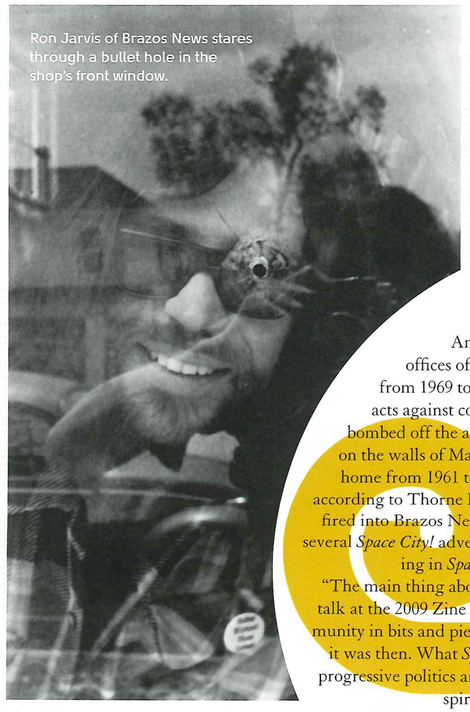

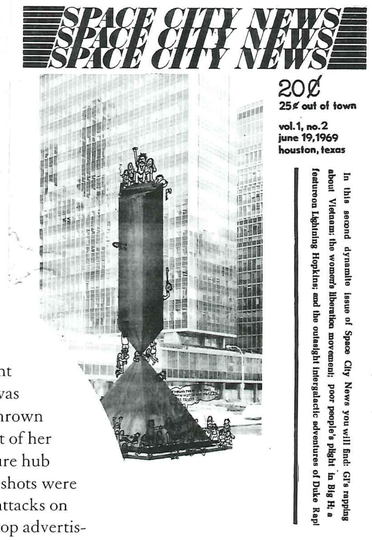

"The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is watching you."

An arrow bearing that note was shot into the offices of *Space City!*, an underground paper published from 1969 to 1972. The incident was one among many violent acts against countercultural groups. The KPFT transmitter was bombed off the air twice. Bullets were shot at and yellow paint thrown on the walls of Margaret Webb Dreyer's gallery, which she ran out of her home from 1961 to 1975. The gallery had served as a counterculture hub according to Thorne Dreyer, her son and an editor of *Space City!*. Six shots were fired into Brazos News late Friday, April 9, 1971, during a night of attacks on several *Space City!* advertisers. All received calls saying, "If you don't stop advertising in *Space City!*, you'll lose more than just a window."

"The main thing about Houston was that it was all spread out," Dreyer said in a talk at the 2009 Zine Fest Houston. "There was no Houston there, [only] community in bits and pieces everywhere. Houston is much more of a city now than it was then. What *Space City!* did was to help to identify all these pockets of progressive politics and kindred spirits, and pull them together into a cohesive spirit…a network of countercultural stuff."

Underground in H-Town, an exhibition at the Museum of Printing History organized in partnership with the Houston Metropolitan Research Center, presents *Space City!* and other alternative press. *Voice of Hope*, *El Papel Chicano*, *Breakthrough*, and others are on view until July 24, 2010.

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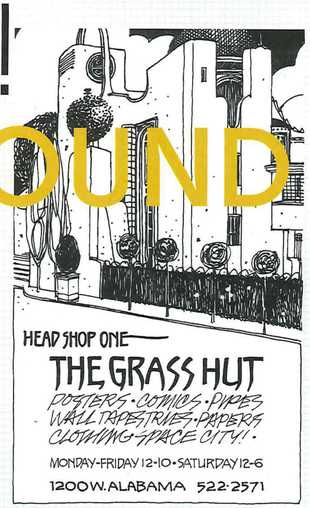
JOY BOONE and SARAH PIPAS
Women who know bicycles



Pictured is a gathering of the paper's staff outside the *Space City!* office at 1217 Wichita. Front row, from left: Victoria Smith, Sherwood Bishop, Tanya Phillips (on Sherwood's shoulders), Susie Le Blanc, Molly Bing, Tina Phillips, Thorne Dreyer, Mark Wilson. Top row, from left: Russ Noland, Bobby Eakin (with lampshade), Sue Mithun Duncan, Tom Hylden, Bryan Baker, Bill Narum, Lynne Bateman, Kerry Fitzgerald, Vicki Gladson, Ernie Shawver, [Unidentified], Judy Gitlin Fitzgerald, Jim Shannon. Above lampshade: Connie Mendez. *Space City!* photo by Jerry Sebesta.

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