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Grand Jury indicts Gill

David Thomas Gill, who earlier allegedly attacked Peter McClendon with a hammer and left him for dead (as reported in our issue of January 7), has been brought before the Grand Jury...but facts are few, far between, and hard to get.

According to the office of District Attorney Henry Wade, which is responsible for the prosecution of Gill, the young man was indicted by the Grand Jury for attempted capital murder in his attack on McClendon. The District Clerk's office, on the other hand, insists that Gill was indicted only on "theft over \$200" for his theft of McClendon's auto, which was later recovered in Fort Worth.

Nobody seems to know where a reporter can get additional data concerning the case or confirm which indictment is valid.

However, the most recent information (unconfirmed) is that Gill was on probation for yet another attack, this one fatal, at the time he allegedly struck McClendon repeatedly on the head with the claw of a hammer.

The updated story is that Gill abandoned the stolen Cadillac in Fort Worth, leaving his check book inside, apparently after he was pursued by officers on an unrelated traffic violation. The Dallas police had not yet put out a warrant for arrest on Gill, nor had they issued a lookout for the stolen vehicle, Metro Times was told.

McClendon surprised doctors and friends by recovering from the injuries he had received and was able to testify at the Grand Jury hearing last week.

Additional information will be provided in our next issue.

Tennessee laws challenged

TENNESSEE - A 19-year-old man arrested last April in Clarksville on sodomy charges in a city park is challenging the state sodomy laws, according to Gaze, a gay paper in Memphis, in a story by Ric Sullivan in the current issue.

The front page story reported that the unidentified youth would not be eligible for any special programs offered to first time offenders because he could face a sentence of more than 10 years in prison.

Attorney Gary Hodges, who is representing the former Austin Peay State University student, has asked that no open support be

provided from gay rights groups or the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Hodges' client was one of 13 men arrested in two city parks and subsequently exposed to public scorn in a front page story in the April 26 issue of Clarksville's Leaf-Chronicle, which published names, addresses and places of employment of those arrested. However, only one of the 13 is known to have lost his job as a result of the publicity.

Clarksville has a population of only about 55,000 according to recent census figures.

OUR COVER: In a scene from "Taxi zum Klo", an autobiographical film, film star-producer-writer Frank Ripploh (right) relaxes with his lover Bernt at a costume party.

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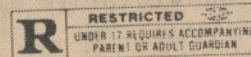
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Horoscope

Thank goodness for computer technology! It presently takes us as much as an hour to get readouts on all 12 signs, even longer if a change in position takes place in the two weeks covered, plus the additional time in interpreting the meaning. If we had to go to charts instead of a neat list of star positions for the century, we probably would go crazy(ier).

The basis of astrology take meaning from the positions of certain stars to twelve constellations, and the position of the stars as opposed to the position of the constellations at the date of your birth compared to the current positions of the stars and constellations produces a reading.

We won't go into great detail, but let's take Aquarius as just one example. A true Aquarius is inventive, but should be even more so at this time of the year, from late January until late February, as his Sun signs are in conjunction. Two signs away, such as Gemini, remains favorable (which is called "sextile"), and six signs away (Leo), which is called in "opposition", is likewise a favorable position. Four signs away likewise is harmonious.

On the other hand, "square", three signs away (example would be Taurus for our Aquarian model) represents challenge rather than harmony. "Quincunx", five signs away, means that our Aquarian will need to adjust when the Sun is in Cancer.

Interpretations may vary. In the quincunx situation of our model Aquarian when the Sun is in Cancer, Aquarius might come up with an idea on July 1 and have to adjust it at a later date. Or, if he came up with a real invention, he might have to share royalties with his coworkers reluctantly.

It's a matter of interpretation entirely. Venus, as one good

example, can relate to love or money, so an exceptionally good conjunction can mean a raise at work, better relationship with a lover, a new lover, or even that you won the Publishers Clearing-house Sweepstakes.

There may (we frankly don't know) be some impact on meaning in that Venus is a female sign and Mars is a male sign. Does the fact that one is casting a horoscope for a gay man or for a lesbian alter meanings due to this? It poses quite a question.

Reminder: Your own horoscope can be used under your sun sign in a future column if you will send your name and full date of birth to P.O. Box 225915, Dallas 75265. If you are interested in a particular period, such as some special day (vacation, anniversary or other date), we can cast it for that date in the appropriate issue of this paper.

One more thing: Because we cast for a particular date, your actual horoscope may not be the same. A star may have changed constellations the next day, or if you weren't born the same year as our model for that Sun sign, more than one star could be in a different position. Even if you believe in astrology, you should not take these predictions (or trends) as applicable to you for important actions or decisions. They are for entertainment only.



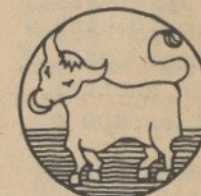
AQUARIUS: Since the sun is in Aquarius now, your tendencies toward being original and inventive are in great form. Venus is unfavorable, however, as is Mars, which could mean that you can plan well but may experience trouble in the execution just at this time.



PISCES: Daydreaming and not action seem the course of the stars for you. But hang onto what really matters to you, your lover or your money. Someone could want to take one or the other from you if you aren't too attentive.



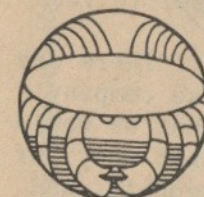
ARIES: Independence is in - and you are leader of the pack. Be sure you know what you're doing. Others may not understand your meaning, so curb impatience if you want to be a good leader. If you plan well, now is the time to carry through your success.



TAURUS: Watch for signs that you may not be affectionate as usual. People used to this side of you will understand - but only if you tell them you are not yourself. Impatient and fickle aren't your style, so easy does it.



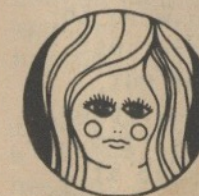
GEMINI: Flightiness may make you appear less than friendly, so make an effort to overcome it. You'll be less logical than usual. Fortunately, you are by nature adaptable, and you can cope - if you try hard.



CANCER: This may prove a good time for you because you're less prone to sulk or throw fits. But low sensitivity has drawbacks, so be alert to needs of near and dear ones. As a warm, loyal friend, you'll manage it.



LEO: Part of you itches for the spotlight, while part wants to crawl into a hole and pull the hole in after you. Remember, people applaud things actually accomplished, so action, difficult as it may prove to be, is the key for you now.



VIRGO: Put on the brakes - especially at work. You are the dedicated sort, but mistakes may crop up alarmingly. Watch out for errors, both at work and romantically. Be on time for all dates.



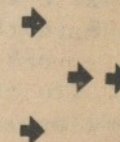
LIBRA: All pluses on your horoscope, as the stars smile on you. Enjoy it while you can; it can't stay like this forever. Since you're a peace-maker by nature, why not share a bit of your happiness?



SCORPIO: Unless you mind your own business, you can count on getting in trouble. A concerted effort is needed to make your Valentine's Day more than a farce for you and your special person. Get off your high horse and show a little affection!



SAGITTARIUS: Your conflicting signs may create conflict, so think over well plans undertaken if you expect to ever succeed. You could easily succeed with an ill-considered plan and wish later you had not.





CAPRICORN: Your trait of responsible behavior is needed desperately, as you must fight the urge to talk back and be less than respectful, less than diligent at the office. Watch out for the hot water. Bite your tongue and remember ambitions.

In case you were in the opinion that these are just platitudes off the top of our head, it took an extra hour plus to interpret the readings from the star positions and make it into what you see here. So, if that's what you thought - think again!

OU gays win in court

A five-year battle between gay students at the University of Oklahoma and the Board of Regents of that school paid off recently when the Oklahoma Supreme Court order recognition of the campus Gay Activists Alliance.

Recognition had previously been denied because of "immorality", according to Gay Rights Advocates, a group which has stood behind the student organization in its fight.

The decision echoes similar rulings at Texas A&M and the state Universities of Missouri and of Virginia.

Don Knutson of the Gay Rights Advocates predicted an important impact of this decision on the GRA's federal suit challenging the Oklahoma version of Proposition 6, a California referendum voted down some years ago, prohibiting gay and lesbian teachers by law.

GRA can be contacted at 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

Editorial: Shock treatment

Some people weren't quite as thrilled as could be with our January 7 cover, which was titled loudly: "Get the Faggots!"

What these people are not seeing is that sometimes it is necessary to go to someone who does not wake up to gentle music and ignores an alarm clock and resort to the old cold water in the face routine.

It isn't enjoyable to hit a reader in the face with a sledge hammer, as it were. But without such a cover, many members of the community could go on ignoring a persistent problem, overlooking the tale of murder in one case and attempted murder in another, reading only the light escape of Miscellany.

With a cover that, in a few harsh words, told its own story, everyone who saw that issue was reminded of violence which has on so many occasions struck our community and continues to do so. No pretty faces. Perhaps, had we access readily to an artist, we could have sketched a Grim Reaper - maybe we'll try that later.

You can run away from stories of violence, sure. It doesn't begin to make it less real. You can pretend it doesn't exist, but that leaves us no closer to the solution.

We like you alive. There are a few individuals whose company we could do without, but we would be unhappy to write that they, or any member of the community, had fallen victim unnecessarily to an anti-gay act of violence.

Ignorance is no excuse when a knife cuts short your lifespan. Apathy is no comfort when some friend never comes home again.

For love's sake, wake up!

Ft. Worth church going strong

Fort Worth's Agape Metropolitan Community Church set an all-time record for attendance recently on the occasion of the second anniversary of Worship Coordinator Jim Norwood. A total of 188 people showed up for the two worship services to hear Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the denomination, known for its pro-gay stance as well as pro-gay interpretation of the Bible.

A friend of the congregation contributed 300 shares of stock valued at over \$11,000 to the church's building fund, and one of the members added another \$1,000 the same day, bringing the total

amount raised to \$25,000 in the six months during which the appeal for funds has been made.

Norwood, a former Southern Baptist minister, and an exhorter on the staff of MCC-Dallas, came to Agape MCC December 9, 1979, when church membership totalled eleven members. The present membership has now reached 122 and growing.

During this period, an 80-year-old store front was revamped with central air and heat and a host of other conveniences, but the congregation has outgrown its present facilities and is looking for a new building.

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The Texas Roll Off Tournament (TROT), with an estimated 300 from other Texas cities in attendance, will take place February 12-14 at the Bronco Bowl.

The International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) national tournament will bring another 500 gay bowlers to the Bronco Bowl over Memorial Day weekend from across the entire country.

The local group presently has a membership of more than 200. Information may be obtained from tournament chairman Steve Tracy at (214) 651-8295.

Information concerning the IGBO group can be obtained from Dan Donovan, 3606 12th Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55407.

Presence good buy

Presence, the Dallas Gay Alliance literary magazine, is now available at the reduced price of \$2.50, thanks to a gift from Miller of Dallas.

Copies of the attractive publication, featuring the art, poetry, writing and photography of area gay men and lesbians, can be obtained at Lobo Books, Butler's Pantry Too, Union Jack, Off the Street, and Only on Week-ends (the name of a shop, not the time the magazine is available).

Presence was reviewed earlier by this paper prior to publication, and the finished product lives up to its promises. We recommend that you rush out and get a copy before the supply is exhausted.

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Review: Making Love We liked it...

Twentieth Century-Fox has, we feel, hit the jackpot at long last with Making Love. You will most probably recognize each of the characters and scenarios at once, as you are, have been, or have known the character under some other name, and the scenes and situations are classic.

Only masterful direction could have kept some of the scenes from becoming cliché or schmaltz, but someone with the scope to have directed such diverse films as Love Story and Silver Streak, both previous films of Arthur Hiller, is able to deliver scene after hot scene in which he expertly gives us lines we could have written, drawing laughter at classic lines

and situations one moment and a lump to the throat and a tear to the eye next thing.

Kate Jackson can act. We say she deserves some award for such a performance. As Claire, she expertly portrays the "betrayed" wife unable to understand or cope with her husband's "problem", and torn between home and career.

Michael Ontkean is Zack, the sexy young doctor coming to grips with his attraction for other men. There is a strong sense of déjà vu. We think Ontkean looks strikingly like Ryan O'Neal.

Harry Hamlin is the home-wrecking novelist ready to take on and seduce, if necessary, every attractive man he sees, but not

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quite prepared for the One Big Love Affair.

While far from explicit, to the relief of many and disgust of others, the love scenes are, in every way, beautifully and artfully comparable to your typical heterosexual love scene from an "R" movie.

A non-gay woman who screened the film at the same time we saw it the first time said she felt it would be suitable for her daughter of age 17. Another found it a tearjerker. Nobody has anything negative to say.

A review could be incomplete without a comment on the delightful supporting role of Wendy Hiller as an elderly neighbor, a treat.

Perhaps the telling comment is that this is the kind of film

you will want to see several times because of its approach and the fine treatment. Accordingly, we would suggest that you see it for yourself before rushing out with an unsuspecting parent in the hope of easing the pain of coming out.

The overwhelming response, we think you'll find, is that this is a fine film, competently done, and one which portrays the reality of the gay lifestyle with no apology. And none is needed.

We think you'll agree that this is the best fictional movie for general release dealing with this subject matter that you have ever seen.

Take your present or future lover for a Valentine present - after all, the film opens the 12th! This one, baby, you'll like!

...They liked it!

Before 5:30 P.M. they began trickling in...one and two at a time, timidly considering what to do about the beautiful tickets in their hands, pockets, or purses.

By 6:30 P.M., around 700 had swarmed in and filled one theater at NorthPark 3 in Dallas. A few waited outside for friends who had been caught in traffic or had forgotten to come at all.

Inside, conversation slowed to a buzz as the screen came to life and kept buzzing until the full impact of the film hit them squarely between the eyes. The film was Twentieth Century-Fox's sensational new "Making Love", a story of three beautiful people - Claire (Kate Jackson), a young television executive; Zack (Michael Ontkean), her husband of 8 years; and Bart (Harry Hamlin), a muscle-bound novelist whose fatal charm lures Zack from the "straight" and narrow into the gay lifestyle he has repressed all his life.

As we had already predicted,

veteran actress Wendy Hiller in a cameo appearance stole the hearts of at least 90% of the gay men in the audience.

As the film wound its way through the projector, the group watching slowly grew more and more still, with individuals rushing to take restroom or snack breaks at any chance whenever a non-gay scene hit the screen. (In fact, at one such break the theater manager worriedly asked whether the film had broken.)

After the film, Metro Times stopped a number of those who had just seen the film for their own opinions and how they would rate it on a system with four stars as excellent, three as good, two as fair, and one as poor.

A good number gave the film the full four stars. Mama, a known heterosexual who owns Adam's Inn, asked how many stars could be given, then give it the full four "but make them gold!" Most heterosexual women seemed to feel

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similarly, although lesbians were more critical, some apparently in sympathy with Claire's sufferings as the "betrayed" wife. One of the lesbian viewers said she left the film a little sad.

Male viewers, however, went away excited, with one manager commenting that, while he tended to be critical of films, and had seen few recently, he had now seen two superb films in one week (the other being "On Golden Pond"). Only one viewer rated the film lower than three stars, admitting that he was critical in the extreme of all films (and could name no four star films in his recollections. Others had no reluctance, however, in giving a full four stars. The average rating, as we had predicted, was three-and-a-half stars.

Movie-filled week

It seems that next week is the week that will be if you're a film fanatic...and maybe even if you're not.

You can get started off at home (unless your television was repossessed) with a second look at beautiful Chris Reeves as he tries again to convince us that a man can fly in the original screen epic, "Superman". That should be a boost for ABC (Channel 8) that night, February 7.

Take off a night Monday to catch the monthly Dallas Gay Alliance meeting at MCC; you'll need the break.

The Granada picks up Tuesday evening, February 9, with a double feature - the classic "Boys in the Band" with the hilarious story of gangsters at the baths, "The Ritz" - guaranteed to bring a smile to your face one way or another.

There's more - the Inwood comes back with the Dallas area premiere of "Taxi zum Klotz", a German film with subtitles, which

Although several viewers had a problem with a technique used throughout the film, in which Claire and Bart are seen against a white background reminiscing about their feelings in the matter, not everyone had that problem.

The film's exceptional style of presenting male homosexuals in a favorable and sympathetic light, but true to life and without any apology, was praised highly. And even skeptics who had doubted the film could be as good as they were told in advance came away amazed believers.

A hearty round of applause filled the theater as the final credits rolled.

The film will be opening at the NorthPark 3 on February 12, coincidentally the same weekend as Valentine's Day.

bows in Wednesday, February 10, with a benefit performance for CRC/Gayline. Gayline gets half of the \$5 ticket price. If you simply cannot make that showing, the film debuts in a regular run Friday, February 12.

"Taxi" contains graphic sex scenes (including, so we hear, a golden shower) which may offend more conservative members of the community, but critics acclaim it as a truly good film, and the cause is certainly worthy enough.

Premiering across the nation February 12 (at the NorthPark 3 in Dallas) is the talked-about major motion picture about a gay man coming out at the cost of his marriage, "Making Love", reviewed elsewhere in this issue. Most if not all of the 700 who viewed the film last week agree that this is one you should see. We've seen it twice already and intend to take it in again soon.

This could be a week you'll really enjoy. Line up a friend - or several - and make it a date!

METRO MISCELLANEEY

Happy Valentine's Day, lovers of Miscellaneey! We're back again - to hardly anyone's surprise.

We may not be getting any valentines this year from our old - oops, make that good, not old - friend Joe Elliott. Joe (who, by the way, just sold Buns) called us to task for not publicizing the Juglett Review that took place last Thursday (we were at the showing of "Making Love" - and so was she!), as well as for a no-show when she brought down the

house at the Landing's Friday night show.

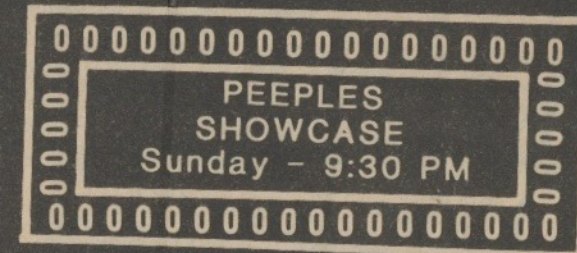
Sorry, Joe, but that's one of the disadvantages of running a one-man paper. We've got about 40 or so places to cover, and there seems to be no way to do it like we want to. Next time, given more advance warning -

We overheard customers at Peeple's praising the band they enjoyed last weekend there when we dropped by to pick up their ad copy and try our hand on their Asteroids game.

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Dear Reader:

In May of 1980 we picked up where the defunct Metro Star had stopped and produced the new Metro Times in its original format, the large tabloid which was almost impossible to read without knocking both neighbors off their barstools opening it up.

Despite the awkward size, the new paper soon captured the attention of metroplex gay men and lesbians, forcing us to increase from the original 3,000 copies to still more. When we celebrated our first anniversary last May, we changed to our present page size, a move which won almost unanimous approval.

A short while thereafter, we went on to increase our print run, but last issue's run - in excess of 4,500 papers - still wasn't quite as many as could have been picked up. We soon must go to 5,000 papers, which will give us a readership of nearly 15,000 persons, based on statistics and observations.

Now, we find it necessary to make room for more articles and features by growing half again as thick - a big 24 pages in place of the 16 we have been putting out. We hope to get enough new advertisers to help absorb the cost of more pages and more papers. We hope you will encourage your favorite gay business to support our effort with their advertising.

We will begin our third year in existence April 29 - how time flies! They said it couldn't be done...but they were wrong. While the other publication normally has more than five times as much in advertising revenues from this area as we do, your encouragement and the support of the faithful few advertisers who continue to place ads each issue have kept us going.

Thank you so very much. We love you all.

Sincerely,

Roy G. Hall
Editor & Publisher



By the way, at long last we are getting complaints from folks who can't find a copy of Metro Times. Should that happen to you at a future date, you'll be glad to know that the people at the

Peacock tend to read the paper on the premises and put it back on top of the juke box, so you can usually find one there.

Happy birthday to the High Country, which blows out their candles with a celebration on February 4. We've always liked that unusual floor plan. Many happy returns, gals and guys.

Redecorating is just one of the new changes at the Ranch, where Eddie Dean spins the discs at night weekends...and Tuesday brings live dancers. We saw one of the dancers...unfortunately, fully dressed...recently at the Ranch while we were having a chat and refreshing beverage with our daytime bartender, David (see photo, with Eddie Dean). The sight of said dancer with clothes made us promise ourself faithfully to be back to see more at a later date. Naturally, we'll share - at least a picture.

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Eddie, by the way, formerly spun the platters at the Bayou Landing, for those of you who recall that oldie but goodie.

Speaking of the Ranch, if you happen to be looking for Toby, he can be found bent over a hot stove at the Bell Pepper.

And speaking of remodelling, the Club Dallas is undergoing yet more changes. Rooms are being redone, for one thing, and it's going to look really nice. We caught some really hot men there (maybe caught isn't the right word, we only wish) last Sunday afternoon and barely got our eyes back into our head in time to put this column together. Mama mia!

If you want to look good, former Macho Man Danny Marchionni is still giving lessons in the early evening, and more people are taking advantage of this very nice offer.

We hear female eyes are being drawn out of their heads by the topless show Wednesdays at Sassi's. We ourself don't get off on such things, but if you do...

A happy belated birthday to Mark, who dances at Texas Territory and happens to be Mr. Gay Fort Worth as well. We were 23 once...

A nice man at the Territory also alerted us that Kilgore now has a new Mexican restaurant, Julio's, owned by friends, so if you get the yen in Kilgore, give them a try.

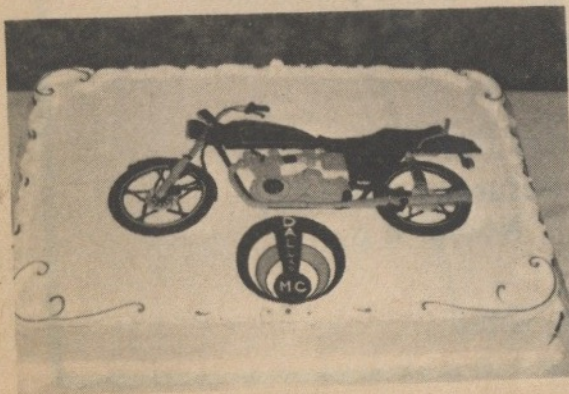
We found a couple of photos (sorry, we don't know the name of



the photographer, or we'd give credit) from the DMC (Dallas Motorcycle Club) birthday party. One is the cake, and the other is Emperor II Jim Harper, with a gift from thoughtful friends. Seems Jim's "designer bike" has everything but a coon tail, so now he has the whole coon!

By the way, Nina tells us her vest has 140 tassels. She says she got numerous inquiries after we mentioned it last issue, so if you wondered, now you know.

We're not proud, so we made an effort to follow up on the story in another publication to find out about our old friend Joe Philpot. Norman assures us that Joe has overcome successfully a second visit to the hospital with pneumonia, lung infection, and dysentery picked up in New York. "He's home, and he's bitching, and he's horny," quipped Norman, "so we know he's all right." At one time the six-foot tall bar



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owner was down to 102 pounds (and we're too nice to say more than that, but people who know Joe may understand what we didn't say and get a laugh out of it). We'll be looking forward to seeing him back in the swing again!

Watch for more news on the coming visit of Les Trockaderos de Monte Carlo, the comic drag ballet group, in late March. We were called from Canada about a bit of publicity. Naturally, we said yes....

Under the wire - but barely - we learned that Dena Kaye's next monthly visit to the Wild Crowd is set for Wednesday, Feb. 17th...

The 651 and Lumber Company, of Fort Worth fame, descended on Adam's Inn Thursday after the movie to take in the show, with which they were suitably taken, so they're taking it back with them.

The dancers said the cowboys were a great audience...and so were the cowgirls! (Did we say that? Hope nobody from Fort Worth reads it!)

By the way, happy birthday to Bob and Gary, who live at Adam's Inn and celebrate this month. (We can kill two birds with one stone; instead of a spanking, we can tickle Bob on the belly for good luck.)

If you've become bored with Pac Man, try this one on for size - Mouse Trap, now at the Hidden Door. Now there's a challenge to

drive you up the wall, but we did enjoy throwing our quarters into it time and again. You will, too - go ahead, give it a try!

By the way, the directory has returned - the best directory of bars in the Metroplex. We hope it proves useful. We're sorry for the delay.

And we're giving classified ads another try. There will even be a special display classified - roughly business card size - if you're a professional who wants to be seen without paying an arm and a leg. (Not only is our bar directory the best, our ad rates are the best, too!)

With eight more pages to fill, we're more interested than ever in hearing from our readers - just don't send poetry, and don't send the only copy of anything, as we might lose it. By the way, we're working on a photography contest, so shutterbugs watch out!

Watch for Rev. Don Eastman's series beginning Sunday, the 7th, at 7:15 P.M. at MCC-Dallas if you (like us) were raised in a hell-fire-and-brimstone home where it was a sin to be gay and if you (unlike us) still have major problems with accepting yourself on a moral plane. Don is our former boss, but we love him anyway. The series gives a new outlook at many supposedly anti-gay scriptures, and many lapsed fundamentalists - along with others - can benefit from this series, which lasts all four Sundays in February.

FT. WORTH MISCELLANEY

Once is not enough! We went back to Fort Worth for seconds again for the second weekend in a row (and were strongly urged to go back for a third time this past

weekend as well) and made the grand tour once more.

We finally broke back through the ice at the Split Image, and we think that the friendly new

manager, Dee Martin, will help us provide yet more news from that quarter.

Fort Worth was well in evidence at the advance showing of "Making Love", even though a certain bar owner didn't leave until 5:30 P.M. We wouldn't dream of saying his name.

And we also won't tell what bar manager showed up half an hour late, half plastered. Perish the thought! Us, gossip? Nah!

Back to business: While some of you may poke your noses in the air at the thought of a bar that doesn't sell mixed drinks, there is definitely something to be said for the leisurely atmosphere at the Tender Trap, where you can curl up on the sofa in front of the television with a coke or a wine cooler if you (like us) just can't handle beer. (We happen to like wine coolers every now and then, however.) It's a nice pace change from lounging on a stool at the bar. And, they've got yet another pool tournament going...

In case you didn't read our other Miscellaney column, the 651 Club sent a truckload over to Big D and decided to bring back some of the hot dancers from Adam's Inn to entertain the troops. Be sure to watch for further info.

Handsome Tom Trimble, who says that he has "been a dirty old man since age 5", assures us that the Tarrant County Mining Company's Wednesday night jockey short dance contest is getting even better, a lot of it due to the sensational guys from Dallas who have been dropping by and entering. Welcome, welcome, he says.

The Metro Times camera will be focused on the dancers sometime soon; we'll warn - er, advise - you in advance so you can either ham it up or panic and run. Keep watching these pages.

Unfortunately, we got it too late for our last issue, but the increasingly popular young singing

star Dena Kaye made an appearance at Mickey's a few days ago. Dena seems to make new friends wherever she goes; after all, she's not only young, talented, and cute but also very much a pro.

And for those of you who may have thought otherwise, those cute young things at the Other Place are approachable. We had no problem, at least, in making small talk with one the other day. We're sure the movie poster we gave him influenced him not in the least.

Chuck at the Krazy Kowboy has some nice looking men there at his new bar, too, and somehow he manages to keep jumping from spot to spot making everyone welcome. His is a pace that would make a Mexican jumping bean dizzy... But he does make them feel right at home, so what can we say?

And, under the heading of "Believe It or Not", we actually ran into a man - under 80! - at the Downtowner who wanted a date with your friendly neighborhood editor. We weren't annoyed one bit; in fact, it was all we could do to keep from swooning. Well, the lights are a bit low in there, especially with the glare from the stage during a show...

But will he call us when he's in his right mind?

We're very thrilled at the increased recognition of the paper in Fort Worth. A young man came close to burning our leather coat at the Woodworks, saw our T-shirt (which by some strange coincidence says Metro Times), and called over his friend to introduce us. It was even more delightful that his friend knew our name without being told. Bless you, my children.

The effervescent Bubbles of Corral fame tells us he carried a copy of the paper into a Dallas bar, waved it at them and asked for a free drink on the basis of having been responsible for their name appearing in Miscellaney...



LaTonya Regay is the new Miss Split Image, we hear, with Raleigh Clayton and the new Miss Permian

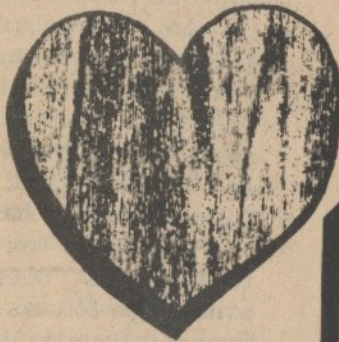
Basin (LaTonya is the former Miss Permian Basin) runners-up. The new Miss Split Image information was relayed to us by our never-ending source of information, Buffy Shannon.

And we really should comment that DJ's is having quite a laugh at a few folks who put them down, as their 5¢(!) beer on Wednesdays is packing them in. And shows, shows, shows, and more shows!

Before we go: While we have received four applications for the Tarrant County rep's job, we interviewed two, missed seeing another with whom we had made an appointment (we showed up), and a fourth we already knew, we are very interested in interviewing a few more. If you have a job and a reliable car and would like to help out for slave wages and a lot of visibility, let us hear from you real soon.

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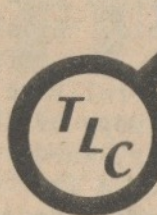
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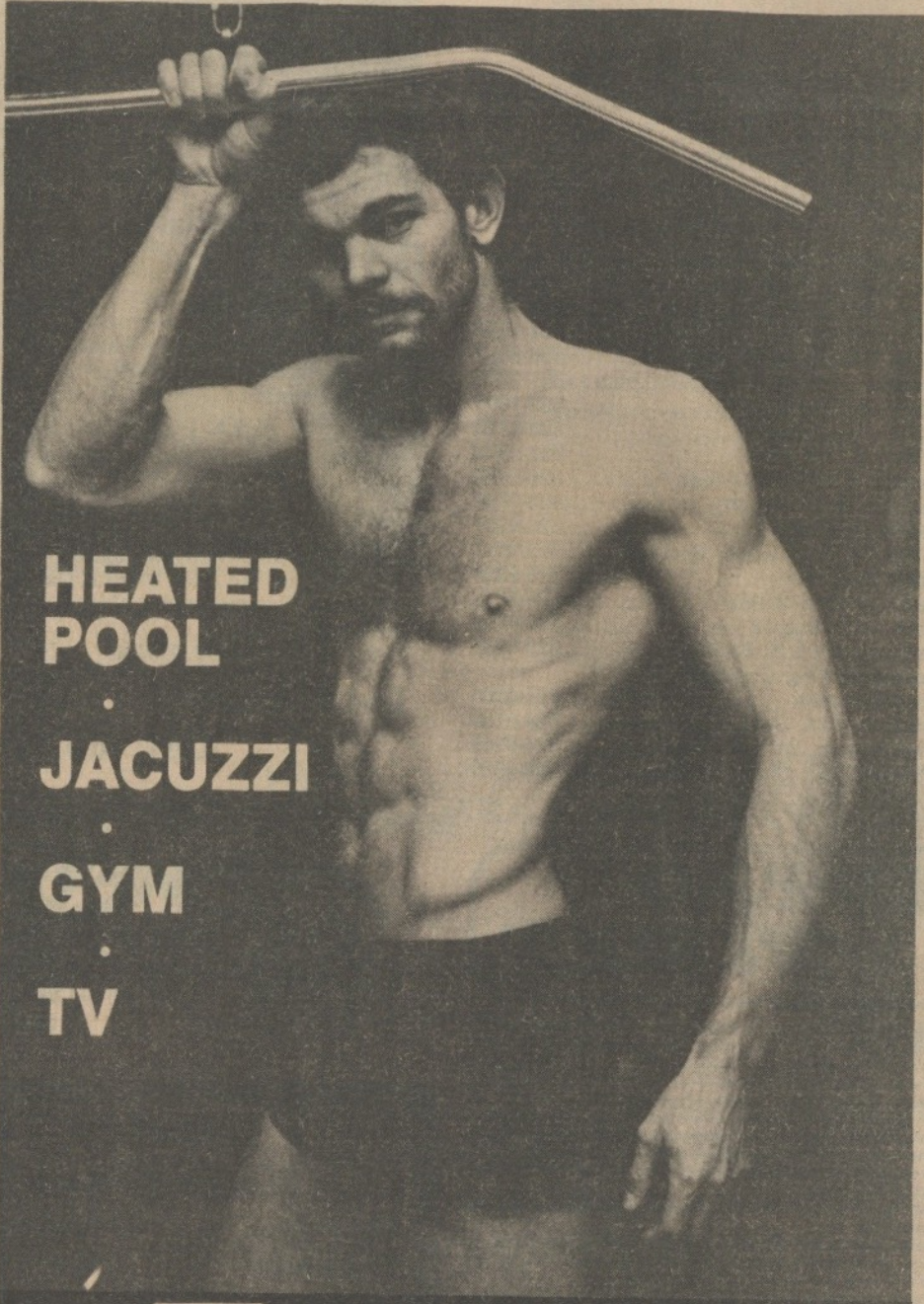
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