

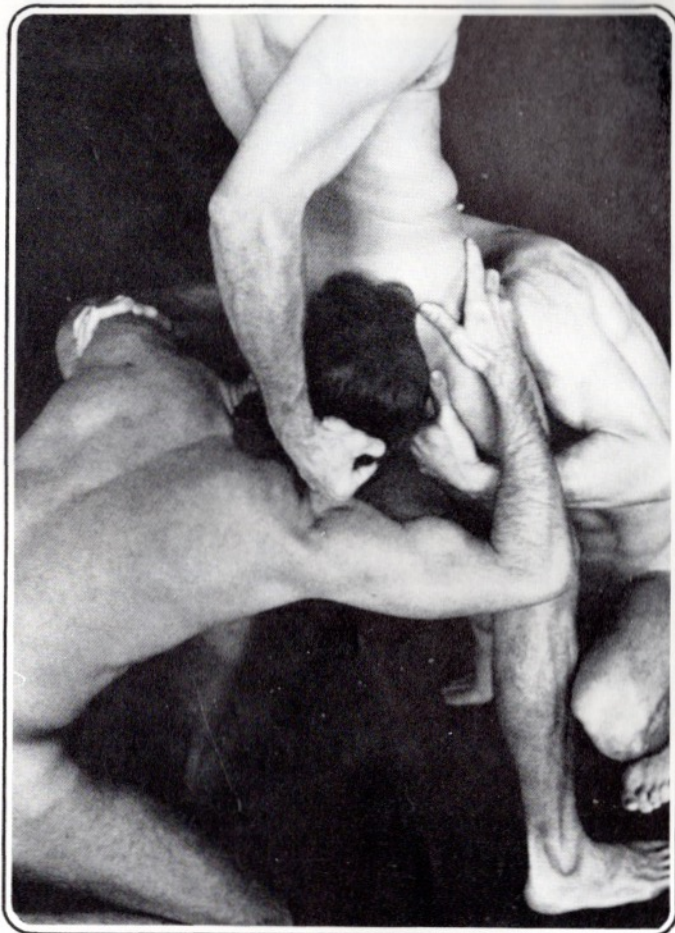
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Claud Gray, our photographer, always seems to be in the right place at the right time and last Thursday was no exception. He managed to slide on over to Piedmont Park to catch the action on the slopes. Even though the weather forced many businesses to close, CRUISE managed to get out only one day late.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: At the request of Blase DiStefano, Editor of *This Week In Texas* and in cooperation with Detective Doyle (*Houston Homicide*), we are running this article and composite sketch in our *First Word* space this week. I feel that it is important and should be seen by as many people as possible. Mr. DiStefano stated that the suspected murderers are believed to have relocated. So, if you see or meet anyone with this description in the Atlanta area, please contact Detective Doyle at the number listed in the following article.

SUSPECT SOUGHT IN LeDOUX MURDER

Houston (Reprinted from TWT, Vol. 7, No. 42) — As the New Year dawned, several sturdy leads had developed in the Ben LeDoux, December 19th, murder case. LeDoux had been found stabbed to death in his home at 1235 Peden Street in Montrose around 9:00 pm. He had been stabbed over 32 times in the stomach, head and back, **TWT NEWS** was told by a medical examiner.

LeDoux was last seen leaving a gay bar on Richmond Avenue with a man described as 5'8", 169 pounds, white and in his early thirties. The suspect is known to drink Jack Daniel's whiskey chased with a beer, and often to be in the company of a woman. He is believed to have a criminal record in San Jose, California, and should be considered dangerous.

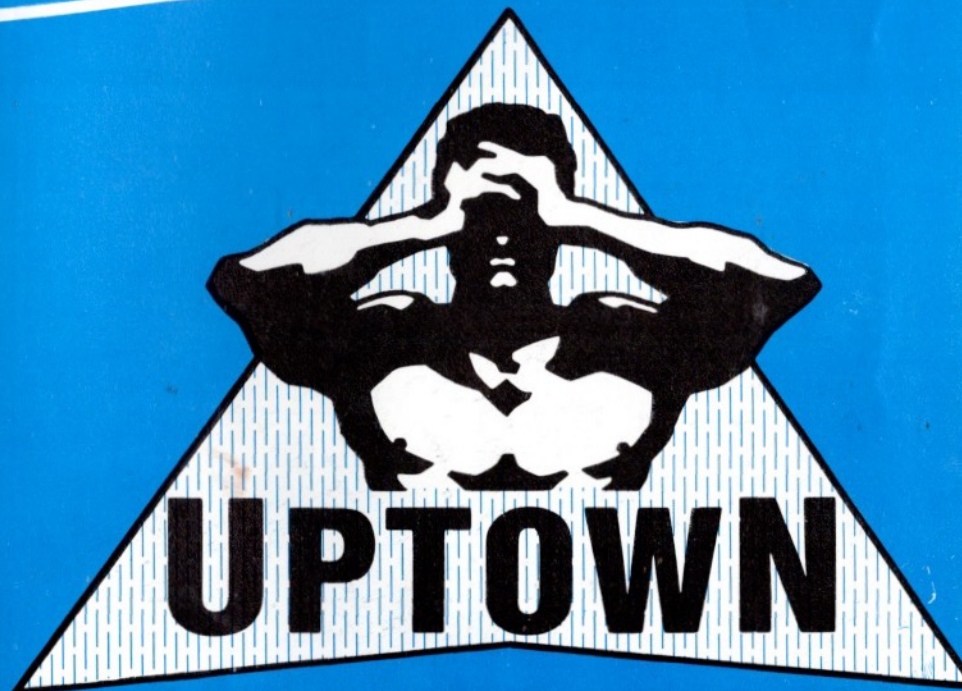
Houston homicide detective M.E. Doyle told **TWT NEWS** that the suspect uses the name Bill Gillman, Bill Gilham, or most likely Billy Dean Gillman. He is known to have a tattoo on the top side of one of his arms, wears a large silver belt buckle with turquoise, and occasionally wears a derby-type hat with a two-inch brim.

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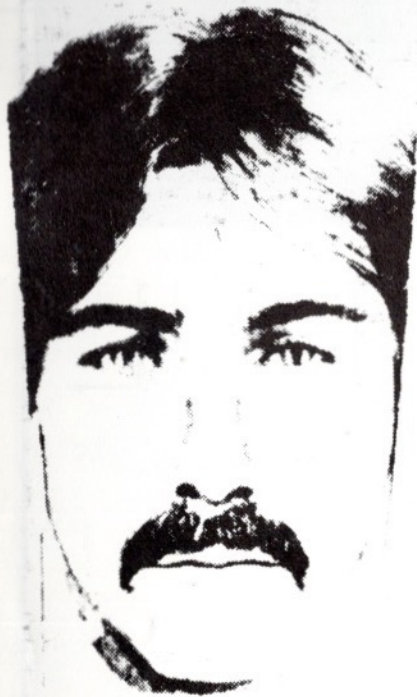
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A gold watch was presented to Layton Gregory for his 50th birthday by Club Bath Chain President, Chuck Fleck.

sketch of the suspect. Anyone with information is requested to call Detective Doyle at 713 222-3651. A \$1,000 reward has been offered by a group of concerned gay citizens who have contributed to the LeDoux Memorial Fund. Additional money from the fund will be used to help solve other murders in the Houston gay community. Contributions to the fund may be mailed or brought to **TWT**, 2205 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006. All checks should be assigned to the LeDoux Memorial Fund, **TWT NEWS** was informed.

"Words can never express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you in Houston," said LeDoux' mother, of Lake Charles, Louisiana. "Our thanks to all of his friends who care so much. Our love and special thanks to Smitty, the police department, and to Detective Doyle. God bless all of you," she told **TWT NEWS**.

A memorial service was held at the Spring Hill Mortuary this past Wednesday, January 20th for Bill Brozek.

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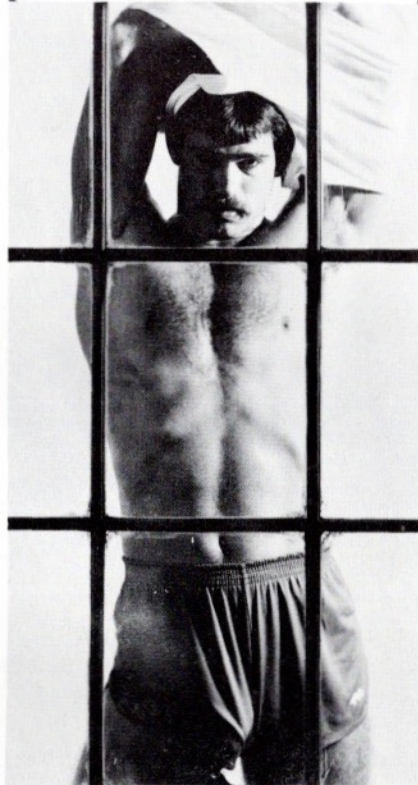
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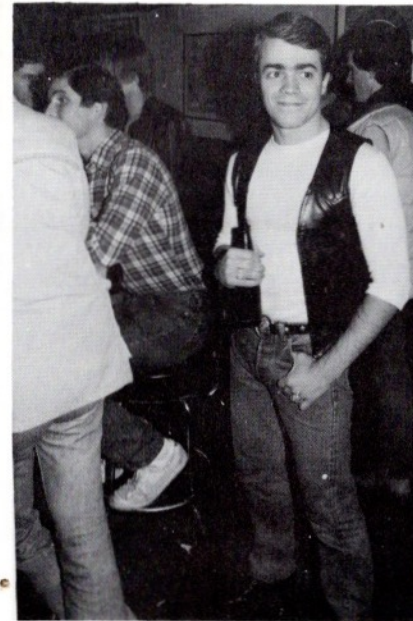
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The DJ's at Uptown, Joe McNeely and Peter Lewicki, were caught behind the DJ booth breaking a new, or was it an old record.

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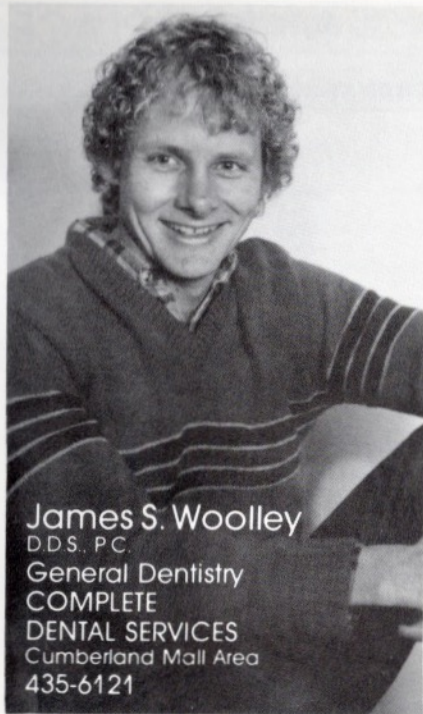
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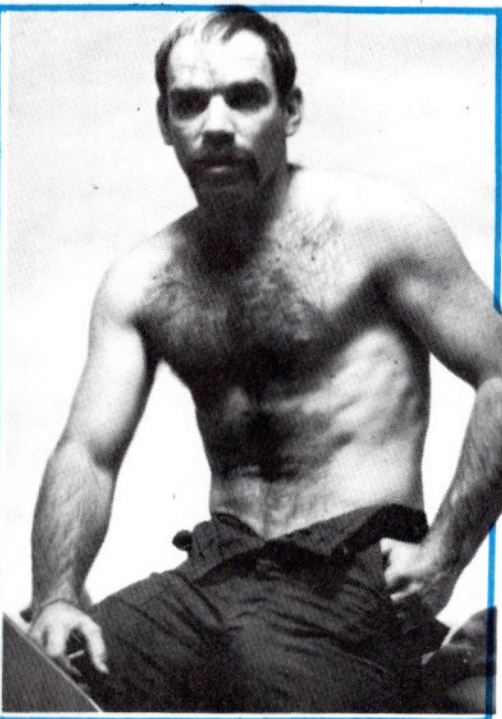
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It begins in Atlanta, with the Second Annual Dixie Invitational Bowling Tournament. Registration begins April 8th, and the Awards Banquet is scheduled for April 11th. First place team prize is \$500, and cash awards will be given in doubles-singles tournaments and all other events. Last year, thirty-four teams participated, representing Houston, Milwaukee, Dallas, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York, Seattle, Louisville and Atlanta. Advance information indicates many additional teams and individuals from Chicago, Toronto, Kansas City, New Orleans, and cities in Ohio, Florida and on the West Coast, will be participating. This is a great opportunity to taste some of the "Southern Hospitality" you have heard about.

Then, it's on to Dallas, for the 2nd Annual IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization) Bowling Tournament. Last year, Houston was the site, and, this year, a Texan city, again, won the bid to host this exciting tournament. Over 66 teams from around the nation and Canada participated last year, and this year expectations are even greater. This tournament will be held over the the Memorial Day Weekend with a guaranteed first place team award of \$1500.

A great Fourth of July Weekend in Seattle is next on the circuit, for the annual Blue Boy Classic. The final details are now being worked out and information on dates, prizes, etc., is expected shortly.

These are a few of the available

bowling tournaments for 1982, and they are all IGBO endorsed. IGBO also publishes a monthly newsletter of information on their membership and about upcoming events. If you are interested in the above tournaments, or wish to receive a copy of IGBO NEWS, please contact Dan Donovan, 3606 12th Ave. So, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Your individual players, leagues and organizations are welcomed into IGBO and are needed for growth.

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Diplomat Magazine was established in April, 1981, due to the discontentment with the bars, baths and other establishments that practice "subvert discrimination" towards the Third World Lesbian and Gay Community.

In addition to publishing news and items of interest for the Third World Lesbian and Gay Community, Diplomat Magazine sponsors Workshops, Economic and Political Seminars and activities to enrich the awareness of its readers.

Individual subscriptions are nine dollars a year. For organizations, the yearly subscription rate is fifteen dollars.

Diplomat Magazine is also the base for the newly formed Media Collective of Third World Lesbians and Gays. This is an outgrowth of the recent Second National Third World Lesbian and Gay conference held in Chicago, Illinois.

"Diplomat Magazine, the publication for the Black Gay Community, has undergone several editorial changes due to a unanimous decision by the Editorial Board," according to Paris Bryant, Director of Public Relations for Diplomat Magazine.

"Our major change is that Diplomat will become a voice for the entire Third World Lesbian and Gay Community. This will better serve

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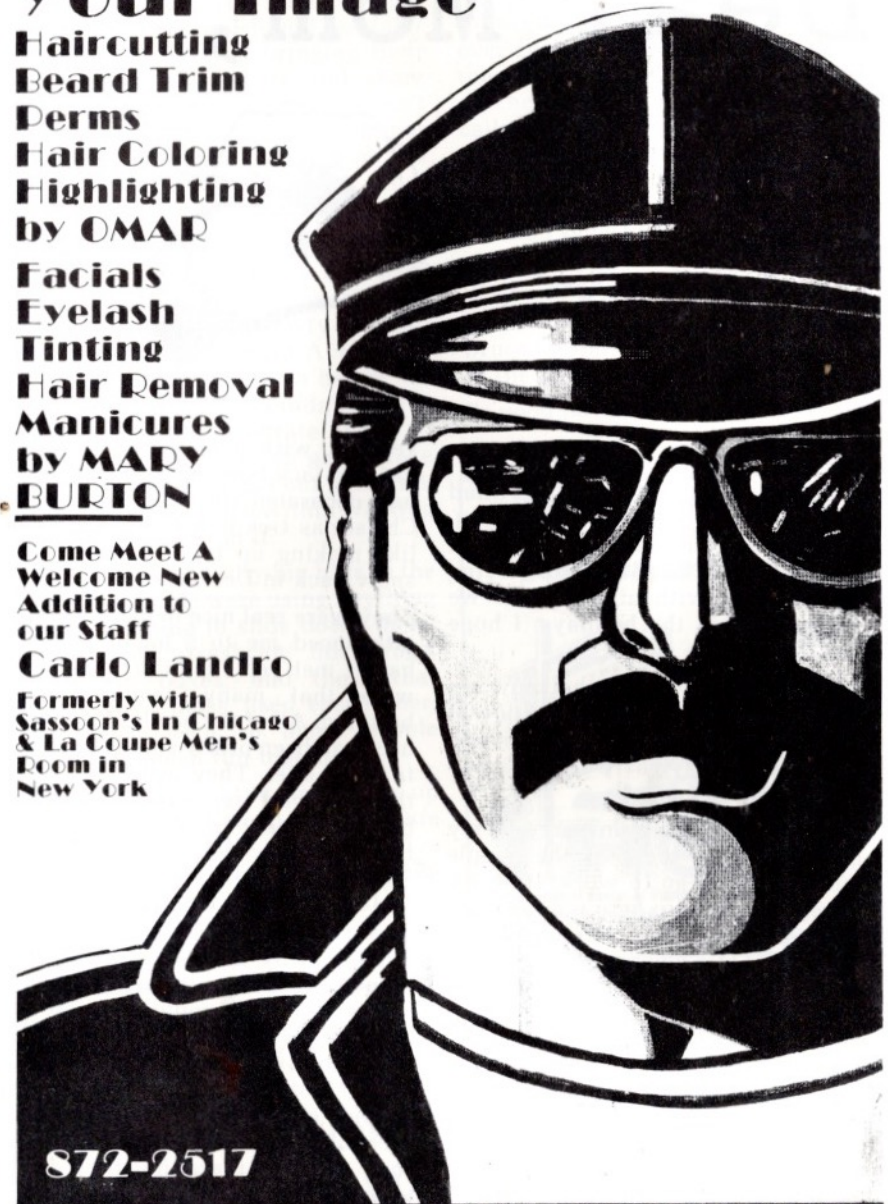
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I know it's been a while since I've had a chance to sit down and write you, but we've been busy as all get out, down at the office. We're just trying to catch up with all the stuff we missed during the holidays. I hope you can forgive me.

You should have seen the snow we got here. It was fantastic. I know it was a little hard on all those drivers, but I walk everywhere anyway, so I didn't have it too bad.

We had a big snow-in party in my building since most of the people didn't have to go to work. It seems like the people up here will use any excuse to party. You remember those two guys I told you about, you know, the two funny ones that share the apartment above me? Well, they hosted it. I can tell you, I really didn't want to go up there. It made me real nervous thinking about spending the day in an apartment with homosexuals; but Bruce, Tom and Jerry were all going, and I figured I'd be safe enough with them.

I got a real surprise, though — it turned out to be one of the wildest parties I've ever been to. Those kind of people really know how to do things up right. They had built this snowman out on their balcony and dressed him in one of those harness

get-ups, with a leather motorcycle hat and jack boots and all. And they had decorated the place with their Christmas tree lights. It was sort of like making up for not having any snow back in December.

They were real nice to me, too. They introduced me to a lot of people I hadn't met yet. I didn't realize there were that many people in the building. All of the parties I'd been to here had been pretty small compared to this one. They were all guys, though, and I figure they must have been like Terry and Doug (they were the hosts), if you know what I mean. Several of them share apartments and you know what that usually means up here. I really couldn't imagine why Bruce would let that many of them live in the building. It seems to me, it would decrease the value of the places, cause who would want to live in a building full of fruits? But they were nice enough to the rest of us. I figure they have to be nice to Tom and Bruce seeing as how they own the place, but they didn't seem to be too insincere. Besides, the way they had fixed up their place, it couldn't have devalued it at all.

The apartment was really nice. At first, I thought we were walking into Bruce and Tom's place; there were so many plants. That's another thing about the people up here. They're all

health nuts. Except when it comes to drinking.

I've never seen so much booze. At first I thought they must have bought out a liquor store. I found out later that everybody was bringing their own stores. Real share and share alike. But, you know, there wasn't anything left over. After the liquor was gone everybody started on the beer and wine. I have to admit, I put away my share, and I'm regretting it right now.

We all went down to the park afterwards. You should have seen us. There must have been sixty of us, all walking down Piedmont Ave., and I think we added a few on before we got to the park. You wouldn't believe the way people celebrate snow up here. It's so rare you've got to take every advantage to get out in it, and, believe me, everyone within walking distance was out in it.

There are some really big hills in the park and people were using anything and everything to slide down them; skis; sleds; trashcan lids; rugs; cardboard boxes; and those that didn't have those used each other. I've never seen so many people having so much fun together.

That's the way everybody was up here. Together, I mean. I can't figure it out. People who wouldn't lift a finger in good weather to help anybody, were out pushing cars, directing traffic, sharing their rugs and sleds, it was like complete

strangers had known each other for years.

And I had a great time with these gay men. I mean we were wrestling and rolling around in the snow, falling all over each other trying to slide down those hills and not a one of them even pinched me. By the time they had called all the people over they knew we had one real party going. Later some of us went back to the building and had a small party in my place. (I still had some beer left.) It was really something. And I think I'm beginning to like some of these gays.

Well, I have to go now. I promised Bruce I'd shovel the sidewalk in front of the place.

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