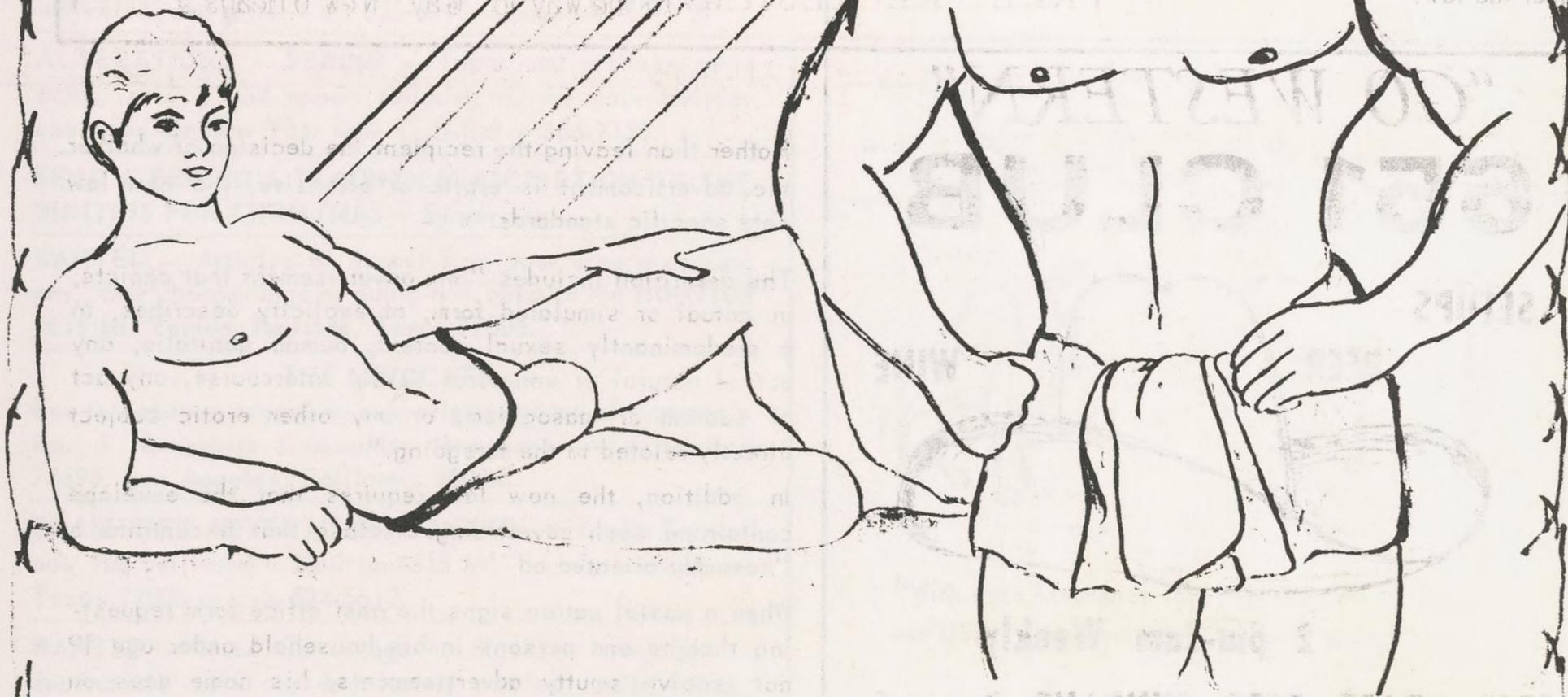
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Postmaster General Winton M. Blont said the new law, part of the postal reorganization legislation passed last summer, is "the most novel means in use in the world for controlling the flow of sexually oriented materials through the mail."

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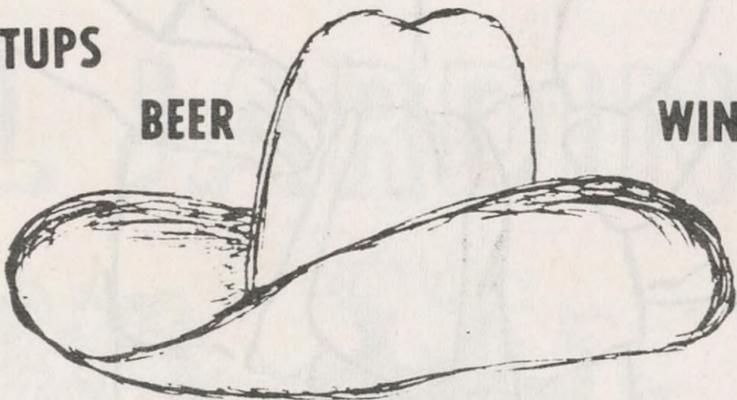
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2 pm-2am Weekly

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The definition includes "any advertisement that depicts, in actual or simulated form, or explicitly describes, in a predominantly sexual context, human genitalia, any act of natural or unnatural sexual intercourse, any act of sadism or masochism, or any other erotic subject directly related to the foregoing."

In addition, the new law requires that the envelope containing such advertising disclose that it contains a "sexually oriented ad."

When a postal patron signs the post office form requesting that he and persons in his household under age 19 not receive smutty advertisements, his name goes on the computerized list. It is the mailers' responsibility to see that he does not send such advertisements to the postal patron.

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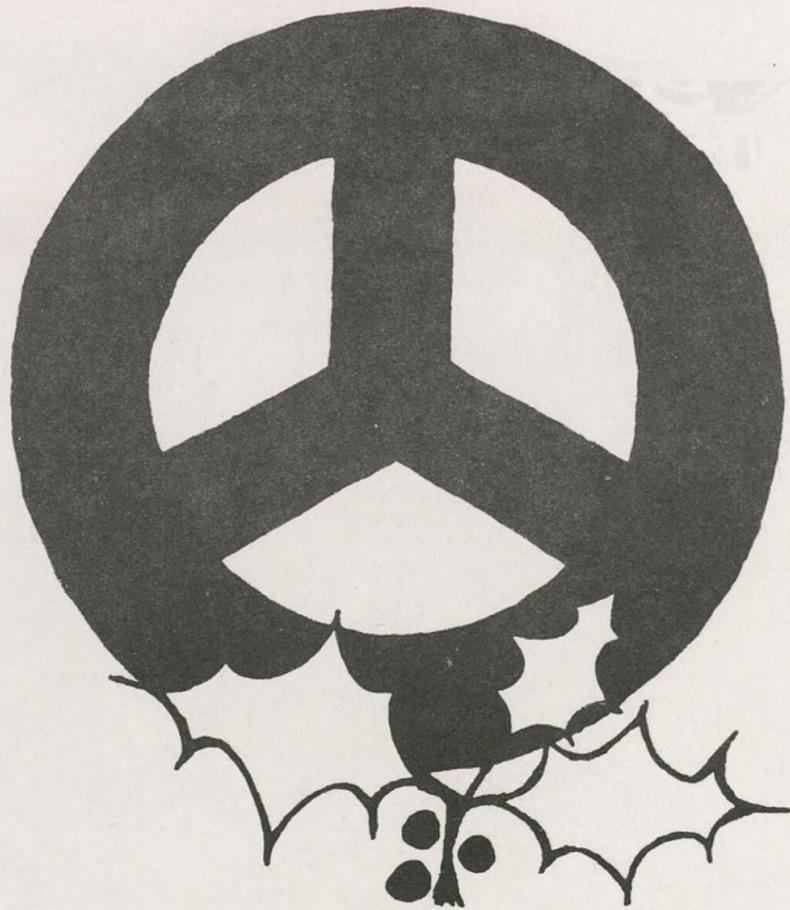
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