This Week In Texas was a weekly print publication published from 1975 until 2013. It covered news and events in the LGBT community and featured advertisements for bars and businesses primarily in Houston, Austin, and Dallas. The first issue was only eight pages and contained mostly advertisements, although its four main features—Personality of the Week, Around the State This Week, Sampling Texas, and This Week’s Supporters—would become mainstays throughout the publication’s existence. These features also displayed a unique sense of humor that connected in a very personable way with the TWIT readership.

Notably, the advertisements stand out not just as promotional pieces but also as documents from LGBT owned businesses and places where a community developed and gained acceptance. Many of the bars and businesses that became landmarks, especially in Houston, have since shuttered or been demolished. Thus, the TWIT also provides important historical evidence of a community that has changed and evolved over time. The TWIT itself also grew to include critical coverage of political events such as Town Hall Meeting I, Houston’s first pride parade and, later, the AIDS crisis. Ultimately, it became a resource that the LGBT community could turn to for fun and entertainment and to stay informed about issues that would directly impact their lives but did not receive as much coverage in mainstream publications until decades later.

Each page features an advertisement of a business or event from the early years of the TWIT in the 1970s. Although the publication was printed in black and white at that time the designs nonetheless reflect the exuberant spirit of the community and, in the 21st century, have now made their way into this coloring book.

JD Doyle, an LGBT historian in Houston, has digitized many issues on his website, Houston LGBT History, and donated scans to the Houston Area Digital Archives for more extensive metadata.

More issues of This Week In Texas are available on the Houston Area Digital Archives and on the Houston LGBT History website at http://www.houstonlgbthistory.org/houstontwt.html.
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