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# AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

*A Selective Guide to Entertainment and Events of Unusual Interest*

## **Saturday, January 24, Houston**

White Elephant Sale, Metropolitan Community Church, 10am-4pm. Chili and salad lunch, noon-2pm. Proceeds to MCC building fund.

## **Saturday, January 24, Odessa**

All girl band (Mercee), Skylite. Two dollar cover charge.

## **Saturday, January 24, Galveston**

The Fruit Jar's 2nd anniversary with free hors d'oeuvres, 40¢ beer and all drinks at half price. . . . E.D. Lloyd, Tanya Turner, Honey Hassell, and guests perform from 10pm to 1:30am at Robert's Lafitte.

## **Sunday, January 25, Dallas**

Special birthday celebration for Joe Philpot, Sundance Kids. Three-keg beer bust, 7pm. Special performance of the Grease Sisters and Alan Allison, 9:30pm. No cover.

## **Sunday, January 25, Ft. Worth**

Miss Regency Contest, 9pm, Regency.

## **Sunday, January 25, Houston**

Worship service, 1pm and 7:30pm, Metropolitan Community Church. . . . Worship service, Christ's Communion Church, 11am. . . . All girl band, Casey and Company, play at the Lampost 4-8pm.

## **Monday, January 26, Houston**

Lambda A.A., 8pm, Metropolitan Community Church.

## **Wednesday, January 28, Houston**

Old Plantation Follies starring Tiffany Jones, Eartha Kitt, Kitty Keye and Lana, 9:15pm. Half price bar drinks, \$1 cover. . . . Gay Political Caucus meeting, 7:30pm, Inside-Outside, upstairs.



## **Thursday, January 29, Dallas**

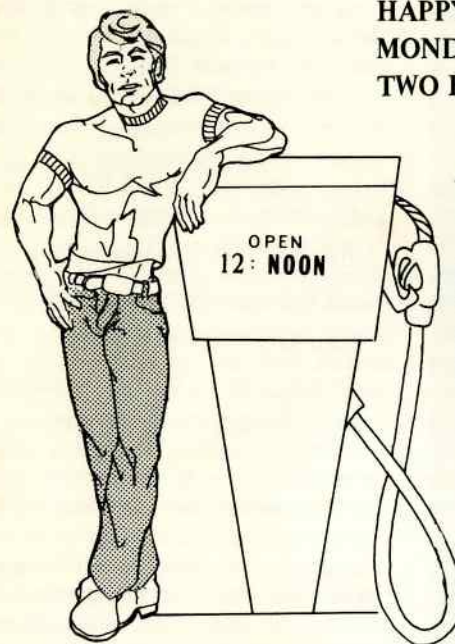
Benefit drag show for the Mary Jo Isher legal fund, 9:30pm, Entre Nuit.

## **Thursday, January 29, Houston**

Special re-opening of the Depository following a face-lift, which included putting in a new dance floor. See ad elsewhere in this issue. . . . Lambda A.A. and Al-Anon meet, 1:30pm, Metropolitan Community Church. . . . Integrity/Houston rap topic: How to change straight attitudes toward gays. It meets at (but is not affiliated with) First Unitarian Church, corner Fannin and Southmore, 7:15-8:45pm.

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situation, call your local GPC, MCC or Crisis Hotline. . . . People in San Antonio would be well advised to follow the plans and progress of "Gay in San Antonio — A Sense of Belonging." It is an official part of the bicentennial celebration funded by the **American Issues Forum Committee of San Antonio**. The big event will be on April 30 through May 1, 1976. We'll give you more details as it comes closer

. . . . When Mayor Fred Hofheinz heard of the trouble, he invited members of the Houston Gay Political Caucus to his office. . . . things would be better under new Police Chief Bond. . . .

on the calendar, but start looking for it now. . . . Turning now to local tidbits and gossip, Houston-ites will be glad to know that the **Locker's** patio is now totally enclosed, no more freezin' of the buns. The enclosure effort was a project of the **Texas Riders**. Good goin' guys. . . . Houston's **Lazy J** will be closed from Jan. 26 to Feb. 2, a liquor violation. Also closing for three days is the **Depository**, as they clean up their act. The big "D" will have a special re-opening confab on the night of Jan. 29, featuring a new light show and dance floor. By the way, we trust you know that in the future, the Depository will be closed on Monday nights, while the

Old Plantation Houston will take its weekly rest, and close its doors, on Tuesdays. . . . The Old Plantation in Dallas is having all sorts of trouble. As you know, the old location has been closed down while the new Old Plantation was under construction. Well, Saturday evening, the new location burned to the ground and it appears to have been a case of arson. So, now, there's not an old Old Plantation and it will be even longer before there is a new Old Plantation. Owners say, however, they will rebuild at the new site. . . . Also in Dallas, you **Mother Iva** fans will be delighted to hear that M.I. herself is now holding "court" at the **Service Station** on weekdays from noon to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Additionally, M.I. will stage her heroic bloody mary bash at the back bar. . . . In the "From Here and There" category: San Antonio residents should start gearing up for the **Starving Artists Show** in April. In the meantime, if you plan to go to **Fiesta de San Jacinto** celebration this year, in April also, you'd better get your reservations now. They're going fast and there aren't that many hotel rooms to go around in the Alamo City. And in Galveston, take note that the **Kon Tiki Wahine** has changed its name back to the **Fruit Jar**. Welcome, home. . . . And finally, brace yourself. I said *brace yourself*. Starting next week, *This Week In Texas* begins running a weekly "soap opera" in print. It's called *Life With Vera* and is simply *not* to be believed. You've heard the expression "really hot"? Well, this *is!* It's a serial that will keep you absolutely panting with quivering excitement from one installment to the other. . . . But in the meantime, take care of yourself. And we'll see you next week with all this usual good stuff *plus* the first installment of *Life With Vera!*

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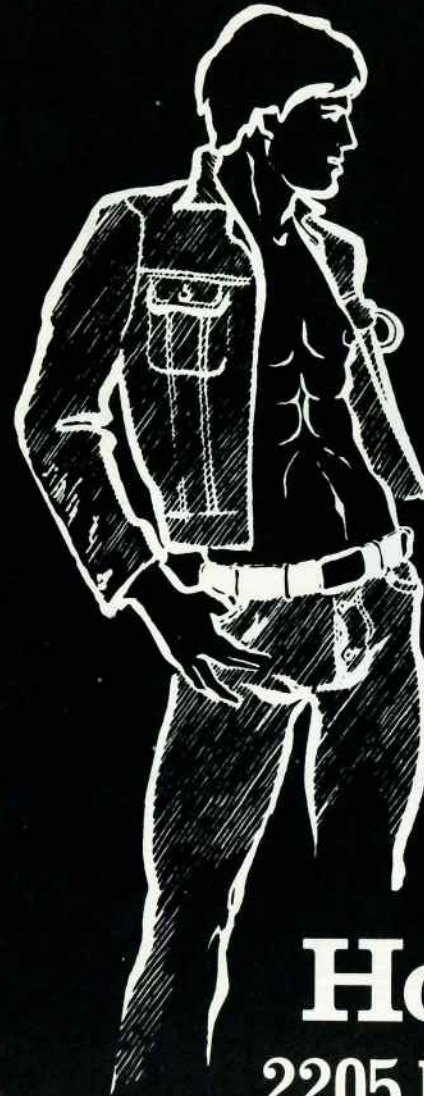
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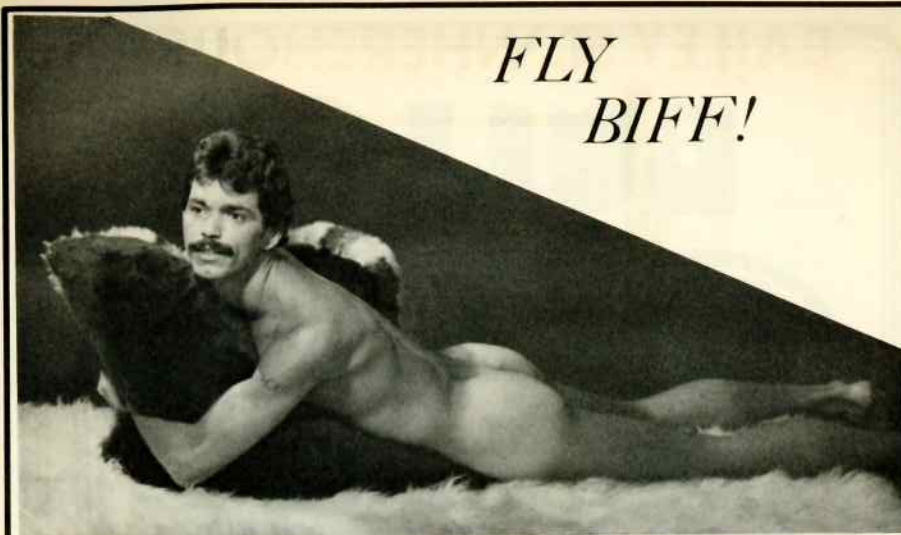


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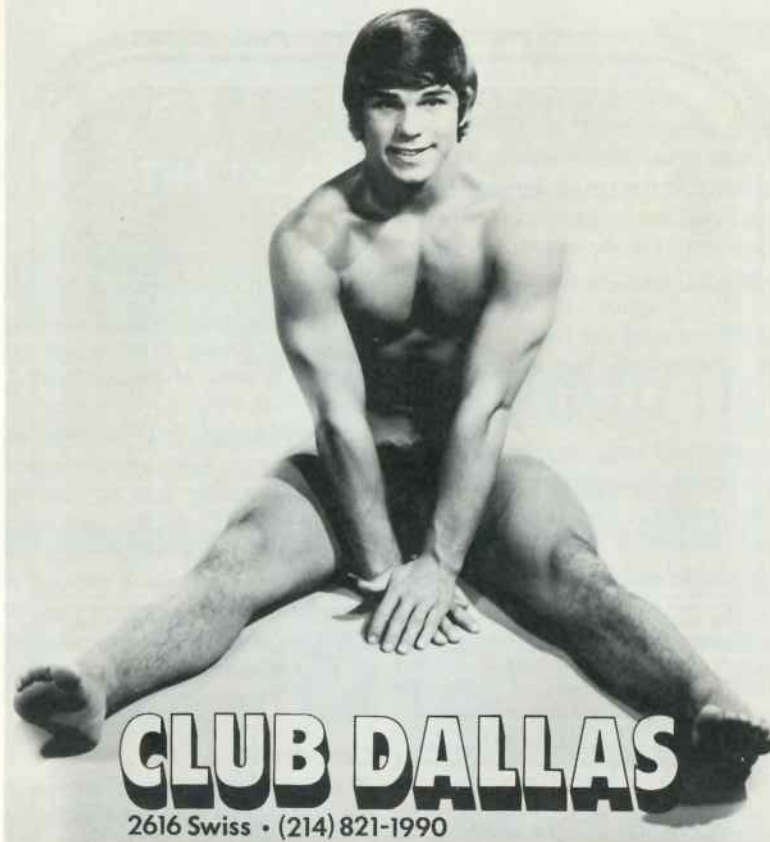
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by Adam Dennis

Dear Adam,  
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Wayne S., Houston, Texas

Dear Wayne,  
Checking with my local doc, it appears that the practice is not harmful, if not carried to excess. This method of low-budget facelift is not harmful to

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most skin types so long as it is not used too frequently. I'd advise using it only on special occasions — first dates, proms, etc. Extreme dryness of the skin could be a bad side effect if used too frequently. But apparently you are correct in saying it really does work because more and more guys

are using it. But it's not the sort of thing I would brag about. If I went in for an occasional "H"-lift, I wouldn't tell my fiancee until I had that ring on his finger. Just because you treat your face like an asshole is no reason to act like one. Do it. But don't tell anybody in town.

Dear Adam,  
A friend of mine gave me a large painting for Christmas. Or at least, I think it's a painting. It's the most God-awful, tacky eyesore I've ever had the misfortune of encountering. It's a wierd, "modernistic" drawing of some unknown shape like no one has ever seen before. And what's worse, it's painted in colors that no man has ever seen before. It's on the wall right now, glooming up the room. My problem is obvious. How do I get rid of this monster without offending my friend? If I leave it up, I will look like a fool to all my other friends. Any suggestions?  
Henry V., San Antonio, Texas

Dear Henry,  
If the painting is really as bad as you say, I'd put it on the smallest wall and surround it with all the cheap trash I could find — a feather boa, copper skillet, an Elton John poster, etc. Then, you can tell all your "other" friends that it is your "camp" wall, a big joke whose splendor is in its total absurdity. On the other hand, the person who gave you the poor-taste painting will think you have "framed" his gift with art objects of equal stature. (The guys who like bad art usually like feather boas, too.)



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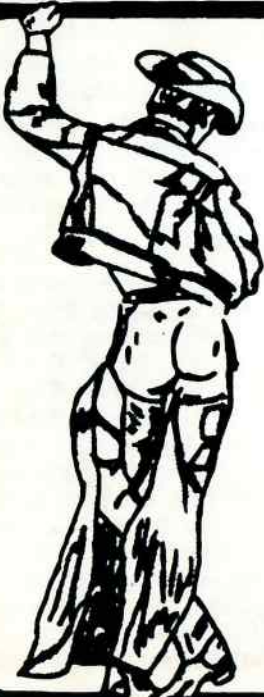


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Clothes Circuit - 900 Lovett - 527-0553

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