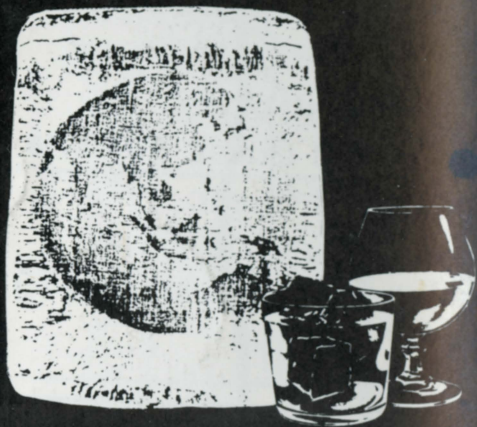


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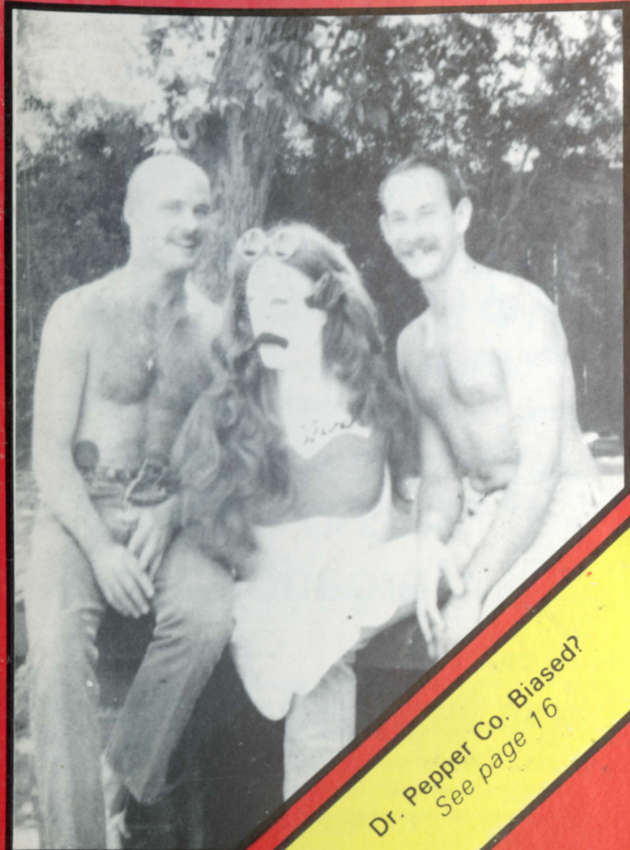
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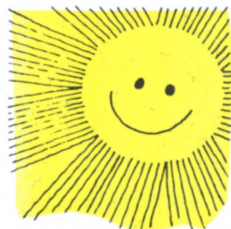
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From the Editor

-S. Cohen*

There is a great deal of national news in this weeks LXIX, and much of it is of a negative nature, concerning repeal of Gay rights and proposed anti-Gay legislation. What is happening in Wichita, St. Paul, etc. indicates a frightening backward tide in the American human rights campaign. What is really frightening, though, is the craftiness of the oppressors.

Consider what is happening objectively. The repeal of the rights of minorities by the vote of the majority! The logical direction to combat this obviously unfair procedure is through the courts; the constitutionality of majority vote on issues of minority rights must be questioned.

In the meantime, it is already getting late. We can't keep telling ourselves, in each city, that it "can't happen here." For, like each victory, each loss in our struggle is a blow to us all. We should all be conscious -and consciously involved with what is happening to Gay people all over America. And we must give our support to struggles against oppression, no matter how remote their effect on our personal lives may seem to be.




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Wichita Repeals Gay Rights Law

The city of **Wichita, Kan.**, voted by a margin of almost 5-1 to repeal the city's eight-month-old homosexual rights ordinance, the third such law to fall to organized anti-Gay efforts in the last year.

The Wichita effort was led by a Baptist minister, **Ron Adrian**, who said that he felt "God is using this vote to openly rebuke the pro-homosexual forces."

The vote in favor of the repeal was 47,246 and 10,005 supported retention of the 8-month-old ordinance, which prohibited discrimination on the basis of sexual or affectional preference in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

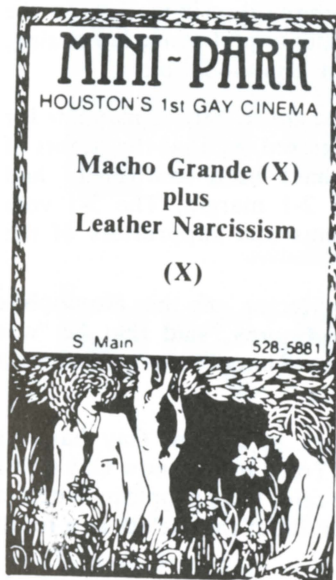
Adrian, who called the vote a "strong mandate for righteousness" and expressed joy that the "rights of children and parents have been confirmed," had expected victory by a 2-1 margin. The 5-1 vote surprised both opponents and supporters of the repeal effort.

Robert Lewis, co-director of the **Homophile Alliance of Sedgwick County**, said that he "was hoping we would do better but obviously there are a lot of bigots in Wichita."

But later, at a party at a local Gay bar, his bitterness had faded. "You'd never know Gay rights had been defeated," he said, "Gay people in Wichita are feeling much better about themselves as a result of this campaign."

Outside the bar, however, the mood was threatening. A steady flow of cars and motorcycles drove past - their occupants shouting obscenities.

Adrian's group, the "Concerned Citizens for Community Standards," is now considering a petition drive to recall Wichita City Commissioners Connie Peters, Garry Porter, and Jack Shanahan.



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Another Potential Repeal?

In Eugene Oregon, a group working for repeal of a Gay rights law is utilizing a crafty "new approach." This group, which calls itself VOICE (Volunteers Organized in Continuing Enactments) is doing without statements on morality and quotations from the Bible. Instead, they are saying that homosexuality is only a lifestyle, a question of choice, which the law has no business protecting.

When the matter comes up for a vote May 23, it will be the fourth such repeal referendum to go before voters in cities that have adopted homosexual rights ordinances in the last several years.

In Miami, Fla., and in St. Paul, Minn., repeal efforts led by fundamentalist ministers have achieved lopsided success. In Wichita, Kan., a similar repeal was voted 5-1 May 9.

All these drives relied heavily on arguments that homosexuality is immoral.

But this campaign is different. It argues, primarily, that homosexuality simply is not like race or religion.

"we think it's a lifestyle question," said Larry Dean, campaign manager for VOICE. "We've never seen any other legislative action passed to protect a lifestyle. It's not a legislative issue."

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-Paranoid

Dear Paranoid,

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-Perplexed

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The Gay Reader

The Front Runner by Patricia Nell Warren, 1974. Bantam Books, N.Y.C., N.Y., paperback \$1.95 (available at Wilde 'N' Stein Books, 819 Richmond, Houston, 713/529-7014)

Two of the best-known authors of Gay male novels, authors who have been able to climb inside the heads and bodies of male protagonists with authenticity and sensitivity...are women.

Thus far, to my knowledge, no male author has been able to do the reverse. What this means, I don't know...but I have my suspicions. The two women, of course, are Mary Renault whose ancient Greek novels are classics of male love. The other woman author is Patricia Nell Warren whose **The Front Runner** is now into its 11th printing.

Ms. Warren places her protagonists within the milieu of the running track world to which she is no stranger, having been a runner herself. The major characters are Billy Sive (whose name I find strongly, though vaguely, sensuous,) a young, gentle, out-front and sometimes enigmatic Gay athlete. He is the Front Runner, a term which means he prefers to lead the pack rather than hang back as do the Kickers who end the race with a tremendous spurt (watch it there! No pun intended) of power. Harlan Brown, Billy's coach, ex-Marine, hustler, and initially something of a closet case, is the other major character.

Despite the age-difference and lifestyle problems these two fall in love against the background of Gay Liberation efforts for homosexual athletes and

training for Billy's greatest ambition...openly representing the U.S.A. as a Gay competitor in the Montreal Olympics.

Needless to say, the sports world has its own Establishment and homophobic individuals and groups who can't bear the thought of a Gay representing the "and of the free and the home of the brave." Overcoming this obstacle provides the grist for **The Front Runner**.

The erotic scenes (and they *are* erotic) are handled with gentleness, finesse and sensitivity. Since Ms. Warren sold the movie rights to her book several years ago (it's been a sort of limbo-land, production-wise, until recently), it will be interesting to see what Hollywood does with her tense and gripping novel, especially the love scenes, when it comes to placing them on that great silver screen before all America and the world. The present producer/director has allegedly committed himself to an honest and faithful depiction. We shall see.

The Billy Sives Harlan Brown love story is tender and tough, hilarious and poignant...and the ending, the ending is a jolting kick in the balls...one the reader can never forget.

Some of the novels power is it's sheer poetry; some of it's failings is a can't-put-your-finger-on-it-doesn't-ring-quite-true feeling. This latter fault is minor and probably attributable to Ms. Warren's NOT being a Gay man after all.

A matter of interest to the reader might be how novels like this get written. Perhaps this is best explained by the dedication of **The Front Runner**:

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Dear Auntie,

I am a school teacher. One of my fellow teachers has a beautiful body and a big (!!) box, but I am afraid to come "out of the closet." What should I do?

-Scared

Dear Scared,

Show and Tell?

Dear Auntie,

All my friends tell me I am beautiful. I have a "swimmer's body" with smoothly muscled chest, lithe hips, nicely shaped legs and big cock. But I can't find anyone who satisfies me. What can I do?

-Conceited

Dear Conceited,

Sit on it!

Next week the LXIX business directory will be overhauled, corrected and updated to better serve you. Watch for it!

New Disco to Open

There will soon be another major Gay disco in Houston. "Numbers" (#s) is scheduled to debut some time in June at 300 Westheimer, former location of the **Million Dollar City Dump**.

Billed in its advance publicity as a "disco-theatre," the new bar will feature top-name "imported" acts and live concerts as well as disco dancing and an upstairs boutique, according to proprietors **Don Darragh** and **Thom Cohen** (yes, the guys from ETC.!).

The club's lighting will be entirely different from what is now available, featuring mellow - but - dramatic lights that "won't scare you off the dance floor." There will be two alternating DJ's (Ram Rocha and Scott Manning) to keep the music varying, and a lighting technician every night.

One of Numbers' first planned events will be a "Disco Grandma nite." The door proceeds that night will be accounted by the **Gay Political Caucus** and the **Houston Human Rights League** and proceeds will be donated to **Houston Town Meeting 1**.

There will be a private (invitation only) preview opening from 7-9 the night the bar opens and the doors will open to the public at 10:00 (just in time for boogie hour.)

Numbers' owners are promising a cozy atmosphere for all their patrons, whether they come in in after-work business suits or after-the-beach tee-shirts and cutoffs. Is everybody ready?

Gay Discount Coupons in California

San Francisco Gays are capitalizing on their economic strength in a novel way with a coupon booklet offering discounts at local businesses either owned by Gays or employing significant numbers of them.

One hundred businesses - ranging from baths to bars, restaurants to remodelers, hotels to hair stylists, - have subscribed to the Keys to the City booklet, which offers discounts of up to 20 percent on goods and services.

The booklets, with a first printing of 10,000, sell for \$12.95 and have been on the market for several weeks.

"It's too early to tell if it will be a fabulous success or just another curiosity," said Jim Hoffman, director of the promotion booklet, "but it's beginning to snowball."

According to Hoffman, San Francisco's Gay population may number as high as 150,000, with an estimated buying power of 1.4 billion dollars a year - or roughly \$9300 per Gay consumer!

A happy participant in the program is 33-year old auto mechanic Bob Senter, who said the response is overwhelming to his add in **Keys**, which cost him only \$100. "It's the best thing that ever happened to my business," said Senter, adding that his appointment calender for automotive repairs is booked ahead for three weeks partially because of the added publicity.

Senter said he hasn't consciously sought a Gay clientele, but that it just worked out that way. "If it doesn't effect their carburetor," he said, "I don't care what they do!"

A local Gay activist here is attempting to promote a demonstration of the purchasing power of Gay individuals in **Houston** by spreading a "Gay Buck" rubber stamp around town (for labelling Gay money.) Of course, if you don't have access to a stamp and aren't afraid to be a little risky, the words can also be hand printed or typed on paper money.

Keys to the City



And Speaking of Open...

A Westheimer life-long (and then some) institution reopened Friday (May 12) at 1022 "avenue W." Yes, **Mary's** is back, and is planning all kinds of fun things for the "hot season." So, if you've never considered yourself part of the crowd before, now is *definitely* the time to *re-consider*...and get in on the action.

Dr. Pepper Co. Slighting Gays

It may be time for another major Gay boycott. The **Dr. Pepper** distributors in Houston appear to be adopting discriminatory practices against Gay establishments which carry the product.

Bill West, manager of the **After Dark** bookstore said that trouble began with a recent change of delivery persons for **Pepper**, which the bookstore had been stocking for its soft drink machine. According to West, the new driver refused to deliver to the back of the store "because it was a Gay place." West later spoke to a supervisor for the company, who told him the situation would be corrected. After the call, however, no salesman was sent by the store and no **Dr. Pepper** deliveries were made to After Dark.

When West called back, he was told that he would have to talk to the head sales manager for the company, who never returned the call. A supervisor for **Pepper** told a **LXIX** reporter that John Payne (the sales manager) "handled that whole situation" and "made those decisions" and that he (the supervisor) "didn't know anything else about it."

In 1976, the **Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)** had trouble with its **Dr. Pepper** deliveries. The church representatives were never told that homosexuality had any bearing on the service, but they were told that MCCR's order was "too small to bother with." The church offered to place a minimum order set by the company, but the service was never proper.

"We went to buying drinks at Weingarten's and putting them in the machine," a former church member said.

A boycott against the **Dr. Pepper** company would not directly affect most Gay businesses, since the drink is not usually used as a mixer. There are enough "Peppers" in the Gay community, however (as there are enough Gays in Houston to pull any boycott if taken seriously) to get the company to feel the pinch. There are also other soft drinks on the market with similar flavor to replace it in soft drink machines until the company decides to be less selective about who they want to do business with.

S.F. Mayor Joins Battle

San Francisco Mayor George Moscone has joined the **Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative (BACABI)**, an organization formed to battle an anti-Gay initiative which is expected to qualify for the November ballot and, if the vote passed, would outlaw employment of homosexuals in public schools.

Moscone said in a statement, "This dangerous measure would strike at the heart of our democracy and sanction wholly unjustified discrimination against Gay citizens."

BACABI is also supported by SF Supervisor **Harvey Milk** and by **James Ballard**, president of the **American Federation of Teachers**.

Milk estimates that there are "10-20 million Gay persons in America today and the President should speak out on this issue.

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"Neutral" Elected as Presbyterian Officer

San Diego - (AP) — **United Presbyterians** have elected as presiding officer a Texas clergyman who has stayed neutral about whether the church should ordain avowed homosexuals.

But there was a possible straw in the wind about the highly volatile question in the voting Tuesday night for the post of moderator at the denominations 190th general assembly.

The Rev. **William P. Lytle** of San Antonio, who has remained uncommitted on the matter, won on a third ballot, but his two closest contenders in a six-way race had openly opposed allowing homosexuals in the ministry.

Lytle, thanking representatives of the 2.6 million member church for their "trust and confidence" voiced prayers that "we deliberate and do the thing that is right and good." He got 396 votes to 199 for the Rev. James G. Emerson, Jr. of Denver and 40 for the Rev. Vahe H. Simonian of Pasadena, Cal.

Lytle, in a statement prior to his election, said: "I rejoice that we are bold enough to deal with difficult questions in an open forum. Our greatest danger is not in conflict, but in failure to listen and learn."

He said two years of work by a task force whose majority has recommended that the church allow ordination of avowed homosexuals, has helpfully "brought the subject into the open."

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"Dedicated to all the athletes who have fought for human rights in sports, and to the young Gay runner I met at a party, who gave me the idea for this book.

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Anti-Gay Ballot

A ballot being circulated by **Jerry Falwell**, an evangelist friend of **Anita Bryant**, asks that the "head of each household" cast a write-in vote against Gay rights. The slick letter puts forth such questions as "Do you approve of open and blatant homosexuality, abortion on demand, and pornography?"

In his mailout, Falwell praises his "dear friend Anita" for the marvelous work she has done and implies that people like Bryant will be the salvation of the American family unit. He specifies that only the "head of each household" should cast the vote.

Alex's Restaurant (Fiction) by Sofy

Doug looked around the familiar room and sighed. In twenty minutes *Jake's* would open and he would be back to his nowhere position in the nowhere world, a nobody doing nothing that never would mean anything to anybody...

"What's on your mind?" Rand asked. Doug halfway heard him, and halfway thought of saying 'nothing', but almost choked on the words. He laughed bitterly; it was true, he'd been thinking all day about what a nothing his life was, and what a loser he was.

"Rand," Doug said, pulling the chairs in his station into position around the tables for the fourth time, "Have you ever thought about quitting?"

"Quitting what? Life? The rat race? The pursuit of happiness? Don't tell me your getting pissoteric again."

"As a matter of fact, I'm not," said Doug indignantly. "I was referring to quitting this place."

"Huh. You know, that's one thing I've *never* really thought about. I mean, well, I've *thought* about it, but..."

"How long you been working here?"

"Two years, I think. You've been here a year now, haven't you?"

"Almost. Did you see the lady come in here yesterday with the fat baby?"

"It was kinda big, I know."

"It was obese! The people who come in here are slobs."

"The dinner queens are kinda fun, though, huh?"

"They're even worse. And the people who work here are all...losers."

"That depends on how you look at it, really."

"I'm looking it right in the eye. And Rand, I'm quitting."

You're *what*?"

"Quitting. Today."

Doug watched his friend's face with bewildered disbelief. Rand, suddenly silent, looked dazed and deflated. He seemed to be avoiding eye-contact with him. Doug realized that, although he hadn't really meant what he said, as much as he would have wanted to believe it, his words had made quite an impact on...someone. And, at the same time, he felt a more shocking realization: that what that someone felt meant a *lot* to him.

"What's wrong?" (He had to assure himself that he had seen it clearly.) "Do you want me to stay?"

Rand looked away from him without answering. "What do you care what I think?" he said finally. "I don't mean anything to anybody."

Doug felt somewhat sickly amused. "Of course not...nobody does around here. Hey, look, if you want me around I guess I have to stick it out. I mean, where else could I go?"

Rand smiled, and Doug smiled back, and then Alex's marshmallow voice cut through like a blade: "I'm *really* sorry, Doug, but she *asked* for you. I mean, she came up to me in the bar and *asked!*"

Doug turned to look at his first table and sighed. He filled out the top of his check as the woman pulled three chairs together for the baby.

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| Midtowne Spa | 3100 Fannin | 522-2379 |

BOOKSHOPS:

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| The Bookstore | 1728 Bissonnet | 527-8522 |
| Wilde 'N' Stein | 819 Richmond | 529-7014 |

CHURCHES:

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| Agape Church | 1519 Kipling | 528-1000 |
| Christ's Communion | 908 B Winston | 868-4590 |
| | 1414 Joe Annie | 526-9223 |

CLOTHES AND JEWELRY:

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| All That Glitters | 4315 Montrose | 522-6976 |
| Artisan Fashions | 1731 Westheimer | 523-0809 |
| ETC. | 4714 Westheimer | |
| Hodge-Podge | 1338A Westheimer | 522-6485 |
| Manhole | 1983 W. Gray | 522-1089 |
| Union Jack | 4025 Westheimer | 622-3100 |

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

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| Crisis Hotline | | 228-1505 |
| Dignity | P.O. Box 66821/77006 | 528-7644 |
| Episcopal Integrity | | 526-0555 |
| Gay Resource Services | Box 441 U. C., U of H/77004749-3489 | |
| Integrity/Houston | P.O. Box 3942/77001 | 529-7014 |
| Lambda | 5210 Fannin | 433-8380 |
| Lutherans Concerned | 729 Manor | 453-1143 |
| Montrose Activities Center | 815 Hawthorne | 526-2668 |
| Wilde & Stein Collective | KPFT, Wed 11-12 P.M. | 526-4000 |

GYM:

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| The 2306 | 2306 Genessee | 528-6235 |
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PET SHOPS:

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| Butler's Pets | 1638 Westheimer | 522-8832 |
| Pet Shop, Bird Clinic | 3118 Smith | 529-7266 |

PLANTS AND FLOWERS:

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| Guenther Flowers | 2030 W. Alabama | 523-2828 |
| House of Plants | 1634 Westheimer | 528-1901 |
| Pampered Plant | 1225 Campbell | 932-7505 |

PRIVATE CLUB:

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| Soixante Quinze | 6015 Westheimer | 783-7002 |
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RESTAURANTS:

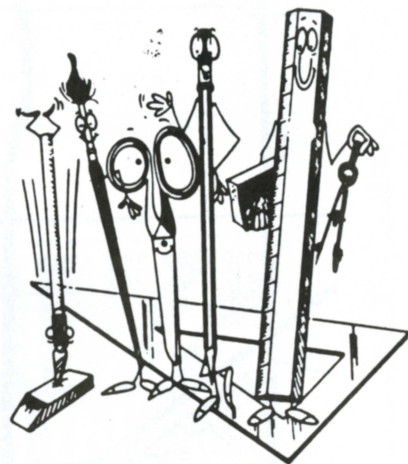
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| Don's Le Patois | 428 Westheimer | 523-5595 |
| The Mug | 515 W. Alabama | 528-8744 |
| Petite Europe | 2049 Richmond | 526-6020 |
| Somewhere | 1525 Westheimer | 528-7173 |
| Two Greek Brothers | 3215 Main St. | |
| Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant | 813 Richmond | 522-2385 |

SERVICES:

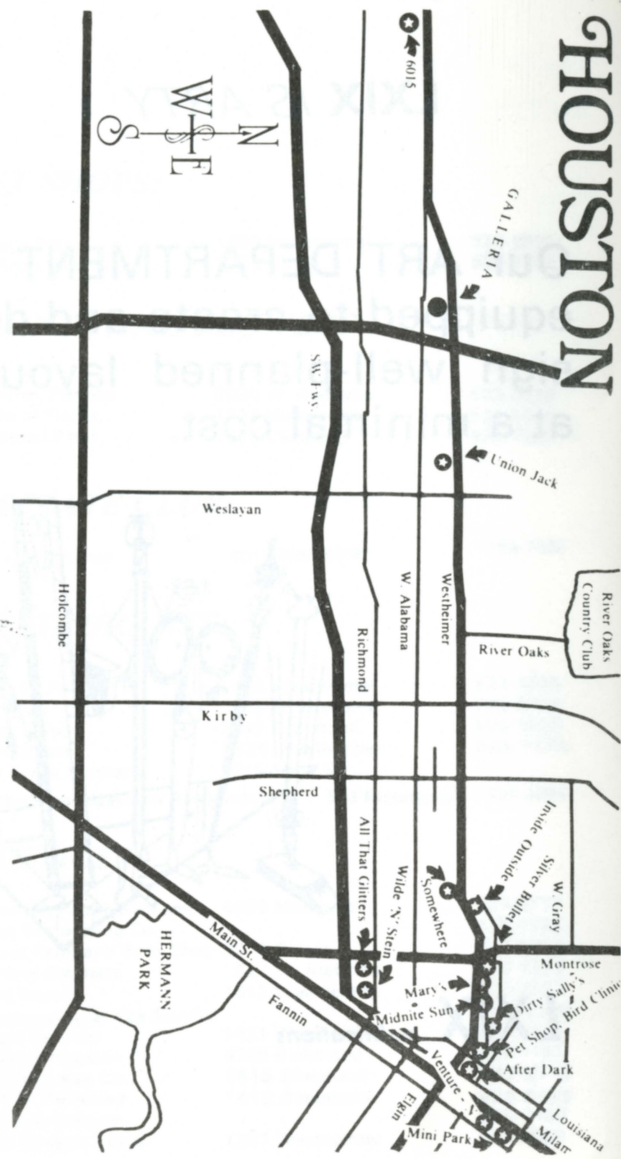
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| A. Burton Phone Services | 4506 Montrose | 526-6711 |
| Aztec Remodeling Co. | | 529-7556 |
| Brazos Paint and Body Shop | 2533 Brazos | 522-0722 |
| Garners Cleaners | 5211 Alabama | 523-4259 |
| Reed Keys | 1612 Westheimer | 523-2927 |
| Bookkeeping & Tax Service | | 864-1308 |
| Single Services | 1621 Westheimer | 524-9560 |
| Specs of Houston | 4709 Richmond | 626-1161 |
| Standard Key Co. | 1615 Shepherd | 862-2715 |
| C. & C. Furniture | 1613 Richmond | 529-8469 |
| Lights by Marsha | | 665-7400 |
| Black Dragon Tattoo | 1207 Westheimer | 529-9059 |

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