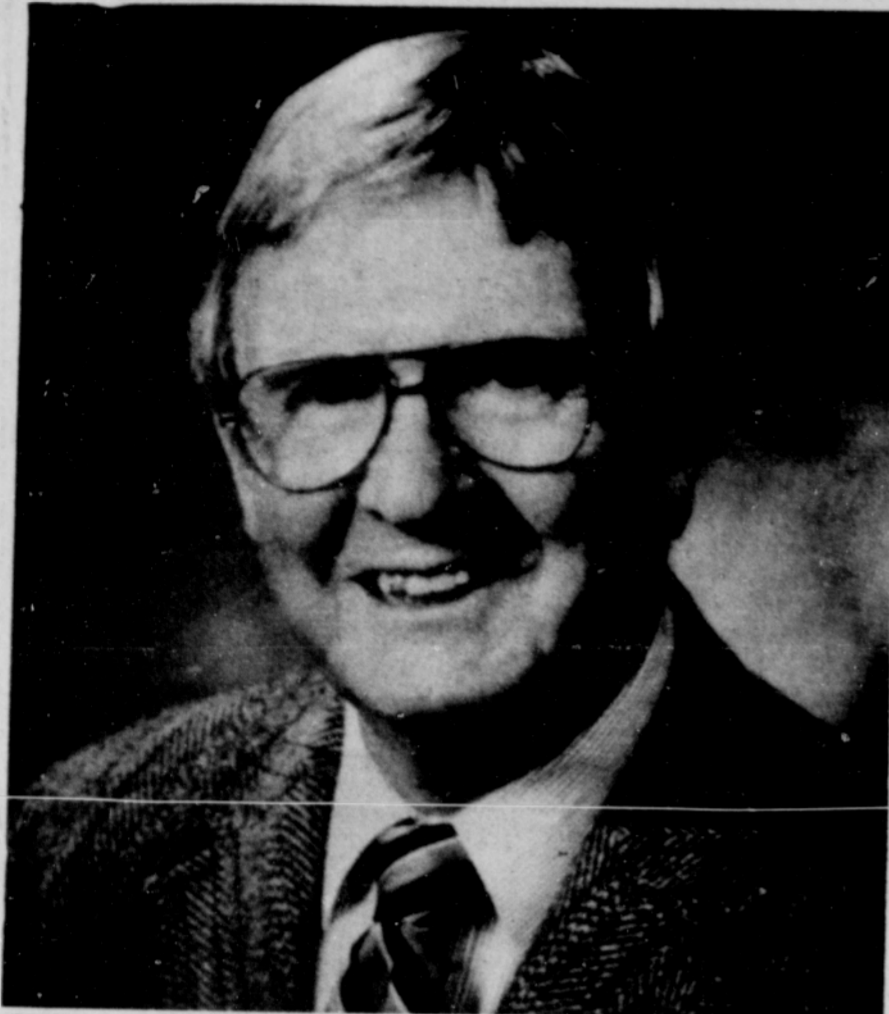


Kelly heads Home Improvement Council



NEIL KELLY

Neil Kelly has been elected president of the National Home Improvement Council.

Chairman of the Board of Portland's Neil Kelly Designer/Remodelers, Kelly was unanimously elected at NHIC's Board of Directors meeting held during the Council's national convention in Houston, this month.

Citing the rapidly increasing demand for remodeling through the United States, Kelly said he would dedicate his year as president to encouraging more effective use of the association's legislative voice, increasing national and chapter membership and renewing efforts to help contractors become more professional and proficient.

Kelly has been active in the National Home Improvement Council for more than fourteen years. In addition to serving as president of NHIC's Oregon Chapter (Oregon Remodelers Association) he has served the national organization in many capacities, the most recent being first vice president and Convention Program Committee Chairman.

Kelly is a frequent speaker at home building and remodeling conferences throughout the United States, and his firm is one of the 10 largest in gross sales in the United States.

The National Home Improvement Council is the largest trade association representing all segments of the remodeling industry. Its 3,500 member companies include contractors, manufacturers, wholesalers, utilities, lenders and publishing concerns.

Kelly and his wife, Arlene, have eight children.

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Prostitution: The police hold no answers

Part IV
by Harris Levon McRae

Irate citizens ask why prostitutes cannot be taken off the streets. Where are the police?

The law states that a person who agrees to a sex act for a fee is committing prostitution; all that is necessary to break the law is to agree to commit the act for a specific price. So why are the prostitutes still on the street?

Even though the law forbids both pimping and buying sex from a prostitute, the prostitutes and not the pimps or customers are usually arrested. Still, many Portland citizens do not feel that enough prostitutes are being arrested.

"I think prostitution is immoral. Now the cops even chat with them. There is much more of it these days. I know the police have their problems but they could slow it down—control it; it's way out of hand now," said one business person.

I talked to several business owners in areas that prostitutes frequent and then went downtown to talk to Captain Tobin, head of the Drug and Vice Division of the Portland Police Department, to get today's story.

One shop owner told me, "It's embarrassing for me and my customers to see 'hookers' out there on the corner. It doesn't add to a business atmosphere. The more you call the cops, the more prostitutes are out there. I have seen the police joking with them and bringing them coffee."

I asked Captain Tobin about this and he shed some light on the subject:

"Prostitutes are a good source of information for a police officer. The prostitute on the street sees and hears a lot. Many of the bad guys talk to prostitutes all the time. There isn't an awful lot a uniformed officer can do about prostitution. He can watch a person for a while and

then make a loitering arrest if a person is engaged in conduct sufficient to show that they are loitering for prostitution," he said.

There is a very thin line though between loitering, and, say, waiting for a ride from a friend.

"If a woman keeps waving cars over, talking short periods of time and sometimes getting into the car and sometimes not, we know something is going on. Out of 72 prostitution charges last month, eight were for loitering," the Captain said.

I told Captain Tobin that a couple of prostitutes seemed to have the vice squad's bust pattern down pat. He replied, "Prostitutes on the streets usually think they have our pattern set. This gets them into trouble with us as well as the other prostitutes that they tell the pattern to."

Not all business people are against women being on the street selling sex to earn a living. One business owner told me that, "They know their limits, they know what they can or can't do. They don't bother business people that much. It's the oldest game in the world—they ain't gonna stop it now."

I mentioned earlier that even though the law forbids both pimping and buying sex from a prostitute, it is usually the prostitutes who are arrested. One result of the prostitutes being defined as criminals is that it leaves prostitutes unwilling to turn in their pimps—and if the pimps aren't turned in, they can't be prosecuted.

"There is a lot of pressure from the community for the police to arrest the John [customer]. We have a lot of female officers used as decoys. The John will drive up and negotiate the whole deal with a female officer and she will make the arrest (with the help of back-up units)," Captain Tobin said.

Street prostitution is prevalent all over the city of Portland: on Sandy

Blvd., on Union Ave., downtown, on Burnside—all over.

"There are a lot of women that have chosen prostitution as their profession. They may have chosen it for any number of reasons—lack of training skills, no motivation to go to school, no matter what you do to force some of these women into a rehabilitation program, they will go back," Captain Tobin said.

One thing that business people and police officials alike believe is that "prostitution is here to stay."

Captain Tobin: "Hard time in my opinion is not the answer but the police or criminal justice system has to provide an alternative. Maybe a work release program. I know that in Portland we need to be able to take the prostitute off the street and put them into some type of government custody."

There are several ways that women can be helped and supported as far as leaving prostitution or never getting involved in it. We—our society—need to have a large-scale program of support and services which realizes how severe the situation of a woman trying to stay out of prostitution is. The support should include food and a place to sleep, counseling and help in developing other economic alternatives such as a job or educational program.

"Some of the churches have been trying to help women who are involved in prostitution. They contacted the girls personally in a loving approach. They have had some positive response. Some girls are leaving the streets and starting to attend church," Captain Tobin said.

"There is a need to keep teen-age girls from going into prostitution. If you can get them when they are young, you have a good chance of being able to help them. When they are 18 and over it is usually their chosen profession and very little can be done to keep them from going back to the street."

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India studies CIA activity

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has announced a judicial committee to investigate CIA activity in India. The magazine *India Observer* has charged that a large number of Indian intellectuals, politicians, journalists and businessmen are working for the CIA.

Interest in CIA activity was recently renewed by the expulsion of a U.S. research team for neighboring Pakistan. David Nelin, head of the Medical Research Center of Pakistan, in Lahore, was asked to leave the country following the publication of an article on his work in the Soviet magazine *Literaturnaya Gazeta*. Nelin said, "Our job is to develop a new type of super mosquito" that would eliminate the common mosquitoes that are the carriers of malaria and other diseases. He admitted that the experiments could also be used for biological warfare.

The research center headed by Nelin was a branch of the University of Maryland and its work was

supervised by the U.S. consul in Lahore and a local representative of the Agency for International Development (AID). Some of AID's staff is reported to work for the CIA. Two generals of the Pakistani army also are on the staff, as military experts.

The magazine article charged that Nelin was developing mosquito-borne bacteria for use against Afghanistan.

Although the CIA dismissed the report as "Soviet propaganda," the State Department confirmed that Nelin was deported and the research center closed. A similar research center was closed in India in 1972 when evidence was produced to show that it was involved in CIA plans for biological warfare.

The appearance of mysterious viruses in crops and outbreaks of strange diseases lead to the fear that India is the target of U.S. chemical and biological weapons.

Cases of sudden diseases of the liver and outbreaks of conjunctiv-

itis, meningitis, and encephalitis have been reported in different parts of India since mid-1981. Agricultural workers have been seriously affected by the mysterious appearance of the so-called "green disease." Tobacco workers are hit by the strange disease that causes respiratory disorders, vomiting and dizziness.

Experts were taken by surprise by the destruction of large fruit and vegetable plantations north of New Delhi this fall.

Indian media has warned that India and other nations bordering the Indian Ocean may become guinea pigs in experiments with new U.S. chemical weapons transported by U.S. ships operating in the Indian Ocean.

An article in the *National Herald* warned of the peril of chemical warfare being developed by the U.S., pointing out that chemical and nuclear weapons at the Diego Garcia military base, just 1200 miles from India, have a range of 4,000 miles.



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