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COME TRUE

## Baker-Wade case heard

by David M. Henderson

Testimony in the case of Baker vs. Wade, et al., was heard June 15 and 16 before District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer, a packed courtroom, and Buchmeyer's 12-year-old son.

Donald Baker, the 33-year-old president of the Dallas Gay Alliance, filed the suit challenging the constitutionality of Article 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. Names as defendant was Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade, along with all city, county and district attorneys in Texas, making the case a class action.

A number of qualified witnesses testified for the plaintiff.

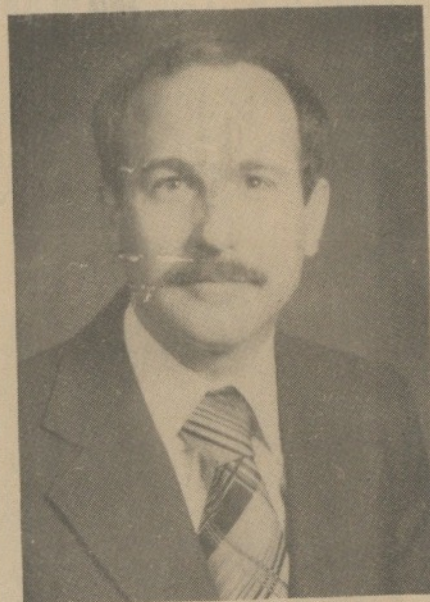
Dr. Judd Marmor, past president of the American Psychiatric Association, testified on their 1974 resolution that homosexuality is not a mental disorder.

SMU New Testament scholar Dr. Victor Furnish pointed out theological aspects, noting that semen was considered the single source of life and sacred to the growth of the human race in biblical days. He also pointed out that Christ at

no time discussed the topic.

University of Houston sociologist Bill Simon testified to the existence of homosexuality in all societies and spoke of the oppression of gay men and lesbians under this law.

Dr. Campbell Read, a Dallas Gay Alliance director, produced statistics on selective law enforcement against gays and lesbians.



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IN THIS ISSUE: Metro Times takes a pictorial look at Gay Pride Week thus far with our exclusive early coverage photos, along with United Community Church's 4th anniversary party and the official

Miss Gay Dallas Pageant.

Our regular features are also spotlighted. This issue has been expanded especially for coverage of this sensational week of Gay Pride and awareness. We hope you enjoy it!

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Baker himself testified of his experiences growing up gay, weeping twice in the process of testimony. His parents were also present in the courtroom.

Dr. James Grigson provided most of the testimony of note for the defense (see related article). The Dallas psychiatrist testified that homosexuality is deviant and a disease.

Assistant District Attorney Charles Baldree challenged the validity of the suit, arguing that Baker has never been victim of an arrest under 21.06, and that the legislature should take responsibility for removing the law if it should be abolished.

James Barber, attorney for Baker, pointed out that state lawmakers would be committing "political suicide" by attempting repeal of 21.06 and pointed out that, in a deposition from Wade, the D.A. admitted there was no reason for the state to have such a law on its books.

Barber argued that Dr. Grigson had presented "incredible" testimony which should be thrown out en toto, stating that common sense tells one that the state had no business in the private bedroom.

Texas Human Rights President Robert Schwab told the press that the case, which has cost about \$25,000 thus far, will be taken to the Supreme Court if needed.

Post-trial briefs are due by July 30, with a decision to be expected in another two months or shortly thereafter.



## Grigson under fire

They call him "Doctor Death." Psychiatrist James Grigson has been reprimanded by the American Psychiatric Association for his part in over 20 murder trials. Grigson would, without giving a motive, talk with the accused, then testify against him on the basis of that interview. In one recent case, he testified without even an interview, and in another, a verdict was struck down because of his testimony.

Sources indicate Grigson has been paid \$20,000 annually for the past three years for just this kind of prejudicial testimony.

Grigson's argument to the U.S. District Court in the Baker case was that gays needed a law to make them want to change and seek the help of a professional.

## Movies: Superman, Ark & Titans

Summertime...and the movie-makers are releasing their crop in anticipation of the children home from school, whose doting mothers will bribe them into a modicum of peace and quiet with a movie.

We say four movies within the past week. About Airplane, old fare that it is, we can only say we found the Peter Graves scene repulsive and in bad, bad taste. The rest of the movie left much to be desired as well.

We did not find Chris Reeve repulsive. Chris was beautiful as ever, which is saying a lot. He's worth going to see Superman II for.

Superman II falls into the category of pure and simple melodrama. The villains even wear black! Camp it most certainly is; illogical it can also be termed. But as entertainment it makes a good way to sit back and have a few thrills and laughs. It's an enjoyable cliché which, we feel, will keep bringing them in for some time to come...and Superman III is in the works. (We personally would like to see Superman LXIX.)

Sadly, Superman and his gang could stand some flying lessons. We were much more impressed by the flying agility of Pegasus in Clash of the Titans. Mythology is surprisingly honored with an unusual degree of fidelity in this escape film, and action is the key to the plot. While the flying horse is certainly a thing of beauty and believable, we also found the heir apparent to R2D2 in an adorable golden owl robot constructed by the god of the forge, whose name we cannot spell without looking it up.

The truth is that the special effects steal every scene, whether from Harry Hamlin as Perseus or Laurence Olivier as Zeus, a bossy head god bent on seeing his own bastard son get the goodies. The young lady playing Andromeda, the female romantic interest, should have taken acting lessons from the owl. The only truly tired effect was the kraken, who looked as if he had already seen Medusa's head. Medusa, by the way, would have looked much more real without the green rays of petrefaction which she gives off when turning a victim to stone. Boo to her, and hiss to her snakes.

The movie of the season, we must agree, is Raiders of the Lost Ark. Like Clash, it has a plethora of action (but laughs are more plentiful). The special effects are fewer but masterful. The plot is adequate, and our old acquaintance Harrison Ford (formerly "Hans Solo") has his work cut out in a vain attempt to keep scene after scene from being stolen by his co-stars, including a thoroughly female Karen Allen and a delightfully simian monkey who could have had star billing (or should have) if he had lasted the entire show.

In short, all three films should be viewed as escape. In order to know what everyone is raving about, you have to see Raiders; and Chris Reeve should not be missed, if only to see how unfaithful to a concept writers can be. Titans promises some good effects and great photography to best make the unreal unbelievable.

Next issue: Expect a rave review for "For Your Eyes Only," with Roger Moore as 007.



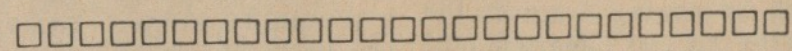
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jammed into three floors of a big warehouse at Market and Pacific, where two giant searchlights made circling sweeps through the sky to bring in more, more, more gay men and lesbians. We were told the party cost about \$16,000 to throw. It made us very proud to consider that, despite the huge turnout, this wasn't even the tip of the iceberg of our community.

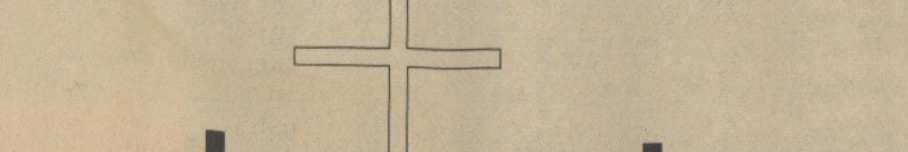


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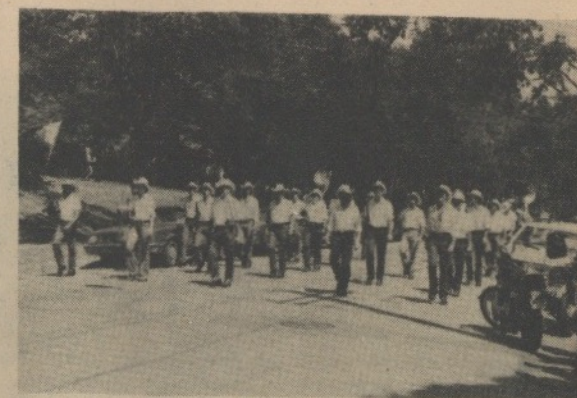


The Fraternity House was given honors for "Best Float" for their recreation of a southern plantation with the legend, "21.06 is Gone with the Wind." Best Theme Representation went to the Union Jack, where owner Richard Longstaff and Bob Griffis of Friday's Florist joined friends in front of a tombstone marked, "R.I.P. 21.06: 1973-1981". The float title was "21.06 Feet Under", a clever play on words.

Winning ways



## Strike up

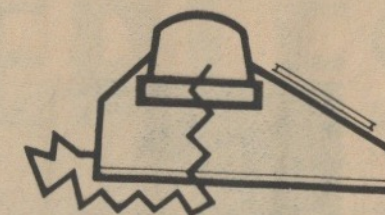


the bands!

Best Marching Unit selected was the Montrose Marching Band of Houston, while Butler's Pantry Too got Best Car. Gay Pride Week Parade Grand Marshall's Award went to the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band.



## GAYLINE



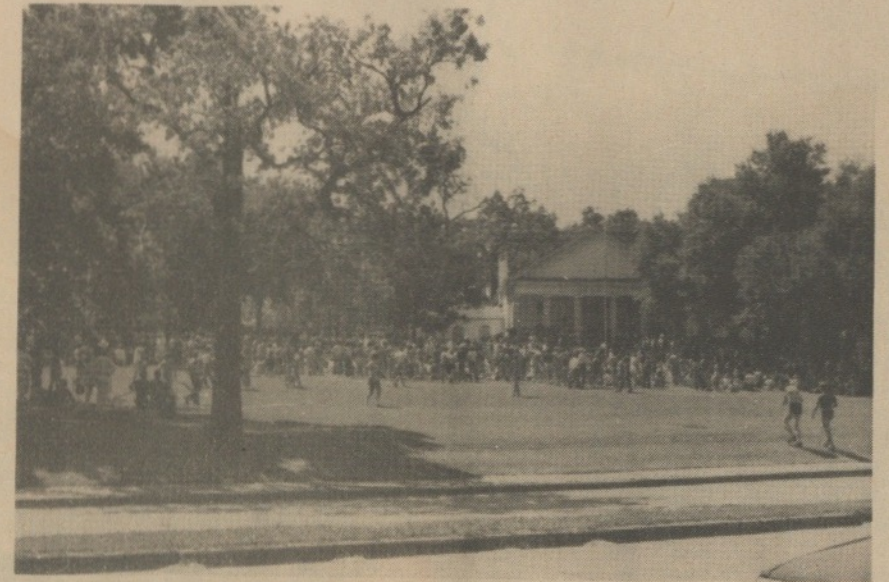
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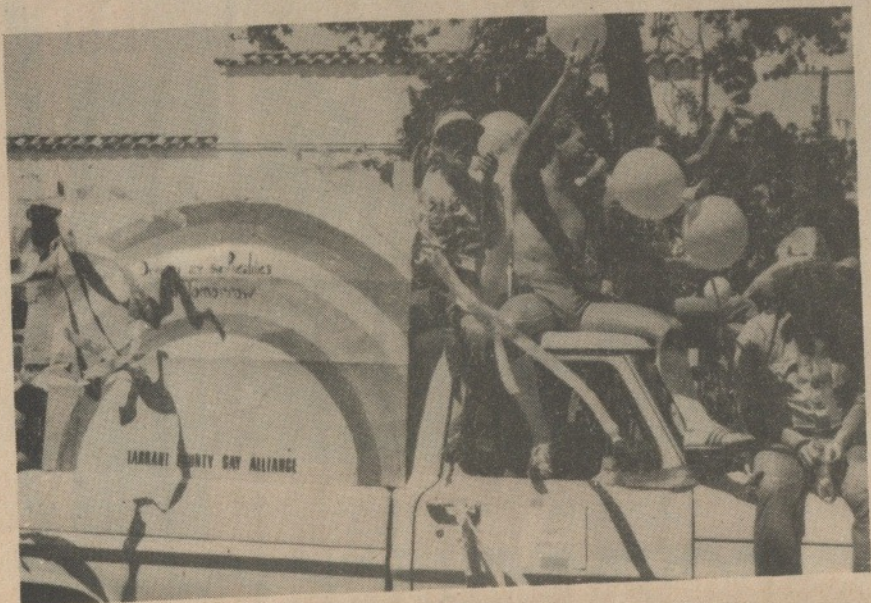
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The following horoscope outlooks will be in effect from June 28 to July 11:

**CANCER:** Confidence and energy are the key, but watch spending. Entertainment and imagination make a splash second week.

**LEO:** Work on friendships and play it cool. Ask for co-workers advice. No fighting; no rash expenditures now.

**VIRGO:** Holiday weekend may spell romance. Don't let enthusiasm lure you into commitments you can not handle. Be concise and prompt.

**LIBRA:** Catch the public eye and hit the social limelight. Use your imagination on constructive and useful projects only.

**SCORPIO:** Time for evaluation of finances and projects. Do not overextend yourself, and don't be hesitant to ask an expert.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Don't kick down the others on your way up the ladder.

Emphasis on family peace and cooperation. Bury the hatchet.

**CAPRICORN:** Easy does it in work-related problems. Show respect for lover or business partner's ideas. Keep home fires burning.

**AQUARIUS:** Good time to get raise. Don't spend it till you get it. Romantic indecision may end with a choice now. Think it over.

**PISCES:** Don't sign anything but the rent check. Beware bunco or get-rich-quick schemes. Do your work, then relax with romance.

**ARIES:** Say "I love you." Sports accented. Keep eyes open and find out more. Cooperate with lover, especially if moving.

**TAURUS:** Overdue deliveries can be expected now. You also ought to catch up on back work. Watch out for financial temptation.

**GEMINI:** Organize yourself and permit others to do their own thing. They'll ask if they want your help. Trip may be upcoming.

For more complete forecast, read indications for your Ascendant sign plus Birth sign. To find your Ascendant sign, count ahead from Birth sign the number of signs indicated.

**Time of Birth**  
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6 to 8 a.m.  
8 to 10 a.m.  
10 to Noon  
Noon to 2 p.m.  
2 to 4 p.m.  
4 to 6 p.m.  
6 to 8 p.m.  
8 to 10 p.m.  
10 to Midnight  
Midnight to 2 a.m.  
2 to 4 a.m.

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Second sign following  
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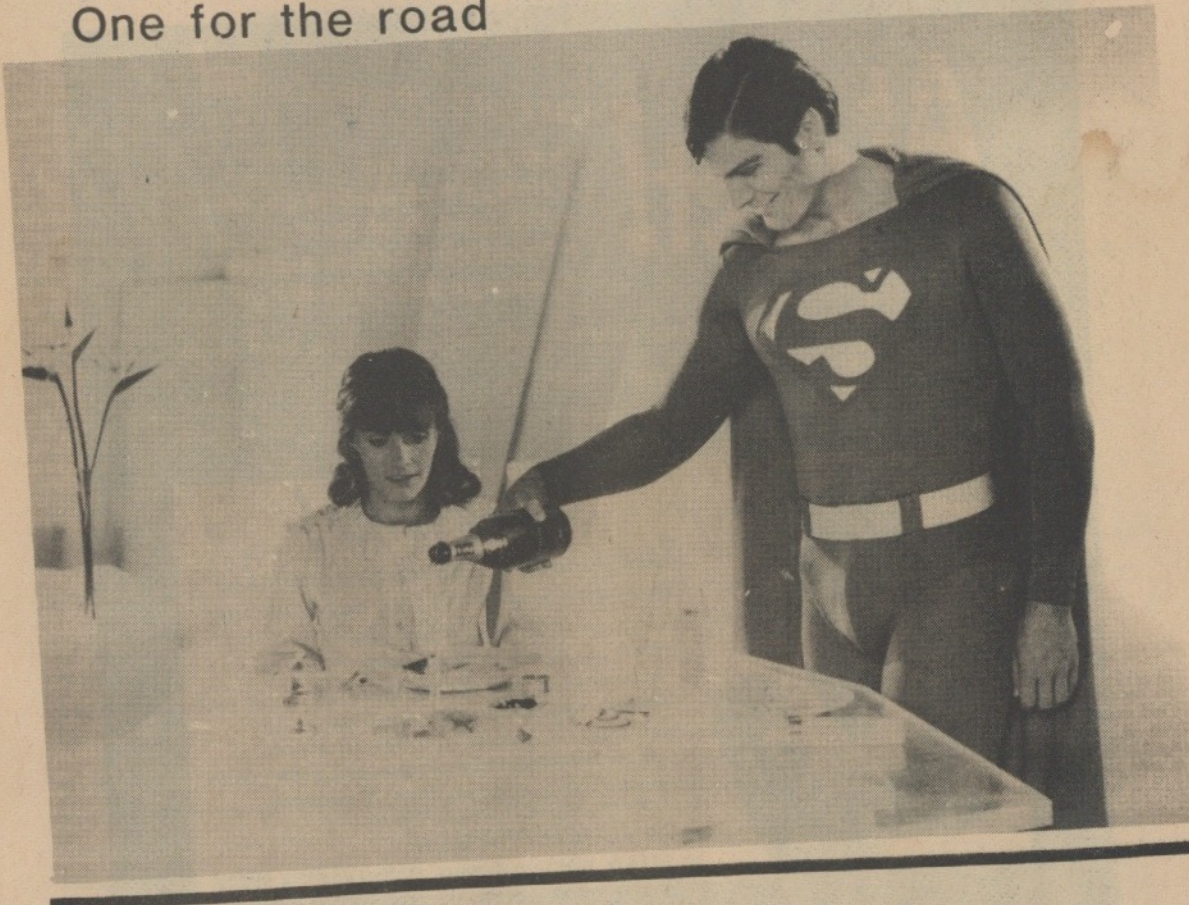
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## Editorial:

Too often, it's so easy for us to develop our own little club of close friends and forget just how big a community is out there. We may go to the same groups or visit the same bars over and over and seem to see the same faces day after day, night after night.

We had the enormity of this community brought forcibly home when we surveyed the lines everywhere we went at Razzle Dazzle Dallas. While we have been in and about Dallas for many years, and we do get around more than most of you, seeing faces, faces and more faces, there were still faces wherever we went during the portion of Gay Pride Week which has already taken place that were new to us.

We were struck by the beauty of our community, the part that was visible during the party and the parade and the rally; yes, and we were proud. And when we take into consideration how very few of us actually showed up at any of these events, we are just stunned at the thought of what this community could accomplish if we united in a common effort.

Is it an impossible dream to hope for unity in the community, for a working together that we may all be free and live lives as ourselves, the masks gone and the prejudice of ignorance taken

away to be replaced with respect. You hold the answer, reader.

Based on statistics and the national averages, we predict in excess of 10,000 people read this publication every issue...and this issue brings 1,000 extra copies into print. What miracles we could work together!

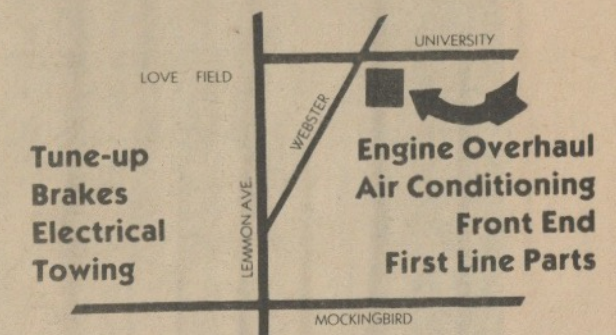
Why must we remain divided? Let black join with white, let man and woman forget semantics and fight shoulder to shoulder against the common foe, and let the churchgoer with Bible in hand work side by side with the disco dancer and his poppers.

Do dreams come true? I for one, having been present for the parade in 1972, could not at all have foreseen this week or even dreamed that it would become no longer dream but reality. You and I can make it happen. Let us wait no longer, but join the organizations which work within our community, and work to bring these together for victory.

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## Church turns four

Below, Rev. Farrell goes over the music with popular singer Bobbi Lane, part of the new group "Rapture", shown at right. The group participated in the birthday celebration and worship service. The church is located at 4402 Roseland near Ross and Peak.



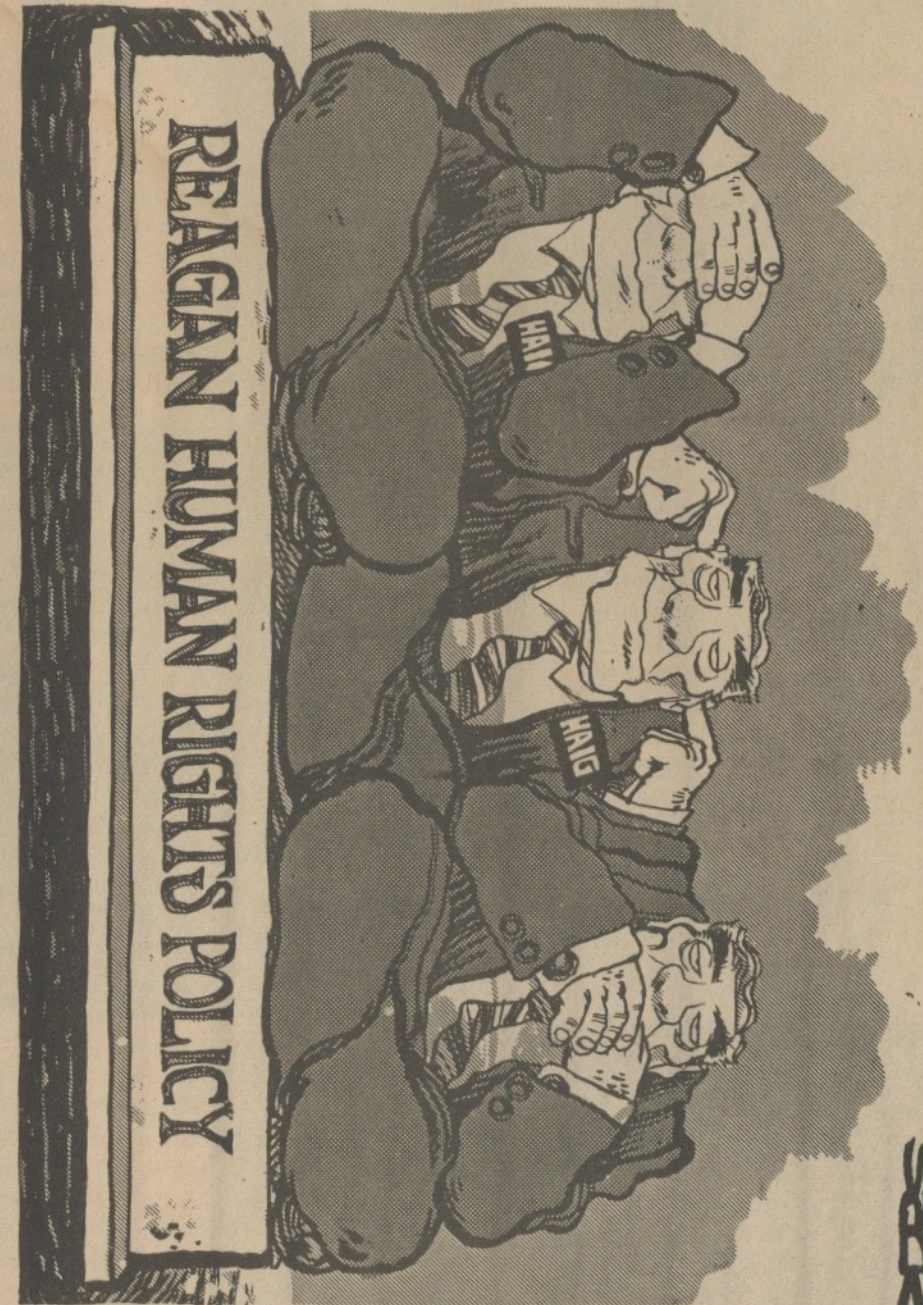
"The Best Is Yet to Be!"  
Rev. Shawn Farrell told her family at United Community Church, which celebrated four years existence June 21.

## Robin Tyler:

Comic Robin Tyler delighted a Sunday evening crowd with a show at Sassi's. Dallas was one of four Gay Pride Week shows for Ms. Tyler, others including Phoenix, Memphis and San Francisco.



A visit to the  
gynecologist





Miss Gay Dallas

And the winner is...Miss Ricki Rousseau, the new Miss Gay Dallas. Miss Ricki is shown above, right, with (left to right) Sherri Powers (Miss Congeniality), Dion Martel (Second Runner-Up), and Lady Vashti (First Runner-Up).

In the picture at right is the fantastic Jimmy Dee, as if most of you didn't know.

And below, Tracy Chateau's dancers help her bust loose for a hot, hot number. (They can help us bust loose any time!) The two night pageant was held at Sassi's for a full house.



# METRO

## MISCELLANEY

Miscellaney lovers, ten-HUT! Okay, at ease everybody. Wanted to be sure you were paying us the proper attention.

We stole a march on Razzle Dazzle Dallas last Saturday when Mama threw her birthday party at Adam's Inn (4036 Cedar Springs, if you didn't know). Adam's Inn opened about last November, and to our surprise and delight is still open. A good explanation for this phenom is Mama, whose personality is chipper and whose entire being radiates caring. It does help packing in customers when they know somebody loves 'em - and Mama certainly does that.

She's a wild old woman (54), and a regular wildcat's playmate, as they used to say back home in the Ozark foothills. Mama, being of independent ways (while not of independent means), simply moved her show up to 8 P.M. and closed shop at 10 to go to Razzle Dazzle - in a chauffeured limo chartered by admiring dancers and employees.

Mama highlighted her own show with renditions of "Love for Sale" and "On the Street Where I Work", a less than subtle reference to the ladies of the evening who ply their trade steps from her door.

Surprisingly, Mama's friend R. H. (you'll have to ask her for the full name, we wouldn't say) drew the response of the evening when he surprised her with an inexpensive tiara and crowned her "Queen of Cedar Springs." The entire bar gave her a standing ovation, after which free champagne was passed and a toast was made.



The picture is Mama dressed to kill them with song.

We checked into the name of the Wild Crowd, where the Studio 69 recently moved. We had hoped they would change the name to a combination, maybe the Studio Crowd or Wild 69, but the name is still Wild Crowd. We hear they have male dancers...

A.C. and Black Betty drew a SRO crowd at the Eighth Day for their June 8 Pre-Juneteenth show. We have to say that A.C. and Chuck

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On a serious note, persons who are interested should note that July 12 is the date for the next meeting of the Gay/Lesbian Liberal Religious Group. The group gives an alternative to fundamentalist groups for those liberal at heart. The meeting is at 7:30 in the Normandy Hall at First Unitarian Church. The group, which has quietly met for a year, is both religious and social in nature and we were told that practically everyone except Jerry Falwell is welcome if they have a sincere interest. Additional information can be obtained by calling 821-8119.

In Fort Worth, the new Agape MCC building fund is raking in the money, but they still need lot more. The recent and rapid growth of the group under the leadership of Jim Norwood makes their current facilities just too small.

They've raised about \$9500 in the last month, with \$1000 coming from a show at the Other Place with Raina Lea, Tiger (Miss Gay Metroplex) Lil, Ricki (Miss Gay Dallas) Rousseau), and former Miss Gay Tarrant County Brook Elliott. Another \$2600 came from the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band concert and subsequent auction at the Hyatt Regency in Fort Worth.

Our grapevine tells us that religious music lovers have two treats coming from Agape soon.

We would also be amiss if we failed to mention the jockey short dance contest at Woodworks next June 30 (Tuesday). We hear the previous contest(s) had some nice entrants, so what more do you want?

The Tarrant County Gay Alliance (formerly the T.C.G.P.C.) has a new president, Bill Todd, and supporting cast, who will have their next meeting at the Downtowner July 7. At that time they will elect the board, and your input is wanted. Get into the action!

A very special note: the one and only Jim Bailey brings his fabulous impressions of Judy and Barbra to Granny's Dinner Theater soon - starting July 7. We know lots of you will want to be on hand to welcome Jim, since lots of us couldn't afford him last time at the Venetian Room...so... we're setting up for opening night July 7 (new dates, please note).

We've arranged with Granny's to block off their best front row seats for us, subject to how fast other reservations come in. If you make your reservation through us for the party, set for July 7 (opening night, what else?), check our ad on page 22 and make your reservations. You must either ask for the Metro Times party if you call Granny's or mail your check or credit card number to us in order to get in on this prime seating. Be sure to make the check payable to Granny's, mention how many seats you need, and arrive on time. Price does include buffet dinner, for a most enjoyable evening at a reasonable price. We do hope you will join us then.

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