BATHS FILE $200,000 LAWSUIT

DALLAS (*Metro Star*) – Charging continuing harassment despite repeated unsuccessful attempts at prosecuting members of Club Baths of Dallas, officials of the club Friday, Dec. 14, filed a $200,000 lawsuit in federal court.

The suit was filed by the owners of the club (J.W. Campbell and Associates of Texas, Inc.) and manager A.R. Finley against city and county law enforcement officials, seeking $100,000 in compensatory damages, $100,000 in punitive damages and an order prohibiting police from trying to enforce public lewdness provisions of the Texas Penal Code.

The suit was filed before U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders.

Defendants are Dallas Police Chief Glen King, the city of Dallas, police Capt. Donald Milliken and District Attorney Henry Wade.

Officials of the club said that "out of thirty arrests made by Dallas Police Department, there have been no convictions for public lewdness."

The club is also seeking a temporary restraining order and, ultimately, a permanent injunction prohibiting police from trying to enforce Article 21.07 (public lewdness provisions) of the Texas Penal Code "in any manner in plaintiffs' place of business or arising therefrom . . . in violation of plaintiffs rights."

The suit notes that Club Dallas is a private health club "limiting access to its facilities to only those people who purchase a membership and who are over 21 years of age."

It also states:

"Upon the completion of a membership application, the prospective member is advised that the Club Dallas is a private club catering only to homosexuals."

The suit contends the arrests by "defendants King, Milliken and their agents, servants and employees" based on the public lewdness law "operate to deprive plaintiff J.W. Campbell of its rights under the First, Fourth, Sixth, Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments" to the Constitution.

Assistant City Attorney Joe Werner, representing the city, said he and all other attorneys in the suit were scheduled to meet informally with Judge Sanders on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Among the incidents cited in the suit included one of Aug. 28, 1975, when Dallas undercover police officers entered the club, arrested seven persons and charged them with "homosexual conduct," a Class C misdemeanor. Yet "none of the seven people arrested and charged with homosexual conduct was convicted, and, in fact, the cases were dismissed."

Dallas police Lt. E.R. Walk, in charge of the vice squad, said Dec. 13 that police officials had not seen the suit, but that he believed that police had properly enforced the public lewdness law.

The most recent raid on Club Dallas occurred Dec. 6 when nine patrons were arrested. It was these most recent arrests that prompted Club Dallas officials to file the suit when they did.

These arrests yielded a large amount of media coverage in Dallas.

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THERAPIST SAYS WE LACK COMMUNICATION SKILLS

By Roy Hall
METRO STAR

DALLAS – Development of communications skills is a major problem among people both in and out of the gay community today, says Texas sex therapist Andre "Rip" Corley. One of the most effective tools he has found to combat the communications weaknesses of his patients is group therapy.

Corley holds his masters degree in social work and is a registered nurse who has been engaged in counseling in the Dallas gay community for ten years, more recently on a full-time basis.

Group therapy doesn't pay the bigger fees that individual sessions do, according to Corley; however, one of his prime objectives is the treatment of the individual patient in a way which will do the most benefit, not bring in the best fee.

As a part of his therapy, he occasionally advocates outside assignments to increase communication skills. One of the more interesting assignments given to his group, and one of the more successful, was to attend free dancing lessons being given at a gay country/western bar, "whether they liked western dancing or not."

One of the fringe benefits of recent publicity of the anti-gay attacks from Anita Bryant, Fort Worth evangelist James Robison and others, Corley feels, has been an increase in gay men and women accepting themselves and coming out to their family and friends.

He sees this as healthy and finds that his patients who are open about their sexuality to themselves and others are, for the most part, healthier and happier than those who have not yet done so.

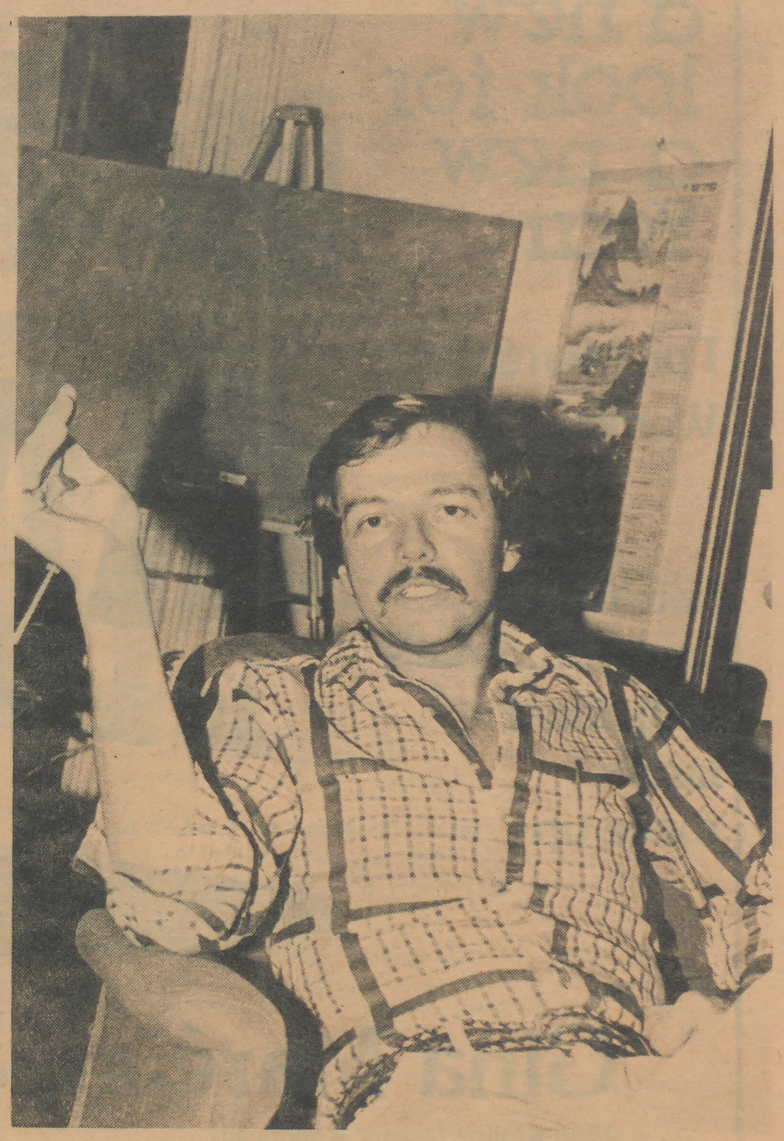
Another important fact, which Corley indicates is confirmed by findings of Weinberg and Bell in the recent study, *Homosexualities*, and by Masters and Johnson in their recent book, is that monogamous relationships are healthier.

Corley believes that couples who take time to build up a relationship based on criteria other than sexual compatibility alone and who go through a courtship period followed by a faithful relationship without cheating or seeking other partners generally have a more stable, enduring life together.

A key to better stability, according to Corley, lies in establishing good non-sexual relationships with individuals around one and in developing enough trust to communicate readily and without reluctance with these individuals.

Corley also pointed out that, even more than in other professional fields, it is important for persons seeking help in counseling and psychotherapy to check out the therapists before choosing one.

This can be done by checking organizations of therapists, asking to see whether the therapist is licensed and seeking qualified referrals. This is due to the fact that there is no strong license law in Texas, which means that persons with no qualifications whatsoever can set themselves up in business with minimal fear of repercussions.



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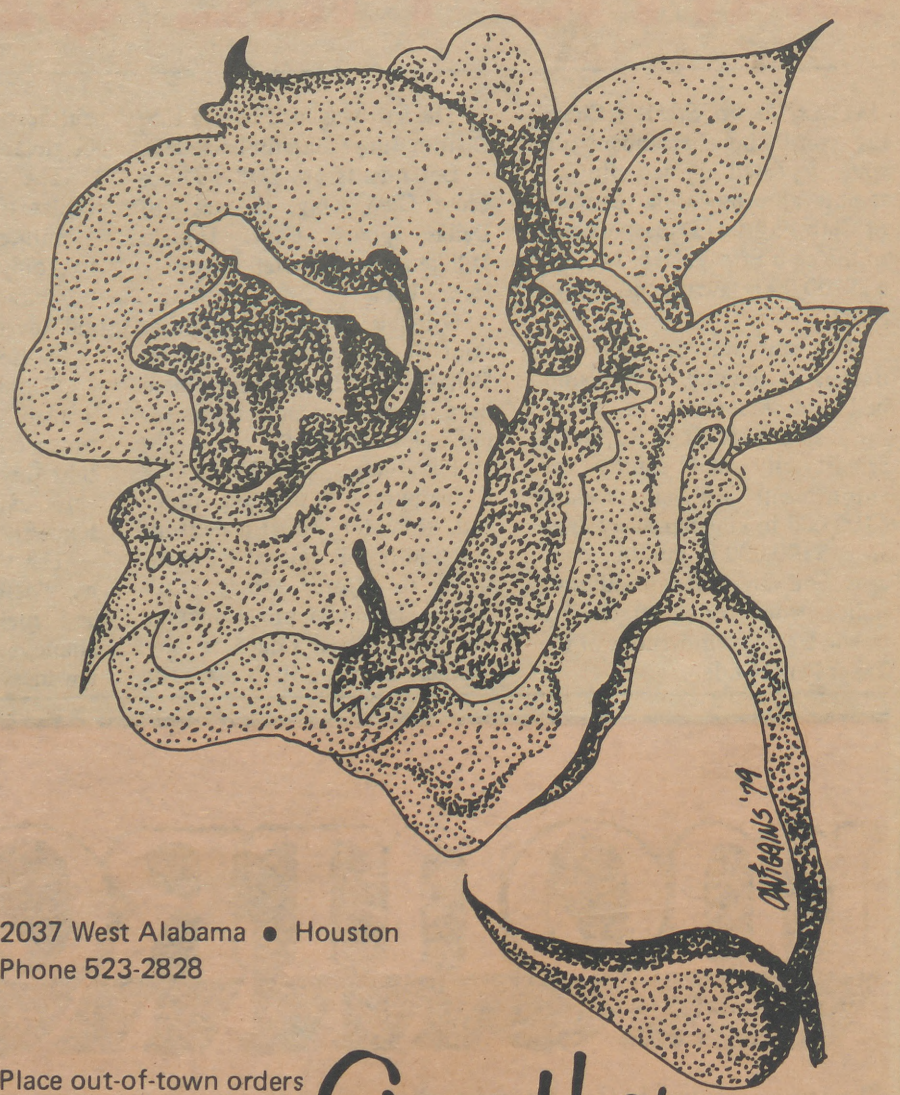

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SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS OFTEN ARE CONFUSED, TELLS LEADER

AUSTIN – The Texas Human Rights Foundation and the Human Rights Advocates are two separate organizations which are often confused, says Kathy Deitsch, who is chairperson of the Texas Gay Task Force, an organization which also is sometimes confused with the other groups.

Let us unravel the confusion.

THRF is a seperate group based in Dallas and Houston which recently filed a lawsuit on behalf of Dallas educator Donald Baker seeking to have Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code declared unconstitutional.

Baker and THRF filed its suit in federal district court in Dallas. Deitsch said that it is her understanding that "THRF, through the judicial process, seeks to inquire into the extent and adequacy of civil liberties and civil rights protection. The foundation, which has tax deductible status, goes to court to test, challenge or otherwise settle questions of a legal nature."

The Human Rights Advocates, on the other hand, says Deitsch, is involved in the legislative process.

"It is the work of the gay/lesbian lobby in Austin (HRA) to see that anti-gay laws are not passed and that protective laws be written."

HRA also works to have laws repealed through the legislative process.

"The lawmakers themselves can vote to remove the section of the penal code which criminalizes homosexual conduct. Or if the entire penal code were to be rewritten, HRA would lobby to have 21.06 simply not be a part of the new code," Deitsch said.

"Undoubtedly, though, one of the 181 lawmakers would move to maintain it," she quickly added.

"It is unfortunate, but true, that the Texas Legislature often times passes laws which are blatently unconstitutional," she said.

Also, because HRA is a lobbying group, any donation or contribution to its work can not be tax deductible. HRA is the legislative advocacy arm of the Texas Gay Task Force, Inc.

The Texas Gay Task Force is a statewide group made of representatives from local gay political and social groups. For example, Houston's Gay Political Caucus and the Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights are members of the Texas Gay Task Force.

"Both groups deserve the support of all gay Texans," Deitsch said, "as both jobs must be done to protect our lifestyle in Texas."

The recent Mr. Texas Pageant in Houston, sponsored by *TWT*, a gay entertainment magazine, was a benefit for HRA, raising $2262.

THRF can be reached at 3225 Lemmon Avenue West, suite 333, Dallas, TX 75204.

The Texas Gay Task Force can be reached at Post Office Box 2036, Universal City, TX 78148, and its subsidary, HRA, can be reached at Post Office Box 39406, San Antonio, TX 78239. •

Group Advises Against Gay Law In Norway

OSLO, Norway (IGNA) – A Norwegian legislative advisory board, the Committee for Criminal Law, has decided against a bill to give homosexuals judicial protection from discrimination. This was done after the board said it evaluated existing penalty codes and bills under consideration.

During recent years, gay groups in Norway have become more visible in demanding legal protection.

For example, a large demonstration last July during Gay Liberation Day drew large crowds and extensive press coverage.

Many observers thought Norway would easily adopt a gay rights bill, especially since the country outlaws discrimination against persons because of religious, racial or ethnic reasons.

Gay rights proponents contend the gay bill was not passed because two of the permanent members of the Committee for Criminal Law, who are well-known elderly lawyers, are anti-gay.

The legislation is not lost, however. It now goes before the Ministry of Justice.

To be law, it will have to be approved by the two chambers of the Norwegian Parliament. Approval is not likely, some observers say, without the endorsement of the Committee for Criminal Law. •

horoscope

ARIES [March 21-April 19] - Increased energy directed toward improving working conditions can be your best asset. Enlist the aid of co-workers in making changes, getting things done.

TAURUS [April 20-May 20] - Social activities can be demanding; get business obligations taken care of before commiting to other interests. Be frugal, not a week for making uncertain investments.

GEMINI [May 21-June 21] - Look to those with experience to give advice or assistance. Real estate matters can demand more of your attention but don't be pressured into decisions.

CANCER [June 22-July 21] - You can settle most issues, tie up those loose ends with success this week. Self confidence is given a boost; communications lines are open and people are now receptive to your suggestions.

LEO [July 22-August 21] - Curb extravagant holiday spending; your generosity can drain personal resources. Consider new methods of improving your financial situation.

VIRGO [August 22-September 22] - A quicker pace can drain energy; handle responsibilities early in week then avoid demanding situations. Not a time for hasty decisions. By planning ahead you can enjoy the holidays.

LIBRA [September 23-October 22] - Reserve some time alone to re-evaluate your personal plans, gather more insight. Pending matters now require your attention but pace yourself accordingly.

SCORPIO [October 23-November 21] - You can meet social obligations and business demands successfully. Explore new possibilities of investments, new offers. Friends play a part in your activities.

SAGITTARIUS [November 22-December 20] - Give serious consideration to building a more solid foundation concerning employment, career aims. A good week to lay groundwork but don't act with haste.

CAPRICORN [December 21-January 20] - New studies continue to be intriguing but don't scatter attention in too many directions. Make long range goals, plans then be patient about making achievements.

AQUARIUS [January 21-February 19] - Intuition is sharp; use your good insight and perception to guide in important decisions. Joint affairs are prosperous if there's harmony.

PISCES [February 20-March 20] - Associates may not agree with your decisions; try to work out details concerning contracts, documents mutually. Your diplomacy is required when dealing with others now.

Lubing Named Editor

Bill Lubing, associate editor of the MONTROSE STAR (Houston) and advertising sales director for the METRO STAR (Dallas/Fort Worth), has been named editor of both newspapers, announced Bert Hollister, publisher.

Lubing replaces Henry McClurg, who sold his interest in the newspapers and resigned from the staff Dec. 20.

Lubing is a graduate in journalism from the University of Wisconsin

McClurg, who founded the MONTROSE STAR in 1976 and has been editor for the life of the newspaper until now, did not announce his future plans.

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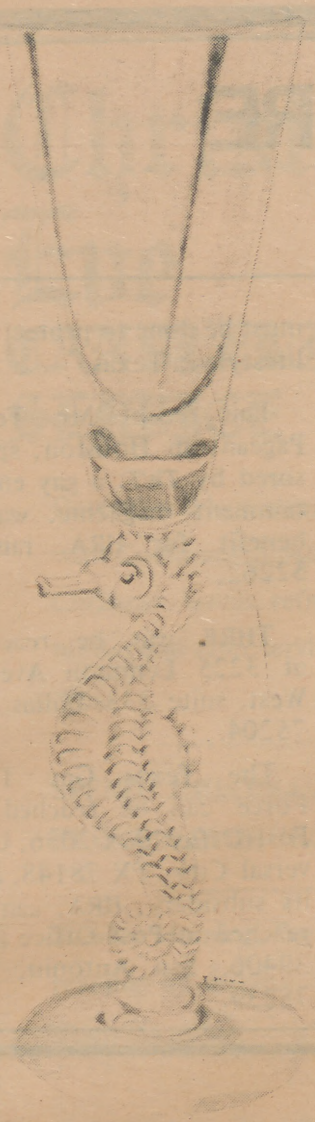

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ABC Airs Program on Gays, Finally; Neilson Rating is First Place in Time Slot

NEW YORK – The ABC television network finally presented its delayed *News Closeup* on homosexuals Tuesday, Dec. 18, and the first overnight "Neilsons" gave the show a commanding first place rating in its time slot.

The program consisted of a series of interviews with assorted gay men and lesbians, much like those in *Word Is Out*, a gay-produced program aired over non-commercial stations last year.

There were, however, no paid network commercials on the ABC program either, although there could have been.

"We found sponsors didn't come running to it," said Pete Sauerbrey, publicist for ABC.

"Madison Avenue wasn't exactly standing in line at the door," he said.

The program was offered for commerical sponsorship but there were no takers, said Sauerbrey. Instead, the network aired announcements for such groups as Peace Corps and the President's Council on Physical Fitness during the commerical breaks. These announcements are aired free of charge by the network.

The program contained film segments from New York, New Orleans, Chicago, San Francisco and Fire Island.

The show presented a wide variety of gay personalities, all of whom appeared to be well-adjusted and very openly gay.

Over night A.C. Neislon in-home surveys gave the program a 40% share of the audience in New York, against a 29% for CBS's *Paris* and a 15% for NBC's movie, *Skinflint: A Country Christmas Carol.*

In the overnight Chicago Neilsons, the only other city where such results were immediately available, the ABC program took 39% of the audience, CBS's *Paris* took 31%, and NBC's movie took 15%. •

Psychologist Tells of Myths on Homosexuals to College Group

TUCSON, Ariz. (IGNA) – Research in psychology and sociology shows that American notions about homosexuality are unfounded myths, University of Arizona clinical psychologist Dorothy Riddle told an audience at the school recently.

She said that she could not account for the "tremendous negative cultural pressure" associated with homosexuality in the face of research that showed that 80% of the American population had experienced homosexuality or fantasized about homosexuality.

Riddle said that research had shown that people who say they think women should stay in traditional sex and social roles are the most likely to also say they have a rigid hatred of homosexuals.

"I think there are four different kinds of attitudes that together create homophobia, or the irrational fear of same-sex sexuality. One is the attitude of repulsion that surrounds gays. The myth is that gays are crazy and dangerous, an idea that's been used to justify locking gays up and giving shock treatment."

The stereotype of homosexuals as child molesters has been proved false by research which showed that 97% of all child molesters are heterosexuals and that 80% of molestors' victims are young girls.

"And yet 71% of adult males in this country believe gays are molesters," Riddle said.

Another part of the repulsion attitude arises because gay people are thought to be "sex mad." Yet in a study of adult men, heterosexuals averaged three orgasms a week while homosexual men averaged 1.3 orgasms a week, Riddle said.

"Part of the problem is the idea that procreation is the only basis for sex," Riddle said, adding that while no one literally thinks pregnancy is the purpose of every sexual act, many people base their hatred of homosexuality on the fact that it cannot result in pregnancy.

The idea of a phobia towards homosexuality has been shown in a study where gay and non-gay men were shown photographs of nude men and women. Gay men would experience erections when viewing the male pictures and their erections would gradually fade when viewing the female photos.

Heterosexual men, however, consistently showed a panic reaction to the nude male pictures and their erections disappeared.

The second attitude Riddle described was that gay people are emotional cripples. Riddle said that studies showed that homosexuals with single partners have happier relationships.

The third attitude is that homosexuals are immature and that the individual should or will outgrow the stage.

"The data shows that the opposite is true," Riddle said.

Finally, there is the attitude that gay people are trying to act out opposite sex personality traits.

"It seems more likely that that idea is in the eye of the beholder," Riddle said.

Studies showed that people who were told someone was a homosexual viewed the person as weaker and smaller than observers who were not told the person was homosexual. In some cases, the observers said the person was "someone they didn't want to meet again."

Riddle concluded by saying that these myths put great pressure on closeted homosexuals who may take years to tell friends, family and the public of their sexuality. •

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Rules For Better Learning

By H.S. & Associates
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

There are a few simple rules for learning – and continuing to learn. You must first want to learn and this is greatly enhanced by concentrating on accuracy. The next rule might be termed, "Seek to comprehend."

Let's try an experiment. Read these two paragraphs:

Paragraph One: Gay life in American cities today is more open, more free, than just a few years ago, although many cases of discrimination and even physical abuse continue under the cover of law.

Paragraph Two: Quelians neofarbistmatic Lotus Felinious b vstpkism.

Even though the first paragraph is three times as long as the second, it is easier to understand; it is easier to comprehend – because it has meaning.

Educational psychologists tell us that there are two ways to learn. One manner is to memorize the material to learn it "by heart." Telephone numbers, zip codes, etc., must be memorized to be retained.

The second way to learn something is by comprehending or understanding it. Any information learned through comprehending or understanding will be retained much longer than material that is only memorized.

The preceding sentence is so important that we will now prove it – which will help you to comprehend it so you will retain it. Take a sheet of paper and a pen; read through Paragraph One; cover it with the paper and write the paragraph out as best you can remember.

Now try the same thing with Paragraph Two, reading it only once. Can you reproduce it? Even though it is much shorter it is nearly impossible to retain.

Paragraph One was comprehended, therefore it was learned. Paragraph Two was not learned.

You must remember that in your continuing educational pursuits, you cannot be satisfied with an incompletely comprehended idea. To learn it well enough to remember it – you must understand it.

You will not absorb something that you never really grasped in the first place. In any reading material if you do not follow the idea being communicated, backtrack to the point where you lost it. Then try again. If it does not clarify itself, go further back until you understand it. Only when you reach that point of comprehending should you go on.

If you are listening to a teacher, ask him or her to restate the points until they are clear in your mind. A good test to use on yourself is for you to teach the same material to someone else; you cannot consider anything learned until you are able to teach it to another person. If you can't teach it, go back to where you lost it; you'll end up saving time in the long run.

As you continue to learn more in any specific field, you will find the educational process actually becoming easier. You will find principles with which you are already familiar. (This assumes you originally learned them correctly and retained them.)

Also, you will find yourself building on entire blocks of knowledge which you have already acquired. You will find it easier to formulate your own opinions and theories.

In this rapidly-changing world you will also find that as your education continues you will find it easier to keep up with the advances being made in your field. •

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The *West Side Story* "re-production" has been in the works for three years and is being produced now and personally supervised by its original collaborators: director-choreographer Jerome Robbins, composer Leonard Bernstein, lyricist Stephen Sondheim and librettist Arthur Laurents.

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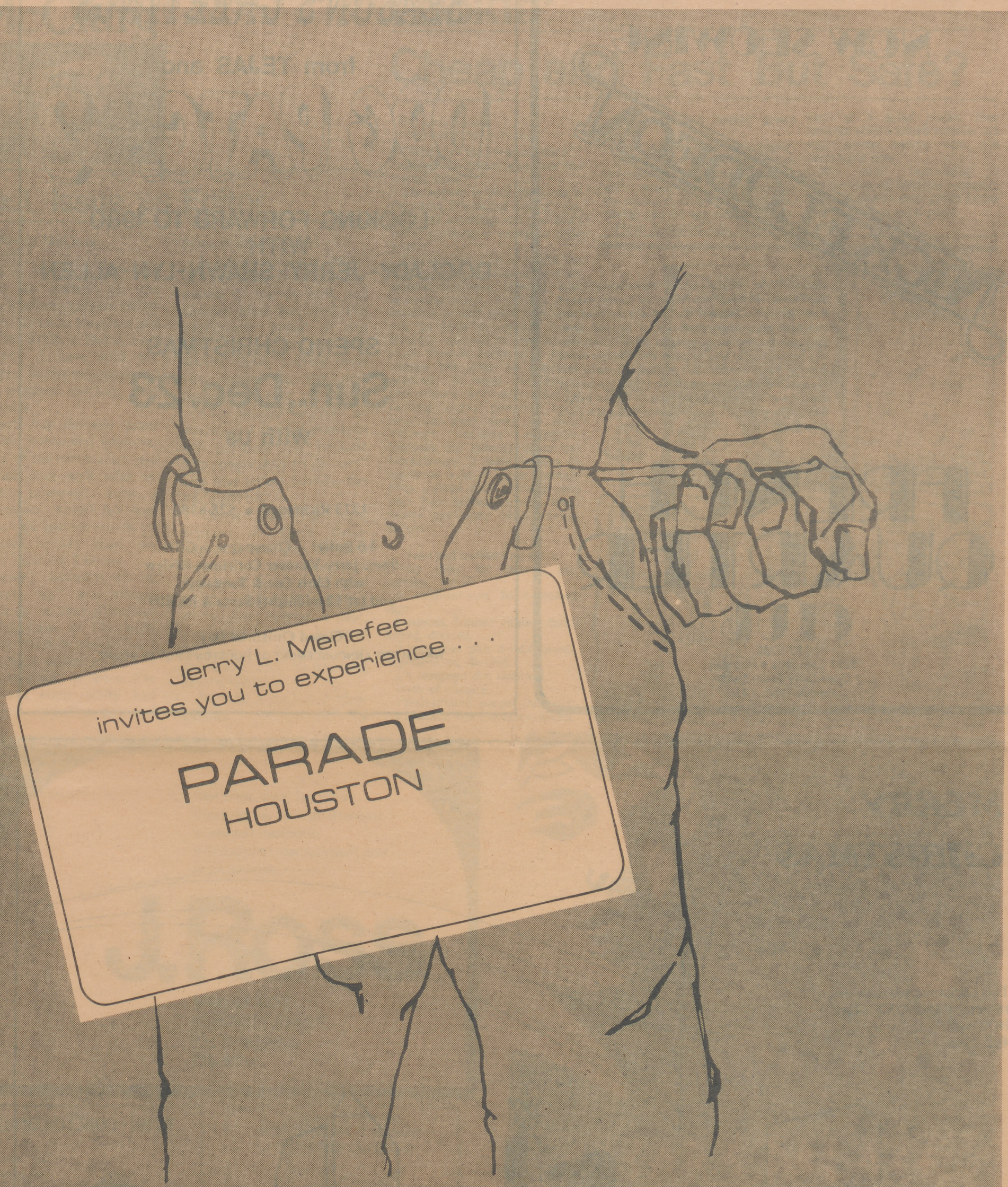

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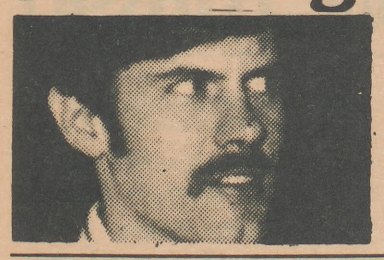

Last Issue as Editor

By Henry McClurg
EDITOR

This is it, folks. My last issue as editor of the two Star newspapers (MONTROSE STAR in Houston and METRO STAR in Dallas/Fort Worth). I have sold my interest in the newspaper to my business partner, Bert Hollister.

Bert has definite plans for the continued improvement of the newspapers and I wish him well with it.

This newspaper (now a newspaper group) has seen more ups and downs in its 3½-year history than any other business I know. It is, however, currently on its biggest "up" and should continue in that direction.

This issue of the MONTROSE STAR is my 171st. I have been editor of all 171 and publisher of most. I've put out some really bad editions and I've put out some really fine ones.

I am particularly proud of our issue on the assassination of Harvey Milk and George Moscone. And I'm particularly proud of our first two issues of the METRO STAR. I think these two issues are the best issues I've ever produced.

I've missed a lot of parties and special events in my personal life because "the paper had to get out" and that meant burning the midnight oil.

Thank you for your support of these newspapers. Thank you for your support of me. The past 3½ years have been very rough, personally, and I think I've earned a rest.

I have other business interests in the gay community that I'll be pursuing after a vacation.

We will meet again, dear friends. ●

cookin'

Cheap and Fast But Safe?

By Lori Jones
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"What are the cheapest diets?" readers ask. "And what are the fastest diets?"

The answer to both questions is the same. It's called fasting; you don't eat anything and you don't drink anything — except a little water.

You can lose a lot of weight the first day. You can also suffer from nausea, dizzyness, fainting, lack of concentration, irritability, even inability to hold down food when you go back to eating. I am strongly opposed to fasting for more than 24 hours at a time. Nature has given us appetites precisely to keep our bodies performing normally. During fasting, many people's body functions slow down so their kidneys become sluggish. Because the kidneys clean the bloodstream, if those persons do not drink a lot of water, certain body poisons may literally seep into their systems giving them worse problems than excess weight.

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1/4 teaspoon dry mustard.

Dash of allspice.

Fresh-ground pepper to taste.

4 medium-size tomatoes, sliced.

2 cups chilled cooked green beans.

2 tablespoons red-wine vinegar.

Halve eggs lengthwise. Scoop out yolks into bowl and mash well with 1 ounce tuna, 2 teaspoons oil, the mustard, allspice and pepper. Divide and fill egg-white hollows.

Place 2 stuffed egg halves on each of 4 salad plates, then arrange with 1 sliced tomato, 1/2 cup green beans and 1/4 remaining tuna.

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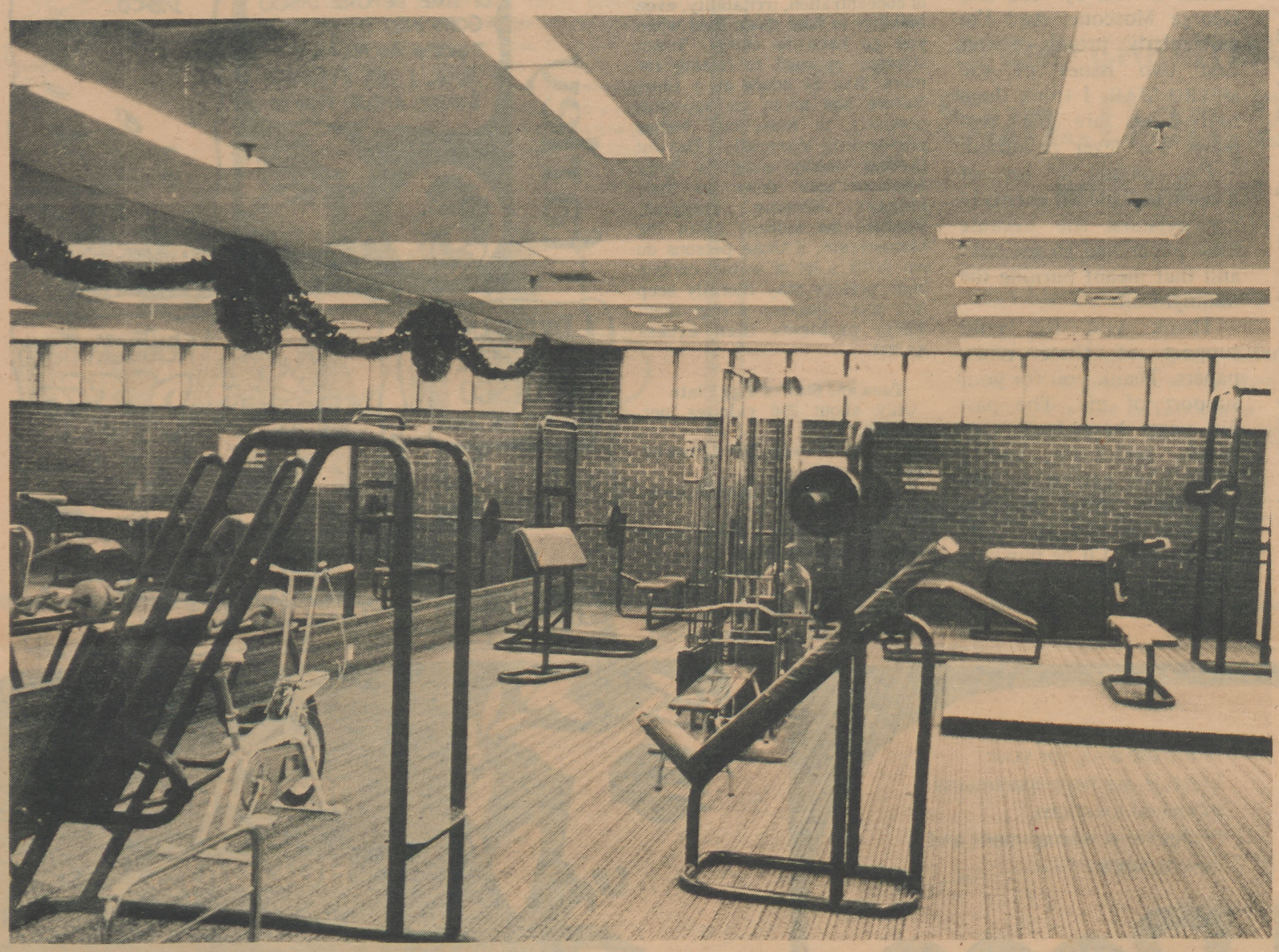

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health: VIRAL HEPATITIS

By L.A. Chotkowski, M.D.
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Viral hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) is a major world health problem. In the United States alone, 43,000 new cases are reported annually with 850 deaths.

It was my privilege to moderate a recent symposium on this prevalent disease at the University of Connecticut Health Center. Physicians here, described several viruses causing hepatitis, named A, B, C (non A or B), mononucleosis and cytomegalic (sigh-toe-meg-AL-ick) viruses.

The most common one is virus A, which often runs through a household causing a relatively mild "yellow jaundice." It does however carry a 1 per 1000 mortality rate. Virus A is passed on primarily from person to person in what is called the "fecal oral" route. It can be prevented by careful hygiene or gamma globulin shots.

Mononucleosis and cytomegalic hepatitis are also usually mild.

Virus B, however, causes severe hepatitis. It was formerly called serum hepatitis because of transmission via blood serum transfusion and needle injections. Some 25% of transfusion hepatitis is fatal. Virus B is now known to be spread by all body fluids including saliva by kissing and semen by sexual activity.

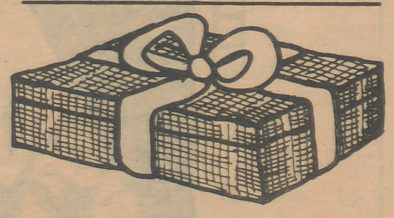
One of the difficulties in tracing the source of any hepatitis B case is the occasional long "incubation" time of as many as six months after contact.

How can we avoid hepatitis B? This is difficult. Sad to say, perhaps we are doing too much kissing, even among heads of state – witness Carter and Brezhnev. A cheek to cheek expression of warmth, though still prehaps unhygienic, would seem preferable to kissing.

Moreover, many of us are unsuspecting carriers of B virus. This can be tested for as is customary for all blood donors (Australian Antigen test). Others are carriers of an active hepatitis B which can smolder for years and years, finally terminating in liver cirrhosis and death, despite treatment. (All liver cirrhosis is thus not due to alcohol.)

The rest of the non-isolated viruses are grouped as C. Since we have no way of testing for them, they are most troublesome in blood transfusions.

But good news! Great progress is being made by research in this vital field. A killed virus vaccine is in the development phase against B and eventually all the others. Perhaps in a year or two, we can add another "shot" to our growing list of preventable diseases. It cannot happen too soon. •



Book Review: A DAY AND A NIGHT AT THE BATHS

By Daniel Curzon
IGNA

Michael Rumaker's *A Day and a Night at the Baths* looks at the homosexual and bisexual men who go to the baths for sex. This book is an account of a visitor's first trip to "the tubs," here the Everard Baths, which later burned down, killing nine men.

What is refreshing about the author's vision is that, not only isn't he ashamed of lust, he celebrates it, at least the kind he finds in the baths – "a sane and healthy lust" (page 72), this working against the erotophonic tradition of both church and state.

Since I express the same theme in some of my own fiction, Rumaker's book seems right on target to me. He goes me one better by writing a whole book on the subject, in a poetic prose that is as clear as a diamond, marred now and again by over-writing.

You can see the influence of feminism and gay liberation in the way the author turns anal intercourse on its head (as it were): "Now I am a woman, and now I am a man, there's no confusion. The falseselves (sic) slide away in my nakedness. I am my naked self in double-energy and double-entity, and all who touch me are the same. . . . All power to women and the woman in me" (page 71).

How far this is from the idea that to be penetrated is to be defiled and diminished.

It would make an excellent last-minute Christmas gift for the macho of your choice. •

Lesbians Found Gay Group in Israel

TEL AVIV (IGNA) – Whereas most Western nations are beginning to tolerate and in some cases accept homosexuals, Israel, with its heavy religious influence in government, still considers homosexuality to be a deviant in its society, especially in the Zionistic framework. But two lesbians, Judy Lefemina and Gili Orr, are trying to organize gay people here into a community.

As reported in Philadelphia's *Jewish Exponent*, in Israel there is no gay community, *per se*, but rather many gay individuals, lacking general information and a respectable meeting place where they can gather on a regular basis.

Being gay is a particular problem in Israel because, as Ms. Orr said, "We are here, as Jews in Israel, to reproduce and to sustain the Zionist and Jewish ideal of a traditional family unit and to have as many children as possible."

Therefore a gay person in this country is under great pressure from friends and relations and is terribly frightened to come out for fear of inflicting pain on loved ones.

Ms. Lafemina said that Israel's lack of a constitution makes it particularly difficult for women and homosexuals within the society to fight for basic human rights.

"Homosexuals here are afraid of their shadows," said Lafemina, because coming out means the strong possibility of losing life-time friends, the destruction of family ties, and the loss of a job.

The two women are making plans calling for massive demonstrations and protest rallies against the pressures gay people are made to bear but it is doubtful that many gay people will come out in full force in the near future. •

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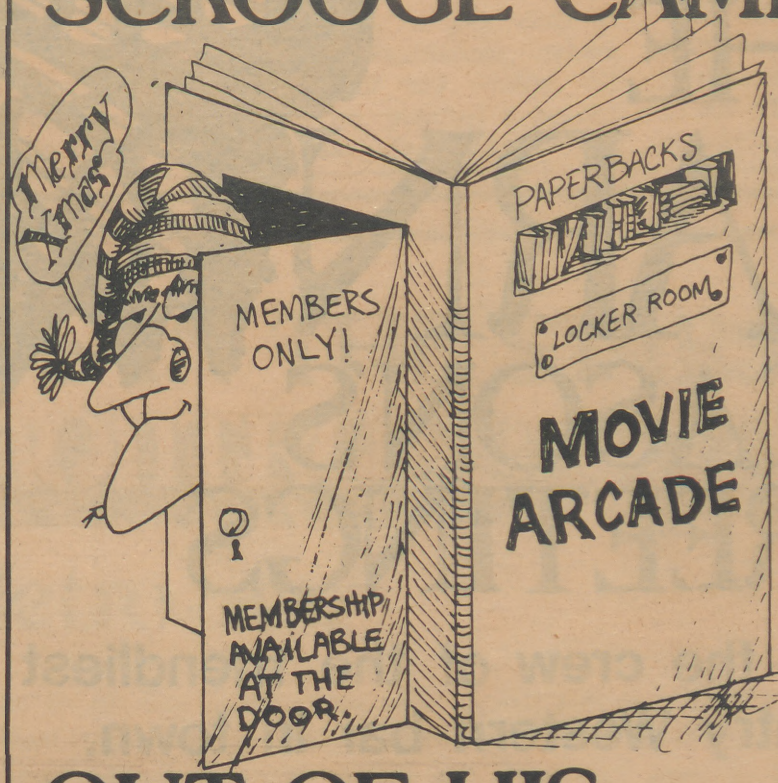

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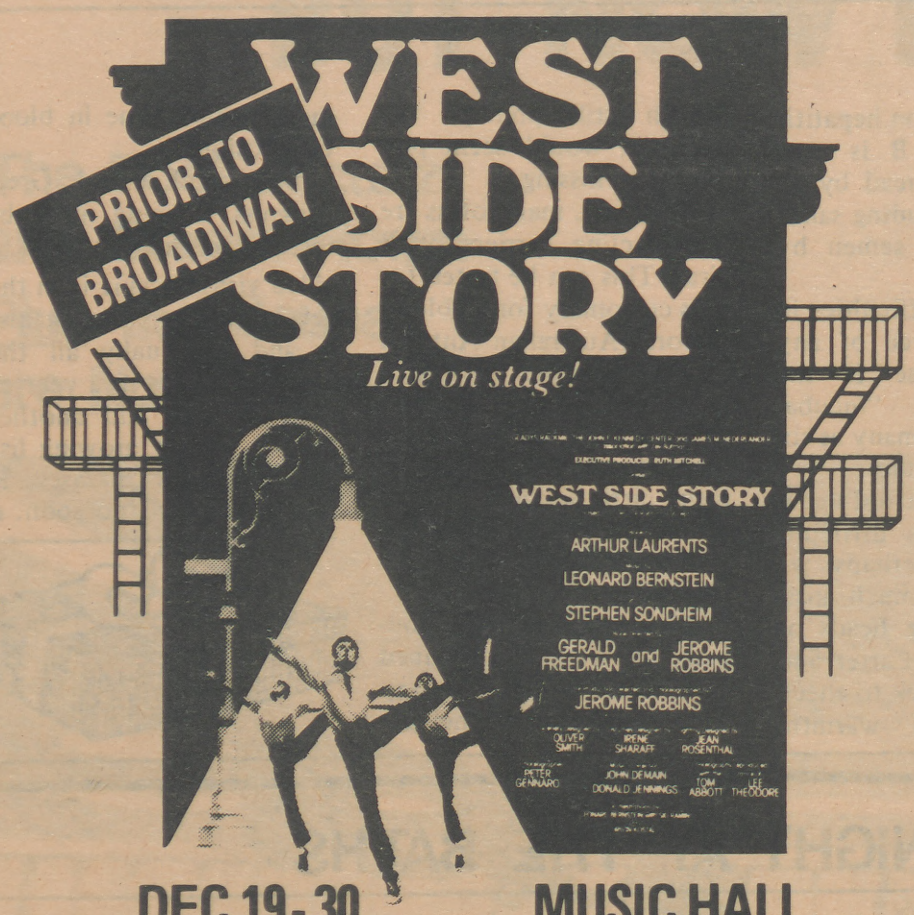

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GPC Victory Party Held For Council-persons

About 300 gay people and six soon-to-be city councilpersons and one incumbant city councilman attended the Gay Political Caucus of Houston's "victory party" Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Teamsters Hall, 3100 Katy Freeway.

The barbeque and the rhetoric was apparently to the liking of everyone there.

GPC president Steve Shiflett said more such gatherings are planned.

"For the first time we have a majority of City Council members who are responsive to the needs of all Houstonians, regarding city services. Until now, we had only one friend and that was Judson Robinson," said Shiflett.

In addition to Councilman Robinson attending, councilpersons-elect John Goodner, Dale Gorczynski, Ernest McGowen, Ben Reyes, Eleanor Tinsley and Christain Hartung were there.

Tinsley received a three-minute standing ovation when she presented the group with a broom-shaped flower arrangement and read the card which said "we swept that Mann right out of our lives."

Reyes said he would like the council to hold a meeting with Police Chief Harry Caldwell soon to "get something done" about the problems on the police force.

"We must do all we can to support the basic human rights of all the people," Reyes said.

McGowan asked for the group's continued support and suggested they confront City Council in large numbers.

"I know what it's like to be discriminated against and what it's like to try to pass for someone you're not. The only thing City Hall or any other government entity understands is if we're together and our numbers outnumber theirs," McGowen said.

The program ended with GPC members pledging nearly $10,000 next year for future campaign contributions and group activities. GPC board member Lee Harrington said he expects $30,000 by the end of the year and $50,000 by the next mayoral race.

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Fire Damages Home

Fire destroyed the duplex home of four Houston gay bartenders Dec. 18. A faulty gas heater is suspected.

Vincent Lacoco, Thom Greer, Robert Fenn and Lex Chamblis report they suffered a total loss – building and personal belongings.

Mary's, a gay club at 1022 Westheimer, where the four had worked off and on, planned a benefit Sunday, Dec. 23, for the men.

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