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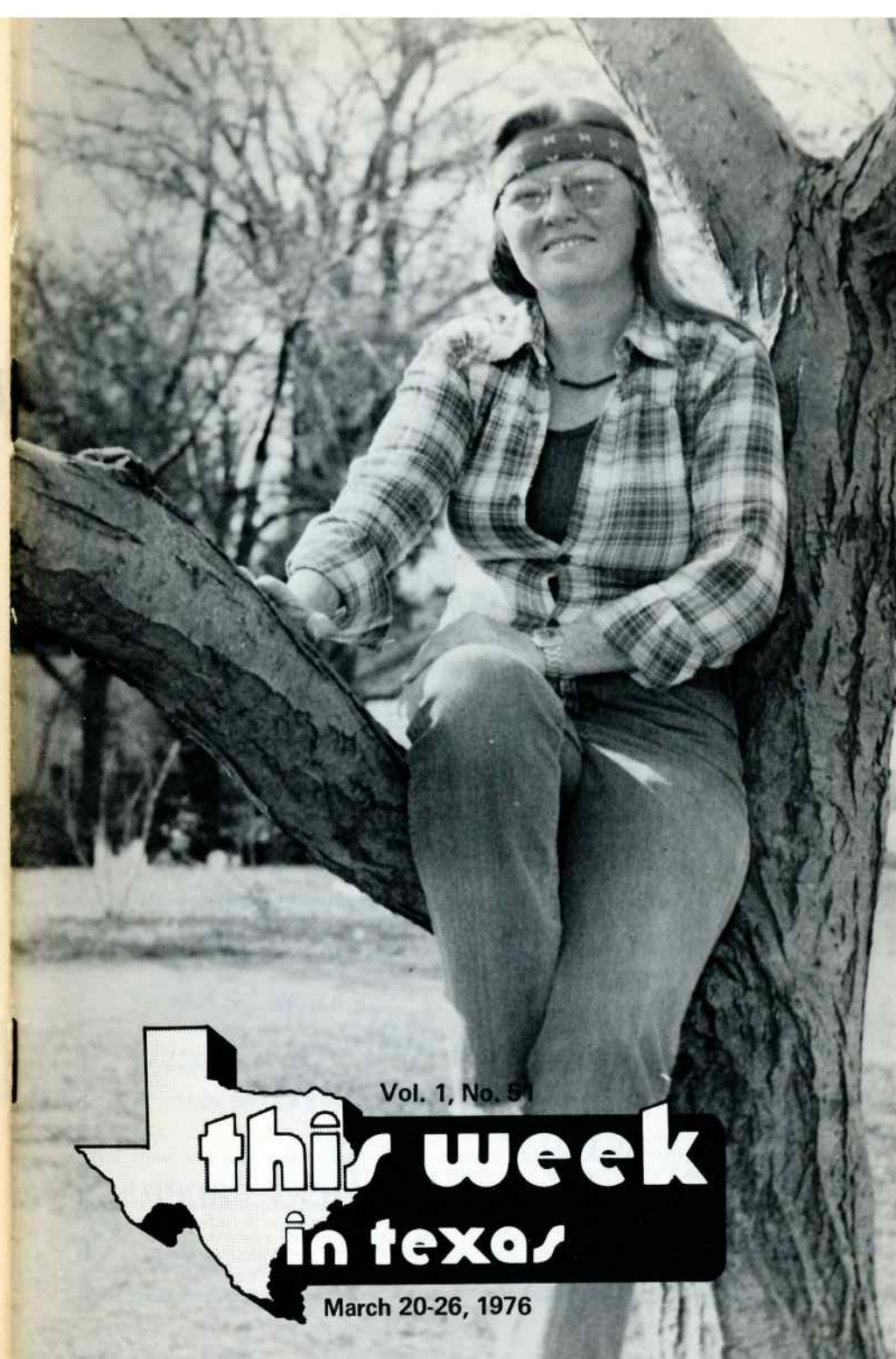
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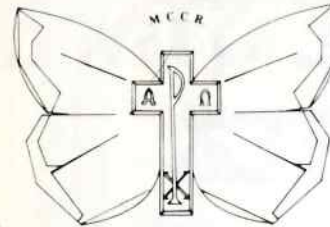
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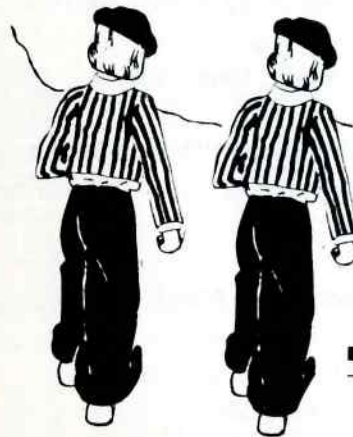


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Sunday, March 21, Dallas
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Sunday, March 21, Fort Worth
Trash auction (after the pool tournament) to raise money to provide bigger and better shows, 500 Club.

Tuesday, March 23, Fort Worth
Miss Bailey Street Warehouse Contest, 10pm. Deadline for entry is March 20 with \$5 entry fee. Winner will receive trophy and be sponsored to the Miss Gay Fort Worth Pageant.

Wednesday, March 24, Houston
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Wednesday, March 24, Dallas
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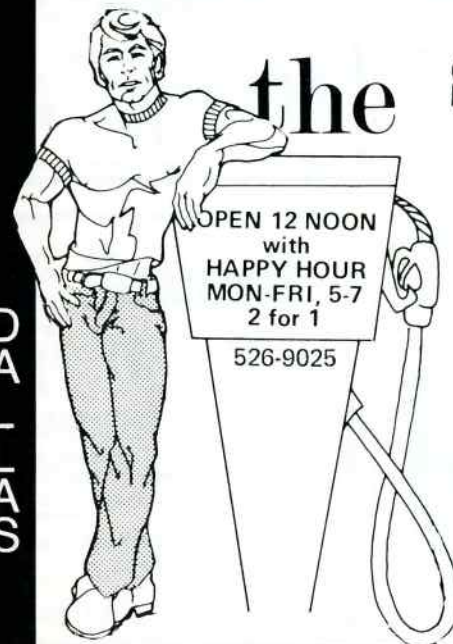
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Mary's returns from exile to Westheimer and presents in part the "Cleopatra Cometh" spectacular.

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Houston 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. Wednesday: Gay Political Caucus meets at but is not affiliated with MCCR. 7:30pm. Tuesday: Bible study and Holy Communion, 7:30pm. Friday: Lenten Service, 7:30pm.

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

Houston Christ's Communion Church. Sunday: refreshments 10am, worhsip 11am. Tuesday: ministerial staff 7:30pm.

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Over at the Montrose Activity Center in Houston, the special program aimed at assisting those coping with anxiety and depression is proving very valuable and meeting with a most favorable response. Good goin' MAC.

Skimming the Bayou City this week reveals that Mary's is still in exile at 2400 Brazos because of that liquor violation which has temporarily darkened the old haunt on Westheimer. But Mary's is Mary's wherever it is. God love 'em. On March 26th, the staff and crew of the big M will go back to Westheimer in a big celebration featuring the Cleopatra Cometh spectacular of Mardi Gras fame.

Some totally new concepts in customer "involvement" and unique events are being developed in favorite watering holes all around the state. One eye catcher is the "lovers" pool tournament being held each Saturday at 3 p.m. at Chuck's in Dallas. Only lovers may enter — and have a shot at the prize trophies.

You Houston pool players, lovers or not, can get in on the big action at the Inside-Outside at game night on Mondays and Thursdays. (P.S., Ed is still looking for a chess challenger of quality.)

And this has to be an all time first! You Dallas folk can now get 3 for 1! That's right. Not 2 for 1, but three drinks for the price of one. It happens every Tuesday and Thursday during happy hour at the Fickle Fox. And I thought I'd heard everything.

Evidently there's going to be a lot of heavy drinking in Big D. Over at the Sundance Kid, Wranglers Night features all the free draft beer you can consume between the hours of 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. with 50 cent can beer all night long. And if you're over at the Olive Branch on Wednesday afternoons from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., you can participate in what they call "an evening beer drinking association and society," with

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And I thank you very much.

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manager

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Continuing our tour of new weird and strange offerings, get this. At Houston's Locker you can get your boots shined free from 10 p.m. until closing on Friday and Saturday nights. That's a lot of boot shinin'. (Other services optional and probably extra.) In other Houston notes, the Old Plantation is soon to complete its patio construction; the Barn now has a dance license, and Ester Grossberg Travel is offering trips to Amsterdam, with everything included for a mere \$600 for those who register now.

Are you ready Fort Worth? The 500 Club now features a Mary Hartman party every afternoon at 3:30. Come by, discuss the show, and have a few drinks and laugh, laugh, laugh. At the Switch, the big do-da is the jam session on Thursday evenings. All interested talents are invited to come by and ham it up, or whatever, and do their own thing for the delight of all. And finally, congratulations to Gary Ash of Fort Worth for copping fourth prize at the Regence Amateur Contest.

And last, but not least, the Apartment in El Paso now features a disco setup every Saturday night from 8 to 1. Super boogie time. Just thinking about all that boogie makes me pooped. So I will close. All for now, mothers.

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Life With Vera

a serial by John Gardner

continued from previous issue

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Sunday in Houston. It was beautiful. The temperature was up. Kites were flying all around. The air was clean. The sky was blue. The House of Pies on Kirby was packed. And Vera was out to conquer it all.

Putting on his faded jeans, the ones that took four bottles of Clorox, 97 wash cycles, 53 rinses and a new world record for spin dries, he felt confident. The shirt was great too. A blue work shirt. You just couldn't get more butch than that. Vera loved that shirt. It was the kind that if you starched it enough, it made your arms look like they had muscles. But you had to be careful not to let anyone squeeze you. One friendly hug and you not only found yourself wearing a deflated

tent — but the whoosh of the wind around the collar would set any hairdo awry. Vera had learned this lesson many times. Often at the Locker.

And now for the keys. But which way do they go? He couldn't remember. Did you wear them on the right side if you were an "M." Or was it the left side? Or was it the "S" that wore keys on the left side? Then, there's always the right side? What's sadist and what's masochist, Vera pondered. Oh well, why worry! He took all the keys off the ring, putting half of them in his left pocket and half of them in his right pocket. Then, if he saw anyone that he liked wearing keys on a certain side, he would just jingle the keys in his pocket — the pocket opposite to the one used by his prey. So it's a little noisy, what the hell. He had been kicked out of choirs before.

Next came the hair. And what beautiful hair he had. Once upon a time. These days, it never seemed to cooperate. For one thing, much of it seemed hellbent on going on a suicide mission down the drain. And that which stayed behind obviously wasn't doing so by choice. Vera parted his hair on the

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With all preparations behind him, Vera leapt through the front door, out onto the sidewalk, clicked his heels together in mid-air, and landed in a sure, firm stance — in two inches of a pile of you-know-what provided by the neighbor's dog. He went back inside. Got into bed. Blew off the whole day. And thought twice about being butch.

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Although on a small scale, this pilot epidemic alert project illustrated the point that through knowledge, cooperation and concern, VD can be controlled.

In response to the success of the first program and the good will generated between the Health Dept. and the gay community, a new and improved Epidemic Alert Project will take place during the next four months, starting with a "Venereal Disease Prevention Workshop for Gay and Bisexually Active People," Saturday, March 27, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. in the Univ. Center Underground at the Univ. of Houston.

In April, May and June, blood testing will again be available readily throughout the commu-

nity and the program will climax with a VD information and testing booth during Gay Pride Week activities in June.

The Venereal Disease Prevention Workshop, co-sponsored by the Univ. of Houston Gay Activist Alliance, will open with a general dialogue session concerning the facts of the VD epidemic in Houston, and will then divide into smaller working groups for free discussion of medical aspects of the diseases and ways in which individuals and groups can prevent VD. Testing will be available and a social hour will follow the workshop.

In order to better serve the community, the Health Dept. needs your ideas and assistance. Together, a motivated Houston gay community can the City Health Dept. can control VD, lessening this major stumbling block to the enjoyment of a full sexual life.

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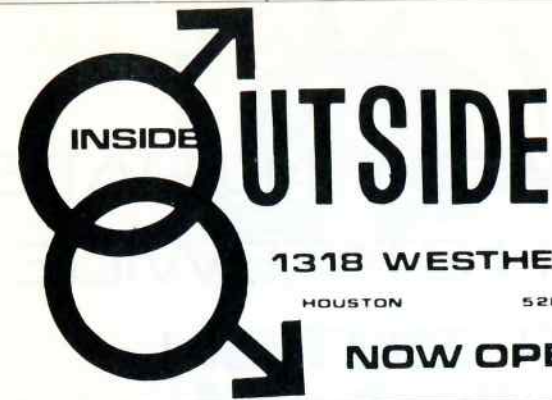
Tom McC., Dallas

All you can do is try to reason with them, an admittedly risky task given the mentality of those who hold the views you describe. Sooner or later, the fanatic is going to pull out the Bible and use one or two vague quotes as solid evidence of God's condemnation of the gay lifestyle. (Just like they've done to condemn almost everything else at one time or another in history – everything from eating with a fork to using candles to flying in an airplane.) The most oft used anti-gay quote is the one in Leviticus that says that those who might foster homosexual attitudes should be ferreted out and stoned. (That's with rocks. Really stoned!) That same book of the Bible also condemns women who wear red dresses and all persons who eat shrimp! It's a matter of defining what religion is to you, and determining to your satisfaction which portions of scripture appear valid. (After all, that's the task the "religious leaders" have been at for centuries. The book we currently refer to as the "Bible" has been through several difficult and major translations; been re-edited seven times, removing entire books and adding others; and also come under great influence from nonreligious sources.) I can even remember the days when Catholics were not permitted to eat fish on Friday! Times change. And so has the Bible. Many times.

Dear Adam, I am 36 years old. I have never had any trouble coping with being gay. In fact, I'm glad I am. I consider myself to be happy and rather satisfied with my life. But sometimes I worry about being alone later in life, and begin thinking that perhaps I should find a lover, although at this time in my life I am enjoying being single. Sometimes I think my fears of loneliness are clouding my judgement. Any comments?

Barry N., Odessa

Just be careful not to confuse being alone with being lonely. The difference between them is a difference of quality. Your fear of loneliness may be leading you into an unsatisfying relationship, and the more you seek attachments out of anxiety, the greater the likelihood the relationship will be of poor quality. Aloneness may be the entry to personal power and freedom of choice for you, should a relationship of a non-rushed nature develop for you at a later time. Don't rush things. Independence can allow you to choose new relationships from a position of strength, and the likelihood that they will be based on true mutual respect and fulfillment will be greatly enhanced. Additionally, our modern-day society is beginning to strongly question the necessity for "pairing" to find happiness. More and more people, much to the dismay of the "blue noses," are discovering that life can be satisfying and beautiful as a solo act. And many psychologists have taken up that cause. Do what's right for you on a day to day basis. Don't worry so much about the future. Each day is yesterday's future.

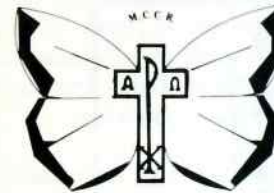


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