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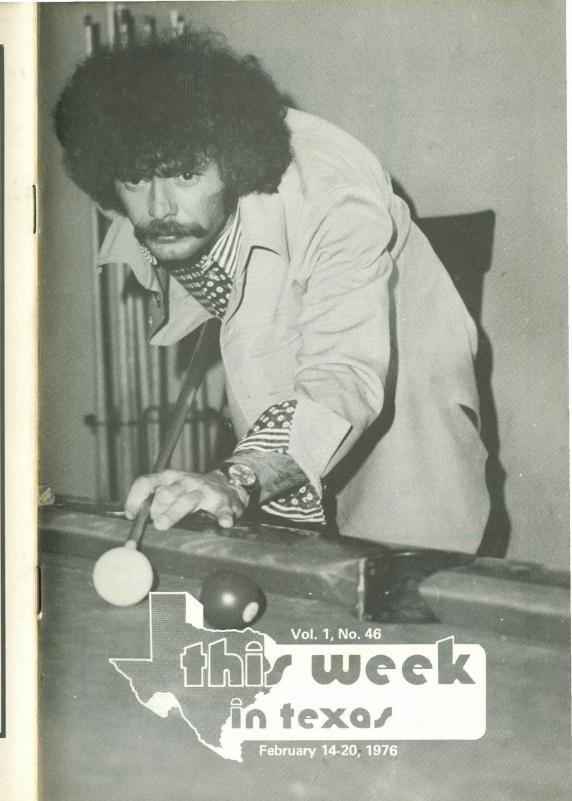
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AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

A Selective Guide to Entertainment and Events of Unusual Interest

Saturday, February 14, Dallas

Grand opening, Filling Station. Free draft beer at noon & free bar drinks 8-9pm. Free buffet at 8pm. Curtis Hall & the Cactus Cafe play for dancing at 9pm. . . T.J.'s all day and all evening Valentine special — if you wear red and white or all red you get your first drink free. . . Valentine brunch, 1pm-3pm, at the Swamptrash. . . Valentine drink specials all evening at the Sundance Kids.

Saturday, February 14, Houston King (butch female) and queen (drag queen) contest with trophies and prizes at the Lamp Post. Special show with Lynn Christie, Eartha Kitt, special guests the Gum Sisters, and a female stripper. . . . Valentine Dating Game, plus buffet and dance, at the Metropolitan Community Church, 7:30pm. . . . Mr. Bi-Centennial Contest at the Surf, 9pm. \$50 cash prize.

Saturday, February 14, Galveston GGS benefit garage and yard sale at Mary's II, 10am-5pm.... Love Entertainment Valentine Show at the Kon Tiki at 10:30pm featuring Elisha, Pat, Joe, Creighton and Richard.

Saturday, February 14, Ft. Worth Special love drag show, all evening, at the 500 Club.

Saturday, February 14, Odessa Valentine drag show, 10pm, at the Skylite.

Saturday, February 14, Wichita Falls Mary's & Al's Valentine party, Carousel, Free keg and cold cuts.

Saturday, February 14, College Station Festival of Hearts Valentine celebration at 9pm at the Unitarian Church Fellowship. 305 Old College Rd. It's BYOB with free beer and set-ups, sponsored by Alternative.

Sunday, February 15, Dallas Mr. Jacque E. Strap contest, 9:30pm, at Sundance Kids. Bar tab prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$15. Tuesday, February 17, El Paso First anniversary party for the new Pet Shop. Call for more information.

Wednesday, February 18, Houston Graffiti Valentine Party at Mary's, 10pm. Cash prizes for best words of wisdom. \$50 first, \$25 second, \$15 third. Bring your own mark swats.

Wednesday, February 18, Ft. Worth The first in a series of amateur night contests, 9pm at the Regency. Finals on Mar. 3.

Friday, February 19, Houston
Hollywood Babolyn (theme: pre-Mardi Gras
and Hollywood Trash), 8-12pm, the old
Palace Club, 3400 Montrose. Sponsored by
the Montrose Activity Center. Prize for best
costume.

Gay Organizations

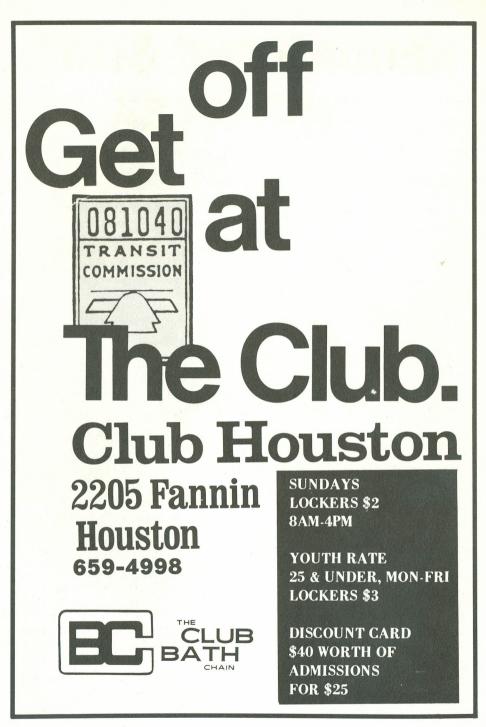
Houston Metropolitan Community Church. Sunday: worship services 1pm, 7:30pm, and choir practice 11:30pm. Monday: Lambda AA 8pm, Transactional analysis 8pm. Tuesday: choir practice 7:30pm, Bible study 7:30pm. Thursday: Lambda AA and Ala Non 1:30pm, Friday: arts and crafts 7:30pm.

Gay Political Caucus. Wednesday: general open-to-everyone meeting at 7:30pm, upstairs at the Inside Outside.

Dignity/Houston. Thursday: Travis Peterson of Ann Barnett & Assoc. will continue in his series of talks on transactional analysis and handling yourself in the dating game and choosing the right mate at 8pm at St. Anne's Church, 2140 Westheimer. For further information call (713) 529-8213 or 629-6428.

Houston Gay Activists Alliance. Thursday: general meeting in the Spindle Top room, University of Houston, University Center, 7:30pm.

Houston Christ Communion Church. Sunday: worship services 11am.



Sampling Texas

Yes dear hearts, it's that time of the year again. The time for looking up old names and addresses. The time when all the bar owners buy all the red crepe paper in town. The time for measuring your popularity by the degree of bulge

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in your mailbox. Valentine's Day! . . . The wonderful innocence and color of a high school prom will prevail all around the state as bar owners gear up for the hearts and flowers tradition. Official Queens of Hearts will number in the

dozens. (While unofficial Queens will turn out by the thousands.) There's a lot going on. Everywhere. Check the "Around the State" column for the coronation nearest you. . . . In Dallas, Ken Cyr got his Valentine early. The benefit at the Bailey Street Wherehouse for Ken's class action lawsuit against the police department raised more than \$3000. Everyone who helped should be very proud, with special thanks to Dena Farrell and Lady Baronessa. . . . A major benefit, this one for the Montrose Activity Center, is upcoming in Houston. Full details can be found for this all-important event, "Hollywood Babylon," in the centerfold of this publication. Turn there, right now. Everything else can wait. See? I told you it was important... Also of importance is the fact that the Houston Gay Political Caucus is now meeting on Wednesdays at the Inside-Outside. At 7:30 p.m., on February 13th, a major meeting concerning Gay Pride Week will be held at the Houston MCCR. Gay Pride Week is usually the last week in June and it ends with parades and festivities, However, on June 18 through June 20, the Texas Gay Conference III will be held in Houston, bringing people from all over the state. One idea concerning Gay Pride Week in Houston is to move it up a few days on the calendar. If Houston has its Gay Pride parades and festivities on June 20, rather than the traditional end of the month, it would permit all those present for the Conference to attend - and serve as a big kickoff for Gay Pride Week around continued on page 8

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the state. However, if the change is going to made in dates, meetings must be held now. All those interested must attend the meeting on February 13th at the MCCR to get this thing off the ground, C'mon kids, see you there. . . . In other events here and von: the Locker, in Houston, has announced that it will hold a "Slave of the Year" auction in conjunction with the "Let Us Entertain You" weekend of March 5th. Register now. . . . For all you "jammers," the Lamp Post is now holding musical iam sessions, with a professional pianist, on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ya'll come. And hum. . . . The Miss Gay Texas Pageant hits the boards on April 10th and 11th. Over \$400 in cash prizes and a trip will be awarded top winners. M.C.'s for the gala will include Tuna Starr and Norma C. Kristie, live, from Arkansas. Details and tickets can be had at the Old Plantation or the Pet Shop in Houston. Or just write, "Pageant." 4615 Mt. Vernon, Houston, TX 77006. . . . El Paso people are now getting ready to select "Miss Time Machine," a contest to be held there on the night of Feb. 28th at their beautiful new bar of the same name. The Time Machine will give trophies and flowers to hot numbers selected. . . . "Tidbits from Dallas" listings this week include news that the One Way Inn is now a guys bar, Also, the Bayou Landing there is now getting a major facelift. And finally, the polular Union Jack clothing chain that started in Dallas is now opening a Houston outlet. . . . And P.S., thanks to Mother Iva for the invitation to her "court-holding" grand opening celebration at the Service Station. Really, Iva - you're just too much!! . . . See va next week. Send me a Valentine. I'm shooting for a record - three.



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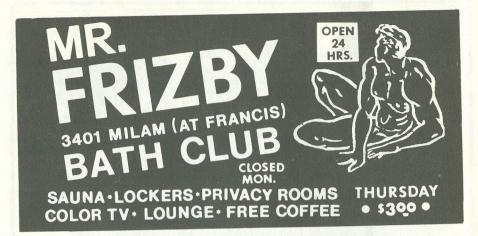
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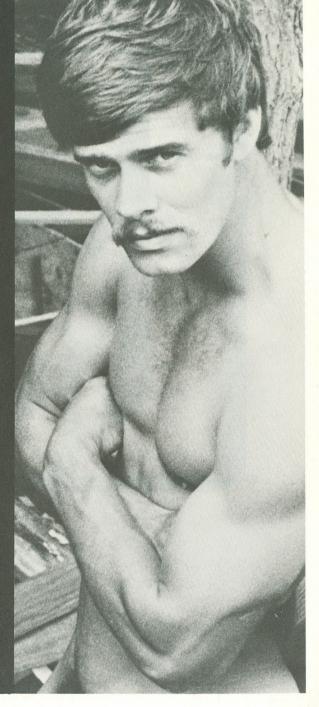
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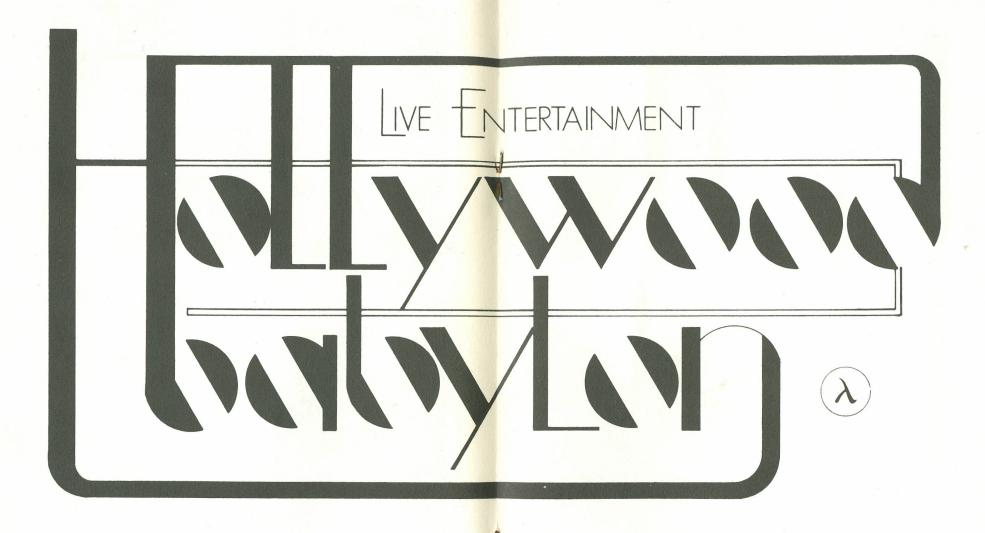
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continued from an earlier issue

David, known throughout Houston as Vera, sat beside Burt, known throughout Houston as Burt, in the steamroom of Club Houston. The thick steam produced adequate heat to turn the skin from death pale to rosy read. But even so, it was like an Alaskan breeze compared to the situation Burt had just fled from.

"Well, what did you tell her?" Vera asked.

"I couldn't say anything. I really did try, but nothing would come out. I've never had training on what to say when

me into this mess. Getting into drag was your idea. . . . The stranger who had come into the steamroom had his mind on things other than the personal problems of Burt and Vera. . . .

your mother walks into your apartment and finds you all decked out like Judy Garland, getting ready to go to a drag party. Mom may never speak to me again." Burt said.

"Well I don't blame her," Vera injected humorously, in usual style.

"Don't talk to me like that, Vera!"
Burt warned. "You're the one that got

me into this mess. Getting into drag was your idea."

Just then, a flash of light could be seen, indicating that someone else was joining Burt and Vera in the steamroom. But, as fate would have it, it was still too dark to see the identity or the calibre of the third party, who took a seat beside Burt. But Burt didn't care. He was much too concerned with his own problems.

"I just left her there. Standing in the hall. Wondering what was that flash of glitter that raced down the hall on one heel singing Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

"Are you sure she knew it was you underneath all those sequins?" Vera asked.

"She knew. Mom's not the kind of person to go in for heavy weeping and wailing over a stranger. It takes a lot of stress before a woman gets down on her knees and pleads with the door knob to tell her where she went wrong."

The stranger who had come into the steamroom seemed to have his mind on things other than the personal problems of Burt and Vera, and as is the normal course of things, Burt soon felt a plump hand moving across his thighs.

"Not now, thank you," Burt said, removing the stranger's hand.

"Did you have any trouble getting in here?" Vera asked Burt.

"A little. The attendant said they didn't normally let Judy Garlands into the tubs. But we finally worked out a continued on page 16

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Life With Vera from page 14 deal." Burt responded.

"They're not allowed to trick while on duty," Vera warned.

"Oh, it's not that," Burt responded. "I have to sing at his next birthday party."

Again Burt felt the hands of the stranger growing more and more determined to get at the "good stuff."

"I said I'm *not* interested!" Burt said, with a more stern disposition than before.

"Was your father there?" Vera asked, secretly hoping for the worst.

"No, he sent Mom on over by herself. He had a business meeting, but was supposed to come over later," Burt said. "I suppose he's over at my place by now."

"I hope he was in a good mood before he got there," Vera added. "Finding out that your son has just flown the coop in sequin attire while your wife is turning the door to apartment 37 into the Wailing Wall could be just a bit disconcerting."

"To say the least," Burt said.

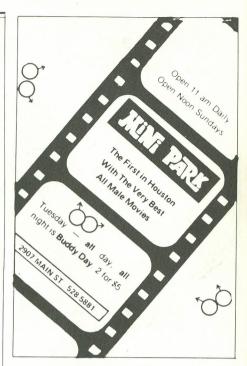
"Could push a guy right over the brink," Vera added.

"Vera," Burt asked, "what would I ever do without friends like you?"

"I guess you'd have to start running around with the old lizards, not unlike that one beside you now," Vera added diplomatically.

The stranger had had enough. Vera's final insult forced him to flee the premises. But this did nothing to solve Burt's problem. In fact, it made it a bit worse. As the stranger opened the door to the steamroom, the light which shown forth illuminated the stranger's face. It was Burt's father.

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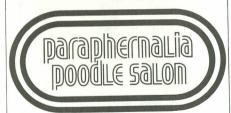
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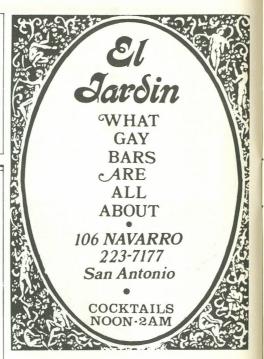
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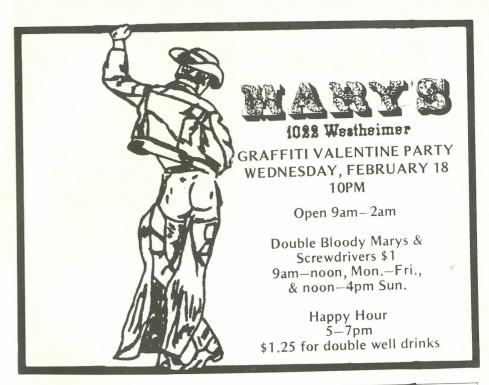
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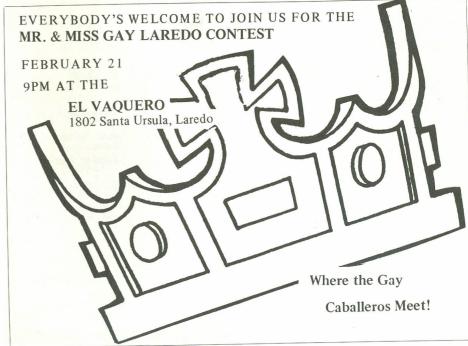
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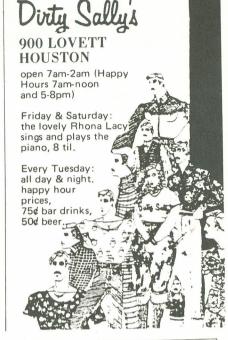
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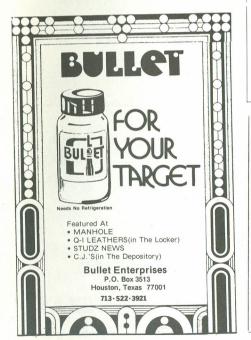
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