

JUDGE RULES FOR GAY GROUP IN TENN.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (IGNA) — U.S. District Judge Thomas Wiseman has ordered Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., to recognize a gay rights group there as an official student organization.

The order may end a lengthy battle between university officials and the Students Coalition for Gay Rights.

University officials, including the state Board of Regents, had denied recognition to the group since the fall semester of 1978.

The group had about twenty

members in late November, but faculty adviser Glenn Carter, who is not gay, said he expected the membership role would now increase.

Recognition means that the group can use university facilities for meetings and workshops.

University president Robert Riggs said he plans for university officials to comply with the judge's ruling.

Board of Regents chancellor Roy Nicks, who had denied the group's appeal for recognition, said he too would now comply

with the judge's order. He objected, however, to the ruling, saying he thinks it will make it now appear that the university approves of the promotion of homosexuality as acceptable behavior. He claimed that recognition of the group would endanger students with sexual identity problems.

Nicks said that allowing the group to form would cause increases in an act that is a violation of a state law that prohibits "crimes against nature."

The attorneys for the Student Coalition tried to convince Nicks that the extent of social acceptance of homosexuality has not been demonstrated to affect the incidence of homosexual behavior.

Student Coalition lawyer Gary Crawford said that he and attorney James Blumstein, a professor of law at Vanderbilt University, argued before the judge that "homosexual behavior occurs in roughly the same proportion in societies that condone it and in societies that

disapprove of it."

Nicks, despite a vote of 25-to-1 by the Students' Government Association for approval of the group, maintained his argument that "Sexual activity with another of the same sex is unlawful in the state of Tennessee. Moreover, such activity is contrary to the Judeo-Christian ethic which undergirds our community, our state and our nation."

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COPS BUST XMAS CEREMONY

Houston police arrested two local gay leaders Friday, Nov. 23, at a Montrose community Christmas tree lighting ceremony, and charged them with operating a sound system without a proper permit.

Capt. Ellis E. Milam said the police received a complaint earlier in the day from a nearby resident who saw the sound system being installed at the intersection of Westheimer and Bagby. Police arrived about 8:30 p.m., just before the start of the ceremonies, at the time the sound system was already operating, and instructed that it be turned off.

Gay activist Ray Hill told Capt. Milam that, to his knowledge, no permit was needed, and that the sound system would continue to be operated. Milam went back to the police station, got a photo copy of the ordinance, and returned to the ceremony to show it to Hill and organizer Phil Slusser, who had just arrived.

Slusser is chairperson of Family, the organization that spearheaded the tree lighting event, and is also an employee of the MONTROSE STAR.

Both Hill and Slusser refused to turn off the sound system and were arrested by Milam.

Club owner David Schnyzl then took control of the sound system and turned it off. The Christmas tree lighting ceremonies continued normally, except the speakers had to talk loudly to the crowd of 200.

Hill and Slusser were released on bond of \$203.50 each about 11:00 p.m., the time the ceremonies were concluding. Slusser

was rearrested after a scuffle before midnight with a police officer near Mary's Lounge, 1022 Westheimer.

He was charged with public intoxication and released on bond the next day.

Slusser was not intoxicated.

Slusser came out of the club and saw a police officer checking over Slusser's car, which was parked in a no-parking zone.

Slusser attempted to move the car but the police officer wouldn't let him, saying that it was going to be towed and "You're going back to jail. Where's your partner (referring to Hill)."

Slusser told the officer, "I work alone."

At the Christmas tree ceremony itself, officials of the Gay Political Caucus took over some of the MCing duties that were to be performed by Slusser and Hill.

GPC president Steve Shiflett introduced dignitaries on the stage and GPC vice president Larry Bagneris Jr. outlined, month by month, the achievements of the Houston gay community over the past year, including the Gay Pride Week parade with forty floats, the gay day at Astroworld, and the upset victory of pro-gay city council candidate Eleanor Tinsley over twenty-year incumbent Frank Mann, who was known for his frequent use of the word "queer."

Former mayoral candidate Leonel Castillo spoke briefly and then pulled the switch to light the 25-foot tree. After a few anxious moments in which only a few of the bulbs lit, the

tree finally burst into full luminousness, amid the cheers of those there.

Also attending the event, first-ever of its kind for Montrose, were ministers from the Metropolitan Community Church and Bering Memorial Church, Montrose business leaders such as club owner Beverly Wren, and the Metropolitan Community Church choir and the Montrose Chorus under the direction of Andy Mills.

Wren was instrumental in securing use of the public land through her influence with the Westheimer Colony Association, a group of business people in the area.

Hill said the next day that the first arrests were illegal because the program was taking place on state land and that he had permission to use the site and a permit from the city for use of electricity.

"I have never been to a choir

concert that was raided. This is nothing but harassment by the city's administration," Hill said.

Castillo said he was "dumbfounded by what went on."

"It was clearly overreaction and clearly selective enforcement. With all the major crimes in Houston to put ten or twelve officers out on a Christmas carol program is a pretty bad scene," he said.

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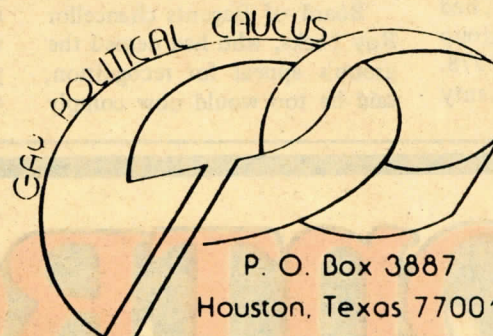


Ray Hill and Phil Slusser in the back seat of the patrol car

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Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Sobota, Treasurer M.E.C.H.

horoscope

SAGITTARIUS: So you are worried about your image among your friends? Listen to your mystical inner voice. Worry no more. You're beautiful, bouncy and butch.

CAPRICORN: Foe to no one, you are not nearly as wishy-washy as some others think. You seem to drift this way and that, but you are like the plants on the bottom of the sea. Swaying but firmly rooted.

AQUARIUS: At heart, you are young, gifted and bold. Like Louis the XIVth, you feel, "We really know our worth, the Sun and I." Neither riches nor opportunities escape your eagle eye. This weekend ends on key of B, for Blue, especially in the form of a handkerchief.

PISCES: Though sometimes irascible, you do have an idealistic nature, and you are certainly adaptable and openminded. Your infuriatingly unconventional thinking often gets you in "hot water." It also

gets you in with some mighty exciting company.

ARIES: You are skipping by important career opportunity. Turn passing fancy into financial gain. Find moola hiding among the moonbeams. And as one door closes, another opens ... quietly, very quietly.

TAURUS: As you stroll along admiring the frosty scenery, you may unknowingly come into contact with a Cold Stare. Stare back. Then break the ice with a warm smile.

GEMINI: You have a way of telling others what's good for them. This is absolutely maddening! But they usually deserve it. Keep on doing it.

MOONBABY: Astrologically, you have the gift "to see." A single glance and you know what must be done. Turbulent situation needs your command. Make order out of chaos. "Again?" you ask. Yes, again. Dust off your director's chair and get

out the megaphone.

LEO: You follow in the footsteps of other intellectuals. And you have a strong sense of discipline. But it's your sense of humor that will get you through this weekend unscathed.

VIRGO: "Proper" behavior (your forte on state occasions) is passe for now. Someone makes you an offer you simply can't refuse. On last day the frost is on the ground. Full winter weather is just ahead.

LIBRA: The rivers within you run deep. They contain secret trusts and even more secret jealousies. Set something/someone free and lighten the traffic on your inner waterway. The weekend closes with a sigh.

SCORPIO: As the Earth reaches into its new Aquarian Age, you feel the pull of a friendly Aquarian. Do not resist.

NEARTOWN ASSOC. WANTS FIRE STATION

Leaders of the Montrose-Near-town Association, a group of mostly straight civic leaders, urged Houston City Council on Wednesday, Nov. 28, to designate an old fire station in the 1400 block of Westheimer as a community center.

City Council referred the request to a joint committee of city officials.

Sandy McKenzie, one of the

Association's speakers, told City Council members that there is no centrally located meeting place for Montrose and the old fire station could serve that purpose. She asked the City Council members to confer with the city's real estate director, Gus Kanakis, about making the conversion.

The proposal was referred to a committee consisting of representatives of several city

departments, including real estate, public works and the fire departments.

Gay community leaders recently leased commercial property at 3207 Montrose for gay community projects.

The fire station building was constructed in the 1930s. The area is now being served by a more modern fire station facility on Richmond Avenue.

UNIV. POLICE SAID TO BE ENTRAPPING GAYS

PROVO, Utah (IGNA) — The private police force of Brigham Young University is accused of harassing and entrapping homosexuals not only on the college campus but other places too.

The *Salt Lake City Tribune* reported that the university's private police force had been given investigation and arrest powers rivaling those of the State Police. The university police, the paper said, has decided to use that power to enforce laws forbidding certain sexual activity, including homosexual activity.

The university is owned by the Mormon Church.

The Rev. Robert Waldrop, who ministers to the gay community in Salt Lake City, confirmed the allegation. He said he had seen university police off campus writing down license plate numbers on cars parked outside the Sun, a gay bar.

University security chief Robert Kelshaw was quoted in the *Tribune* as saying that his officers do not go after homosexuals "any more than they do after any other type of criminal."

Kelshaw also said that one of his detectives wrote an "unauthorized" letter to a gay newspaper in Salt Lake City,

Open Door, in an effort to obtain the names of students who would be interested in forming a "BYU gay underground."

The president of the university ordered a halt to such tactics when it was brought to his attention.

A gay man, David Chipman, was probably set up for arrest by responding to the letter, according to the gay man's attorney. Chipman was arrested off campus for allegedly touching the groin of a BYU law enforcement student posing as a homosexual.

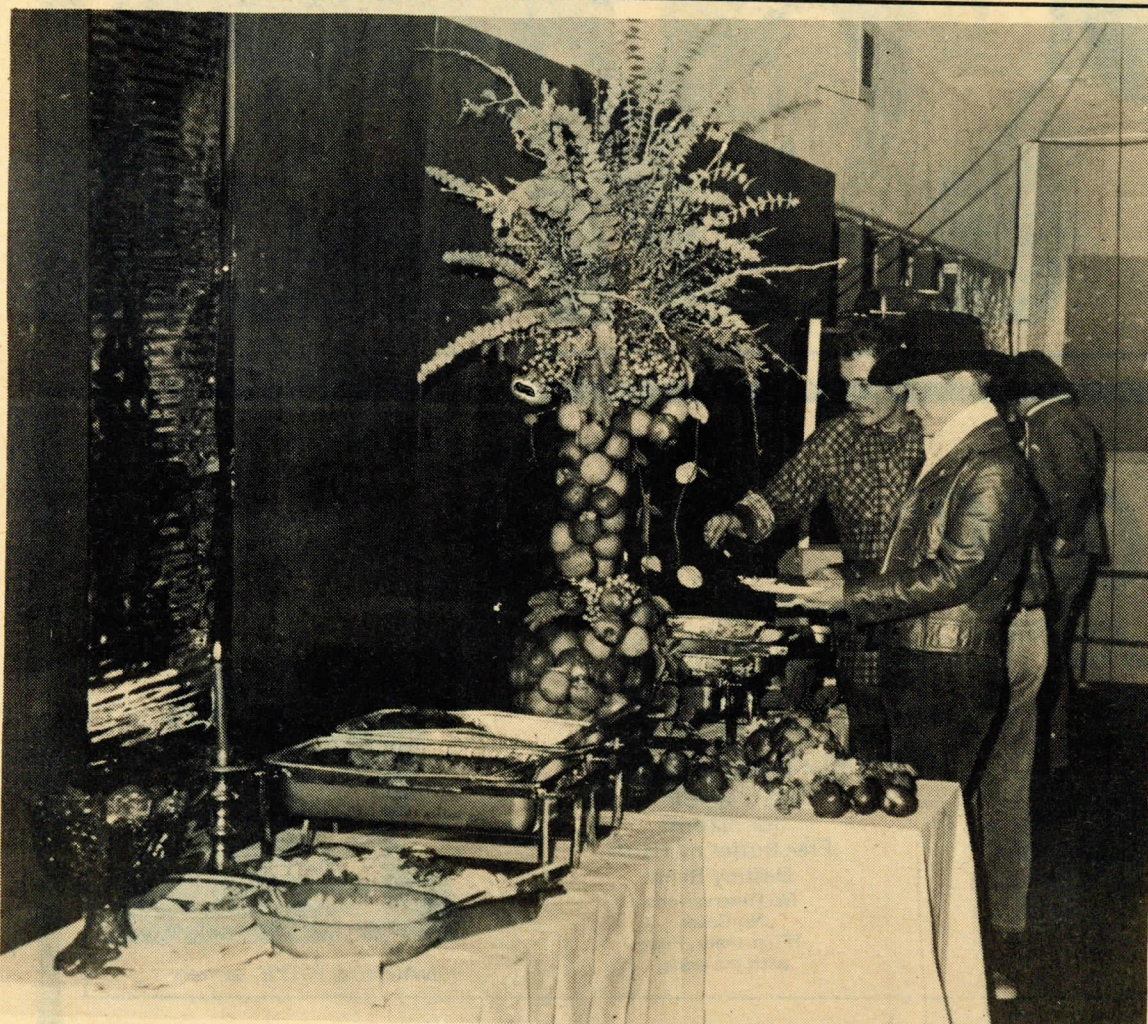
Chipman has pleaded innocent and his attorney has moved for dismissal on the grounds of entrapment.

Since it is the policy of the Mormon Church to excommunicate gay people and church doctrine considers homosexuality "an abomination to God," the question of whether a church group can use a private police force to further church beliefs has come to be a significant local issue.

The American Civil Liberties Union began seeking to strip the church of its law enforcement powers.

hot shot

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Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Family Community Center, 5201 Montrose

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Thousands march in memorial to Moscone & Milk-SF

SAN FRANCISCO — Some 15,000 marchers carrying gay-power banners and lighted candles wound their way through silent neighborhood streets Tuesday, Nov. 27, in memory of slain Mayor George Moscone and gay Supervisor Harvey Milk.

The marchers, in a vigil that stretched for three city blocks, turned out to commemorate the first anniversary of the City Hall shootings of the two.

Present Mayor Dianne Feinstein led the procession.

Ex-Supervisor Dan White is serving seven years and eight months in prison for the slayings.

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XMAS BUST

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"I don't understand why they had to have so many men there for a nonviolent event. The people attending were very unhappy and properly so," Castillo said.

Capt. Milam said that two patrolmen, a sergeant and himself responded initially, then two other sergeants came up, because "these people are so vocal, anytime police take issue with them, they want to complain they're being harassed."

"I told Hill he was in violation of a city ordinance and I showed him a copy of the ordinance," Milam said.

"He said the only way he was not going to play the sound system was if he were arrested. So we arrested him. Normally people are rational and when we explain they are in violation of the law, they accept it and cooperate," Milam said.

Hill said, "I have been doing public assemblies in Houston since 1966 on city property and I have always had a PA system. I have never had a permit and I

have never been arrested for it before."

Police Chief Harry Caldwell told the *Houston Post* that he did not know of the incident and denied that his department was harassing gay people.

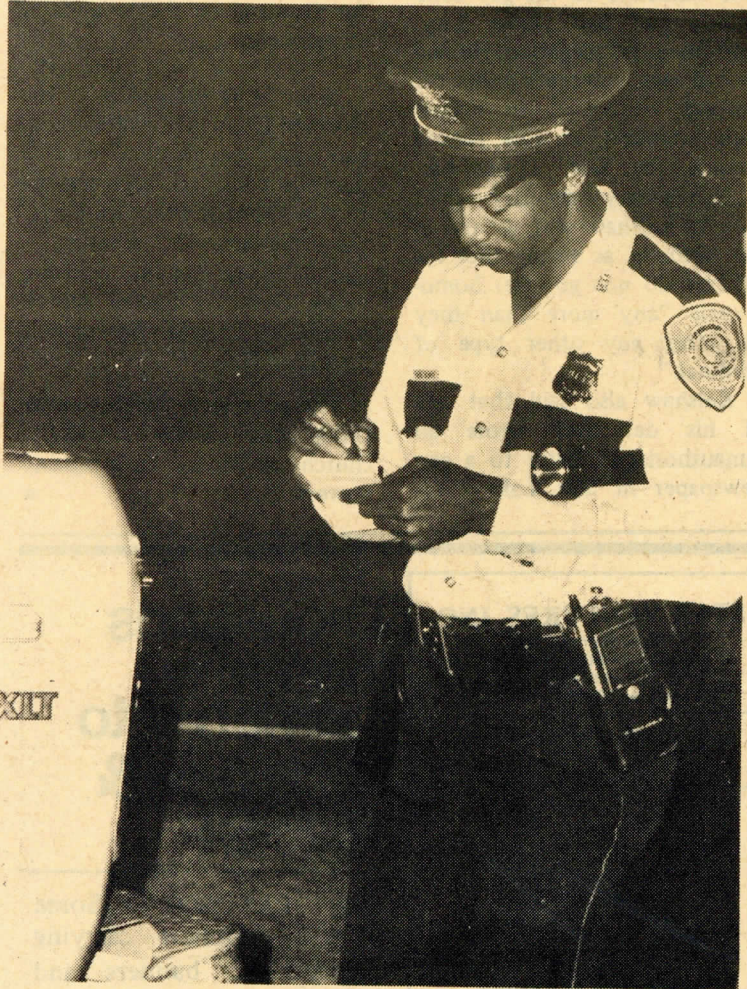
"We have no program of harassment and we do not condone harassment of any element of our community," Caldwell said.

He said assistant chief John Donovan, who works as a liaison between the department and the gay community, would investigate the incident.

Regarding Slusser's second arrest, Hill said, "How he got drunk in city jail, I can't imagine."

Hill and Slusser's hearing on the charge of not having the proper permit for the sound system was set for Dec. 11.

Slusser, who was released on personal recognizance after the second arrest, was not told when his hearing on the public intoxication charge would be held.



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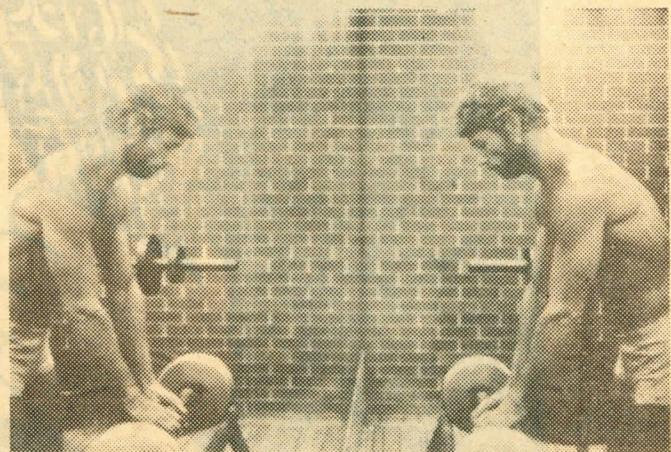
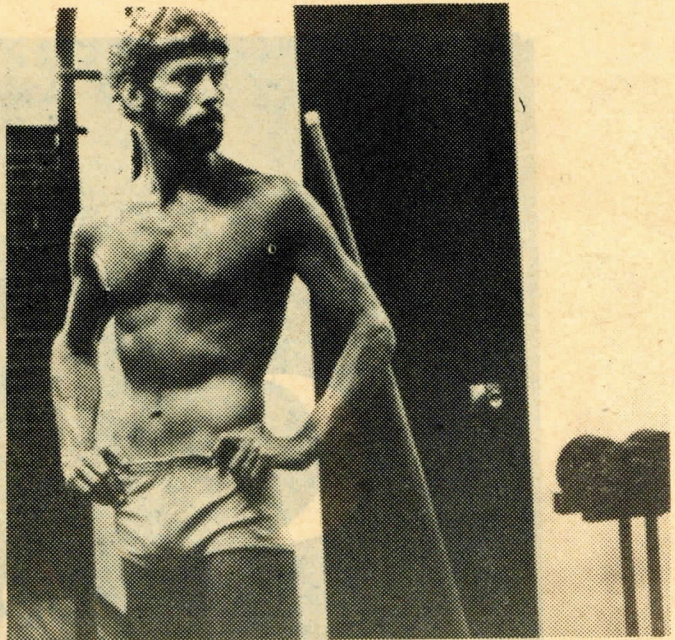
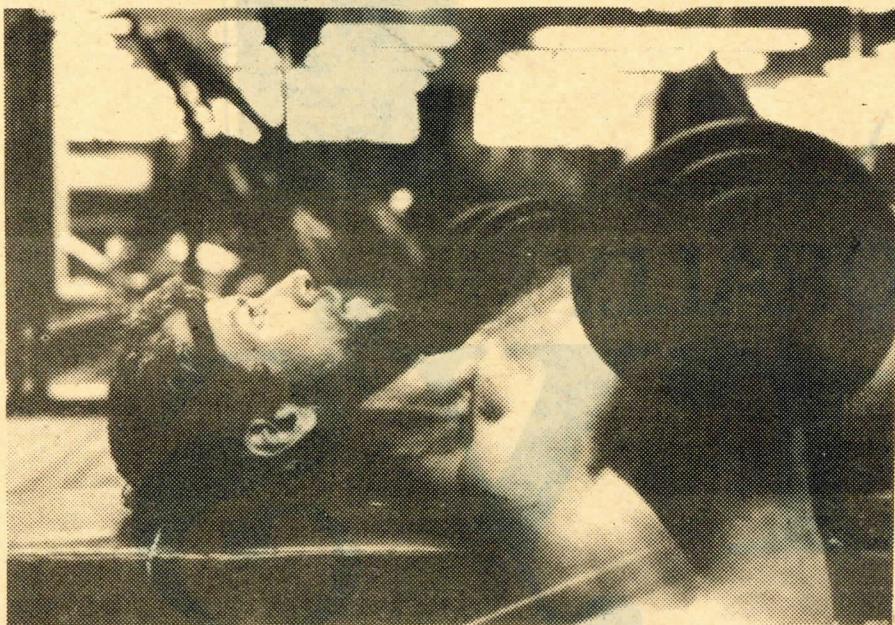
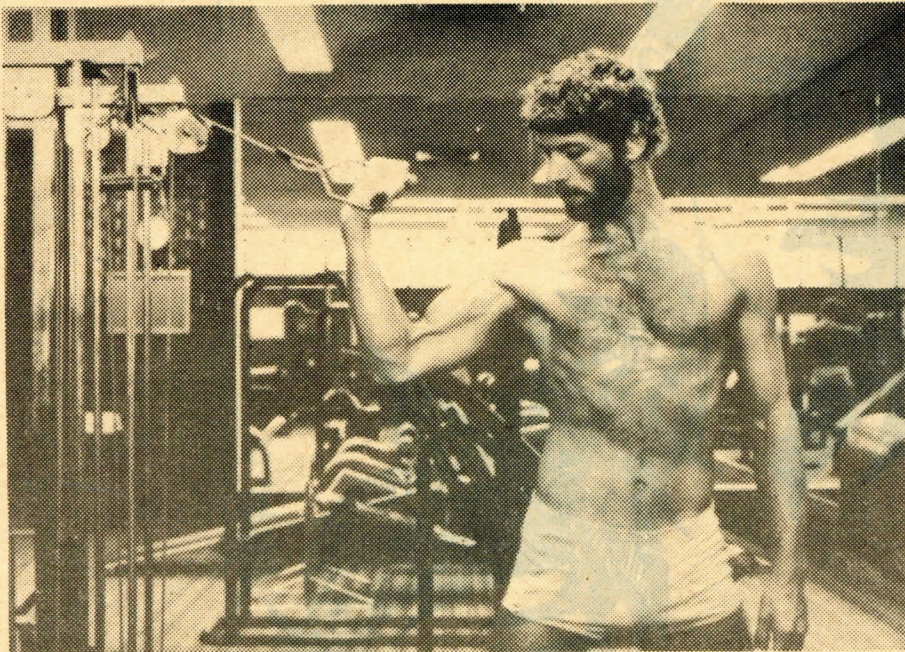
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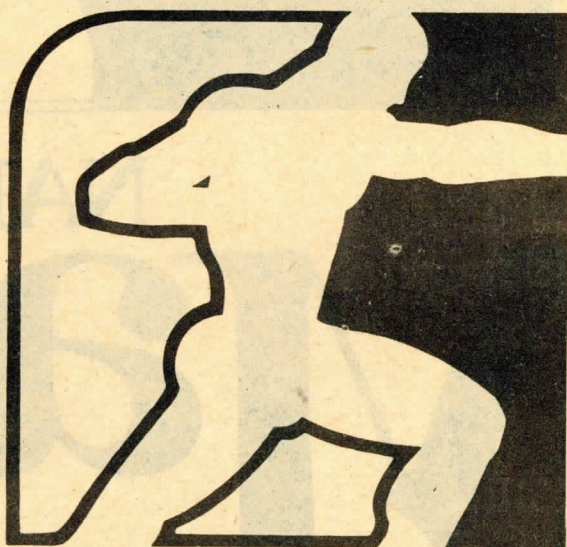
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The winning woman, Eleanor Tinsley, holds a bouquet of flowers as City Controller Kathy Whitmire, who ran unopposed, looks on at the Montrose Activity Center.

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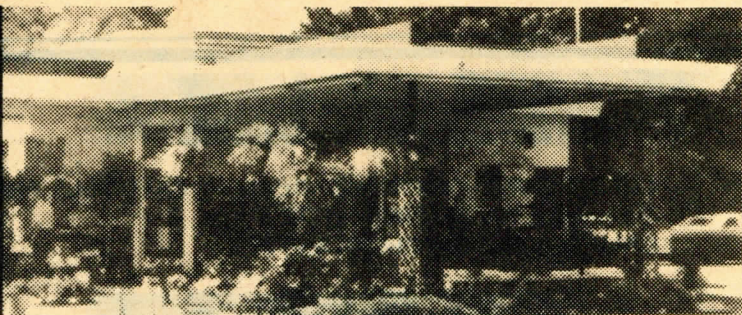


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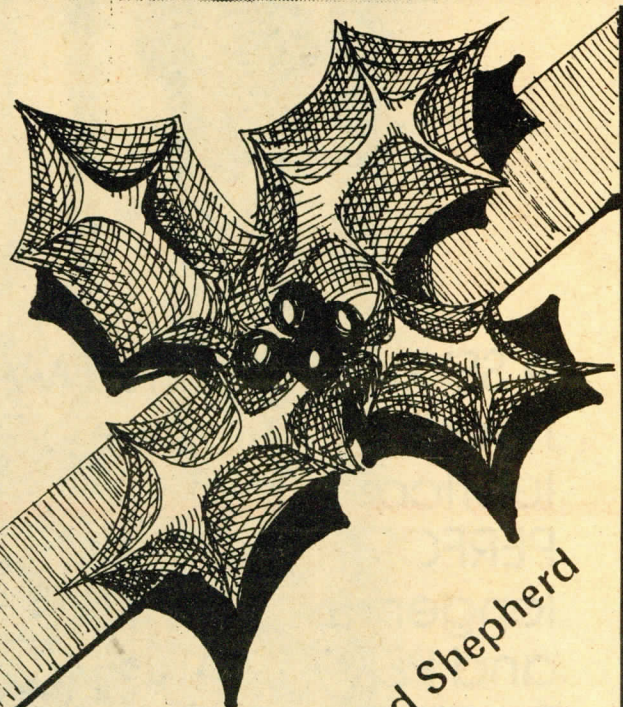
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MELBA MOORE; A Singer and Then Some

By Ram Rocha
DISCO CRITIC

She's an actress, singer, recording artist, TV, nightclub and concert performer. She's also pretty, energetic, even brilliant.

She's Melba Moore.

And she has a large gay following.

"Lucky. I am so lucky," she said when asked about that following.

This multi-talented vocalist's second LP on the Epic label, *Burn*, is not run-of-the-mill disco. The fact that it was produced by Pete Bellotte says that. (Bellotte co-wrote and coproduced Donna Summer from *Love to Love You Baby* to *Hot Stuff/Bad Girls*.)

Melba has been "burning" since making the transition from a school teacher in her native New York to a professional singer in the Catskills. She eventually managed to join in the company of the Broadway show *Hair*, where, in a year and a half, she went from the chorus to the leading role of Shiela.

Hair became Melba's stepping stone to stardom. She left the production to co-star with Cleavon Little in *Purlie*, a musical. She went on to win a Tony Award, a New York Drama Critics' award and a Drama Desk Award.

After leaving *Purlie*, Melba established herself as a unique actress with her portrayal of Harriet Tubman on a TV special, *The American Woman: Portraits of Courage*. She has also guest-starred on several television programs, starred in her own CBS summer series, and appeared in the film of *Cotton Comes to Harlem*, in the American Film Theater production of *Lost in the Stars*, and in the movie version of *Hair*.

Using her four octave vocal range as an instrument, Melba's varying singing style has been responsible for five other albums before *Burn*. They are *Peach Melba*, *Melba*, *This Is It* (which earned a Grammy nomination for the cut, "Lean on Me"), *A Portrait of Melba*, and last year's *Melba Moore* (which featured "You Stepped Into My Life").

Last year also signified Melba's return to the Broadway

stage in the starring role of Marsinah in the hit musical, *Timbuktu!*

How does she feel about female impersonators "doing her" on stage?

"I feel it's a great compliment. I've never seen one impersonate me but I believe that the person doing this on stage is happy and truly appreciates the applauding and really believes in what they are doing."

A lithe, graceful woman, she appears regularly in concert halls and nightclubs.

She's currently appearing, through Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Fairmont in Dallas.

Milestones in her career include performing with the Detroit, Pittsburgh, Richmond and Syracuse symphony orchestras, a performance at the Olympia Theater in Paris, and her prestigious one-woman show at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

Asked how *Burn* came about, she said, "I wanted to do something that had spirit and express my personality, regardless."

One cut on the album is "Miss Thing," which has also been released as a single. Asked how a song with such a title arose, she said, "The idea for the cut came up as we (Pete Bellotte and herself) were looking for something that had a sense of humor and at the same time something that would relate to all people, even if some don't know how the phrase got its start."

"See, 'Miss Thing' started back when it was used as a saying by black females and now has wound up among gays. I wanted to use 'Miss Thing' to appeal to all groups."

Regarding her new album, she said, "It's up-tempo, happy music and good sounds that express my feelings. It also meant a sacrifice in leaving the slow material out and I realized that people would miss the ballads."

Melba recently taped a Bea Arthur TV special and she says, "It's hilarious, just hilarious. . . . I just loved being with Rock Hudson, Wayland Flowers and Madame. Also it's the first time

that I had done 'Miss Thing' on any stage."

"Briefly, Bea plays an evangelist. She preaches to Rock Hudson and myself sitting and Wayland Flowers and Madame are playing the organ. The meeting takes place under a big tent revival. It's so funny that I

can't wait to see. I believe it will air sometime after Christmas."

Melba also appeared in a recent *Love Boat* episode, where she played football/needlepoint star Rosie Grier's wife in a "cute comedy that turns out, well, very *Love Boat* comedy, you know."

The future for Melba? She says, "Right now we are doing the final plans for the film version of *Purlie*. Everybody loved the play and I loved doing the role."

Melba Moore is recognized universally as a major and innovative artist. •



stanley: Many Alternatives to Bar Scene

By Stanley S. Stanley
ADVICE COLUMNIST

Dear Stanley: Aren't you tired of the bar scene? I sure am, but I can't figure out anything else to do, as a gay person. Have any recommendations?

(signed) Bored

Dear Bored: If you overplay any scene, including the bar scene, it can become trying. So for a change of pace, join one of our community's gay social or political groups and help out. They're always looking for

volunteers and there are tons of things they're doing.

For example, the Gay Hispanic Caucus has a benefit coming up Dec. 18 and can use help in getting it together. The Gay Political Caucus this next Wednesday will hear from a representative of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus about their efforts to repeal the Texas anti-sodomy law.

The Executive and Professional Association meets once a month and some big projects are in the works with volunteers

needed to help. The Wilde and Stein Collective, which produces Houston's only gay radio program, is always begging for volunteers. The gay church groups are always having socials and outings. . . . So you see, there's a whole lot more to gay life than the gay bars.

And, who says you have to stick to so-called gay events. The whole city is at your doorstep.

Dear Stanley: Recently I had a date with a really great guy. We had a ball all weekend.

Now he has presented me with an unexpected gift. Should I accept it, return it, or give him a gift?

(signed) Stunned

Dear Stunned: If the gift is not too expensive (say, under \$30.00), I think you should accept it, and thank him.

If it is expensive, such as a fine jewel, you are probably obligated to return a favor. If you feel you can, then accept it.

If not, tell him you appreciate his kindness but are unable to accept such an ex-

pensive gift.

Now, from another angle, if you feel that you are developing deep feelings for him (it can happen quickly), tell him, but also you might tell him that you cannot give him such a fine gift. If he hints he wants the gift back, then he's not apparently developing such deep feelings for you. If he insists you keep the gift, then I think you both are developing mutual feelings toward each other.

Got a question for Stanley? Write him at the MONTROSE STAR, POB 70282, Houston TX 77007. •

Slusser Lots Going On



By Phil Slusser
COMMUNITY RELATIONS

I'm glad *almost* everyone enjoyed our Montrose community Christmas tree lighting ceremony. As you know, unexpected circumstances came up and Ray Hill and myself had to be excused. We were wanted for an urgent meeting with some highranking law enforcement officials.

As a matter of fact, we were even personally escorted in a blue limo to the meeting, which was held in a top-security location.

Now on to the news.

The Houston Gay Political Caucus will host a representative from the Dallas Gay Political Caucus this Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at the GPC headquarters,

4600 Main. The Dallas representative will explain their group's legal battle against the Texas law that prohibits sexual activity, even in private, between members of the same sex.

It's Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code.

Also, in our city, the Gay Hispanic Caucus will hold a fundraiser on Dec. 18 at Numbers (yes, Numbers will be open again by that time). Their fundraiser will feature a stage show followed by disco. Tickets around town soon.

The GPC will host an appreciation dinner at the Teamsters Hall on Sunday the 16th, 3:00 p.m. Most of the winning candidates endorsed by the group will be there. And so will you. Tickets are on sale around the community.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

By Bert Hollister
PUBLISHER

The air was cold and teeth chattered. A Choir sang Christmas carols and a large Christmas tree was lit to the glory of God and the Christmas season that is here. The spirit was for the entire Montrose community to share.

But, the police were there too, to make an issue of a matter that someone had overlooked: Getting a permit for the use of a public address system. Such a minor thing!

The police were not rude but did insist that the PA system be turned off. The leaders of the festivities refused. The police did their "duty." They arrested them.

At this time of the year, there are other Yule celebrations in other neighborhoods, all with the same intent of opening a season of joy to all humanity. And probably there are occasional police cars to patrol. But, in my opinion, the number of police cars at our Christmas ceremony was ridiculous.

It was total overreaction. For such an event that would last only a short time, a minor thing such as forgetting the PA system

permit could have been discreetly overlooked. After all, it's Christmas.

The harassment of the police in just this one situation is but an example of the many harassments that cause our community to sometimes feel hostile and resentful. And I think rightfully so.

How many times must we be intimidated? Ridiculed? Insulted? How long must we be hated? Feared? There is no calendar date we can mark. It will be until all humanity can develop a more God-like respect.

We still must pursue equal rights, equal respect, and provide equal contributions to our world. Therefore, we must not let any such ridicule merely lay to rest. We must continually press on with dignity and sharp logic.

During the coming year, we are not going to be relieved of many upcoming stress problems. But, we can cope with them. We can overcome them. We will become stronger people by having the experience. We will gain the respect and kindness of all people in time, so long as we remember to harness our bitter hostilities and to use them.

This past Sunday at Bering Memorial Church, the pastor, the Rev. Ron Pogue, stood in front of his congregation and brought to their attention that the whole Montrose community had not been respected and that the congregation's prayers should include consideration for our citizens who were jailed. The Rev. Pogue was one who went to the jail to have one of those arrested released.

This year, this coming new year, and the years to follow, we must continue to devote time to improving ourselves, our community and the well-being of all people. We must invest in political clout, all of us with the attitude of doing it to better ourselves, and to understand each of "them."

When that understanding is finally achieved, there will not be "us" and "them." We will be one loving human race; Minorities will disappear. Just one human race — lighting the same Christmas tree together. Maybe at the corner of Westheimer and Bagby?

Happy holidays — and may the new year bring each of you all that is good.

Coming next week: The MONTROSE STAR takes an indepth look at efforts to repeal the Texas anti-sodomy law. Pick up a STAR at a club or business near you next weekend.

McClurg 'I TOLD YOU SO'



By Henry McClurg
EDITOR

Some of you may not remember, but before this Iranian crisis came about, the gay press, including this newspaper, was reporting some of the grim news from that area. We were reporting that some of the Iranians were extremely homophobic. And that homophobia is a sure sign of other mental illnesses.

We've seen now that virtually a whole nation is suffering from a mental disease. It's the same disease that the Rev. Jim Jones and his doomed followers suffered in Guyana. It's the same disease that many in America suffer. I call it "excessive righteousness."

In the August 9 edition of the MONTROSE STAR, we printed a first-hand report about a one-man protest in Iran by an Italian gay man. That man was Enzo Francone.

Where he is today, I don't know. But I'm sure he's telling everyone around him, "I told you so."

Enzo was protesting over the fact that the Ayatollah and his gang were executing people suspected of being homosexual. He was protesting it by wearing a sign on his back, in downtown

Tehran, saying, "Homosexual acts are not crimes."

As you might have expected, his demonstration lasted only a few minutes. He was taken into a prison (right off the street) and interrogated.

"Are you a homosexual?" he was asked while others laughed.

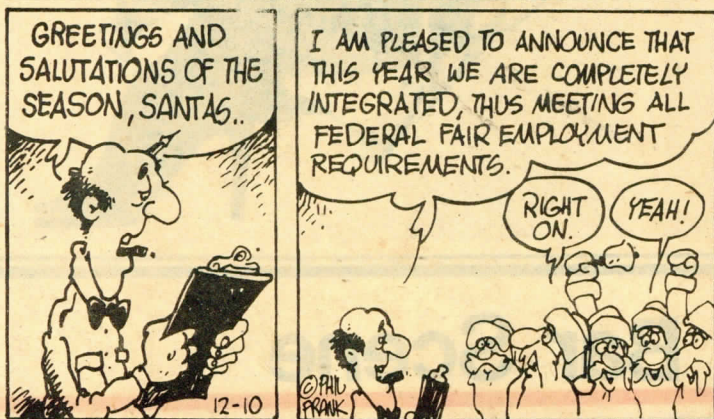
"Do you know any Iranian homosexuals? Are you in contact with Iranians?" they continued.

Because Enzo was not an Iranian, he was let go, but told to go straight to his hotel, pack and leave.

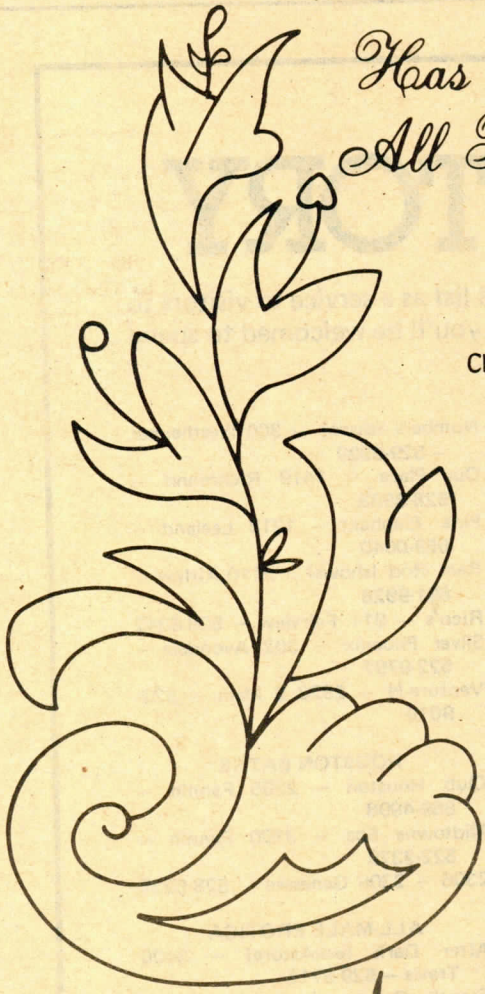
Meanwhile, back in Italy at this time, an Italian gay group was offering a reward of \$1 million for delivery of the Iranian religious leader to Italy to be tried for "crimes" against homosexuals.

I suppose the reward money still stands.

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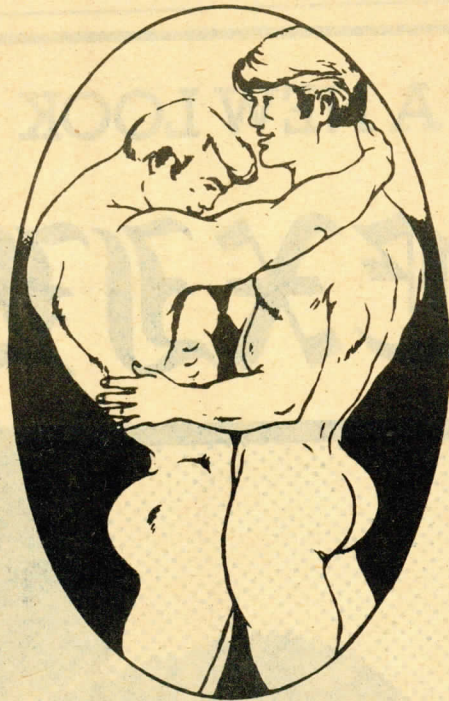
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By Bert Hollister
PUBLISHER

Here's a not-so-quick-to-make soup for a but-it's-worth-it friend you'll meet over the weekend. Cucumber soup.

4 large cucumbers
½ cup shallots (or onions),
minced
3 tsp. butter
6 cups chicken broth
1½ tsp. white vinegar
¾ tsp. dried dill weed
4 tsp. cream of wheat
1 cup sour cream
and salt and pepper (white
pepper is nice)

Peel the cucumbers and save a half a cucumber for the final decoration. Chop the rest into chunks.

Saute the onions in butter until soft and then add the cucumber chunks, broth, vinegar and dill. Bring it to a full boil and add the cream of wheat.

Simmer about 25 minutes or a little longer then puree in a blender, adding salt and pepper.

Beat in half a cup of sour cream, pour in bowls, float the cucumber slices, and add a dollop of sour cream.

Serves six to eight, hot or cold.

SENATE MAY GET GAY RIGHTS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. (IGNA) — Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts made plans recently to introduce a gay rights bill in the U.S. Senate to bar discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

Although such a bill has been introduced in the House, this was set to be the first time such a bill is introduced in the Senate.

This proposed legislation is meant to redress what the senator said he believes to be arbitrary and unjust discrimination against gay people in employment. This proposed Tsongas bill would make no moral judgments about homosexuality and would not estab-

lish any special privileges, such as gay job quotas.

When asked if he expects criticism if he introduces the measure, Tsongas said, "The only people who will criticize me will be the ones who believe in discrimination."

Senators Patrick Moynihan of New York and Lowell Weicker of Connecticut agreed to co-sponsor such a bill.

Broader gay rights legislation has been introduced in the House. It proposes to prohibit discrimination not only in employment but also in housing, public facilities and educational institutions.

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COMMUNITY OPTICIAN ARRESTED

An organizer of the Montrose Marching Band was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 27, and charged with illegally prescribing glasses and contact lenses.

Arrested was Clint Moncrief who operates Specs of Houston, an optical store at 4709 Richmond. Also arrested for the same alleged offense was Vincent Florack, operator of Lakeside Optical at 10876 Westheimer.

Both were charged with viola-

tion of the Texas Optometric Act. If convicted, they each face a fine of \$50 to \$500 and two to six months in jail.

Prosecutor George Godwin said the two are licensed by the state as dispensing opticians and may legally fit glasses and contact lenses under the direct supervision of a physician or optometrist.

Instead, Moncrief and Florack have been performing their own examinations, then

fitting the lenses, Godwin said.

He said this was the first criminal charge in the state filed under the Optometric Act.

He said the Houston Optometric Society sent an undercover investigator into the two men's offices. The society then contacted the district attorney's Special Crimes Bureau, the prosecutor said.

Neither man was available for an immediate comment.

LESBIAN PROJECT IS TORCHED

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA) — Three fires were set in the offices of the Equal Rights Advocates in late-November. Two were inside and one outside the work space of the Lesbian Rights Project.

The fires destroyed case files, teaching materials, correspon-

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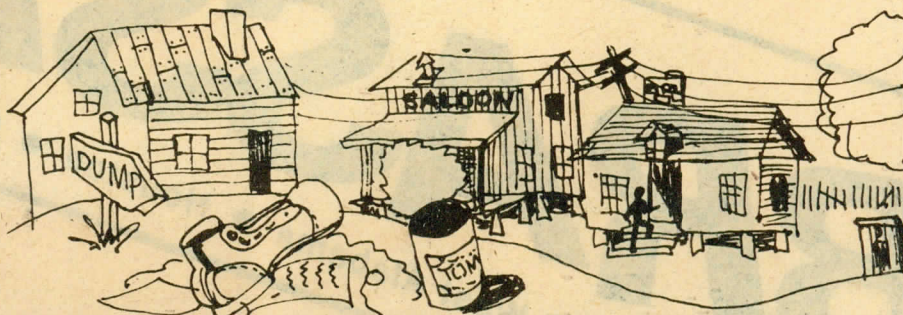
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GAY COPS FOR DENVER?

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The task force was set up early in the year to assess allegations that Denver police were harassing gay people. But the group went further in its studies, and recommended to the Commission on Community Relations:

1. That city laws that are used to harass gay people be studied and changed,

2. That gay people be appointed to all city boards and commissions that deal with civil rights and public safety issues,

3. And that the police department appoint a liaison officer to improve communications with the gay community.

Capt. Jerry Kennedy, head of the police department's vice squad, was in the audience for the Commission's meeting, and

said, "There's two sides to every story and we'll be happy to present ours."

He added that the vice squad isn't interested in "sex for fun" but only in "sex for money," because it's illegal.

He claimed that many of the charges of harassment have come from homosexuals arrested for illegal acts such as prostitution and public indecency.

"They're naturally going to have a rub with the police department," he said. •

on broadway

By Ray Wilson
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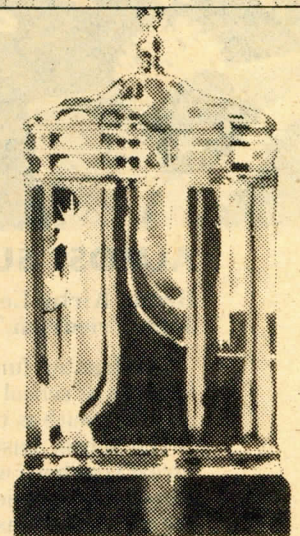
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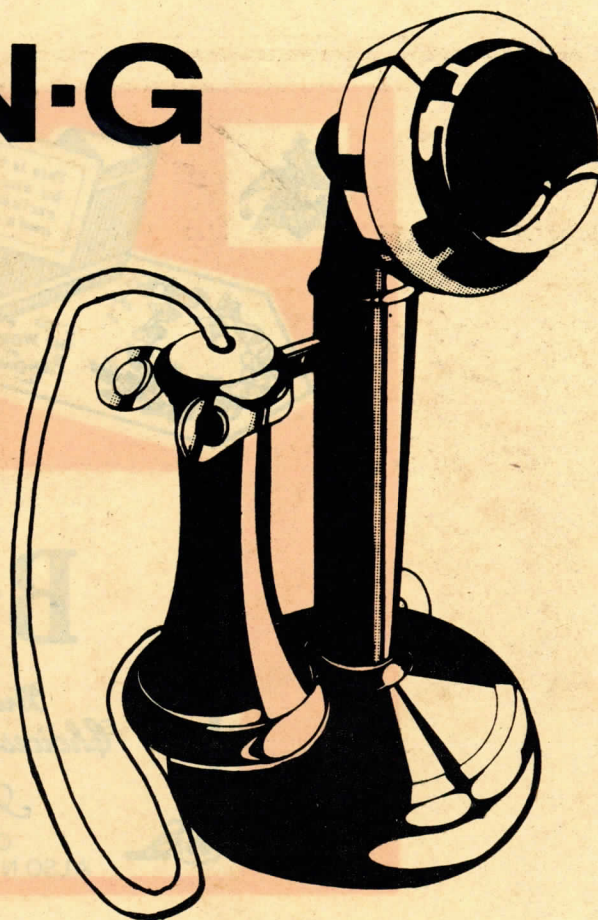
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