



Ann Landers

## Homosexual Unnatural

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Are you brave enough to print this? We will see. Recently I read where two men were legally married in Texas. What I don't understand is why they had to resort to trickery to get married. Why are homosexual relationships considered illegal? Why is it considered a sex crime when there is no victim, such as rape or child-molesting? Why do some police departments hire men to tempt the homosexual and then arrest him for being a pervert? It seems to me this is much more dishonorable, much baser conduct than loving someone of the same sex.

Why must people like me sneak around behind the backs of parents and relatives so that we don't shame or "disgrace" them? Why can't I hold hands with my lover in public and dance with him the way heterosexual lovers do? Surely love is not indecent, to be scorned and despised. The world needs less hate and more love — any kind of love. I do not understand why so many people do not understand. Can you explain it? — ONE

DEAR ONE: You read wrong about the "legal" marriage. In no state in the union can members of the same sex marry. This goes for Texas as well as the other 49.

I agree that police entrapment is a rotten device and I am against it. I also agree that most victimless crimes should be taken off the books. In Illinois, as well as many other states, (Illinois was first) homosexuality between consenting adults is not considered illegal.

Why can't members of the same sex kiss publicly and dance together and proclaim their love as heterosexual lovers do? Because homosexuality is unnatural. It is, in spite of what some psychiatrists say, a sickness — a dysfunction. In our culture, in the year 1973, we are not conditioned to accept homosexuality as the normal human condition.

For 18 years I have been pleading for compassion and

understanding and equal rights for homosexuals, and I will continue to do so. But I do not believe homosexual activity is normal behavior and unfortunately most people have a tendency to equate any and all abnormalities with sin, disgrace and shame.

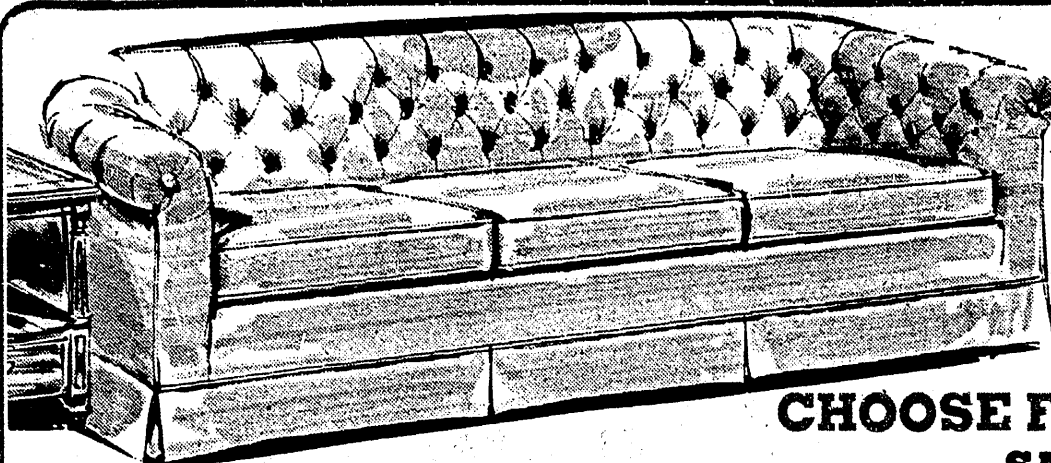
DEAR ANN LANDERS: I was amused by Wini's letter and your reply applauding the deemphasizing of wardrobe by the college girl.

Those "few pairs of jeans" with "patches from Maw's scrap bag" are just as much a status symbol as our cashmere sweaters were back in the 40's. And for your information, Ann, today's patches are not meant to cover up holes. They are purely ornamental and can be purchased right along with the new jeans.

Don't get me wrong. I am not opposed to fads. Every generation has them. What I am against is fuzzy thinking and downright nonsense, such as the adult who attributes this generation's anti-materialistic approach to "a better sense of values." Anyone who thinks today's mod clothes are cheap hasn't priced them. As the grandmother of two teen-age girls I know what I'm talking about. Think it over, will you? — THANK HEAVENS FOR GOOD CREDIT

DEAR T.H. FOR G.C.: I'm thinking. I'm thinking. And I must say, you have a point. In fact, you have several points. I've come to believe that the anti-materialistic attitude of many teen-agers is an expression of rebellion against affluent parents who tried to substitute "things" for time and attention.

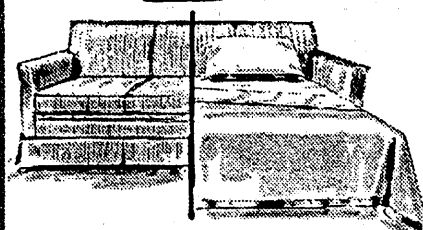
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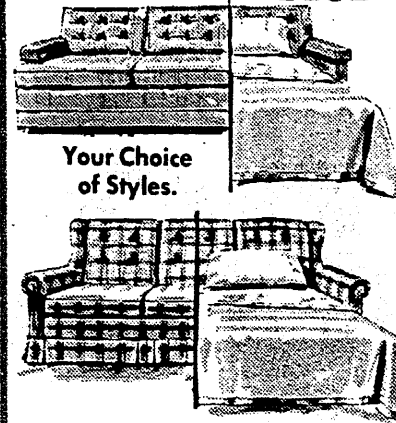


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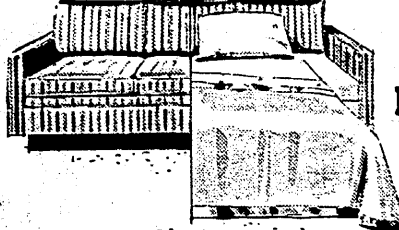
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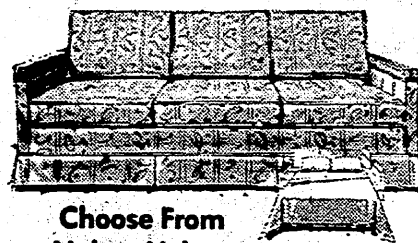
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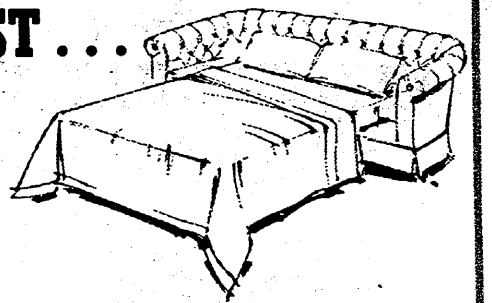


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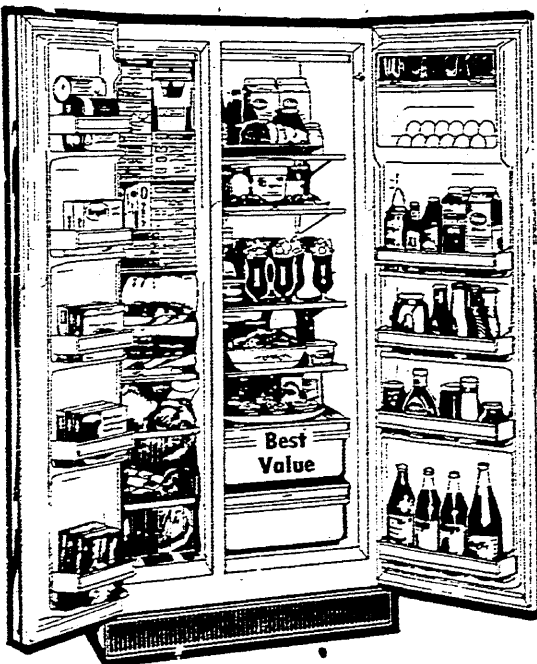
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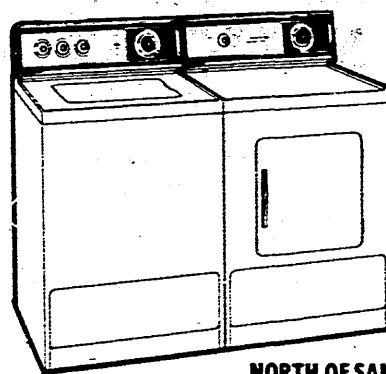
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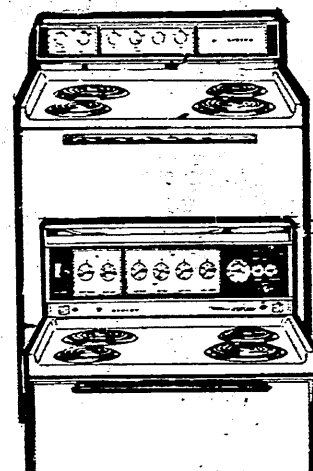


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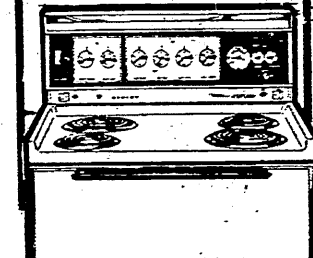
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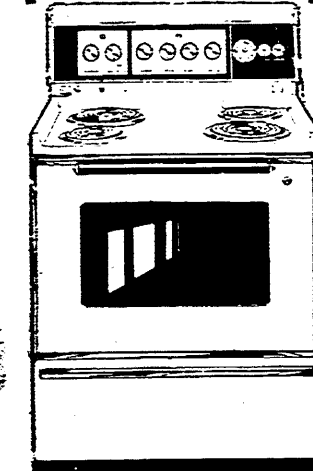
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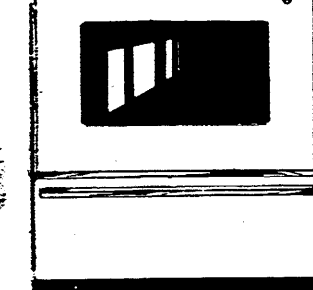
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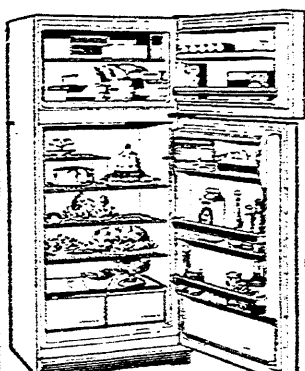


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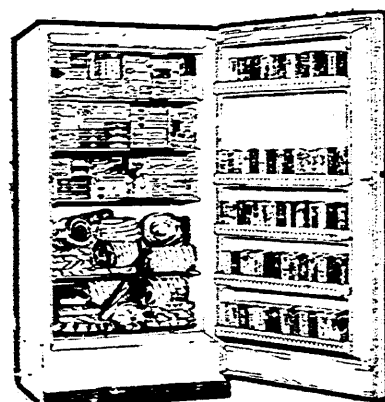
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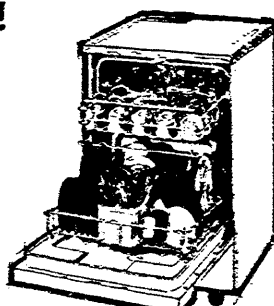
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