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BUDDY DENNIS, FROM "THE CASINO REVUE," DALLAS, TEXAS

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

DALLAS

Grand opening of the **Service Station**. Free champagne from noon-6pm. Free well drinks and free buffet 8-10pm. Door prizes every hour 9pm-1am.

HOUSTON

Sculpture works by John McGraw on display at the **Briar Patch**, 2-7pm. Christmas party, **Lamp Post**. Free drinks from 8-9pm. Special show with Carmen Del Rio, the Gum Sisters and regular cast, 9:30pm. \$2.00 cover.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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Grand opening continued at the **Service Station**. Free draft beer from noon until ?.

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SAN ANTONIO

Chez Paris Show from Corpus Christi at the **Hypothesis**, 10pm, \$2.

HOUSTON

Sagittarius party, 7-9pm, **Venture-N**. Free drinks for all Sagittarians, with entertainment followed by Babbs and Baldy.

Toys for Tots, **Briar Patch**, 2-6pm. Bring a toy and get a free drink. John McGraw's sculptures will also be on display.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

HOUSTON

Gay Political Caucus meeting with bar owners association, discussing problems common with bar owners.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

HOUSTON

TADS meet at **Mary's**, 4:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

FORT WORTH

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HOUSTON

Dirty Sally's & Adam's Image version of *A Christmas Carol*, 9pm at Dirty Sally's.

Gay Political Caucus meeting, 7:30pm, Inside-Outside, upstairs.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

HOUSTON

Integrity/Houston rap topic: Living Alone. It meets at, but is not affiliated with, First Unitarian Church, corner of Fannin and Southmore, 7:15-8:45pm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

DALLAS

Grand opening of the *One Way In*, half price drinks from 7-10pm.

GALVESTON

Galveston Gay Society benefit, "The Jingle Bell Ball," 10:30, with a \$1 cover charge at the *Kon Tiki Club*.

HOUSTON

Slave auction number 6 tonight at the *Locker*.

Adam's Image & Dirty Sally's own version of *A Christmas Carol*, 9pm, at *Adam's Image*.

Night time version of the *Surf's* Sunday keg party, 9-11pm.

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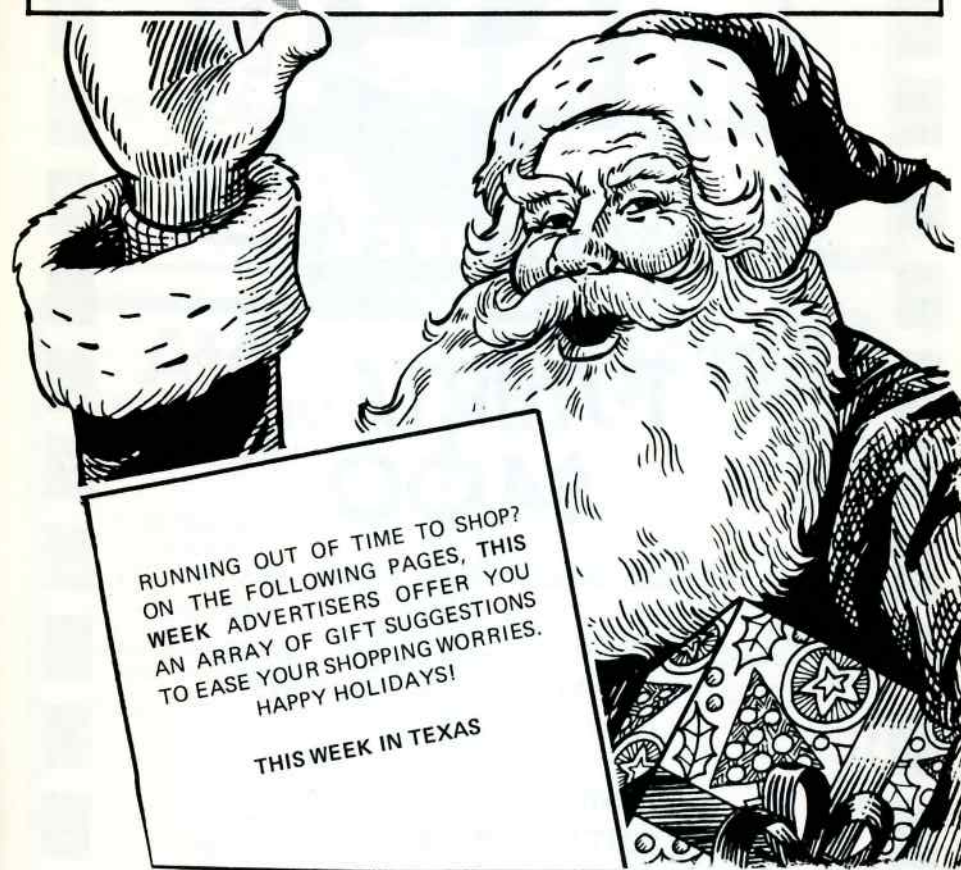
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The Miss Gay America contest at the Depository was a real delight. Congratulations to all involved. And special congrats to Shawn Covington of Dallas who walked off with the much-sought-after winning title. Fort Worth also did well, with the Regency's entrant, Cindy Birdsong, copping the 2nd Runner-Up honors, while Donna Day of Houston was named "Miss Congeniality." An all-round great showing for the Lone Star State.

The corner of Fitzhugh and Travis in Dallas is becoming *the* hot spot in that city, with three bars now located on that corner. The newest addition is the Service Station, which opened December 13. The Service Station spared no expense in bringing the disco sound, but also features a horseshoe bar for heavy raps. Big

Boogie or congenial chatter under the same roof. Add it to your list of "must do's."

Also in Dallas, the One Way Inn opens its doors to the gay guys on Friday, December 19. The owner, Mac, is planning big things for those who like big pleasure. Hee, hee. Meet me there.

The disco sound is also hitting San Antonio in a big way, with the opening of the *Rhapsody*. Don't miss it. Beats the hell out of taking those tired old pictures of the Alamo, tourists.

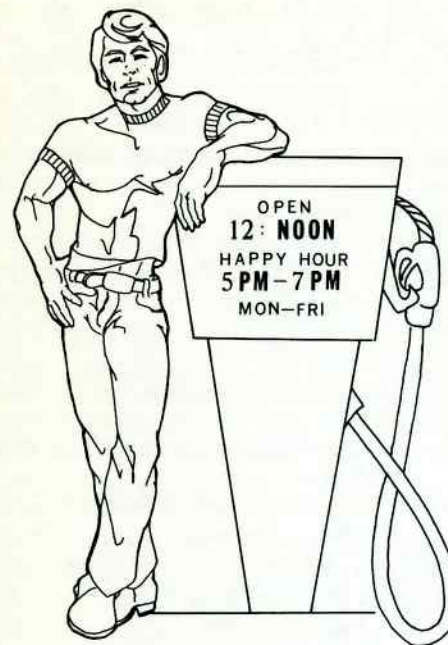
Word from Corpus Christi has it that the Chez Paris is now closed. That's really sad. But stay tuned for possible notes on a replacement liquor bar.

Remember Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*. Well, the old geezer is being brought to life by Houston's Dirty Sally's and Adam's Image. In a special Christmas production, the old story is being presented and staged in a new way. The old tightwad is still greedy, but its more than money he's trying to get his hands on. We won't tell you what it is that he's hot to get, but you should be able to guess (if you're having any fun at all). Performances will be held at Dirty Sally's on December 17 and at Adam's Image on December 19. Treat yourself to a seat.

And finally, want to throw a Christmas Party but don't have enough space? Well, get this. The Farmhouse in Houston has now opened up its famed Plantation Room for private parties on Tuesday's and Thursday's. And maybe even the entire upstairs may be available soon. So there you have it. If that doesn't give you ideas, you've got a broken spoke in the windmill of your mind.

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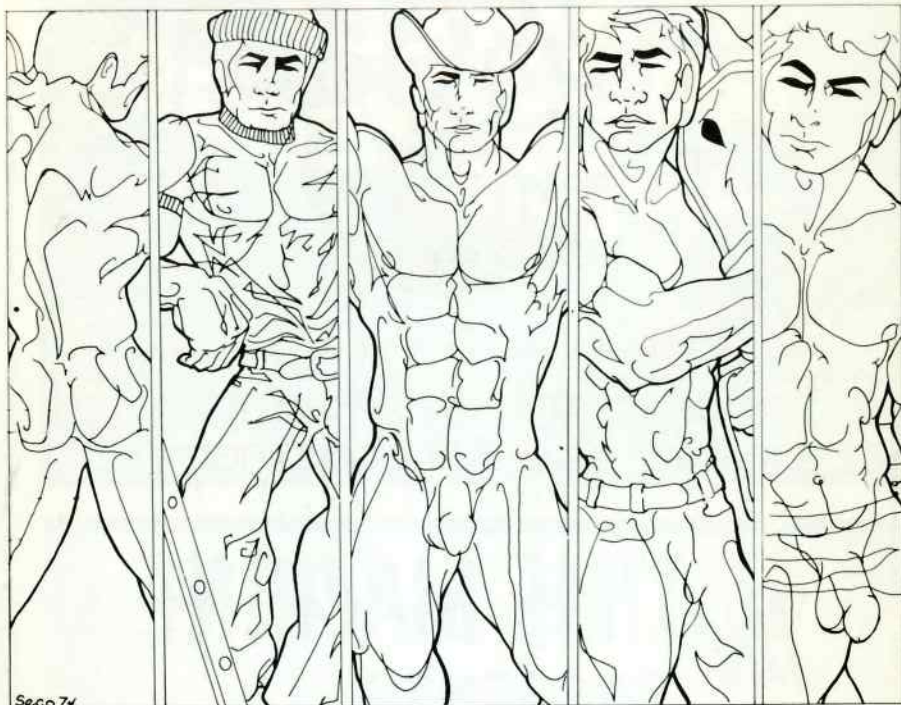
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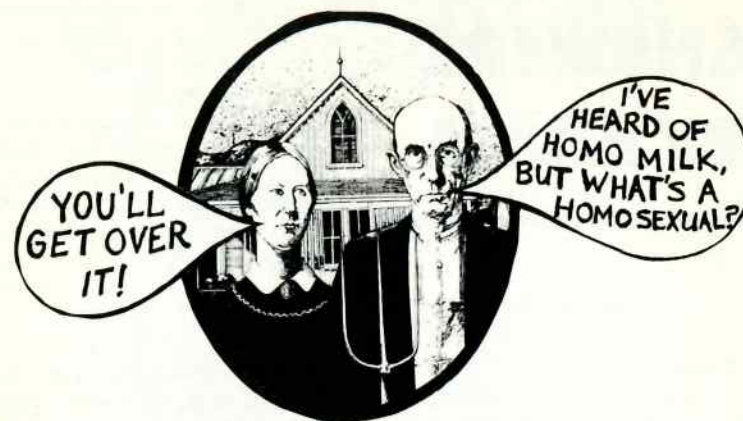
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By Adam Dennis

Dear Adam,

My friend and I are having an argument. Lately, we have noticed that more and more guys that appear to be heterosexual are obviously not wearing underwear under their pants. My friend says a straight guy who does not wear underwear can probably be "made" on the gay scene. I say it's just fashion and doesn't mean anything. Who is right?

George C., Dallas, Texas

Dear George,

In one respect, you are right. It is becoming fashionable not to wear underwear. But on the other hand, nobody is going to wear something just because it's fashionable. Things are worn because they are flattering to the person wearing them. People who don't wear underwear and desire to emphasize their "equipment" in great detail are obviously proud of that equipment. Such displays generally indicate a certain liberalism, although that liberalism might be directed toward the females. But I think it's a pretty safe bet to assume that if a guy is "flaunting it" he does not have an overabundance of puritanical hang-ups. A guy without hang-ups is a guy that can be "made," if you're the "right person." Go ahead and give it a try. What have you got to lose?

Dear Adam,

I want to go into show business, but I am not at ease performing before straight people. I identify with gay people and my "aura" is much enhanced by performing before an all-gay crowd. My question is: Are there enough all-gay entertainment outlets that a performer could make a living by doing shows only in gay entertainment outlets?

Joe P., Dallas, Tex.

Dear Joe,

Generally speaking, yes. But just what is it you "do," dear? That could make a difference. If you are a singer or a dancer, you should have no problem (assuming that you are good). On the other hand, if you're a stand-up comedian, things could get a bit rough, simply because you're going to have a hard time getting adequate material. Most straight people only go out once or twice a month, so your act would not get old. But gay people go out a lot, and after they've heard your material once or twice, you've got to have new material or you're up the creek. (They'll love you on Thursday and Friday, but what are you going to do that's new on Saturday and Sunday.) Once you started to "make it," however, you can then travel from town to town just doing two or three shows and greatly alleviate the problem of getting new material constantly. If you're a drag queen, you're in for a really rough time, since female impersonators are becoming considered part of the "old way" and are falling prey to the real stage performers spawned by the Age of Gay Liberation.

And finally, if you're the one who has that act with the trained donkey, I suggest you look into the aluminum siding business, or any job that has a strong pension and retirement fund. Okay?



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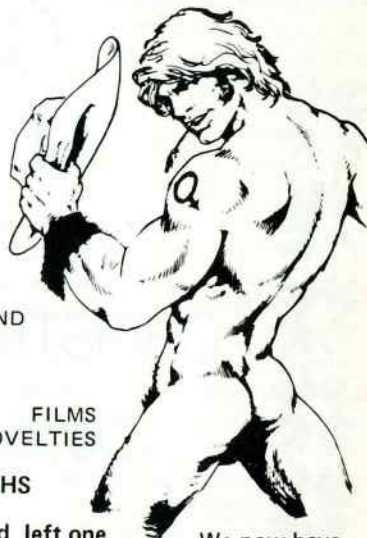
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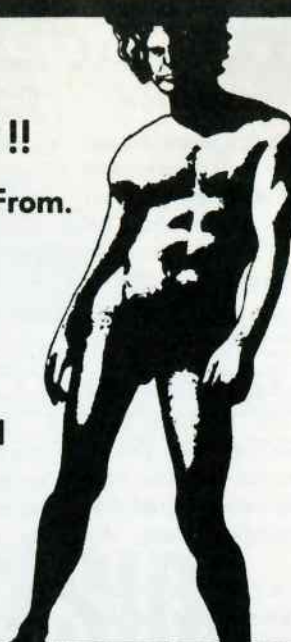
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BY CHRISTOPHER SAVITCH

Performer **Roger Daltry** (lead singer of **The Who** and star of **Tommy**) and director **Ken Russell** (of **Tommy** fame) are at it again! Another film, an additional helping of things bizarre. Title this one **Lisztomania**.

A quaint little biography of **Franz Liszt** serves as basic premise for this tale. See Franz grow up. See Franz become friends with fellow composer **Richard Wagner**. See Richard steal Franz' music. See Richard take Franz' daughter as his mistress. It's the very simple story you learned in grammar school music appreciation class. Almost.

There have been a few "embellishments." My teachers never told me that Franz' rode a 10-foot dildo to the guillotine, where he was beheaded. (The head of his penis, that is). Nor did I know that the Pope during that historical period looked like Ringo Starr with icons of Judy Garland around his neck. Nor did I know that Liszt's fans consisted of an auditorium of pre-adolescent girls all wearing bonnets who carried on like they were watching the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show. But these are all but a few of the grandiose visions painted by the Daltry-Russell cinematic collaboration.

There is one thing, however, that can be said about this film. The viewer is absolutely wired to his seat. It's as though there is a direct line from the screen to the viewer, over which passes about 50,000 volts at strategic shock intervals. You leave the film absolutely exhausted. There's only so much that the homo sapien race can adjust to in terms of sensory voltage — and this film taxes the outer limits. It's wonderful!

Your appreciation of the film is in

direct proportion to your knowledge of the true facts represented by the electric symbolism. But even if you know absolutely nil concerning music history, you're still going to be up to your teeth in accolades. Never has the use of film technique so masterfully been employed. You don't just watch this film. You become a part of it — and you don't know where to duck to avoid the next visual assault. The film is absolutely EVERYWHERE! It bathes you in all the eroticism, bizarritty, flash color and spirit that your little heart can attempt to combat.

One word of warning, however. Enjoy the film as you view it, because for some strange reason you won't remember a lot of it when it's over. It's like being in an auto accident. You know it happened. You have witnessed the wreckage. But it is all very much like a dream. **Lisztomania** taxes all your senses. But your senses are so consumed in just "surviving" the film that the memory says, "Oh, to hell with it!" In this respect, the film is much like Disney's **Fantasia**, but to an even greater degree.

The ads for the pic say "Lisztomania out Tommy's Tommy." And in many respects, it does. Especially in reference to things visual. The grandeur of the visions drawn off the screen easily surpasses those of **Tommy**. However, there is not the familiar score that served as a point of reference and stability that we enjoyed with **Tommy**. Perhaps this increases the visual impact of the film even more. You have no frame of reference. Nothing to offer any solid ground for stability. You are simply lost in the film visually, and at the mercy of director Russell. But although he does not treat you gently, you don't mind following Russell wherever he desires to take you. Who could resist the Yellow Brick Road, with a semi-nude Daltry serving as guide. Sell me a ticket!



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