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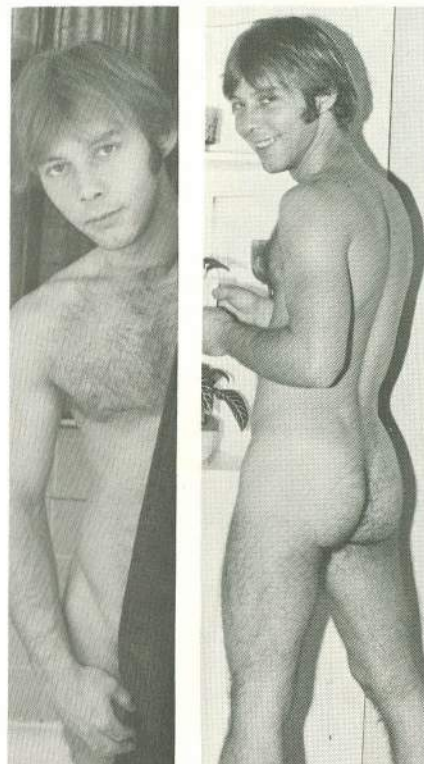
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Saturday, March 27, Houston

"Venereal Disease Prevention Workshop for Gay and Bisexually Active People," 2-6:30pm in the University Center Underground, University of Houston, entrance 1, 4800 Calhoun Blvd. . . . Pot luck dinner and \$1 bingo donation, 5pm, Christ's Communion Church. . . . Pot luck supper and gestalt workshop, 7:30pm, Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection. . . . Free liquor party, 10pm-2am, the Loft.

Sunday, March 28, Dallas

Olive Branch Saloon turns America back to the 1920s. Everyone dressed in the 1920s clothes will be entitled to 25¢ draft, 50¢ wine punch, \$1 well drinks plus door prizes. . . . Pool tournament, 2pm, Jugs.

Sunday, March 28, Houston

Nostalgia 50s show, Old Plantation. Two free drinks for everyone in 50s attire. . . . Exotic girl fire dancer joins the show at the Hi There, 5-9pm. . . . Special movie, "Gospel Road," starring Johnny Cash and June Carter, 7:30pm, Metropolitan Community Church.

Monday, March 29, Houston

V.D. Health Clinic, Studz News, 4:30-7:30pm. . . . Academy Awards party with bar drinks 75¢ and beer 45¢, Filling Station.

Tuesday, March 30, Fort Worth

Finals for Miss 500 Club, 9pm. Trophy plus \$50.

Wednesday, March 31, statewide

Deadline to register to vote for the May primaries.

Wednesday, March 31, Fort Worth

Finals for Miss Bailey Street Wherehouse, 10pm. Will be sponsored to the Miss Gay Ft. Worth Pageant.

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Friday, April 2, Houston

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Dallas Gay Organization

Metropolitan Community Church. Sunday: worship services 11am, 7:30pm. Wednesday: worship service 7:30pm.

Houston Gay Organizations

Christ's Communion Church. Sunday: refreshments 10am, worship 11am. Tuesday: ministerial staff 7:30pm, CFC meetings 8:30pm.

Dignity/Houston. Thursday: meeting 8pm at St. Anne's Church, 2140 Westheimer. For further information call (713) 529-8213 or 629-6428.

Gay Political Caucus. Wednesday: general meeting open to the public at 7:30pm at the MCCR building.

Metropolitan Community Church. Sunday: worship services 11am, 7:30pm. Monday: Lambda AA and Transactional Analysis, 8pm. Thursday: Integrity/Houston meets at but is not affiliated with MCCR, 7:15pm. Tuesday: Bible study and Holy Communion, 7:30pm. Friday: Lenten Service, 7:30pm.

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This issue of This Week in Texas is very special to some of us. It is issue number 52 of volume 1. In other words, This Week in Texas is now one year old, much to the amazement of those who said Texas was not ready for a quality weekly publication. Those early critics scoffed at the idea of presenting the Texas gay community with anything other than just "cheap and trashy." Thanks to your support, we proved them wrong and now have a solid year of success behind us.

Indeed, we consider the past 52 weeks to have been smashingly successful, perhaps because we never equated "success" with "profit." Our goal was to open a communications channel within the Texas gay community, a mode of communication of which we could all be proud. Don't get me wrong — making money is nice, but not at the expense of pride in the product. Cheap paper, inferior printing, no proof-reading, accepting questionable advertising, and poor distribution channels are all methods of increasing the profits. But what does it get you in the long run? The easy money made in the beginning of such endeavors does not outweigh the implied lack of respect such "rag sheets" have for the community they allegedly "serve." We'd rather pocket respect, instead of money, anytime. So, we keep chugging along, with just enough profit to keep us going week-to-week, but we're bankrolling enough pride in what we do to keep us going after the profit-mongers have long-since folded. And we thank you for helping us prove our theory about quality and supporting us through a

delightful year. So much for all that, we now resume the weekly notes and information for which this space is dedicated.

A spot called the Hi There in Houston is going great guns with a full slate of novel events, not the least of which is a show featuring a girl doing a fire act on Sundays. (No puns about having a "hot" time, please.) Because of packed houses, reservations are requested. During the week, the Hi There offers a pool tourney on Mondays, talent competition for all comers on Wednesdays and steak night on Thursdays. (That's the deal where you bring the steak and they offer all the trimmings and a drink for \$1.50.)

Over at Dirty Sally's in Houston, a sandwich shop is now operational and prepared to meet your needs from noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. Guaranteed to make you say "yummy!"

While at the Inside-Outside, that long awaited new parking lot is slated for completion sometime during the next two weeks.

Other tidbits in Houston include these news items. The Loft is now scheduled to have their liquor license and the super-popular Rod Gough will be pouring 'em up. The Bradley Services Co. now offers maiden service. (Don't get your hopes up, virgins. It refers to house cleaning.) And finally, bars interested in getting up a softball team for Houston competition should contact either Norma or Char'a at the Lamp Post.

In answer to those who have inquired about the projected new Houston bar called the Odd's Place, rest assured that



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the bar will become a reality, but right now, they're having a bit of trouble from the homophobic City of Houston inspectors. Should be all cleared up very soon and the Odd's Place, in the location of the old Cobra Club, will become yet another dazzling entertainment spot in the glittering Houston crown.

Some bars in the Bayou City have encountered what, for the lack of a better term, might be called "rumor" problems. And for no good reason. If one of your favorite spots has gotten some bad word of mouth concerning business practices or safety to patrons, we recommend you call the rumor control center of the Houston Gay Political Caucus. If there's some bad news to be had, the GPC will lay it on the line, honestly and quickly. Otherwise, beware of "false prophets," who are just out to rain on your parade for their own selfish reasons. Incidentally, the GPC asks us to remind ya'll that if you don't register to vote by March 31, you won't be able to vote in the all-important May primaries.

Moving on to Dallas now, patrons of the Old Plantation, Dallas, will be encouraged by the remodeling that's going on. By tearing down certain old walls and replacing them with more functional structures, the crowds should be better controlled and more relaxed. You belles line up!

Those on a budget should watch for upcoming announcements from the Olive Branch Saloon concerning new super-spectacular happy hour rates. According to the folks at the O.B.S., the depression is about to hit!

And at Dallas' Entre Nuit, they've got half-price drinks on Monday, pool on Wednesday, Butch Night on Thursday, and the ever-popular Cindy Birdsong on Sunday. They've got other

great events on the nights I have not mentioned, but if they get the expected crowd, they're going to be in trouble with the fire inspector — and I don't want that on my conscious. Just go, and be overwhelmed.

The bar owners of Dallas-Ft. Worth are to be congratulated for their big bash benefit just held at the Bailey Street Warehouse in Ft. Worth. They raised more than a thousand dollars, to be divided between the Dallas and Ft. Worth M.C.C.'s. Holy smoke!

The Miss Ft. Worth Pageant will be on the 5th of April at the Bailey Street Warehouse. All Ft. Worth bars have contestants entered, but the field is still open to independents. The entry fee is \$10, with the winner going on to compete in the Miss Gay Texas Pageant on April 10 and 11 at the Old Plantation in Houston. Start rehearsing, toots!

And in case you've been living in a cave for the past few months — San Antonio's famed Fiesta is almost upon us. The combination city-wide parties, parades, rallies (and orgies, but don't spread it around) will be April 19th through the 24th. It's Texas' answer to Louisiana's Mardi Gras. Ride, walk, run or hitch-hike if you have to, but if at all possible don't miss it! It's one of those things that you'll hear about after it's over — and kick yourself in the tits if you missed it. It's becoming a legend. And so are some of the people that "do their thing" during the celebration. Be a part of it. Besides, even if you don't survive, you'll go out smiling!

That's about it for now. We've loved rapping with you during this past year — and hope you will enjoy looking forward to This Week in Texas, volume II. We do. And like you, we're not just getting older, we're getting better. Keep the faith, gang.

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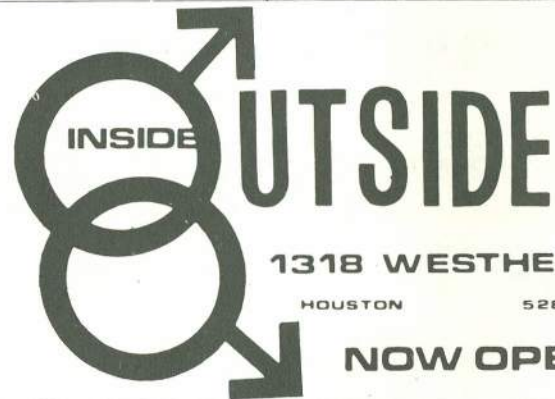
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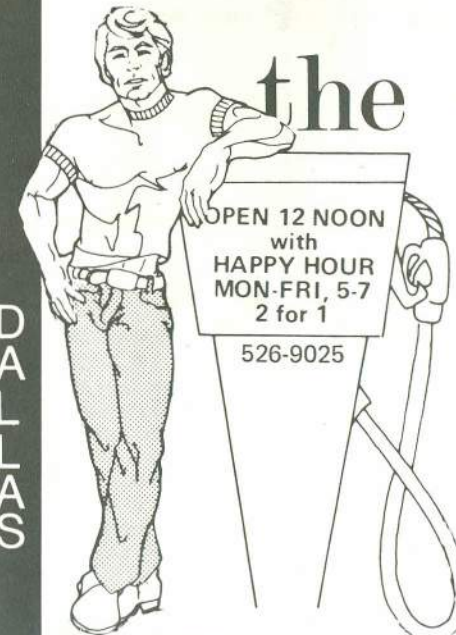
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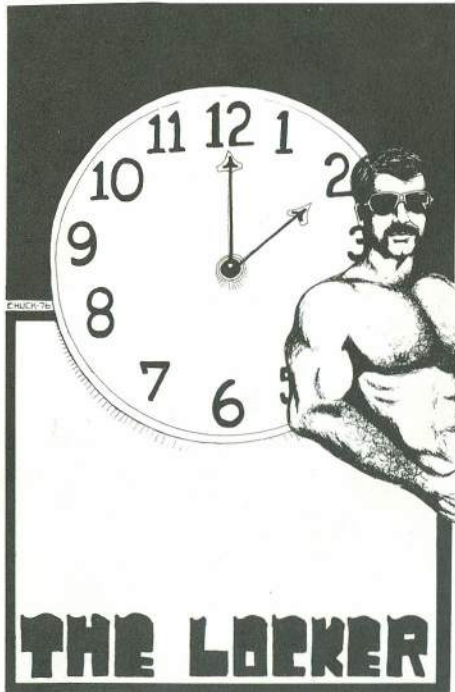
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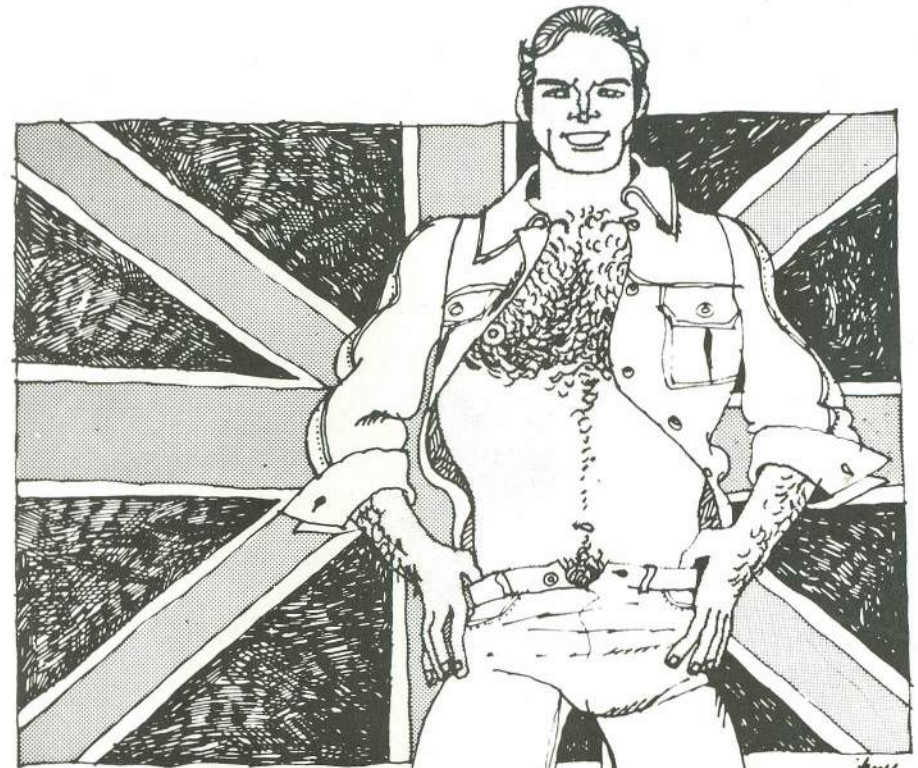


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Vera squinted at the clock, which is just about all a person can be expected to do when the clock says "7:00" a.m. on Sunday morning. He didn't remember what time he had gone to bed, but from the way his head felt and the taste in his mouth, he knew he must have really "tied one on" last night. Yes sir, it was going to be one of those Sundays spent trying to recover from the previous night. Fortunately, there was nothing pressing that had to be done on this particular Sunday morning and the gang at House of Pies would just have to carry on without him. He was in no mood for the traditional Sunday morning pig-out. Someone else would have to fill his pew.

Vera gave the clock a "go to hell, it's Sunday" look, and gently closed his eyes to drift off once again to the Land of Nod. (Which isn't always easy on a Sears mattress, but when you're pooped, it'll do.) With any luck at all, Vera hoped to be able to resume the dream he had been having prior to awakening and seeing the clock, the damned clock. (This dream had been a particularly good one — he had dreamed that he and Robert Redford were at Astroworld, riding through the Matterhorn nude. Well, Redford was nude. Vera was wearing a cute little

two-piece cheesecloth number designed by E. Miller and Co.)

It was working! As Vera again entered dreamland, he could see Astroworld. And there was the Matterhorn ride. And there was Robert Redford sitting beside him. But wait! Something was different! Robert Redford was putting his knee in Vera's back — and Vera's kidneys weren't enjoying the abuse. If he does that one more time, Vera thought, I'll pee in the bed and this dream will come to a crashing, albeit wet, halt! A rude awakening, as it were.


Then reality hit! Vera WAS awake. And there was a knee poking him in the back. Or maybe an elbow. Vera didn't know. And was too afraid to turn over and look. Oh my God, Vera thought, I've done it again! And he had.

Who was it? Vera's mind reeled. Who did I bring home last night? Better yet, WHAT did I bring home last night? Whatever it was, it seemed to be still asleep. It had turned over, and evidently accidentally poked Vera in the back. But now all was quite and Vera could hear the soft sounds of snoring — which was a nice, reassuring touch. At least Vera knew this one was breathing, which is a compliment not to be paid to some of Vera's past bed partners.

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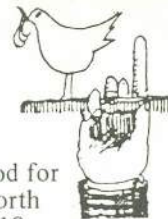
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later Vera knew he was going to have to turn over and face the truth. Or the Ugly. Any way you looked at it, this was going to be a dangerous move. How to turn over, take a look at the person beside you — and not wake that person up. If he could turn over, and not wake the person up, he could then plan appropriate action. (Like sneaking out of bed and setting the apartment on fire if the person was a real dog! Even bad tricks don't hang around if there's an inferno in their midst.)

Moving with all the caution of a truck driver hauling a nuclear warhead, Vera moved oh so slowly onto his back. Then slowly turning his head, the blurred outline of the person sleeping beside him came into view. And then the vision began to clear. If at that moment there were any dogs in the vicinity, they would have heard a piercing scream — the kind that is so high pitched that it is beyond the hearing range of humans. And it came from Vera!

Gorgeous! He was GORGEOUS! The kind tht was EVERYBODY'S type, even Billy Graham's. The dark hair. The short, muscular body. The big shoulders and chest. All covered with a soft, downey hair that lead down to a waist the size of a large baseball. And when he looked down a few more inches, he knew where they had put the bat. MAAAAAARY!

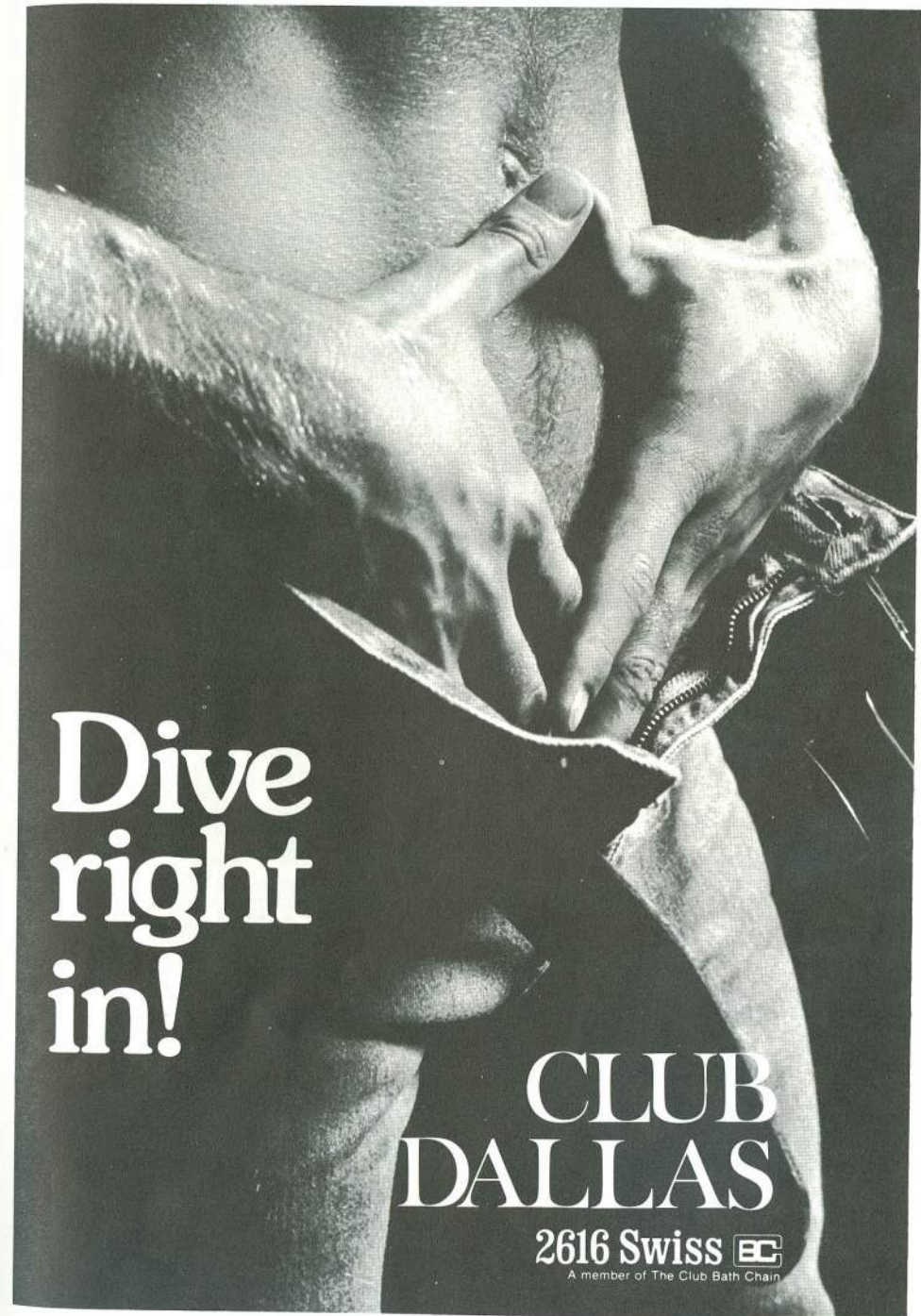
Suddenly Vera felt sick. This was not a case of Vera feeling superior and trying to get rid of an old toad. In this case, Vera was the toad. And he knew

it. Only one thing to do. Get to the bathroom and start primpin'! With any luck at all, he might get in two quick hours of "fix up" before the Adonis woke up. He eased one leg from under the covers, and placed it on the floor — into an ashtray. But who cared, this was not the time to worry about the bottom of the feet, when everything else from the ankles up was such a disaster.

He slowly climbed out of bed, thanking God that his Sears mattress was of a caliber that wouldn't sway if you bounced a boulder on it. He had to cover his body — in case the number woke up while he was walking across the room to the john. All he could put his hands on were the chair cushions. They'd have to do. Putting thr cushion from the seat of the chair in front of him, and the cushion from the back of the chair behind him, he moved quietly to the bathroom — like a slab of white turkey meat making its way across the room between two pieces of big, blue bread. But it worked! Safe! Into the "make-me-beautiful" room.


Vera's hands tore through every available cosmetic container. He had to hurry. Hurry! A touch of this. A dash of that. A handful of everything, even from the bottles that had dust on them. It was time to pull out all the stops. But there was one thing our hero didn't know. Somewhere between the Braggi and the Chanel No. 5, the trick in the bed was going through a change. In fact, the change was complete. He was dead!

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