

# COPS RAID THE TUBS, AGAIN

By Roy Hall  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A raid on the Club Baths of Dallas Thursday night, Dec. 6, netted nine arrests for the Dallas Police Department but may have left the Dallas Police's vice squad with egg on their faces.

Two officers who had entered the club posing as customers held open the exit under the pretense of checking out, allowing eighteen others to come in and arrest nine of the thirty patrons then on the premises. The officers were followed closely by the press, who had been alerted in advance by the police.

In all, 33 uniformed and twelve plainclothes officers were involved in the raid that resulted in nine misdemeanor arrests.

"It's just absolutely ridiculous for this many policemen to be involved," said Wayne Schrebe, an overall manager of the Club Baths Chain.

"How many people were mugged on the streets, or even killed, while this number of police were tied up," he added.

A vice squad officer interviewed by WFAA-TV newswoman Barbara White said that police feared that private citizens, unaware of

the nature of the club, would enter and be offended.

The newswoman was presented with a copy of the application which was falsified by the officers when they posed as members. She put it on the air.

Besides affirming by their signatures that they were not law enforcement officers, the undercover agents also signed the form that states they knew that the club is a gay, homosexual health club and that the signer "accept(s) the nature and character of this club and its members (and is) neither offended nor alarm-

ed by the character, conduct or nature of this club or its members."

In a decision, July 5, 1977, at the conclusion of a trial under similar circumstances, the judge ruled that the Club Baths was not a "public" place, as access was not given to the general public, making charges of public lewdness ineffective.

City Attorney Lee Holt and Assistant City Attorney Seibert said they had no knowledge of the previous case.

Seibert also said that one defendant who had plead not guilty had been found

guilty and sentenced. He said the other eight had plead guilty.

Seibert's statement made little sense, since the cases on this latest raid have not yet come to trial.

Attorney King Solomon, who is retained by Club Baths in this case and was the attorney also in the previous case, said none of the defendants have entered guilty pleas.

The Dallas police have conducted six raids in the past five years on the Club Baths and there has never been a conviction, said Schrebe.

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### THERAPIST SAYS WE LACK COMMUNICATION SKILLS

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Development of communications skills is a major problem among people both in and out of our community today, says 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 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 the Wild Crowd Saloon, "whether they liked western dancing or not."

One of the fringe benefits of recent publicity of the anti-gay attacks from Anita Bryant, 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.

Inside:

The METRO STAR visited the DAIR benefit at the old Dimension III. Photos and story in the centerfold.

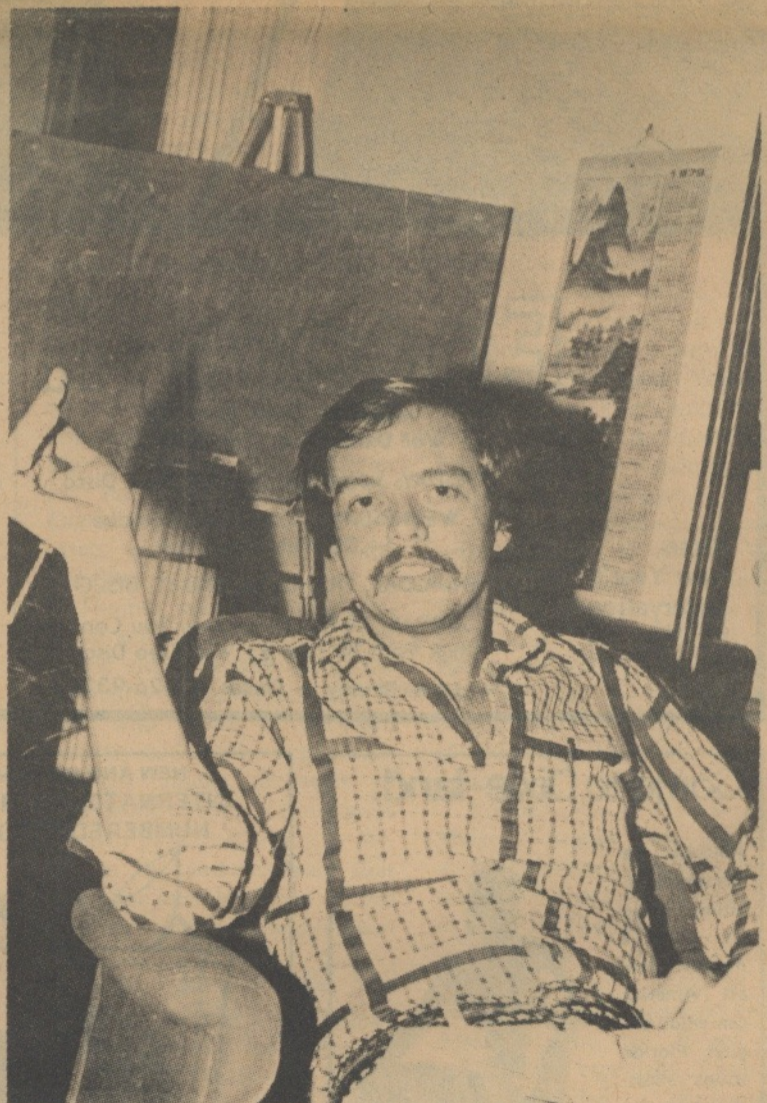
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Another important fact, which Corley indicates is confirmed by findings of Weinberg and Bell in the recent study, *Homosexualities*, and by Masters and Johnson in their recent book, is that monogamous relationships are healthier.

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 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 qual-

ified 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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He said the Club Baths has a federal lawsuit pending, naming as defendants the police chief, the individual vice squad officers and the mayor.

"We're fighting for a ruling on the constitutionality of Section 21.07 of the Texas Penal Code, which is what they charged us under. It is a little different than 21.06," said Schrebe.

In brief, Section 21.07 makes it a misdemeanor to engage in sexual acts in private places in which others are present.

Section 21.06, which is being fought with a similar suit by Oak Lawn schoolteacher Donald Baker, makes homosexual acts illegal.

Schrebe said his group is also now seeking an injunction to keep Dallas police officers from even stepping foot into their building, unless called.

"They've had six raids in five years and never a conviction. You'd think that would tell them something," said Schrebe. ●

## First Lady Apparently Had 30-year Affair

NEW YORK (IGNA) — Eleanor Roosevelt conducted a three-decade correspondence with a woman author. More than 3000 letters just recently revealed show the two had a deep love between them.

*The New York Times* said that the correspondence between Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok started in 1932, just before Franklin Roosevelt's first presidential election, and continued until Mrs. Roosevelt's death in 1962. The two women wrote to each other almost daily and in some cases twice a day.

The letters reveal an intimacy that possibly goes beyond the orthodox.

For example, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote on March 5, 1933, "Hick, my dearest. I cannot go to bed tonight without a word to you. . . . You have grown so much to be a part of my life that it is empty without you even though I'm busy every minute."

The next day, the soon-to-be first lady wrote, "Hick, darling. Ah how good it was to hear your voice. It was so inadequate to try and tell you what it meant. Funny was that I couldn't say 'J'taime et je t'adore' as I longed to do, but always remember I am saying it, that I go to sleep thinking of you. You have grown so much to be a part of my life that it is empty without you even though I'm busy every minute."

Even physical expressions of love appeared in Mrs. Roosevelt's letters, such as, "Hick darling. Oh, I want to put my arms around you. I ache to hold you close. Your ring is a great comfort. I look at it and think she does love me, or I wouldn't be wearing it."

Ms. Hickok wrote the first lady, "Most clearly I remember your eyes, with a kind of reassuring smile in them, and the feeling of that soft spot just northeast of the corner of your

mouth against my lips. I wonder what we'll do when we meet — what we'll say. Well, I'm rather proud of us, aren't you? I think we've done rather well."

Mrs. Roosevelt came from a New York society family, while Hickok, born the daughter an itinerant buttermaker, worked for several newspapers, including the daily *New York Mirror*, and worked as a political correspondent for Associated Press, covering the Roosevelt campaign. This is where the two first met.

Hickok gave the letters to the Franklin Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, N.Y., with the provision that they be closed until ten years after her death. She died in 1968.

Last year the letters became accessible but attracted little attention. Now they are to be published by William Morrow and Co. in a book by Doris Faber called *The Life of Lorena Hickok*.

These letters are proving interesting to historians since with them it may be possible to prove that Mrs. Roosevelt had an extra-marital love affair at least as provocative as her husband's now-documented one.

Franklin Roosevelt Jr., a son of the former president, who is the literary executor of his mother's estate, said he had not seen the correspondence between Hickok and his mother, the *New York Times* reported.

He said his mother was an incessant letter-writer and her affectionate passages were standard letter-prose of the times.

Apparently finding it hard to believe that his mother would have such a relationship with another woman, he said her writing style simply was "very effusive, very loving (to everyone)."

"Today we don't understand that type of love," he added. ●

## FIRST OPEN GAYS bar talk: ENTER POLICE ACADEMY IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO — The first group of homosexuals were inducted Nov. 13 into the San Francisco Police Department. They are among a class of fifty recruits in the police academy.

A total of sixteen, which includes nine gay males and seven lesbians, are in an overall group of 190 police candidates scheduled to start training before summer of next year. How many of the sixteen gay people are in the first class was not revealed.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein swore in the first class of candidates. The new cadet classes were assembled with "intensive recruitment among San Francisco's gay community," the mayor said.

Les Morgan, director of the Gay Outreach Program, set up to smooth the way for employment of homosexuals, said the gays in the new class want to "keep a low profile" so they will not become "media superstars."

According to Morgan, the remainder of the sixteen individuals must still pass background investigations and medical exams

before entering the police academy. In the past and in other police departments elsewhere, the background investigation has included "uncovering" homosexual behavior.

Morgan said, "The message in San Francisco is that we don't care what you do in bed. . . . You can still be a police officer."

In all, 7000 persons submitted applications for the approximately 600 openings expected to occur in the police force in the next two years. About 3200 of those took tests to enter the department. Nearly 400 gay men and lesbians contacted the Gay Outreach Program seeking information.

Police Chief Charles Gain had announced the intention of enlisting homosexuals, ending the long-standing policy which disqualified them.

Feinstein forced Gain to submit a resignation effective in January as an outgrowth of his handling of violence during a gay demonstration earlier this year in which a dozen police cars were set afire. ●

## Facelift and Helping Tots

The Old Dimension III has reopened with a facelift and a new name, the Raintree Landing. . . . Another new opening this week was the new Studio 69, located next door to the Crews Inn.

The METRO STAR is still looking for not-so-bashful hunks to pose for our pages. Call 528-9944 and leave message on the recorder.

We need news updates. If you don't call us (same number), how are we going to know what happened?

The Village Station was the scene of the Bottoms Up Review benefit recently, "borrowed" for the evening Dec. 6 from Granny's Dinner Playhouse. . . . Thanks, Granny's and Bottoms Up Review.

Dallas and Fort Worth are getting really excited to have their own paper, and we're anxious to get bigger and better with more local news, but remember, you have to tell us or it won't get printed.

Fort Worth's gay community "came out" to help the Toys for Tots program on Sunday, Dec. 2, at the coronation of new Grand Duke Betty Jo Nelson and Grand Duchess Carlotta. The coronations is traditionally a benefit for a worthy cause selected by the outgoing Grand Duke and Duchess, who this year were T.J. Hollowell and Raina Lee.

Admission to the festivities was by \$5.00 cover charge or a toy for the charity.

Toys for Tots in Fort Worth is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who promised that the gay community would be given public recognition for their donations. A previous charity drive by Fort Worth gay people nearly ended up in reallocation of funds collected when the recipients of the funds were reluctant to grant recognition.

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tion, one of several events held at straight businesses during the year, were Emperor Sonny Terry and Empress Barbie Doll.

Fort Worth is planning another benefit for Feb. 10 at De Mars, a straight restaurant. . . . Coming in January, according to Emperor Sonny Terry, are Mr. Tarrant County (at the Corral, where Mr. Fort Worth was held a few weeks ago), Ms. Tarrant County (at the Other Place), and Miss Fort Worth, also at the Other Place.

Speaking of the Other Place, it had a really big crowd last Friday when we were delivering papers — it looks like Fort Worth wanted to give Donna Day a really great welcome. . . . and (get ready for a groaner) undoubtedly February will have a big thrill for the winner of the Miss Chubb of Texas contest, not to mention the Closet Queen Ball. ●

# UNIVERSITY POLICE 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.

# GAY RIGHTS GROUP IS 'OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION,' RULES DISTRICT JUDGE

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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# cookin': HOLIDAY DELIGHT

By Lori Jones  
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1 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 cup oil  
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1 clove garlic, crushed  
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Dear Stanley:

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(signed) Wondering

Dear Wondering:

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Dear Stanley:

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enough. I just could not remember all the things I think I should have mentioned.

What should a person do when put in this situation.  
(signed) Unprepared

Dear Unprepared:

You probably did very well.

People are often called on to make a toast and it can really be perplexing for those not accustomed to it.

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# NEW JERSEY GAY COUPLES FOSTER HOMOSEXUAL TEENAGERS IN NEED OF HOMES SINCE 1975

TRENTON, N.J. (IGNA) — State officials confirmed Nov. 26 that since 1975 the state government of New Jersey has placed some homosexual teenagers in need of foster homes in the homes of gay foster parents.

Officials said that the practice was helpful to the children but added that there is no statewide program for such homes.

"We do not have a policy that actively recruits or actively denies these types of homes," said Harold Rosenthal of the Division of Youth and Family Services.

The practice is "still fairly new to use," said Anne Burns of the New Jersey Human Services Department.

"But this situation has been coming up more and more lately, with an increase in the number of gay kids we're dealing with and in increased recognition of the situation by professionals."

Burns said a lesbian couple took in a fifteen-year-old runaway boy on their own and the Division of Youth and Family Services later approved the arrangement. Other children eventually were placed in the couple's care.

Dr. Aaron Esman, a professor of clinical psychiatry at Cornell Medical College, agreed that a homosexual home "might not be an undesirable situation" for some gay teenagers. But he cautioned, "You'd want to be cautious about which youngsters you'd put in such homes. For young adolescents, the pattern of sexual orientation might not be fixed, and that kind of placement might tend to

fix it as homosexual."

"We haven't had problems with the kids in the homes," said Burns. "They seem to adjust well. It gives them a kind of supportive atmosphere that helps them deal with their problems and their homosexuality."

"They're good foster parents. They take care of these kids as if they were their own," she added.

Only a handful of teenagers, male and female, have been placed with homosexual foster parents — all women — and only two homes are involved so far. Authorities said the placements have been made with the consent of the children's parents.

The decision to place a child in such a foster home does not usually include an evaluation from a psychiatrist or therapist, which the state is considering adding within the next few months.

New Jersey has 9100 children in foster homes. Foster parents are paid \$116 to \$144 a month, plus a clothing allowance.

Dr. Jeffrey Fracher, a clinical psychologist at the College of Medicine and Dentistry's sexual counseling service, said the placement "makes sense" because the teenagers "self-esteem and self-worth would be potentially enhanced."

Fracher said the prevailing notion in the field, although open to much controversy, is that sexual preference is formed by the time a child starts school.

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# cookin': HOLIDAY DELIGHT By Lori Jones CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Until mid-January some of the lowest priced meat items will be poultry. Turkeys, chicken and ducks will be your best buys with turkeys being the lowest cost per pound.

Is poultry considered a low calorie food item? The answer is yes and no. All poultry can either be relatively high in calories or low—depending upon both the bird and what parts you eat. As for which type of bird, turkeys are by far the highest in protein and lowest in calories of all poultry. The rule to follow, when dining on poultry is this: to avoid the calories, simply avoid eating any of the skin.

*Season's Greetings*  
**LORI**

All birds have a layer of fat just under the skin (I think I have the same thing) ducks seem to have the most with turkeys the least.

This fatty layer (I know I have the same thing) turns to grease as you bake the bird. When you avoid that grease and fat, by avoiding the skin, you will also avoid most of the calories. Unfortunately, you'll be missing much of the flavor of the meat. To compensate for missed flavor, eat some tart cranberries with your meat. A side dish of cranberry sauce is always good with turkey; besides adding color to the meal, it is a flavor enhancer for everyone.

To take full advantage of low turkey prices, consider baking a bigger than necessary bird. After your holiday meal, cut up the remaining meat, put it in two or three plastic bags and freeze it. Then, at any time in the future, thaw out one of the bags and make this main dish turkey salad. It's low in both calories and cost. Besides that, it's delicious.

**COLD TURKEY-ORIENTAL**  
1 small head lettuce, shredded  
4 green onions, finely sliced  
3 stalks celery, sliced

2/3 cups cooked and skinned turkey

1 can (3 ounce) chow mein noodles  
Almonds, toasted  
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An enthusiastic crowd was present to cheer on such illustrious dignitaries as the incredibly trashy Toby and Miss Piggy from the Ranch; the energetic Chatty Cathy from Club Baths, who was "In the

Mood" and brought down the house; Bubbles from Magnolias; Lisa of the Little Peacock; Alan Allison representing Club Baths; Sandy (a female, folks) from Jugs; Lady Vashti from Encore II; Mark, Billy and David as Lady 69 and Company, representing the new Studio 69; Rance from D III; K.C. as a bearded lady from the Fitzhugh Express; Larry (Miss Thing) from the No Name and Hidden Door; Eressa from the Eighth

Day (we could have told her those wigs get hot); Miss Boot Camp, Jerry de Shannon; and Gene la Tate from the Boot Camp II.

Master of ceremonies was Si Holt, a veteran of benefits such as this, resplendent in his tuxedo.

Monies raised will be used by DAIR for support of pro-gay candidates and political activities.



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METRO STAR PHOTOS BY ROY HALL

# editorial: On Us...

By Roy Hall  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

## On our newspaper...

Thank you, Dallas/Fort Worth, for the wonderful reception you gave the METRO STAR last week. We've got a lot of good things and some surprises ahead.

One news problem that Dallas has always had is the accessibility of accurate news. Either the news doesn't get around or it gets garbled in the process. We want to be the one source you can turn to for accurate, up-to-date information on the news taking place around you. That means that we'll need your help when you are in the news. It does not mean that you have to become a public figure unless you want to be. It does mean that we definitely need your input regarding any experiences worthy of note, including arrests and police harassment.

A well-informed community can stand together and face the world. We don't have to be an underdog to be kicked around by politicians and police. But the news you give and get and the action you take based on that news will make all the difference.

The METRO STAR is a part of your future, Dallas/Fort Worth. Let's keep in touch. Our Dallas numbers, 528-9944 and 233-4362, are there for you to call when you need us. Let us hear from you.

## On the Club Baths raid...

History repeats itself. Once before, when the Club Baths was raided, we packed them into the Metropolitan Community Church on Reagan Street. Out of that meeting came the Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights.

The community came up in outrage and showed our strength to the city.

Two months ago, the community across the nation marched on Washington and reminded them who we are and how

strong we are. These lessons must not go unheeded.

The METRO STAR urges each and every reader to write to the city council members (in a discreet, dignified manner, not in confused anger) protesting the indignity of being constantly under threat of police abuse and harassment. There is no reason that the human rights of a minority which has been maltreated across thousands of years should be abused in this "progressive" age simply because antiquated laws based on a misunderstanding of the Judeo-Christian tradition remains on the books.

It is not enough to write to the city council, and to Austin lawmakers as well; tell them you want to know where they stand when the next election rolls around. Remind them that they are dealing with a large, influential segment of the voting public. The sheer volume of letters should in and of itself point to them the way to go. Each letter a lawmaker receives stands for at least a hundred (or more) voters who didn't bother to write.

Make your influence known. Find out where your elected officials stand, and tell them in no uncertain terms where you stand.

Remember *Holocaust* on television? The government of Hitler's Germany didn't like gay people either. Are you ready to speak now, or will you hide out in your comfy closet until they come after you and it's too late.

Sure, most of us haven't been arrested yet. Sure, a lot of people get arrested because they did something in public that they should have done in private instead. But far too many people have been arrested merely for being in the wrong place at the wrong time, intimidated, threatened, falsely arrested and punished because of the silence of people like you and me.

One more thing you can do.

If you see a sister or brother being falsely arrested, don't slink away and hide. Tell the management, DAIR, GPC, anybody - but tell somebody - that you were there and can and will be a witness to the falseness of the arrest. Someday, it could be you; and if you can't speak up for your brother or sister, then who will speak up for you?

In the words of one of our country's founders, "We must all hang together, or surely we'll all hang separately."

Get out your stamps and stationery and start writing.

Letters simply addressed to the Mayor, City Councilperson so-and-so, the Police Chief, etc., City of Dallas (or Fort Worth, or wherever) will reach their destinations.

## On whistles...

The current issue of New York's *Christopher Street* magazine offers a possible partial solution to the outbreak of violence in Dallas' Oak Lawn community.

According to the magazine, gay people in New York have taken up a campaign to carry with them referee's whistles and, if attacked, they blow the whistle on their attackers. This alerts other gay people in the immediate community, who head for the first whistle, blowing their own whistles to alert yet more. The result is that the two or three attackers find the odds reversed and that they are the object of attack from dozens of irate homosexuals.

In view of attacks on individuals recently in the Oak Lawn area, the METRO STAR urges people walking between businesses down streets with inadequate lighting to go in larger parties for safety and to know with whom you are walking to avoid accidentally picking a potential attacker as a walking companion. ●

# McClurg



## Vice Squad is a Problem in Every City, Including 'Big D'

By Henry McClurg  
EDITOR

Let me describe for you a dangerous situation.

Take an individual who is uptight about homosexuality, one with (shall we call it) the "Red Neck Syndrome."

Make that person a Dallas police officer, assign him to the vice squad, and put him out on the streets of Oak Lawn.

And don't stop there with just one person. Do it with a whole mess of individuals.

Goodness.

Now, of course, this is exactly the situation we have in Dallas (and virtually every other city in America too). And because of this situation, gay men are constantly being arrested and charged with "solicitation."

I don't think "solicitation" should be a "crime." And I think that even if it were, it certainly should be no more serious than a parking ticket (which you don't get arrested for).

The point is, however, that in many (possibly most) cases, no "solicitation" took place at all, or if it did, it was instigated by the vice officer, not the citizen.

The vice officer simply assumes, figures out, or even just guesses you're gay. And his uptightness about homosexuality goes into action. Pow, you're in the slammer with a big fine. And you get personally insulted on the way in, possibly even beaten.

What can we do?

Well, you, as a person who's

been arrested, can fight your case. Unfortunately, most don't. Most just pay their fines. And the vice keeps right on going. We should take a lesson from Boston. Read on.

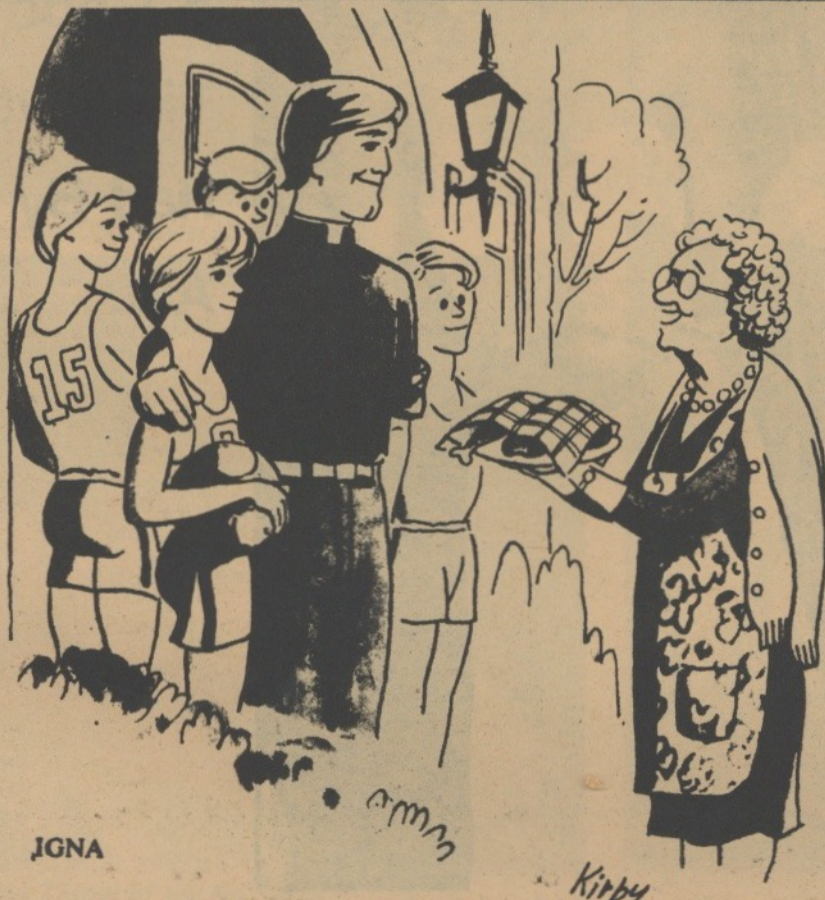
On behalf of "John Doe," the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (a local group), has filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against the City of Boston, alleging that Boston Public Library Director Philip J. McNiff, Police Commissioner Joseph M. Jordon, Deputy Police Supt. James J. McDonald and Police Officer Angelo Terrizzi with conspiring to deprive him of his civil rights by falsely arresting him for prostitution.

If we in Dallas started filing \$500,000 lawsuits everytime redneck vice cops entrapped us, we would be helping to get these vice cops out fighting real crime instead of out "busting queers."

When you find yourself needing a lawyer, call one of the gay rights groups or the ACLU. But above all, stand up for your rights, fight false charges, file suit against the arresting officers and public officials, and file a complaint with the police department itself. (It works sometimes. Sometimes it doesn't.)

I do not appreciate some of the people we have as Dallas police officers, working on our payroll, treating us like they do. And, as we're starting to show in elections, we don't appreciate our elected officials allowing such "public employees" to remain on our payroll.

Things are finally changing. ●



JGNA

Kirby

"Father, your little secret is out! I heard you just LOVE chicken."

# BUY GAY!

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## horoscope:



### Astro-Analysis

By Sonia McGinnis

**ARIES [March 21-April 19]** - Concentrate on future projects and moves, study a new course of action carefully. Relations with people who live at a distance are favored; your contacts pay off later.

**TAURUS [April 20-May 20]** - Interests in business affairs should not be neglected but rely on judgment of close associates too. Joint ties are favored, make decisions together. Get affairs organized early in week.

**GEMINI [May 21-June 21]** - You continue to get recognition so be on best behavior. Partnership interests are still highlighted so consider all details before becoming involved with binding contracts.

**CANCER [June 22-July 21]** - Employment conditions can be improved now; you enjoy companionship, working closely with fellow employees. Strive for getting accomplishments made.

**LEO [July 22-August 21]** - Accent is on pleasurable pursuits, hobbies and recreation. Enjoy good company who share your interests. You can now successfully develop creative talents and skills.

**VIRGO [August 22-September 22]** - You may take an increased interest in home life, domestic matters. Do some home improvements, redecorate, buy new items to improve and enhance.

**LIBRA [September 23-October 22]** - Mental expertise now pays off; you get credit for creativity, bright ideas. Your contacts prove helpful in advancing personal aims and plans. Make short trips to tie up loose ends.

**SCORPIO [October 23-November 21]** - You have an abundance of energy and drive; by directing energy toward worthwhile aims you can successfully achieve personal ambitions. Others seek your advice and know-how.

**SAGITTARIUS [November 22-December 20]** - A time to improve financial standing; check out new prospects, offers. Look objectively at present situation then concentrate on making progress.

**CAPRICORN [December 21-January 20]** - Be considerate of those who are less fortunate offer your services in a charitable manner. Your involvement in civic work has good effects, long term advantages.

**AQUARIUS [January 21-February 19]** - You get plenty of support from friends with projects, business pursuits now. Involvement with social groups can be to your advantage too. Be congenial.

**PISCES [February 20-March 20]** - It may be necessary to revise work program, make new decisions concerning employment. Talk over plans, ideas with superiors, welcome suggestions. Be willing to listen to advice.

## self-value key: CONTINUING TO LEARN

By H.S. & Associates  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Look around you at others. Look closely at those who are considered very successful. What is the common thread that runs through them all?

There are many common attitudes which lead toward success. One of these qualities is the ability to learn.

During these times of rapid change, the person who wishes to succeed and to continue to succeed must be able to continue to learn. New knowledge in every area of life is accumulating faster than ever. It is increasingly necessary for each of us to master this knowledge as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Here are some rules which will help every reader learn exactly how to learn - and then continue to learn.

You must first be completely motivated to learn. If you like

disco you know which songs were being played for the last year. If you enjoy baseball you can probably name batting averages for the last season. Some people can reel off gold and silver prices for the last five years.

Why is it that many people are so well versed in certain areas? It is because they were motivated to learn about them.

It really doesn't matter what reason was involved in motivating the person, the accumulation of a large body of knowledge was the result of that person's complete intention to learn.

Professional educational psychologists have a term for this channeling of learning; they call it the "bending of energies." The rule of psychology says that we can only master those things which we eventually want to learn.

The opposite rules also hold true; that is - no person can ever really learn something he does not want to learn. Only when the motivation to learn is there can a person fully concentrate on what needs to be learned.

It has been said that worlds of knowledge remain closed until they are penetrated by those willing to investigate them. Expansive knowledge comes to those willing to learn; true success comes to those willing to concentrate on specific areas of knowledge.

Your willingness to continue to learn is your ticket to continued success. Your personal knowledge - your sense of self-value - is gained only through continued learning and growth. The prerequisite is your willingness. ●

## health:

By L.A. Chotkowski, M.D.  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Another venereal disease called non-gonococcal urethritis or NGU is now more common than the ordinary gonococcal type known as gonorrhea or "clap."

NGU is now the most prevalent venereal disease in this country. It affects both sexes and is caused by a parasite called Chlamydia (klay-MID-ee-ah) and another less-common organism called Ureaplasma.

In the male, NGU causes a discharge usually scantier than typical gonorrhea. In the female, there may be few if any symptoms.

Asymptomatic female carriers can transmit eye infections in swimming pools. All "pink eye" is therefore not viral. It might be NGU.

In Africa and Asia, such

eye infections, called trachoma, are the cause of blindness in some twenty million people. In southeastern United States, trachoma is fairly prevalent among Indians.

Penicillin, so effective in gonorrhea, is of no value in NGU. Fortunately, several antibiotics such as erythromycin, tetracycline and minocycline are effective.

Commentary on all this is that, unfortunately, we are having an epidemic of both gonococcal and non-gonococcal venereal disease. We know the cause and the cures, but seem powerless to control it.

At a Governor's task force hearing on this problem, the report suggested that the answer was more venereal disease education in the schools. I pointed out

that 70% of venereal disease patients treated in our clinics are "repeaters."

Education in schools is recommended, of course. But education for those out of school also must take place. The education should teach cleanliness, of course, and also teach how to quickly recognize if you have any venereal disease. And education should teach of the victim's obligation to quickly get treatment so as not to spread the disease.

Most city governments, including Houston and Dallas, offer free venereal disease tests and cures. Their phone numbers are in the white pages of the telephone book under the city's listing, subheaded "health department." ●

## GAY LIFE IN LUXEMBOURG

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IGNA

LUXEMBOURG - There are gay people even in the smallest European country. This city/country now has a gay activist organization. It's called Gay Action Luxembourg.

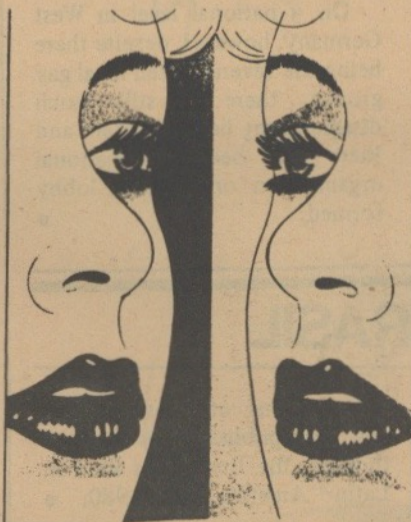
Its first general meeting was late last month.

The purpose of the group is to improve the situation of homosexuals here through political activity and dissemination of information.

There is a law in Luxembourg that makes consenting adult sex legal at age eighteen but gay people here are trying to improve their lot in housing and finding jobs.

There is general fear of being identified as gay, and the suicide rate for homosexuals is high.

The first priority of the new activist group is to get an anti-discrimination law passed. ●



## GET TOGETHER WITH THE STAR FOR CHRISTMAS

## world

# Australian Paper Censured in Handling of Anti-gay Letter

SYDNEY, Australia (IGNA) — The Australian Press Council has censured an Australian newspaper for its handling of a "letter" from an anti-gay religious leader and for its refusal to print a reply from a gay activist.

According to the CAMP *N.S.W. Newsletter*, put out by gay activists, the censure arose because of a deceptive anti-gay letter to the editor in the *St. George and Sutherland Shire Leader*. The letter was supposedly written by an influential Anglican bishop.

Not only was it not a genuine letter from the Rt. Rev. K.H. Short, said CAMP, but also a letter of reply from John Greenway of CAMP, acting in his own behalf, was denied publication.

The Press Council upheld Greenway's complaint on two grounds:

"First, the Press Council believes that the reading public is entitled to an accurate presen-

tation of the material in a newspaper. To present material as a Letter to the Editor, which it is not, is against the best interests of the reading public.

"The 'letter' from Bishop Short was in fact a slightly edited text of a radio talk given by the Bishop which had been circulated to newspapers in the region," the Press Council concluded.

(The Rt. Rev. Short, the Anglican Bishop of Wollongong, expressed in his speech the idea that "under God's standards, homosexuality is expressly forbidden.")

The Press Council went on to say, "Such treatment of sensitive material may lead the public to assume that the editorial views of a newspaper are receiving unsolicited support from influential figures in the community when this may not be the case.

"The Letters to the Editor of

any newspaper are an important part of the activities of a newspaper which purports to serve the general public. The public should be able to accept that the integrity of such an item is beyond reproach.

"The second reason for the Press Council upholding the complaint was that the newspaper refused a reasonable right of reply to views contrary to those expressed by Bishop Short. This action clearly is a rejection of the duty which newspapers have to respect the right of the general reader to be informed of the arguments on each side of a public debate.

"The Letters to the Editor column is a valuable form for such debate. To restrict that forum to one point of view (and that in a purported Letter to the Editor) is an act of suppression and intolerance which should not be excused." •

## In Two Germanys, Two Different Gay Lifestyles

By Johannes Werres  
IGNA

BONN, West Germany — As would be expected, gay life is certainly different in the different Germanys. But as many Americans might not expect, there is a gay subculture in East Germany, the Communist-controlled quarter of the country.

The age for sexual consent on the Communist side of the Iron Curtain is eighteen and has been since 1967. There are, however, no known gay groups there, except in East Berlin, the largest city.

There are gay bars, however, in East Berlin and several of the other big cities. There are no gay publications except those illegally smuggled in from the West.

In West Germany, the scene

is quite different. There's an estimated one million gay males here and another one million lesbians, most concentrated in the larger cities, such as Hamburg, Munich, Frankfurt and West Berlin, each with about 35 gay bars.

Most of the homosexuals here still live in, as Americans call it, "the closet."

Throughout West Germany there are about sixty gay political and social groups and five gay publications: *Him-Appause*, *DON, du and ich, Homosexuelle Emanzipation* and *Gay Journal*.

Discrimination in employment in West Germany continues, but changes are slowly coming about because of certain, widely publicized cases.

The regular news media in Germany for a long time seemed very uninterested gay political

news. Only recently did the press start to report gay news extensively. Now there are very often films with gay subjects on German television and some German producers, like Rosa von Praunheim, have received funds from German television companies for their films.

In schools, on the other hand, homosexuality is rarely discussed. Sex education is taught in the schools but homosexuality is taught only as a perversion or as a subject of minor importance.

On a national level in West Germany, however, despite there being the several dozen local gay groups, there is still much disagreement between them and there has been no national organization or political lobby formed. •

## LITERATURE CONTEST IN BRASIL

By Cesar Albini  
IGNA

RIO DE JANEIRO — Several gay organizations here have decided to organize the first Latin

American gay literature contest.

The main conditions for the stories are that they be in Portuguese and about gay subjects.

A volume of chosen pieces will be published as an anthology, the first of its kind in Latin America, in 1980. •

## national

# Trying Again In Florida

MIAMI (IGNA) — Undaunted by two defeats for a Dade County sexual rights ordinance, gay activist Bob Kunst said that he'll be back in March with another "full-equality" referendum.

Kunst announced that he has formed CURE (Congress United for Rights and Equality) to combat Anita Bryant's group, CAUSE (Citizens Against Unacceptable Sex Education).

"She's the cause and we're the cure," Kunst was quoted by the *Miami News* as saying.

"This will be Dade County's gift to the country. It will set the tone for the presidential campaign and will help us take the issue to the halls of Congress," he added.

"The purpose of all this is that we're trying to overcome the very lousy reputation this community has all over the planet that we're a community filled with bigots. What I'm looking at is how to establish Dade County as the love and human rights capital of the world in addition to the sun and fun capital of the world, the art deco capital of the world, and the marijuana capital of the world," Kunst said.

Dade County voters rejected in 1978 an omnibus minority rights proposal 189,000 to 136,000, which was much closer than the 202,000 to 90,000 vote margin the anti-gay forces enjoyed in the much-publicized 1977 referendum. •

## Gay Police Urged in Denver

DENVER (IGNA) — A government task force recommended that the police department actively recruit homosexuals for the force. It's one way to reduce tension between police and the city's gay community, they said.

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. •

## Artist Causes Stir

SAN ANTONIO — This city's first gay male art show recently ran as a page one story in the *San Antonio News* — in a scandal column.

Jim Eggeling, the artist, a well-known supporter of gay rights who was once fired from his teaching job with the local school district for speaking out on those rights, presented an exhibit of paintings and drawings of the nude adolescent male.

According to the artist, the exhibit was a serious attempt to

present the sensibilities of a gay male artist to a group of friends — men and women — at a private, invitation-only showing.

However, Eggeling's invitation was posted on the student bulletin board in the psychology department of San Antonio College. A psychology student noticed it and wrote to the *San Antonio News*, "I have a twelve-year-old son, and if I ever find him involved in such activity, there will be two less spherical objects for the 'artist' to capture on canvas." •

# AUTO: Hot Engine Trouble: Testing T-Bird

(Editor's note: New in the METRO STAR, about every other week, is our Auto column. Questions and answers which you might have about your car. Let us know what you think.)

**By Doyle K. Getter**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

*Question: My 1976 Chevy van with four-barrel 400 cubic inch V-8 engine starts fine in cold weather but in the summer, after a long highway run and I stop the engine, it won't restart until it has set for half to three-quarters of an hour.*

*I bought the van new and it now has 37,000 miles. The problem started at about the 30,000 mark.*

*(signed) D. LeMieux*

Dear Don: It is not an uncommon problem with that big engine in a van or motorhome where the engine area can become hot after an extended drive. The heat causes an expansion of metal in the starter, enough that the commutator will drag against the field shoe of the starter. The usual fix is to disassemble the starter and run a file across the field shoe, filing it down about two-thousandths of an inch.

*Question: My problem is with the muffler system of my 1974*

*Buick Century with a two-barrel 350 cubic-inch V-8 engine. It has a putt-putt sound, especially while idling. I had the engine tested on a diagnostic machine. Everything checked out okay. (signed) C.Z.*

Dear Chuck: I have noticed the same thing on some of my cars occasionally. Only noticeable at idle usually, it is caused by a very light backfire which, in turn, is caused by the air/fuel mixture being slightly too rich or too lean. It is causing no harm.

*Question: My 1976 Cutlass has developed a very high pitched noise which sounds like "Eek eek eek."*

*The noise accelerates when the engine speeds up. One mechanic said it might be a pin hole leak in the exhaust manifold. What do you think?*

*(signed) J. Aaron*

Dear Jan: Come on now. I can't diagnose an "eek eek eek" by letter. I wouldn't worry about a pin hole leak in the exhaust. They usually carbon up and seal themselves.

Possibly you are hearing an alternator noise or squeaking belt. Ask your mechanic to check those areas.

*Got a question for the METRO STAR's auto columnist? Write him at P.O.B. 225915, Dallas TX 75265.*



1980 Thunderbird

**TEST REPORT: 1980 Thunderbird.**

Major changes in the 1980 Ford Thunderbird have added sporty appeal to this two-door four-passenger luxury sedan while improving its fuel economy 45% at highway speeds.

Some of the better gas mileage has resulted from smoother body lines, dictated by wind-tunnel tests, that have reduced air drag; some from squeezing nearly 800 pounds from its weight, and some from a new four-speed automatic overdrive transmission.

The 1980 T-Bird, 200.4 inches long, is 16.8 inches shorter than last year's model but rear seat knee clearance has been increased nearly three inches without taking anything from up

front. The new Thunderbird is a comfortable car to ride in, front or back.

The ride is quiet and smoothly cushioned. It is a luxurious a ride as the larger T-birds offered and, because the car is shorter and lighter, the car performs and handles better than ever.

The automatic overdrive has three shift positions — "1" indicating first gear, "3" in which the transmission will automatically shift through the usual 1-2-3 range but will not engage in overdrive, and "D" position for overdrive.

In the "D" position, the transmission shifts normally through first, second and third gears and, at about 40 miles an hour, it automatically goes into fourth gear with a ratio of only

0.67 to 1.

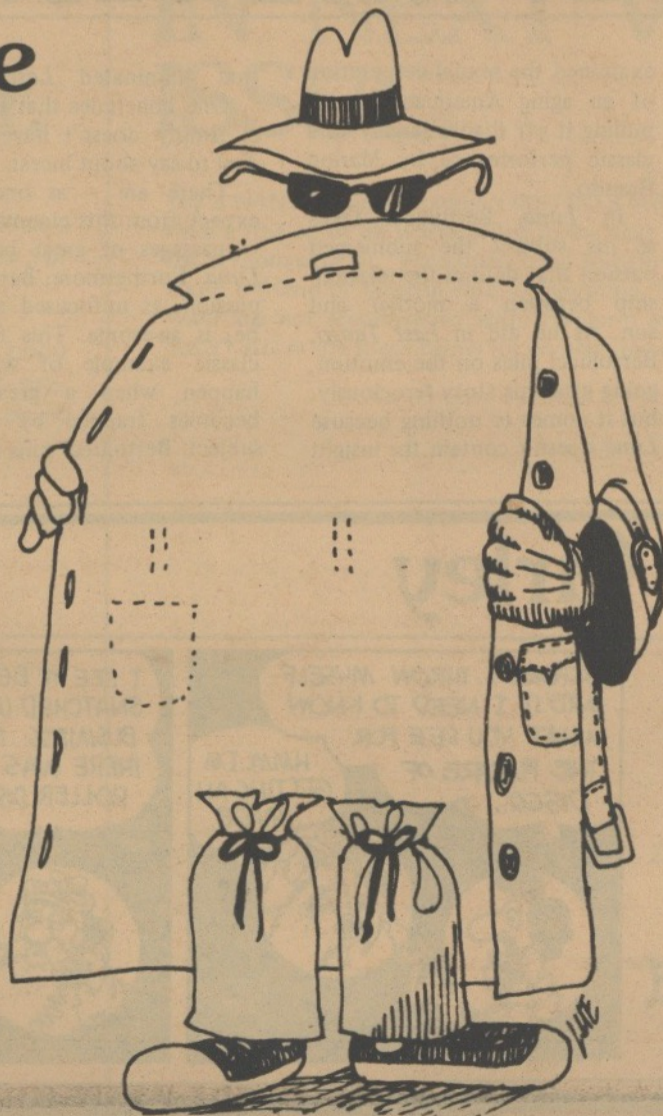
The new overdrive transmission is available only with the optional 302 cubic-inch V-8. I tested the Town Landau luxury model of the Thunderbird with the new transmission and the optional engine.

I averaged 15.3 miles per gallon in a week of city and urban freeway driving and 25.8 miles per gallon on a 105 mile highway test at 55 miles an hour. I was in overdrive 99% of the time on the highway.

Other new features this year on the test car were Ford's keyless door unlocking system, an electronic instrument cluster including a digital speedometer — I like the traditional speedometers better — an automatic on-off-delay headlight system.

## DISPLAY YOURSELF!

On the pages of the Metro Star.



cinema:

# 'FISH THAT SAVED PITTSBURGH' IS A STUDY IN INEPTITUDE

THE FISH THAT SAVED PITTSBURGH, rated PG. Released by United Artists. Produced by Gary Stromberg and David Sashev. Screenplay by Jaison Starkes and Edmond Stevens from a story by Stromberg and Sashev. Directed by Gilbert Moses. Starring Julius Erving, Jonathan Winters, Stockard Channing and Flip Wilson.

By Seth Cagin  
FILM CRITIC

The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh is a routine underdog athletes-against-the-odds formula film applied to professional basketball.

The film's novel twists are 1) that the athletes in question take their winning cues from an astrologer, and 2) that they shake to disco music while they're doing it.

This is one uninspired, inept mess.

Even the all-star cast, which includes Stockard Channing, Flip Wilson and Jonathan Winters, along with basketball stars Julius Erving and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, fails to bring it to life.

The problem begins with the inane conception. When the twelve-year-old water boy, Tyrone (James Bond III), first decides to consult an astrologer

to help his team break their losing habit, you know you're in for a long night. It doesn't help that Tyrone is cloyingly played by an actor whose

ingratiating voice sounds like fingernails on a chalkboard. It's only thanks to Julius Erving that the kid doesn't walk away with the film's "worst performance" honors.

Once the astrologer, who is played by Stockard Channing in a relatively witty performance, has turned the Pittsburgh team into winners, the film settles into the monotony of contrived athletic competitions. First, the Pittsburgh Pisces (as the team is renamed) slaughter an unwitting opponent; then they find themselves involved in a few won-from-behind victories. It takes no astrologer to forecast how it all comes out. These filmmakers are not that clever.

The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh serves up an altogether predictable last-second decision as its climax.

A certain amount of energy is generated simply by tapping into the euphoria that can accompany a winning sports team.

The "fish fecer" that grips Pittsburgh as their beloved Pisces make an unexpected dash for the league title is mildly con-

tagious.

It can't overcome the essentially stale formula from which this film is made, however, nor

can a jazzy disco score or a thousand flat jokes.

The word on this one is — lifeless.



As part of his astrology lesson, Bullet (Malek Abdul Mansour) salts a hardboiled egg as his teammates and the team's astrologer, Mona Mondieu (Stockard Channing), look on in The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh.

# DISPITE BERTOLUCCI'S PILING ON THE EMOTION 'LUNA' SHOWS DIRECTOR TRAPPED BY TRITE PLOT

LUNA, not rated. Directed by Bernardo Bertolucci. Starring Jill Clayburgh and Matthew Barry.

By Seth Cagin  
FILM CRITIC

In his usual manner, the great Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci has come to America with a controversial film. Unlike Last Tango in Paris, which provoked controversy in 1973, Luna is a major disappointment.

In Last Tango, the director

examined the sexual desperation of an aging American abroad, pulling it off thanks largely to a classic performance by Marlon Brando.

In Luna, Bertolucci takes as his subject the submerged passion that defines the relationship between a mother and son. As he did in Last Tango, Bertolucci piles on the emotion, going after his story ferociously, but it comes to nothing because Luna doesn't contain the insight

that illuminated Last Tango.

One concludes that Bertolucci simply doesn't have a great deal to say about incest.

There are — as one would expect from this cinematic poet — passages of great beauty in Luna. Furthermore, Bertolucci's passion, as unfocused as it can be, is awesome. This film is a classic example of what can happen when a great artist becomes trapped by a small subject. Bertolucci runs this way

and that with his protagonists, an opera singer, played by Jill Clayburgh, and her son, played by newcomer Matthew Barry. He gives the kid a drug problem and the mother a hint of lesbianism.

He pits them against one another in knockout, drag-down battles that nearly destroy them both. But he never gets to the root of what makes their relationship so tumultuous.

Watching the film, you keep

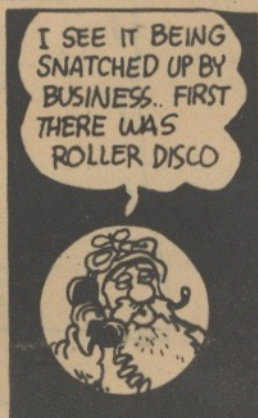
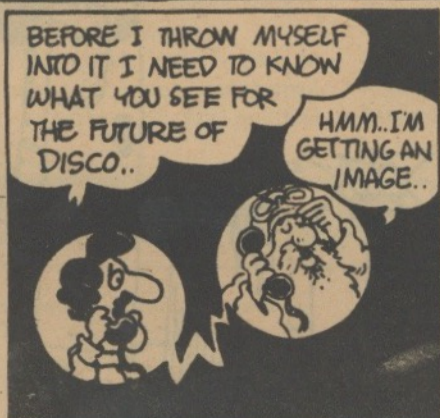
waiting for something to snap, to shed some light on the whole wretched affair, something similar to the scenes in Last Tango in which Brando poured his guts out. It never happens.

Jill Clayburgh and Matthew Barry cry their eyes out but they never let us in on their secret.

Bertolucci's daring must be admired. His method is to set into motion the machinery of a potentially profound story, and then to see what surfaces.

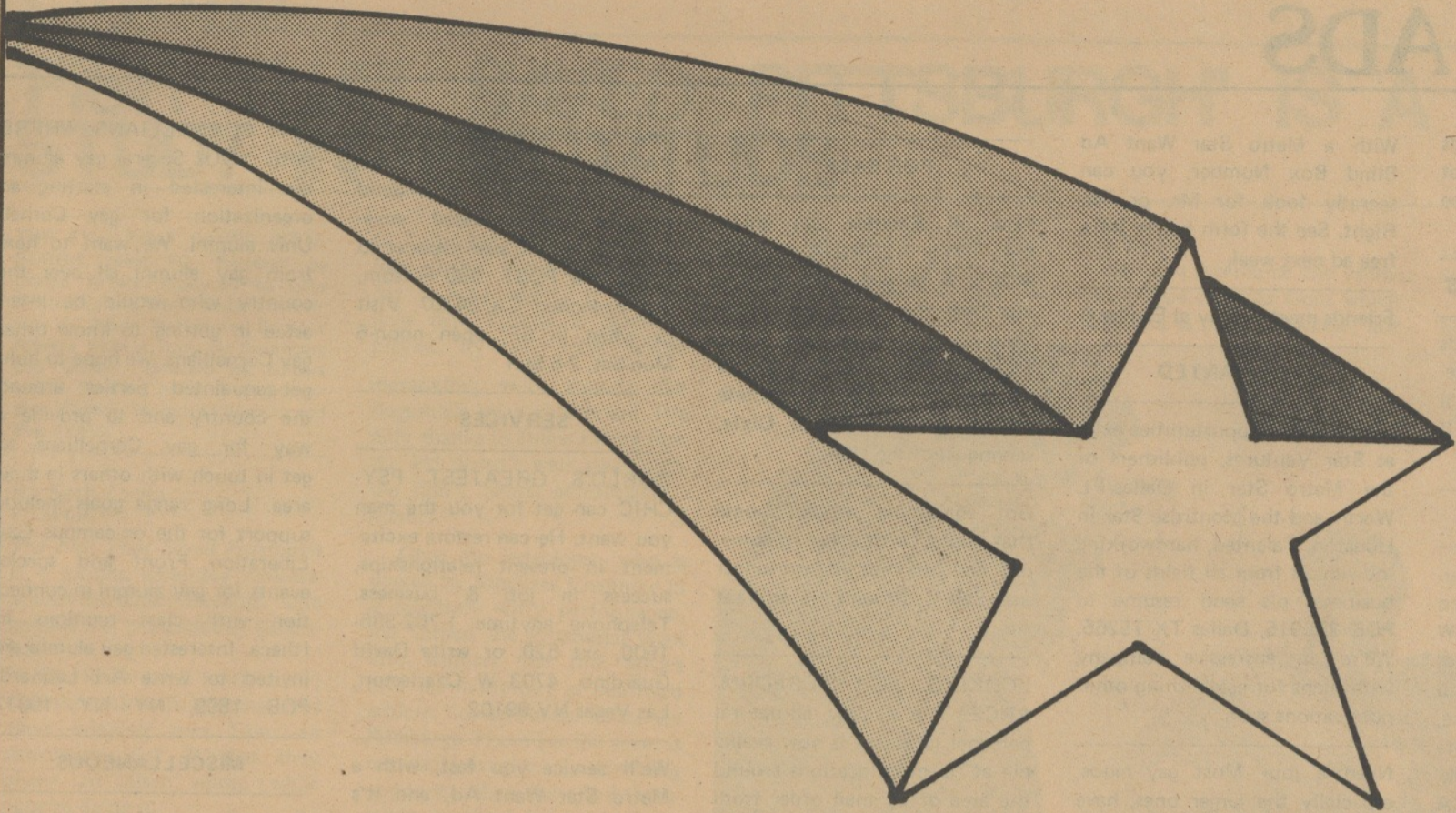
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