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# BRIGGS CRUSHED

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by Bruce Pettit

California, the trend-setting state in the nation, defeated Proposition 6 59%-41% — by more than a million votes — Tuesday to give the Gay rights movement its greatest political victory in American history.

Proposition 6 was the Briggs Initiative — which would have obligated school boards in the state to investigate complaints of teachers representing the Gay lifestyle as acceptable and to dismiss those instructors if charges were substantiated.

Selected unofficial returns late Wednesday morning showed:

- San Francisco went 75%-25% no-on-6, giving San Franciscans Against Prop. 6 resounding success in its determination to save the Gay mecca regardless of the state outcome. Alameda County (Oakland) returned the state's second-highest "no": 66%.

- The supreme surprise: Sen. John Briggs was rebuffed in his own backyard of Orange County — 53% no-on-6.

- Sonoma County (Healdsburg), where second-grade Gay teacher Larry Berner was Briggs' personal target in the Voter's Handbook, rejected the

initiative with 62%.

- Los Angeles County: 60% no-on-6.

- San Diego County: 53% no.

- Santa Clara County (San Jose): 53% no.

- Sacramento County: 56% no.

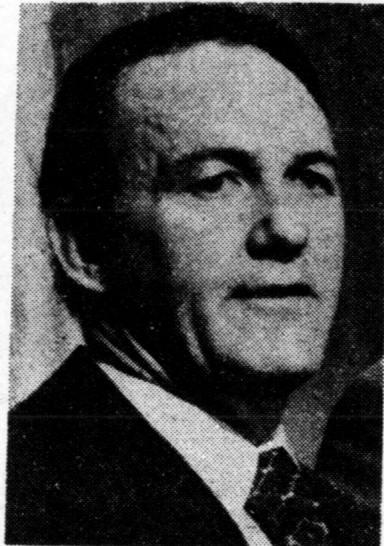
- Fresno County: 53% no.

- Kern County (Bakersfield): 52% yes-on-6.

San Bernardino was the only urban county to go yes-on-6, 57%. The rest of the yes-on-6 votes was concentrated to other rural counties.

Don Bradley, who managed the statewide campaign that spent \$350,000 for media spots against Prop. 6, said, "Briggs himself was an asset. If we had hired somebody from central casting to head an effort against us, they would have charged double for someone like Briggs . . . I want to say a word for the voters of California who decided to be fair on this issue when they heard what it was about."

In rejecting Prop. 6, Californians were not embracing a "Gay is good" philosophy, according to most analysts. Rather, they were convinced of two strategic points in the no-on-6 campaign; (1) present law is sufficient to protect their children from direct sexual abuse or solicitation in the schools, and (2) their own rights of freedom of speech and employment were endangered by the Briggs Initiative. California pollster Mervyn Field believes that the citizenry wished to indicate that it was tolerant.



Briggs takes low road.

— even if occasional local losses intermittently continue.

Even so, Gay activists viewed the defeat of Prop. 6 in the nation's most populous state as a crucial defense of their rights. It provided evidence that angry reaction to thwart Gay rights progress in the future can be withstood — even at the point of greatest vulnerability — teachers.

Campaigns against local ordinances around the country the past two years were seen by activists as acknowledgements that the movement is being

The brooding Briggs presence had been with Gay Californians for 18 months — ever since state Sen. John Briggs (R - Fullerton) announced on the steps of San Francisco City Hall six days after the repeal of a

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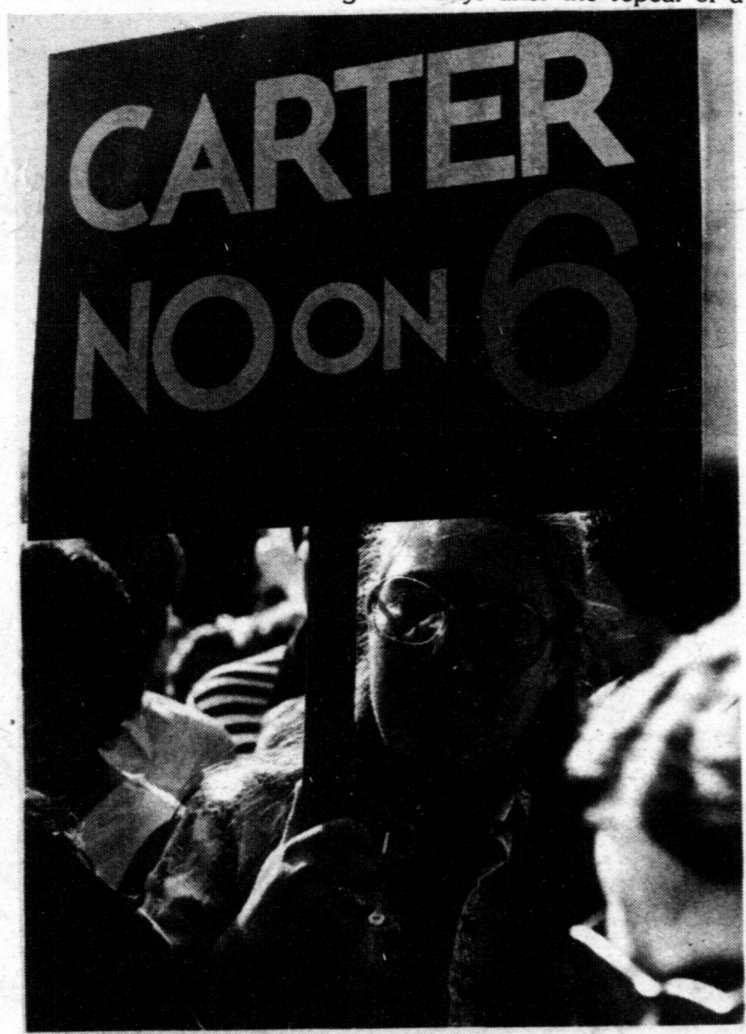


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Priscilla Alexander, local Gay journalist and activist, helped prompt President Carter to come out for NO ON 6 at Sacramento rally. (Photo by Robert Epstein)

taken seriously. Yet the defeats were extracting a terrible, psychological toll. Private Gay fears were that a Prop. 6 passage would accelerate a retreat to the pre-Stonewall era. (In 1969 customers of the New York City Gay bar "Stonewall" resisted police harassment and sparked a new sense of Gay pride.)

Gay rights ordinance in Dade County (Miami), Florida, that he would seek legislation in California to ban homosexuals from employment in the public schools. Briggs had campaigned briefly with Anita Bryant in Florida.

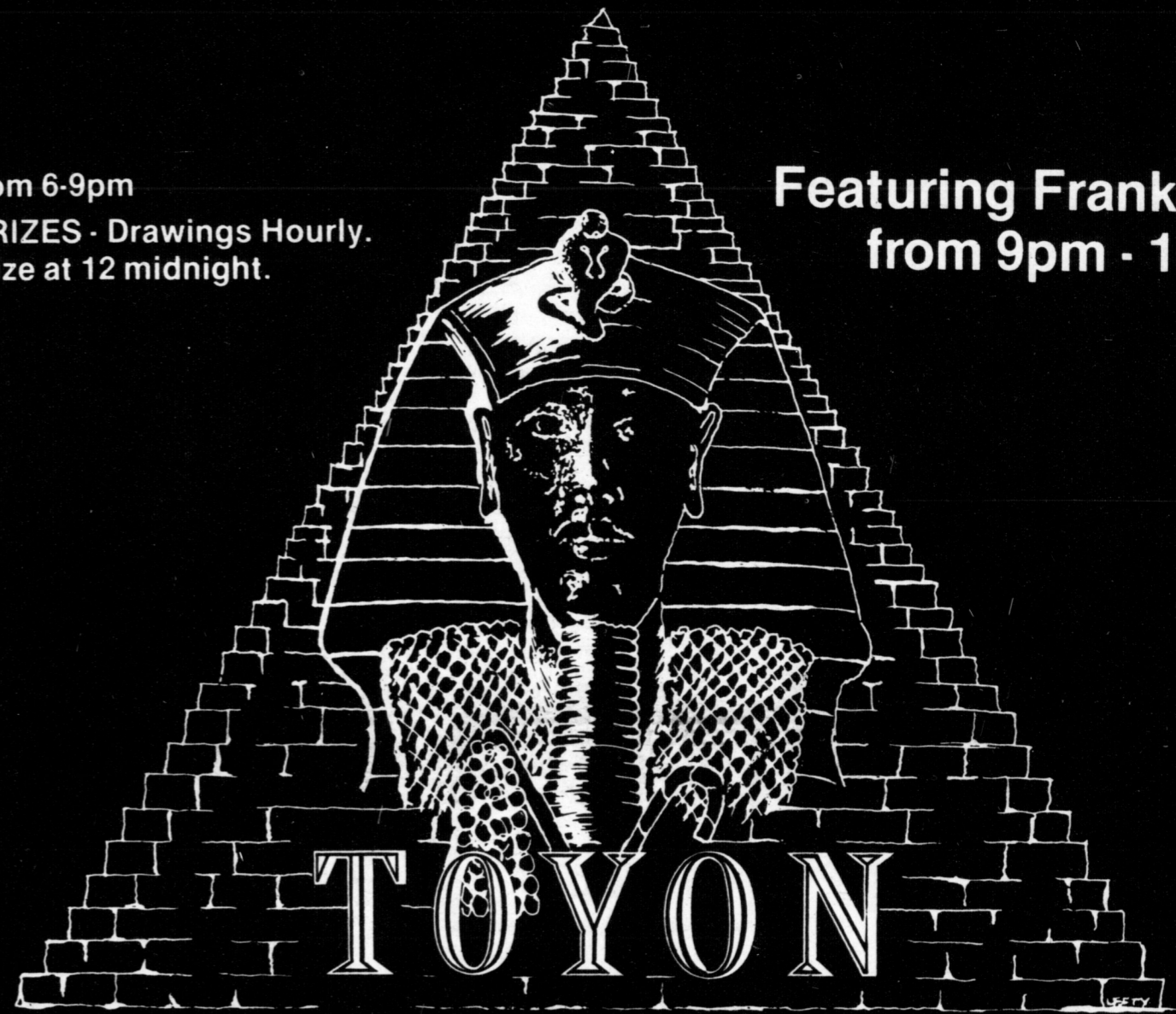
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Comments on Tuesday night's victory celebration

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ation suit to qualify for the June 1978 ballot (when it would supposedly have aided his pursuit of the Republican gubernatorial nomination). Then he filed nearly 500,000 signatures on May 1 to qualify for November.

Early anti-Briggs strategy assumed a Prop. 6 victory and focused on how best to cut Gay losses — primarily with "education" of straight people on the realities of Gay life. The first California Poll in August showed Briggs winning at 61%.

Most Gay activists attributed the turnaround to two things: "conservative" endorsements and support from the news media.

Labor union endorsements against Prop. 6 crystallized first — largely due to the work of the local Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative (BACABI) and its statewide affiliates. BACABI formed 13 months ago and endured some initial criticism that its early "speakout" rallies generated

publicity for Briggs' signature gathering. But later BACABI was credited as contributing significantly to a bandwagon effect for endorsements that came in a rush soon after the Briggs Initiative was declared Proposition 6.

Gay Democrats — through the California Democratic Council — successfully pressured Gov. Jerry Brown for a no-on-Briggs position last spring. The Gay Caucus of the Democratic State Central Committee shepherded a no-on-6 resolution through the state party's executive committee last summer.

Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR), a Gay-rights San Francisco club, reached Lieutenant Governor nominee Mike Curb for an early endorsement and later directed media attention to former Gov. Ronald Reagan's no-on-6 position paper.

The other vital front needing balance was organized religion. Fundamentalist Christians, who gave the current anti-Gay

hysteria its impetus, were effectively neutralized — particularly by leaders of high-liturgical churches. San Francisco Archbishop John Quinn endorsed against Prop. 6 in mid-October — and B.A.R. has learned that he did not retreat from that position despite internal pressure. In denouncing Prop. 6, California Episcopal Bishop C. Kilmer Myers said of fundamentalists: "Among them sexual confusion mingled with legalistic bigotry is compounded with a critical and dangerous misunderstanding of Jesus of Nazareth."

Perhaps most phenomenal of all was the Gay-activist-perceived media bias in their favor — a reversal of history. Non-Gay journalists left repeated impressions of hostility to Briggs which did not escape Briggs' indictment. No-on-6 endorsements accumulated from the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Examiner*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Oakland Tribune*, and the *Sacramento Bee*.

Nevertheless, the tide-turning endorsement may have been the no-on-6 position by Ronald Reagan. Some politicians speculated that Reagan's real motive was protecting his own conservative GOP turf in the state from a Briggs invasion. Regardless, Gay activists are optimistic about the election eve prediction of GOP state Sen. Milton Marks: "We will return John Briggs to the obscurity he so richly deserves."

Bruce Pettit

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### Mayor Moscone: 'Victory Over Ignorance'

Mayor George Moscone addressed the cheering victory crowd at the No-on-6 celebration. He pointed to a Statue-of-Liberty motif as he made these remarks:

That is liberty. That is no-on-6. That is the California environment and it will be tomorrow the American environment — liberty for all people.

This is not a night for me or for anyone else who is not the subject directly of the struggle. But may I make a couple of admonitions?

Let me tell you what tonight is not. It is not a victory over a paucity of lightweight like John Briggs. That is too small an achievement. Nor is it a victory against fundamentalism, Anita Bryant, or people with malice. That is too small a victory. You shouldn't be satisfied with that.

Tonight is a victory — in every sense of the word — over the despair that has fallen upon Gay people, kindled by the devastating initiative vote in Dade County, the recently devastating votes in the Wichitas, the St. Pauls and the Eugenes of this country. (Note: Someone in the audience shouted, "But never again!" and the mayor replied, "Right!")

More important, tonight is a victory of intellect over ignorance, of a proper understanding of the moral fabric of this country — which is, I submit to you, that you love, not hate, your neighbor. It is a clear pronouncement from the largest state in the union — a state that would be the fifth largest country in the world if it were a country —

- that whatever the reason people hang you in effigy — be it the color of your skin, the way you adore your God or reject your God, the role in which you respect or don't respect your neighbor — is your business.

- that you are accountable to something greater than ignorance, than bigotry and discrimination.

- that this country is really worth fighting for, and the people over the years who have made so many sacrifices for this statue, for that principle, did not do it in vain.

- that this country is a great country — and anyone who in the future attempts to make political advance on the backs of those who it appears are at the bottom of the spectrum will be repudiated and this country will move forward.

This is your night. No-on-6 will be emblazoned upon the principles of San Francisco: liberty and freedom for all, forever.

### THOUSANDS CHEER VICTORY

Sally Gearhart, San Francisco State professor, looked down into the beaming faces of No-on-6 victory celebrants: "We have proved to the state of California and to the world that not only can we be parents, not only are we law-abiding, not only are we all these things. We are intelligent, we are beautiful, we are strong, we are proud, and perhaps, best of all on this night of our nights, we got friends."

Three thousand cheering Gays and their supporters crowded into the headquarters of San Franciscans Against Prop. 6 Tuesday night to hear those words and other heartening victory remarks from Mayor Moscone, school board commissioner Jule Johnson, and Gay teachers Tom Ammiano and Larry Berner.

Eight thousand crowded onto Castro Street and stomped to the beat of the Gay Freedom Day Marching Band which played rousing victory marches and threw blazing batons into the air. The Band then marched to the 6 head-

quarters and inspired that throng's most rousing cheer of the night.

In L.A., Mayor Tom Bradley appeared at the No-on-6 rally at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. He told the 3,000 present, "This proposition was an evil, pernicious, dangerous measure. May this be a lesson that Sen. Briggs will never forget. You deserve the taste of victory. How sweet it is!"

The San Francisco precinct campaign turned out 350 workers for the heavily Gay center-city get-out-the-vote drive on Nov. 7. Scores of others had to be referred to other headquarters. Former Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich attributed the astounding 75% victory in San Francisco to the uncloseted Gay atmosphere here. "To know a Gay person is to love a Gay person," he said.

Supervisor Harvey Milk declared, "This time the right wing has gone too far!"

But Sen. John Briggs vowed

to put a similar measure on the ballot in 1980. "This is only Round One," he retorted.

But one Gay celebrant mused after the No-on-6 vote came in from Briggs' home base of Orange County, "Maybe Round Two can be the re-election defeat of John Briggs."



Frank Fitch, president of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, is the only Gay person that was elected to the city's new commission to revise the city charter.

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★ Some individuals, who are apparently not members of Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), are publicly discussing the use of the MCC Building Fund in various plans to finance a Gay center. We believe that it is necessary to state the position of MCC, for the record.

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Alan Smith  
Clerk, Board of Directors, MCC  
San Francisco

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Carole Migden  
Executive Director, Pacific Center  
Berkeley

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★ Thank you for your Halloween Alert. Perhaps now everyone realizes that the problem is Polk Street Punks and not Polk Street Pansies. Perhaps next year our Gay organizations will offer suitable alternatives and perhaps the Polk Street merchants will go in for private parties rather than rowdy public displays.

Bill Watson  
San Francisco

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### RAZING CAEN

★ Last time I promised that this issue I would reveal the Metasexual secret of how to shoot past the orgasm and transcend. Unfortunately, the secret, being beyond words, keeps slipping out of my typewriter.

Therefore, I've put that project aside for awhile and am now working on my new book, *Hah! I Made Herb Caen and I Can Break Him*. It will be in less discriminating bookstores soon.

Strange de Jim  
San Francisco

### APPLAUSE

★ Thanks very much for your (as usual) good and accurate coverage of news... specifically this time my planned departure from NGTF.

It's been a pleasure to work with all of you at B.A.R. over the years and I very much look forward to continuing that relationship in my "new" life come January.

Keep up the good work!

Bruce Voeller  
Co-Executive Director  
National Gay Task Force  
New York

### COMMUNITY SOFTBALL LEAGUE

★ On behalf of the Executive Board, Managers and Players I wish to thank you for your contribution and service to the C.S.L. during the 1978 season.

Mark Brown  
Commissioner, C.S.L.  
San Francisco

### MORE BOOKS, PLEASE

★ As books for readers in this town have to be mostly by mail order, would appreciate a larger book section in the B.A.R., with occasional summaries, perhaps.

Don  
Sacramento

### SUPER OR DUPER?

★ Thanks to everyone at B.A.R. for a super, duper, exciting newspaper. You all bring so much pleasure to our lives — thank you.

I laughed when I saw an ad in your newspaper for a Glory Hole Guide; it sure took balls, in my book anyway, to put out such a guide. I thought this must be a rip-off. So I blew three hard-earned bucks and sent for it, expecting nothing in return, yet hoping. I am one of the frzaks who can't have normal sex except through gloryholes.

Well, needless to say, to my surprise I received my gloryhole guide put out by James Stuart, and he must be quite a dude to have researched all the gloryholes that he lists. I never believed San Francisco had such mind-blowing action. Thanks, Jim Stuart, and thanks to all you dudes at B.A.R., YOUR NEWSPAPER IS A CLEAN BREATH OF FRESH AIR.

Arty Sullivan, Gloryhole Dude  
San Francisco

## SEATTLE VICTORY — 62%

SEATTLE — Thousands of Gay people and their supporters held a candlelight march through the streets here to celebrate a victory in which the public here rejected a repeal of Gay rights by 62%.

The initiative here would have repealed housing and employment ordinances now in effect. The proposal for repeal came from two ultra-conservative police officers who earlier this year gathered enough signatures to place the repeal measure on the November ballot. The officers were David Estes, a Mormon, and Dennis Falk, an outspoken member of the local John Birch Society.

"Voters here reacted against what was perceived as a right wing extremist campaign," Attorney Frank Shoichet of Seattle Committee Against 13 (SCAT) told B.A.R. He said, "This initiative was sponsored by extremist police officers and the public became aware of that during the campaign. It only had support from a few fundamentalist churches, and Seattle is not culturally oriented toward that viewpoint."

Two celebrations were held here by two different Anti-Initiative 13 groups — Citizens to Retain Fair Employment and SCAT/Women Against 13. They were able to raise over \$150,000 — almost exclusively from local sources. SCAT

led a door-to-door campaign to convince voters in key precincts and to get-out-the-vote using 500 volunteers. Citizens to Retain ran the "professional" effort with radio and television commercials.

The initiative was opposed by the mayor of Seattle, both local daily newspapers, the city council, the Joint Council of Teamsters and other unions, and the churches in the Greater Seattle Council of Churches. The church council had a downtown rally against 13 on November 5 which drew 1,000.

Bay Area Reporter became directly involved in the election when an exclusive article in B.A.R. became a part of the last-minute controversy over 13. B.A.R. had reported that a leader in the YES ON 13 campaign wrote in an ultra-conservative publication that one purpose of the YES ON 13 drive was to preserve "the Aryan culture," an expression popularized by Adolph Hitler. The *Seattle Times* and a television station carried the story which YES ON 13 people had difficulty refuting.

Officer Dennis Falk, who spearheaded the original YES ON 13 drive, became a center of controversy during the campaign.

Two months ago Falk killed an unarmed, mentally retarded

Black youth, and he has been removed from street patrol duty. He and Estes were noticeably absent from active participation in the campaign because of the incident and



Officer Dennis Falk

their positions as police officers. Save Our Moral Ethics (SOME), which ran the major YES ON 13 effort, had a continuing change in leadership in the final weeks of its campaign. It is rumored to be expensive in debt. SOME did not run a visible and aggressive campaign.

The NO ON 13 campaign was primarily run by the Citizens to Retain Fair Employment group, which raised over \$80,000 (mostly local money) for its extensive media drive. It had numerous fund-raisers, including a performance by the

drag "Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo," which raised considerable money for last-minute TV spots with a November 5 performance at the Seattle Opera House. There was also a barbers' "Clip In," an organ recital, wine and spaghetti dinner and "trick or treat" party to climax a number of successful fund-raising efforts.

## Gay Police Recruits Search Continues

Three members of another NO ON 13 group, Seattle Committee Against 13 (SCAT), were arrested at the end of the campaign for "disorderly conduct" — interfering with the leaflet distribution by SOME, but charges were dismissed. SCAT filed "false arrest" charges against the city.

One interesting aspect of the campaign here was that Initiative 13 was overthrown (like the Briggs initiative) to include clearly the indiscriminate use of power to suppress homosexuals. One Initiative 13 section permitted an employer or a landlord to "invoke the accusation" that an employee or tenant is Lesbian or homosexual against persons who "offend" by their sexual orientation. The burden of proof — as with the Briggs measure — lay with the defendant.

The final two months of the campaign here produced a new YES ON 13 group calling itself Church Leaders for Community Standards. The Rev. Al Zimmerman of the Bible Church in nearby Ballard told the press that the initiative

would "raise homosexuality to the status of morality." CLCS had begun to use media advertisements to spread its message.

Despite a temporary restraining order stopping the Civil Service Commission from proceeding in its recruitment drive of Gays and other minorities into the police department, private citizens are in the interim maintaining the momentum.

Les Morgan, lending his experience from a recruitment drive for Gay sheriff's deputies two years ago, says he will continue giving assistance for the present police drive. He says that the situation could change on any 48-hour basis and applicants should be prepared to file application papers whenever a new filing period is announced. He may be contacted at his office (921-4987) or messages may be left (775-1000). San Francisco State professor Sally Gearhart also has information (469-1597).

## Viewpoint

### The Souring of 330 Grove

A little over two years ago, a Gay Community Center became a reality at 330 Grove Street. From the outset the B.A.R. supported the idea, the execution, and repeatedly applauded the success. We backed Paul Hardman and Pride Foundation in his valiant efforts to hold on to what he had wrested from an ever less enthusiastic City administration. His artful dodging to spare the Center from the wreckers ball we encouraged — as long as it led to the acquisition of another site — a bigger and better one.

In the past few months that possibility finally materialized. A new Center — as the phrase goes — was in our pockets — with one stipulation that the Gay community assume the grant as a united front. Paul Hardman and Pride Foundation refused to go along: it would be their Center or no one's Center. Now, thanks to their obstructionism, we will have no Center.

For months we remained silent on the issue, hoping Paul Hardman would take the high road, the magnanimous road. It seems now he has totally lost sight of his earlier vision and sees but himself in his small mirror. The Gong Show has a remedy — we don't.

The credibility of Pride Foundation (which over the years has so done so much for so many) is similarly crumbling. Perhaps that's equally deserving when somewhere along the way they involved themselves in a "president for life" kind of structure.

330 Grove is no longer the Gay Community Center (press releases refer to the Pride Foundation Center), which about sums it up as fewer and fewer Gay groups and functions find themselves at home — much less welcomed. If Pride is turning the operation into a Neighborhood Center, so be it; but why sabotage the rest of the Gay community from securing a better deal.

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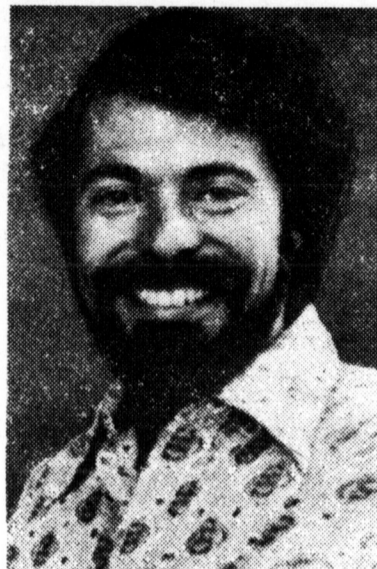


## MIAMI SAYS 'NO' AGAIN

MIAMI — Although a newly proposed ordinance to expand Gay rights here was rejected on November 7 by a 58% NO vote, the defeat is seen as a partial victory. It meant that considerably more of the electorate was willing to support an ordinance that included Gay rights than was willing in 1977. When the Anita Bryant effort to repeal Gay rights was successful last year, the vote was 2-1 for repeal.

Bob Kunst, who ran his own lone campaign against repeal of Gay rights here in 1977, was the prime mover in placing the initiative on the ballot this year. Kunst operates the Transperience Center, a bi-sexual message and counseling service here, with his friend, Alan Rockway. Members of the Center collected 10,000 signatures to place the measure on the ballot while many local Gay activists who had fought repeal in 1977 sat in stunned silence. Ruth Shack, the Dade County Commissioner who introduced the 1977 measure that was later repealed, openly opposed the Kunst effort as being premature and devisive.

Activist Kunst sought to broaden the appeal in his measure. It included non-discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation, social services, health care



BOB KUNST, controversial activist.

and mental health care for everyone not included under the current Dade County code of non-discrimination. The new measure was written to include students, veterans, people in the military, pregnant women,

those discriminated against because of native language problems and those with "sexual or affectional preferences."

Rockway, a Transperience counselor, maintained that the proposal would pass "because for the first time anywhere in the country, we will be voting for full equality and human rights."

The local press and many community leaders saw the broad measure as a ploy by Gay activist Kunst to slip through a Gay rights ordinance for non-discrimination. Kunst denied this and said, "This ordinance will give voters a chance to vote for themselves, for their community, for their families, for their country — protecting everyone."

One question during the campaign was whether local Gay people would campaign for the new ordinance. Many, bitten by the 2-1 defeat in 1977, sat this one out. There are an estimated 200,000 Gays in the Dade County, South Florida region but few are out of the closet. The major portion of the 1977 effort against repeal was run by out-of-state activists.

Hal DeMun, advertising director of *Blueboy* magazine, reveals that most Gays still lead double lives in Miami, where *Blueboy* is published. He emphasizes that there is minimal Gay activity outside of the few Gay bars in Miami. Metropolitan Community Church has 100 at its Sunday services — the largest Gay organization in the area.

Anita Bryant, this time, was not as prominent as she was in 1977, but she let her views be known. Her husband/manager Bob Green said (in a reference to Kunst), "We are dealing here with a bunch of egomaniacs out to glorify themselves."... GM

## Episcopal Bishop: 'Gay Is Not Sinful'

"Homosexuality is not in and of itself sinful," declared California Episcopal Bishop C. Kilmer Myers at the Human Justice Rally sponsored by the Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative (BACABI) three days before the state's vote on Proposition 6.

Myers continued, "When offered in love a homosexual relationship is as sacred as any heterosexual relationship similarly offered. The Bible thumpers will tell you differently. Don't listen to them. They are anti-Gay because they are anti-women." The crowd of nearly 5,000 Lesbians, Gay men and their non-Gay friends responded with an extended ovation.

In fact, the Bible thumpers did try to tell the crowd differently. Five fundamentalist Christians used a bullhorn and a high sideline perch to make an unscheduled appearance, holding yes-on-6 signs aloft. When they interrupted California Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy to castigate "these immoral people," McCarthy urged the crowd, "Forget them. We have our own rally here. On Tuesday they are going to represent one-third of the voters in California."

BACABI monitors quickly linked arms and ringed the fundamentalists. Some broke through, however, and there was a scuffle. Police cars descended with sirens blaring. Officers quickly ended the incident. They escorted the spoilers out of the area.

Meanwhile, McCarthy continued, "I never thought I would admire so very strongly a statement by Ronald Reagan — but I do on this issue. I know

John Briggs, as we have had to deal with him in Sacramento on a whole range of human rights issues. His snide innuendoes, repeated again and again, are trying to appeal to the basest instincts in people. This is going to backfire."

## He Whispered in His Ear

SACRAMENTO — President Carter came to California last week to bolster the state's Democratic ticket, but before he left a rally of 12,000 people he said, "I also ask everybody to vote NO on Proposition 6."

Carter had just finished a 15-minute "peace and prosperity" campaign speech and had stepped back from the podium. Then Gov. Jerry Brown whispered in the President's ear (as picked up by a television microphone), "Proposition 6. You'll get your loudest applause. Ford and Reagan have both come out against it. So I think it's perfectly safe."

And the crowd did cheer. Especially 20 people from San Francisco who had chartered a bus to wave their "NO on 6" signs.

The "delegation" to Carter was organized by activist Tom Rolfsen. The group's signs all read "Carter No on 6" and had reverse sides with either "Reagan No on 6," "Brown No on 6" or "Quinn No on 6" (the last referring to the position of San Francisco Catholic Archbishop John Quinn).

The group is convinced that their signs prompted the governor to prompt the President. The result was the most important endorsement of Gay rights ever issued by a President of the United States. Carter avoided a public comment on the referendums from Miami to Eugene.

## 'GAY LIB SYPHILIS' DENIED BY V.D. DIRECTOR

by George Mendenhall

"It is libelous. I never was even interviewed. The article is erroneous. I never made such statements."

This was the reaction that B.A.R. received from San Francisco's venereal disease clinic director, Dr. Charles Wibbelsman, when it inquired about an article, "Gay Lib Linked to Syphilis Epidemic," in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Wibbelsman has protested directly to the newspaper.

The original United Press article, nationally syndicated, did not mention Wibbelsman, but the *SF Chronicle*, evidently drawing from an interview with the VD clinic director here in July, added additional copy. The director told B.A.R., "I never made any of the statements attributed to me at that time. They evidently quoted the writer of the article, Charles Pettit, who did make his own observations and attributed them to me."

Wibbelsman expressed intense anger to B.A.R. over the article, which alleged that the incidence of syphilis was "epidemic" among homosexuals. He said, "San Francisco has had a 14% reduction in its syphilis rate. There is no homosexual epidemic. We don't even keep any records about a person's sexual orientation." The article had stated that the director said that 50% of his

clients were homosexual; he denied having made such a statement at any time.

"The article was a hodgepodge of lies. They never talked to me and they never got anything from me," Wibbelsman insisted. He expressed concern that "My reputation and that of the clinic are at stake. I urge people to protest to the *Chronicle* and urge them to print a retraction."

Wibbelsman volunteered that the feature "appears to have been written by John Briggs. It is stupid and unusually timely — just before the election. I urge B.A.R. to clarify this injustice that has been done to me and the clinic."

The director said he wanted the Gay community to know that "we observe a person's race and we ask the age, but we are not concerned about sexual orientation."

The article from the *SF Chronicle/United Press* referred to an article in the *American Medical Association newspaper, American Medical News*. It erroneously quoted Wibbelsman as saying, "There has been a definite upsurge of syphilis" and said that the local director stated that 50% of the clinic patients were homosexual.

Quoting from the AMA article by a Chicago free lance writer, Terry Alan Sandolzer, it urged that "syphilis is being spread rapidly among male homosexuals in a new era of sexual freedom that has brought more Gays 'out of the closet' and helped foster sexual activity." The subjective opinion by one free lance writer gave the *SF Chronicle* its "Gay Lib Linked to Syphilis Epidemic" headline.

The *SF Examiner* ran the original U.P. story without the additional local copy and headlined it more accurately, "AMA Reports Syphilis Epidemic Among Gays."

The full article gave as evidence of the increase of "syphilis among Gays" a New York City report that 55% of that city's syphilis cases were from Gay males.

Dr. Wibbelsman emphasizes his disdain over the AMA article and stressed that although he is a doctor, he is not a member of the AMA.

The United Press feature (by a Washington, D.C., correspondent for U.P.) reported an AMA poll of 1,000 doctors in which 3 out of 5 respondents said the sexually transmitted disease is on the increase, especially among male homosexuals. The study made this assumption without, evidently, considering that its statistics may not be the increase of sexual activity by an increase in REPORTING such activity with an assist from a new feeling of liberation among Gay people.

## MCC Gays & Law Day — November 18

A nationally-known attorney familiar with the rights of Gay people will conduct a Saturday seminar at Metropolitan Community Church on Nov. 18.

Atty. Al Smithson will discuss how Gay persons can benefit from law that is essentially non-Gay. The 9:30-3:00 session will emphasize family law, estate planning, property ownership, estate taxation, and adoptions. There will be some discussion of criminal law as it affects Gays.

Smithson is the Legal Counsel for Dignity and active within MCC. He is a member of the California Democratic Central Committee, the San Diego Human Relations Commission, and serves on various boards concerned with human sexuality and the law.

For more on the seminar (which has a \$10 registration fee), contact MCC at 285-0392.

## Gay Workshop

"Building Power: Strategies for Gay Survival" is the title of a two-day workshop aimed at helping Lesbians and Gay men deal with the emotional chaos brought about by the current political climate.

The workshop, to be held at Synergy School in San Francisco the weekend of

November 11-12 (changed from October), will be facilitated by members of OPTIONS: An Institute for Lifestyle Education. OPTIONS is a non-profit group of Lesbians and Gay men.

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## 'New Gay Center' Funding Before Board — Nov. 27

by George Mendenhall

A proposal to use federal funds to purchase the Daphne Funeral Home at 1 Church Street (at Market Street) for a new, modern Gay Community Center will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 27.

A coalition of 25 Gay activists has been working since August to form the initial request for \$375,000 to begin the process of purchasing and

remodelling the property. The request received unanimous approval by the board of the city's Community Development agency.

The interim board of the San Francisco Gay Community Center, Inc. group may be the most representative cross-section of Gay men and Lesbian activists united for a specific project in the city's history. Included are Priscilla Alexander,

Gay Rights Advocates; Daniel Arcos, Third World Gay Coalition; Rodger Brooks, Gay National Educational Switchboard; Betsy Calloway and Gwen Craig, community organizers; Wayne Friday, President of the Tavern Guild; Don Jacobs, SF Gay Rap; Elizabeth Lay, Pacific Center; Celeste Newbrough, Gay Freedom Day Committee co-chair; Barbara Noda, Asian American Feminists; and Bob Ross, B.A.R. publisher. People from Gays Under 21, and a number of other organizations are also involved.

The plan for a permanent, modern center was recommended to the city supervisors after CD had rejected a proposal from the Pride Foundation. Community Development is a city agency in the mayor's office. CD Director Carl Williams and Mayor George Moscone are both urging the Board to approve the plan from the Gay coalition.

The current structure at 330 Grove Street is operated solely by the Pride Foundation. It has had a variety of activities, but most Gay community groups have not located in the old building which has come to be known as "the Gay Community Center." It is occupied on a month-to-month basis with no lease or ownership involved and is designated as the site of a parking facility for the nearby Performing Arts Center, now under construction.

A temporary setback for the new center plan was recently realized when the supervisors' Finance Committee decided to move the matter to the full Board with "no recommendation." Protesting the new center plan before the committee was Paul Hardman, President of Pride, who is attempting to either stay at 330 Grove Street or to revitalize some plan for a new center under the Pride banner.

Much of the controversy about the new center has come from Hardman's political and legal maneuvers to obstruct the new center committee's lobbying to make the new center a reality.

Hardman was invited to participate in the new committee's efforts shortly after it was formed. He maintains that he was "threatened" as to what would happen if he did not participate. Hardman has opposed the new coalition

from the beginning and has refused to take part.

Mark Hetts, JOBPOWER Program staffer, and Betsy Calloway, community organizer, told B.A.R., "Finance Committee member Lee Dolson warned us previous to the decision that the committee chose to view the vociferous opposition from the Pride Foundation as an indication of community division and use this as a basis for conven-

iently denying the request . . . We do not want to 'take over' anything but to facilitate the unification of this diverse community behind the common need and desire for a Gay Community Center."

Hetts and Calloway added, "As Gay people with a sense of commitment and responsibility to ourselves and our community, we can no longer allow egos and power trips and the myth of our helplessness to interfere with this process."

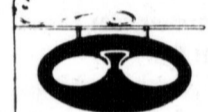
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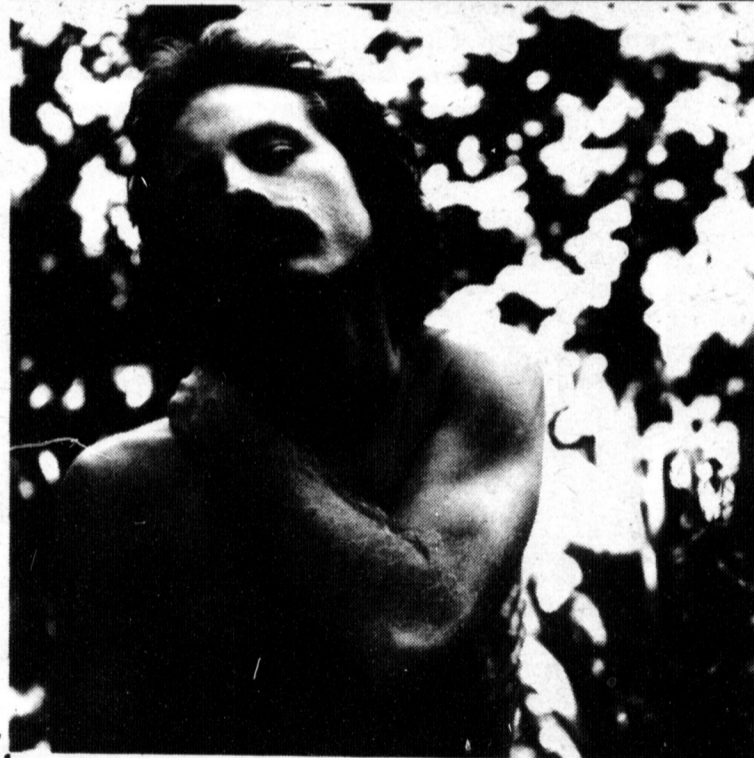
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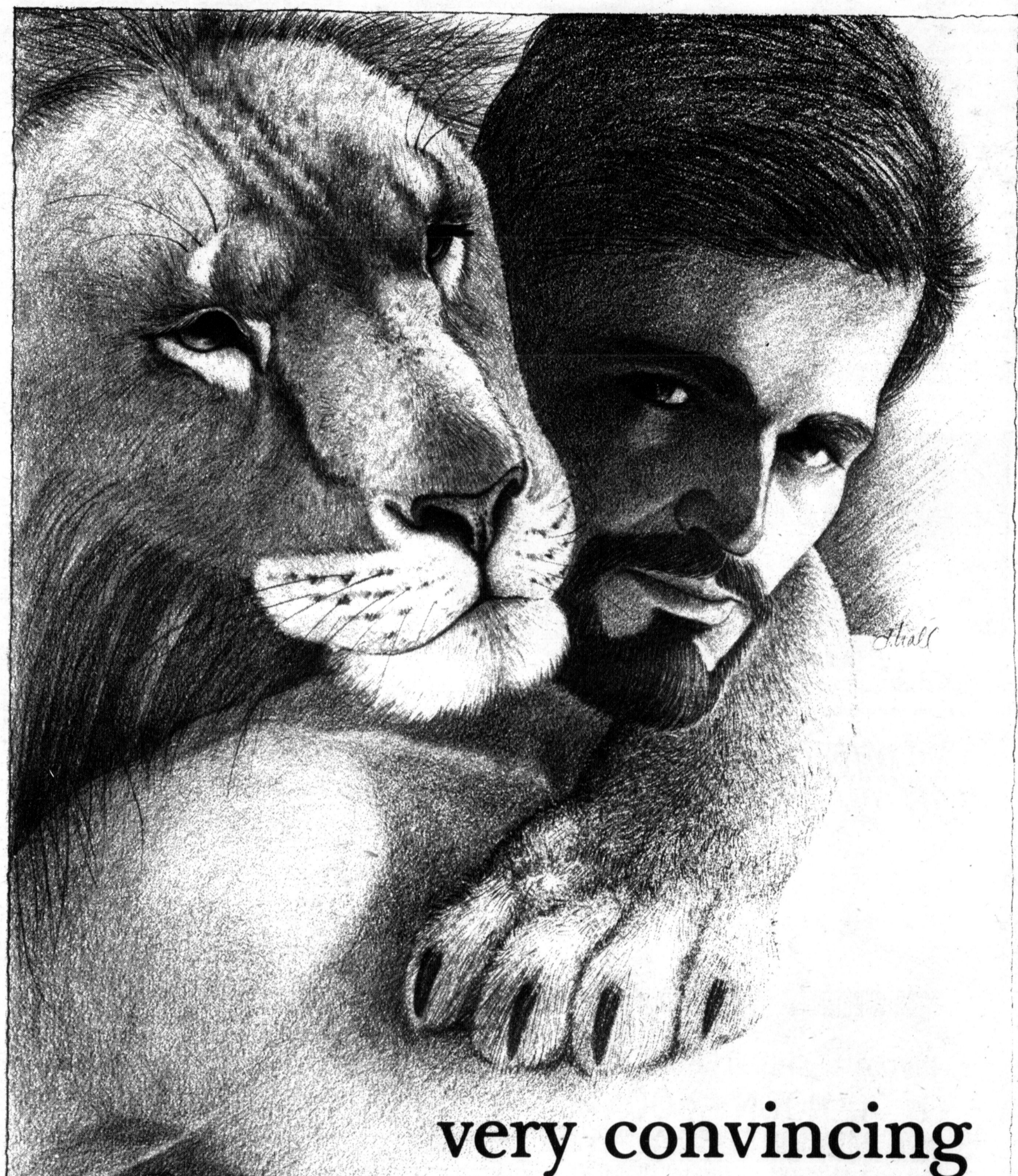
Michael Sullivan, employed as a masseur at the Sutro Baths, was murdered during the morning of October 24 at his Hyde Street flat during a scuffle with an unknown assailant.

In addition to his regular employment, Sullivan advertised his massage services in the *Spectator*, the recent offshoot of the *Berkeley Barb*

newspaper.

A tenant heard a 10:00 am noise in the hallway and responded. He found the victim on the floor and immediately summoned nearby police officers. Sullivan died later while under surgery.

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## 2 Million Union Members — NO ON 6

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Howard Wallace, a Teamster and a longtime liaison between labor and Gay organizations, accounted for the 2.3 million workers this way: the California AFL-CIO represents some 1,700,000 and the 600,000 others are encompassed by the United Auto and Aerospace Workers (UAW), the International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) and the Teamsters.

The California Teachers Association (CTA) and the California Federation of Teachers persuaded their national bodies (respectively the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers) to denounce Prop. 6. Educators viewed the measure as not only anti-Gay but also as anti-teacher. The San Francisco Community College District Federation of Teachers said in its resolution: "The initiative endangers academic freedom because it would establish that educators must serve as uncritical indoctrinators of a single view of a behavioral choice."

Wallace, instrumental in BACABI's labor committee for securing the labor endorsements against 6 which fueled the late bandwagon, says the labor sweep illustrates that

middle America is discussing homosexuality as never before. "Labor leaders wouldn't have urged no-on-6 if they felt that would cause any problems with their membership," he said. "They generally like to stay away from social issues, but they were with us against 6 for two reasons. First, they saw it as a threat to job security. Second, they saw it as a product of the right wing. They see the right wing as probably the most serious threat to the whole labor movement."

Gay caucuses are now springing up in several union locals — in San Francisco most notably in the Hospital Workers Local 250 and the Hotel and Restaurant Union Local 2. Los Angeles members of the California Federation of Teachers Gay Caucus introduced that union's anti-6 resolution. Concludes Wallace: "Whenever organized labor links up with another movement, it gives that movement power." ... BP

## Costanza Talks to B.A.R. About the Future

Midge Costanza, President Carter's former assistant for public liaison, has been talking with B.A.R.'s Bruce Pettit about Gay liberation. Her earlier comments were about Proposition 6. In this final segment she discusses her resignation and the progress made in the nation's capital.



Gloria Steinham and Midge Costanza

### THE RESIGNATION

As I stated in my letter of resignation, there was a difference in style and approach between me and other people who had been chosen by the President to work for him, advise him, guide him. My style and approach come more from a level of advocacy that I've always experienced, always felt.

I did not feel a conspiracy. I've said publicly that those who had the time to conspire didn't have the brains, and those who had the brains to conspire didn't have the time. I just felt it was time I left.

### NATIONAL GAY TASK FORCE

The contacts made in Washington, D.C., and the changes taking place would not have happened without the National Gay Task Force. They called me two days after I took office and said, "This is our government, too. We help select it. We help pay for it through our taxes. We want to participate in it, and particularly, we're very disturbed that a government that we help to select and help to pay for is discriminating against us, specifically. We think the time is now."

### GAY RIGHTS & THE CAPITAL

Ever since that meeting between federal officials and 14 Gay rights advocates in March, 1977, I have not indicated if things are now better or worse or whatever. I simply indicate that there have been several meetings that came about as a result of that first meeting.

That first meeting was the first in history, and now the Civil Rights Commission has met with the National Gay Task Force, followed by two meetings between the NGTF and the Commission of Immigration and Naturalization. Just as a result of that White House meeting, the surgeon general no longer lists homosexuals who cross the borders of this country as "sexual deviants." When the NGTF met with the Federal Director of Prisons, a liaison was set up between the Gay community and the director. Other things have happened. Need I go further?

### SCOWLS OR SMILES

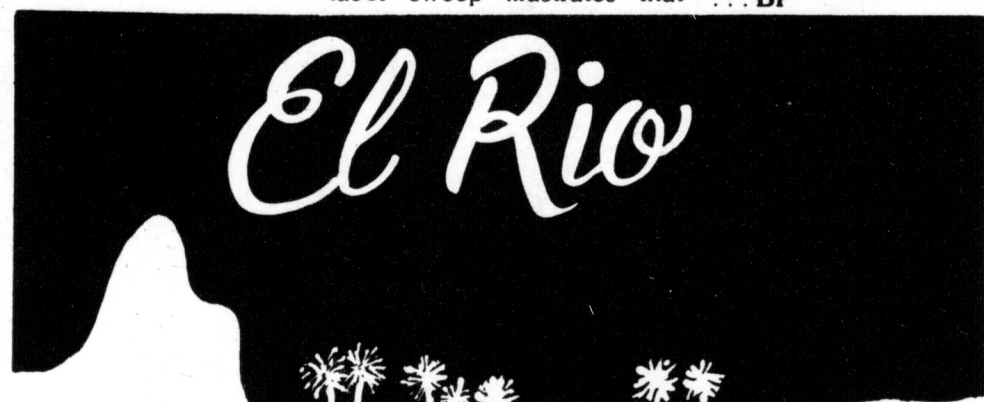
You know when the door opens up. You get through the door as a Gay person — and that has never happened before. Do you really care whether somebody is scowling or smiling?

As long as the results of that open door are positive, you can work on changing the scowl to a smile some other time. Every time that door is open, you can use education with people who never dreamed they'd be sitting in a room with a group of homosexuals discussing problems and how they personally can solve them. So I don't nit-pick. You have to look at the larger picture.

### PHENOMENAL PROGRESS

For Gay people the success picture may appear to be a lot slower to them since they have suffered for so long. But in reality, the Gay rights movement in this nation has been phenomenal — absolutely phenomenal.

In light of the results of referendums in Eugene, St. Paul, Wichita, and Dade County, you may get depressed about the way it's going. But let me tell you, I think there is a positive side that doesn't get viewed, so that all you're looking at is the negativism that is a result of those votes. I can only say to you that when you lose in one area, you gain in another. That's what civil rights movements are about.



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## Milk Forum

### Where Do We Go From Here?

by Harvey Milk

The battle over Prop. 6 brought more people out of the closet than anyone could have imagined. Prop. 6 also started the great educational campaign. Gay people and friends destroyed myth after myth. Not only will thousands of Gay people never go back into their closets, but the myths will not be allowed to surface again.

Two steps must now be taken. Gay people must press forward with the educational campaign that was so strongly brought out into the public forum. We must go before group after group, church after church, organization after organization. We must write letters. We must finish the educational job that was started during the campaign. But now that the emotional and pressure aspects of working against a clock are out of the way, we can pursue the education at a more comfortable pace and without the need to get endorsements, rallies, in order to win a vote. The education must take place on many levels. From the one-to-one to the talking before groups.

Every group that formed during the campaign should

stay together in one form or another and put a massive, never-ending educational campaign together. The organization is set. The people are there. The word 'homosexual' is no longer unspeakable. If every Gay campaign worker would devote time, we can educate the people of this state about our lives.

We owe it to all of those who supported us. We owe it not to go back to our private parties, our bars, our dinners, our closets. We must now put out that added effort of showing those who supported us what we are like.

The other step, the more important one, is for all those Gays who did not "come out" for whatever reasons to do so now. To "come out" to all your family. To "come out" to all your relatives. To "come out" to your friends, if they are indeed your friends. To "come out" to your next door neighbors. To "come out" to those you work with, to the waiters and waitresses, sales clerks, bus drivers, bank tellers, places where you shop and dine. If the Gay doctors had it in them to "come out" during

this campaign and risk their careers, then everyone who is Gay should feel free to do so.

The Rev. Bill Barcus announced his gayness from the pulpit of the Episcopal church where he is a pastor. He told me what so many of us have known ourselves... "I feel so much better now. I feel so free. I feel like a weight has been taken off my back." The warm reception Bill got from his congregation is the kind of reaction most people get when they "come out" to family and friends. Some are not as fortunate. But the "coming out" of a nation of Gays will smash those myths once and for all.

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Confrontation tactics do pay off. Months ago at the C.D.C. convention the Gay Caucus confronted Gov. Jerry Brown into speaking out against Briggs. And Tom Rolfsen pulled it all together in Sacramento last week. Tom's idea, Tom's work, Tom's money, and a group went up there to confront the President of the United States. The rest is history.

Congratulations, Tom — while many helped, it was you who found the President — so much for those who don't want Gays to use confrontation politics. It paid off better than back-room politics.

### NGTF Seeks Applicants for Director Position

The National Gay Task Force is seeking applicants for the position of Co-Executive Director to replace Dr. Bruce Voeller, who has announced his resignation effective January 1. Persons wishing to be considered for this position are encouraged to submit their resumes c/o The Search Committee, NGTF, 80 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011, no later than January 1.

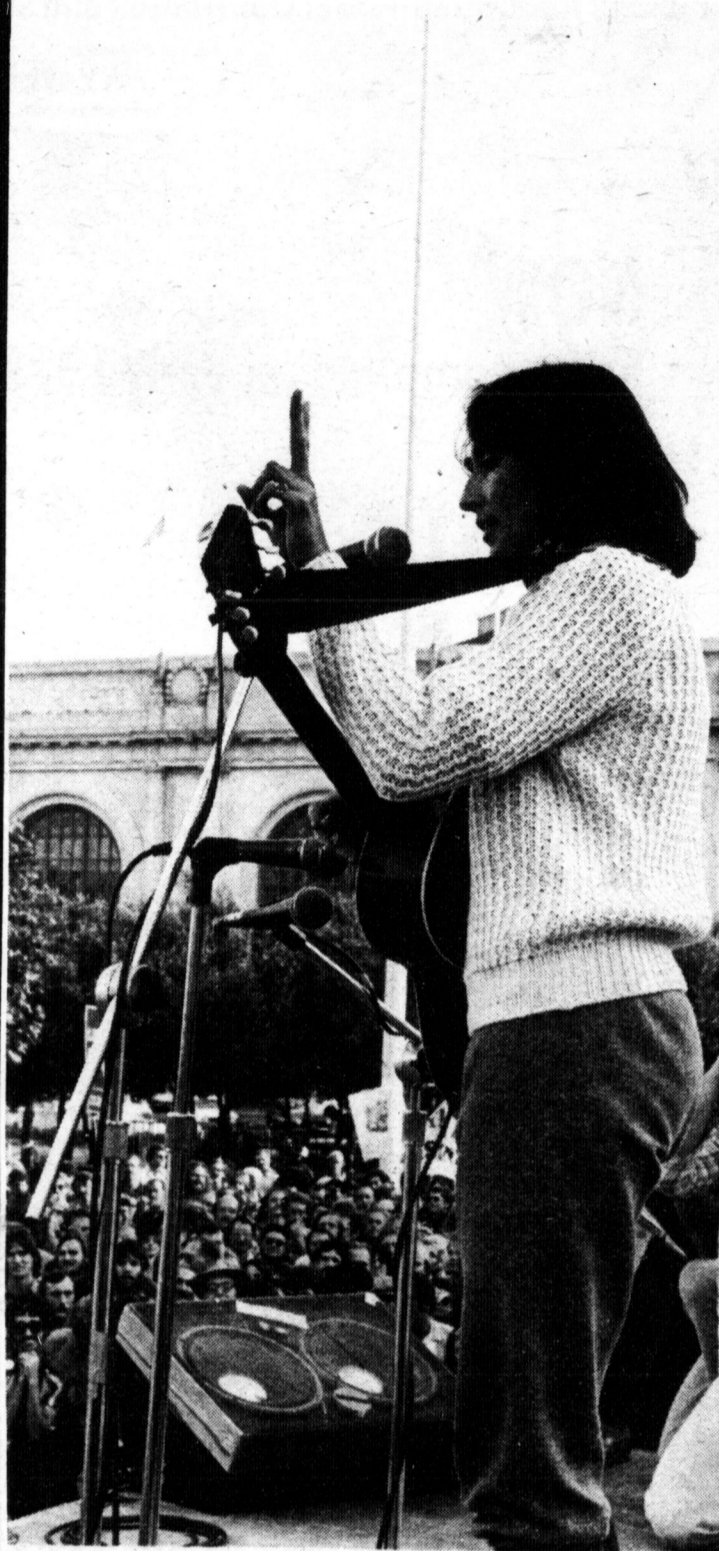
Jean O'Leary, who has served as Co-Executive Director with Dr. Voeller since 1976, will remain in her post. The Co-Executive Directors are responsible for the overall administration, fundraising and development of NGTF and its state offices. They are presiding officers of the executive and administrative work of the organization and are chief liaison to other organizations and institutions.

Candidates must have a strong background in the feminist and Gay civil rights movements and must have a proven ability in managing a growing staff of 14 and a budget of \$350 thousand. Verbal ability, media experience and the ability to serve as an effective spokesperson for the organization are also important.

The starting salary is \$17,000 with a liberal benefits package.

For further information, contact Ginny Vida at (212) 741-5800 or (212) 989-7008.

### Joan Baez Gives Gay Love A +



Joan Baez

Joan Baez surprised the crowd with an unexpected appearance at the BACABI/NO ON 6 Civic Center rally on November 4. She was candid in referring to her own homosexual desire and sang a dramatic song she had written about a Gay bar in Santa Monica. When she at first began to refer to "you" in her comments someone shouted, "Not YOU, but US." The singer smiled agreeably and said, "I hear you talking."

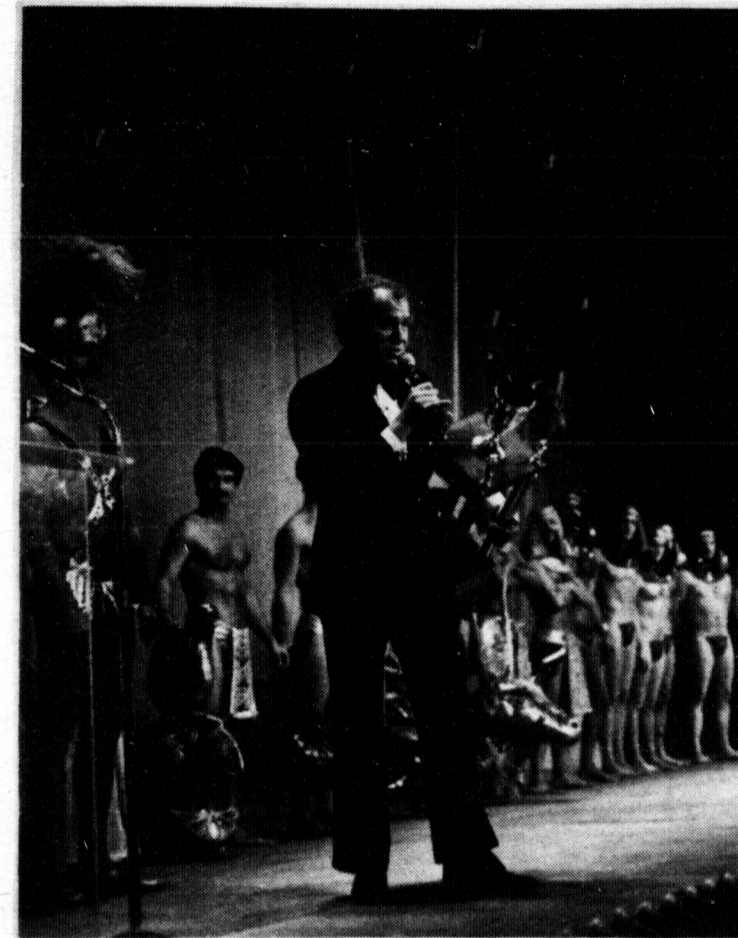
"I was seeing a psychiatrist years ago," she told the throng, "and he was trying to rationalize my homosexual feelings. He didn't think it was right. He really worked on it for awhile. Finally, he talked himself around a circle and said, 'Yes, as a matter of fact, if you are capable of loving anybody you ought to get an A or an A-plus.'"

In introducing the song about a Gay bar, she said the patrons were "A-plussing all over the place." The lyrics referred to the patrons who were getting "a little relief" in a place where the looks "were those that get printed in X-rated books," where cops cruise by, young lovers embrace "unchained and unblamed" and a trucker with kids and a wife gets "a little relief in the other half of his life."

The presentation brought a cheering reaction, and the crowd then sang the peace song, "Building a Bright New World," with Baez, providing her new lyrics — "I ain't going to let no senator turn me around, turn me around..."

## Sweet Lips Sez

by Dick Walters



The fabulous Michelle was this year's MC. The new Gay Freedom Day Marching Band & Twirling Corps entertained. (Photo by Dan Nicoletta)

### G.O.P. Accepts Gay Rights

The Briggs crisis made Gay rights a two-party issue — after years of dominance among Democrats.

The San Francisco Republican County Central Committee featured major display of no-on-6 on its slate card distributed to 72,500 registered party members. Data from a poll commissioned for Mike Henderson's Assembly candidacy had enabled a projection of which parts of District 17 had large numbers of undecided Republicans on Proposition 6. A mailing urging no-on-6 votes went to 7,000 of them in the closing days of the campaign. It

was financed by \$1,500 netted at an Oct. 15 fundraiser sponsored by Republicans Against 6 and the Gay-oriented Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR).

The state GOP's neutral stand on Proposition 6 was deliberated in September — prior to no-on-6 positions issued by prominent Republicans: former President Gerald Ford, former Gov. Ronald Reagan, U.S. Senator S. I. Hayakawa, and attorney general nominee George Deukmejian. gubernatorial candidate Evell Younger, never rescinding his neutrality, declared in the campaign's final two weeks that he would vote no-on-6.

The Young Republicans of California unanimously endorsed no-on-6 in statewide convention.

### Discrimination Cases Sought by CHEER

A federally-financed project, CHEER, is seeking examples of discrimination toward Gay people. It intends to interview 1,000 people. Confidentiality will be protected. Cases involving "closeted" Gays are sought.

John DeCecco, a member of the San Francisco State College faculty, heads the project. Telephone 333-6117 or 469-1137.



At the Beaux Arts Ball, Harvey Milk presents a \$5,000 check to Jose and Mavis for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band & Twirling Corps for uniforms — a gift from an anonymous donor. (Photo by Dan Nicoletta)

I would like to thank everyone involved, from workers to guests, for this year's star-studded Beaux Arts Ball. The costumes were fabulous, the bodies to die over, the winners sensational. I'm still recovering...

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## ANITA SAYS, 'MY WORLD IS CRUMBLING'

MIAMI — Singer/activist Anita Bryant still lives with her family here in a 23-room mansion at Miami Beach, but outside of fundamentalist religious circles, her popularity has been waning for some time. Some have compared her isolation with that of Richard Nixon at San Clemente.

The Gay Teachers initiative in California has further frustrated Bryant's campaign against the "militant homosexual" who she says is destroying America and her personal life.

All of this, Bryant contends, has damaged her health, caused her children to be harassed, reduce her family income drastically and is probably going to cost her the Florida Citrus Commission orange juice account in 1979.

The national publicity afforded Bryant has caused "my world to crumble" as she can no longer "go out and play some tennis or water ski — do a lot of things. I haven't been able to lead anything like a normal life for any sustained period for two years."

She believes that history "will (because of the almost total abomination of the entertainment industry and the media) picture me as some kind of witch who was out to do away with the homosexuals. But if it were to come from almighty God, if that were possible, I think it would be a totally

different thing."

Bryant is convinced that she is a maligned martyr. She is alternately angry, confused, and stunned by the treatment she has received. She urges, "The reaction has been a real rude awakening for me and I guess it affected me very deeply. There hasn't been any area of our individual lives or our family's life that hasn't been touched."

The singer is currently sending out pleas to "fight the militant homosexuals" through her new "Protect America's Children" organization. Her appearances before religious rallies are continuing but infrequent.

Bryant does not take any blame for her present state, nor does she place the blame on



Anita Bryant the public's rejection of her as a person. Who is responsible? — "the militant homosexual." She says that homosexuals have so abused her that she is now physically ill and unable to face the world. A sad and isolated woman, she now often repeats, "I am not capable of taking that kind of rejection, physically, verbally — the boycotting and the threats and all that."

Bob Kunst, the Miami activist who again placed Gay rights before the electorate in another initiative on November 7, believes "she is getting everything she deserves. She is a confused woman who is a major danger to the country because of her fanaticism. However, she has also helped the movement because she gives us solidarity, something for us to focus on."

## Gay Growth Group MAKING FRIENDS

Pacific Psychotherapy Associates has announced a personal growth group for Gay men, of any race, ethnic origin, or age. The group focus is on the experience of developing and sustaining supportive friendships. Gay men who at present choose to live a 'single' lifestyle may develop self-awareness through making friends. Intimacy with friends can be a primary source for personal growth and can nurture relationships of unique quality and commitment. Group sessions will be once per week for ten weeks — Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Pacific Psychotherapy Associates is a private mental health clinic, located near Divisadero and Oak Streets.

The facilitator, David Hoefer, M.S.W., is a licensed therapist with ten years experience leading growth/AWARENESS GROUPS WITH Gay men in San Francisco and Palo Alto. Fees are by Medi-Cal or a sliding scale fee. If interested, call 431-8114 for an interview.

The proposed rule would require that television and radio stations must consult with community groups to determine their needs and interests, including the Lesbian and Gay community. The purpose is to influence stations to form policies based on community needs.

Anita Bryant and the National Association of Religious Broadcasters have urged that the proposal be defeated. Letters are currently running 25-1 against the measure because of the mass mailings by Bryant and NARB.

The Gay Task Force urges that all Gay people immediately write to the Federal Communications Commission (a postcard will do it) to urge that the proposal be adopted. Correspondence may be sent to Secretary, FCC, 1919 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20054. Request a favorable vote for "the notice of proposal for rule-making, BC Docket No. 78-237."

## Anita & Miss Lillian Split Over Gay Issue

Lillian Carter, the President's outspoken mother, now has "absolute disgust" for singer/activist Anita Bryant. Miss Lillian recently told the Los

Angeles Times she was once "crazy about her — the sweetest little singer — and thought she should have won Miss



America that year she didn't."

What caused the change in attitude? . . . "Now I feel absolute disgust for her because of her position against homosexuals," Miss Lillian responded. She said she has told Bryant that she is wrong and that she should "shut up and mind her own business."

In an aside, the controversial woman said that she was at Studio 54, New York's famous disco, where she met many "really nice looking men." Later she discovered "they were all Gav."



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## UNION GAY BAR MUST HIRE STRAIGHTS

TORONTO, CA. — A union Gay bar here cannot hire employees with only one sexual preference. That is the ruling of Local 280 of the Bartenders' Union following a change of ownership of a straight bar, Forge Tavern, to Gay management.

The new owners renamed the bar "Katrina's" and sought to hire Gay personnel. That, the union contends, is discrimination based on sexual preference.

Julius Troll, secretary-treasurer of the union, asked the owners, "What does being a homosexual have to do with serving food and drinks? The sexual habits of the customers are of little concern to the waiters."

Katrina's management argued that its customers would "feel more comfortable" with bartenders and waiters of the same sexual orientation. It maintained before the Ontario Labor Relations Board that it was not bound by a collective bargaining agreement that would require the hiring of straight employees in a Gay establishment. The Board refused Katrina's appeal.

Of the over 100 Gay bars and restaurants in San Francisco, most are non-union and there has never been a concentrated attempt to unionize these businesses by culinary or bartender unions. Most of these businesses hire Gay personnel exclusively.

## GAYLIB Plates Banned in N.Y.

ALBANY — A controversy that was resolved in 1977 in California has again become an issue in New York State — vanity license plates that ban Gay content.

When San Francisco attorney Dick Gayer applied for his (\$25) GAYLIB license plates in 1976, he was denied by the California Motor Vehicle Department. Gayer fought the department in the courts for a year. He suddenly received his GAYLIB plates when Governor Jerry Brown appointed a new Motor Vehicle director.

New York has started to issue vanity plates and has put several Gay-related names on the forbidden list. Included are PERVERT, LSBEAN, RUGay, and GAYLIB. For \$15 applicants may get plates such as NORMAL and FAMILY.

No New York Gay applicant has challenged the denial of plates.

## 'Deviant' Label May Fade in London

LONDON — The British Health and Social Security Dept. and other national agencies are urging a change in the 1959 Mental Health Act which discriminates against homosexuals. The act allows physicians to place Gay persons in mental hospitals because they are "sexual deviants."

"The government should make it clear," a Health Dept. "White Paper" concludes, "that sexual deviancy of itself is not a mental disorder and does not provide sufficient grounds for compulsory detention in hospital."

London's Gay News reveals that the Liberal Party is working on anti-discriminatory issues that could liberalize current government policies against women, Blacks and Gays. The

Party has recommended that Gay rights be extended to Northern Ireland and Scotland and has taken a public position that the age of consent for Gay men should be reduced.

## Briggs/Voeller Debate Set

The vote on Sen. John Briggs' Prop. 6 is over, but the memory lingers on as the senator debates Dr. Bruce Voeller on November 13 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Voeller, who recently announced his pending resignation as co-chair of the National Gay Task Force, has signed with a New York lecture firm. Briggs is associated with the same agency and will be debating Voeller and others in the coming year on the subject of Gay Rights in America.

The debate will be in the Arizona Room, Memorial Union, Arizona State University, at 7:30 pm.

## Child Sex Myth Refuted by Seattle MD's

SEATTLE — A survey of 96 physicians here reveals that not one case of male child molestation was reported in a survey of child sex abuse. Each doctor reported to the University of Washington that at least one child (and as many as 7) had been discovered to having been molested sexually by an adult — but they were all female victims.

Fathers and stepfathers were responsible for 57 of the 102 reported cases. In most of the other cases a babysitter or a friend of the family was involved.

No cases were reported of a homosexual nature, and the myth (often refuted in other surveys) that many child molestations are caused by

## Les Ballets Trockadero to Make Exclusive Bay Area Appearance

The much hailed (and laughed at) New York travesty ballet company, LES BALLETS TROCKADERO DE MONTE CARLO, is coming to the San Jose Center for Performing Arts November 24, 25 and 26. All performances begin at 8:00 pm.

The event is being presented by Don Thomson and San Jose Theater Guild.

Cheered as "dead on target and hilarious," (*The New Yorker*), the accomplished all-male ballet troupe takes on and takes off on Martha Graham, Ivanov, Fokine, Balanchine, Robbins, and every ballet recital anyone ever suffered through.

"LES BALLETS TROCKADERO dance magnificently, whether clowning or not," says the *L.A. Times*.

The program includes the TROCKADERO's famous spoof of *Le Lac de Cygnes* (Swan Lake, Act II), as well as "Yes, Virginia, Another Piano Ballet" (Nov. 24 & 26), "Go for Barocco" and the "Dying Swan" (Nov. 25).

The cast features such internationally famous dancers as Olga Plushinskaya, Uninvited

male strangers who loiter near a school was again found to be a myth.

The Journal of the American Medical Association recently reported the study to its readers. The report added that physicians were reluctant to report child molestation cases to authorities because (1) a trauma that might result from an investigation and (2) lack of faith in social agencies to properly handle such situations.

## Gay Teachers: Better for Youth?

LONDON — "Gays often have greater emotional sensitivity and may well have a special affinity with the young," according to Dr. F. E. Kenyon, a psychiatrist at Oxford Hospital in London. He also affirms, in a pamphlet published by the British Medical Association, that Gays "may make the best school teachers."

What about sexual molestation of children? Dr. Kenyon states that "a young boy has no more chance of being physically molested by a male homosexual school teacher than the developing and often extremely attractive girl by a heterosexual one." In fact, he believes that the chances of such homosexual encounters are less likely because of the greater restraint maintained by homosexuals.

The psychiatrist emphasizes that less than 1 out of 10 child molestation cases involve homosexual activity.

Guest Artist, whom the Trocks bill as "The White Rhinestone of Russian Ballet." According to Artistic Director Natch Taylor, Olga "was an enormously popular ballet star in Russia until she escaped to the U.S. disguised as a defective bale of wheat."

Other stars include William Vanilla ("extremely personable . . . the ballerinas enjoy very

much dancing with him, the management finds him agreeable, and his costumes are never soiled") and Natalia Zlot-machinskaya ("born on a locomotive speeding through the Ural mountains . . . emigrated to New York where she has pushed ballet technique back to the time of Atilla the Hun").

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**Bigotry in San Jose Campaign**



Al Garza, San Jose councilman, holds confusing record on Gay rights. He lost in his mayoral bid.

Johnie Staggs, write-in candidate for Mayor, during her campaign denounced a local veterans' organization for introducing bigotry into the San Jose election.

In an editorial endorsing Al Garza, the vets' paper, *The Spotlight*, criticized Mayor Janet Gray Hayes' support of Gay Rights Week last spring. "We don't feel that the queers were deserving of any special recognition," the editorial said. "Better they should keep quiet about their peculiarities which is soft-peddling their illegal and immoral conduct."

"Homosexuality is not now and never has been illegal in California," replied Ms. Staggs, a 39-year-old avowed Lesbian grandmother. "Certain sexual acts were illegal for both Gays and straights until passage of the Willie Brown Consenting Adults Law in 1975. The veter-

ans' paper is perpetuating ignorance and bigotry, and I'm afraid that if Al Garza is elected on these grounds, it will lead to police harassment of Gays such as prevailed in the 1950's."

*The Spotlight* is a member of the American Legion Press Association and made the endorsement of Councilman Al Garza in its October issue. It also endorsed Assemblymen Alister McAlister and Richard Hayden and Sheriff James Geary.

Citing a section called "Mayor Hayes' Strange Votes" in a recent Garza campaign mailer, candidate Staggs accused both Garza and Hayes of political expediency in first passing, then rescinding, then passing again and rescinding again a council resolution affirming the human rights of the Gay minority.

"Al Garza's attack on Mayor Hayes asks, 'What kind of conservative supports Gay Pride Week?' Since when did either Hayes or Garza become con-

servatives?" queried Staggs. "When we interviewed Al last spring, he described himself as a 'progressive' politically. And with respect to Gay Pride Week, he said, 'I made the commitment twice before to other individuals that once again I would support the existence of a Gay Pride Week as well as the proclamation of a Gay Pride Day.'" We have that on tape. Both Al and Janet Gray backed down under pressure from the fundamentalist recall committee. Their 'strange votes' were the product of election year expediency."

**Homophobic Film Halted in East Bay**

"Boys Aware," a film made in the early 1970's in Southern California, has been withdrawn from circulation by the Alameda County Board of Education in the East Bay. The 12-minute film depicts homosexu-

al males as child molesters. It had been loaned to 15 Alameda teachers for screenings in high schools in the past year.

The narrative and content of the film warns male students that they should stay away from older male strangers. It depicts a handsome middle-aged male who becomes a "buddy" to a male teenager. He takes the teenager to his apartment and there are indications that something is going to happen. The narrator makes it explicit that sex then transpires and that the teenager is one of many who are "used" by male homosexuals in this manner. There is no discussion in the film of heterosexual child sex and the impression is left that it is male homosexuals who are the primary "child molesters."

Protests about "Boys Aware" were made to the Board by John Dupree, Pacific Center in Berkeley, and Diane Nuckles, Alameda County Family Planning Forum.

**East Bay M.C.C. To Move From Gay Center**

Metropolitan Community Church of the East Bay, which has rented office and worship space from the Gay Community Center in Berkeley since June of 1977, received notice last week that the center was closing as of October 31 and the church must vacate by November 27.

The small congregation of 30 members serving the needs of the Gay community in the East Bay found the move untimely, as they are in the midst of raising funds to buy a building to house the church and other community organizations at 4986 Fairfax Avenue in Oakland.

With several thousand dollars left to raise in order to complete the down payment and necessary renovation, M.C.C.

East Bay has asked for the community's help in purchasing the building so that there will be a permanent "home" for all Gay persons in the East Bay.

One of the many fundraising events planned is "A Harvest Costume Ball" to be presented by Billy De Frank & Associates on Friday, Nov. 24, at the San Lorenzo Community Center. Featuring live entertainment and dancing from 8:00pm until 1:00am, the \$5 donation and bar proceeds will benefit the M.C.C.E.B. building fund.

Anyone interested in making ticket reservations for "A Harvest Costume Ball" or making a donation to the building fund may call Rev. Claudia Viera at the church office, (415) 533-4848.

dancing and costume prizes. Call 533-4848 for more information and/or reservations.

**SANTA ROSA**

The weekend of November 18 & 19 the Court of Wine & Roses, Santa Rosa, will present their coronation, titled "Midnight at the Oasis," in the Empire Room at the Flamenco Hotel in downtown Santa Rosa, 4th Street and Farmers Lane, starting at 7:00 pm. This should be a blast and will feature a Victory Brunch on Sunday the 19th at the Santa Rosa Inn at Noon.

**MONTEREY**

The Investiture of Empress Cristina and Emperor Stan held last weekend came up with two important and well-deserved titles, among all others. The title of Grand Czarina for life was given to Jessie, who, although she has run many times for Empress, still supports those who win and the community. Billy De Frank was awarded Marquesa II for life for his outstanding support of the Monterey Cypress Empire.

**MODESTO**

Halloween Eve, the Brave Bull and the Mustang Club both held auctions for Prop. 6. A little over \$1,400 was raised. The monies will go toward buying postage to send out over 3,700 brochures explaining Prop. 6 to the voters in Stanislaus County. It is heartwarming to note that at the Brave Bull folks like Kivi and Danny Blaylock donated the monies they won in the costume contest back to the auction.

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by Gene

**SOUTH BAY**

**NOVEMBER 11**

Investiture of Czar II June Bug at the WE Junction, starting at 8 PM. Festivities will include a lavish buffet.

**NOVEMBER 15**

Grand Opening of the TOYON, 1035 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road, San Jose. They will feature a buffet and hourly drawings for door prizes with the grand prize drawing at midnight. Frank Banks, local popular pianist, will be on hand to delight you with his talents from 9:00 pm till 1:00 am.

**NOVEMBER 19**

Emperor Rey II Bill Gates and Empress Reina XI Carla LaMar will host "A November Auction" starting at 7:00 pm at A Tinkers Damn. Auctionable items and other donations are needed. You may call Emperor Rey II Bill Gates at 297-6262 for more information.

Also on the same day at 3:00 pm, Cowboy Rick and Cowgirl Jessie will host an Installation of their Posse — \$1 door charge, with entertainment, to be held at the Daybreak.

If you have a hankering to take a wild bus ride to the C.M.C. Carnival November 12, Andy at the 641 Club has tickets. He manages to make the bus ride one that you will not soon forget. Call him at 292-7069 to reserve your place on the bus — tickets are going fast.

The WE Junction will hold a Disco Dance Lesson Session every Tuesday at 8:00 pm. The cost is a mere \$3 a session,

**EAST BAY**

**NOVEMBER 10**

The Eddie Paulson 17th Annual Muscular Dystrophy Auction will be held at the Turf club starting at 6:30 pm. Auctionable items and donations are needed. You may call Eddie Paulson at 782-0493 to arrange for pick up of items, or call the Turf Club at 881-9877. Guest Auctioneers include Emperor Rey II Bill Gates of San Jose and the ever-popular Empress Reina XI Carla LaMar, who will be there after she goes to the Investiture of Emperor Bob Ross in San Francisco.

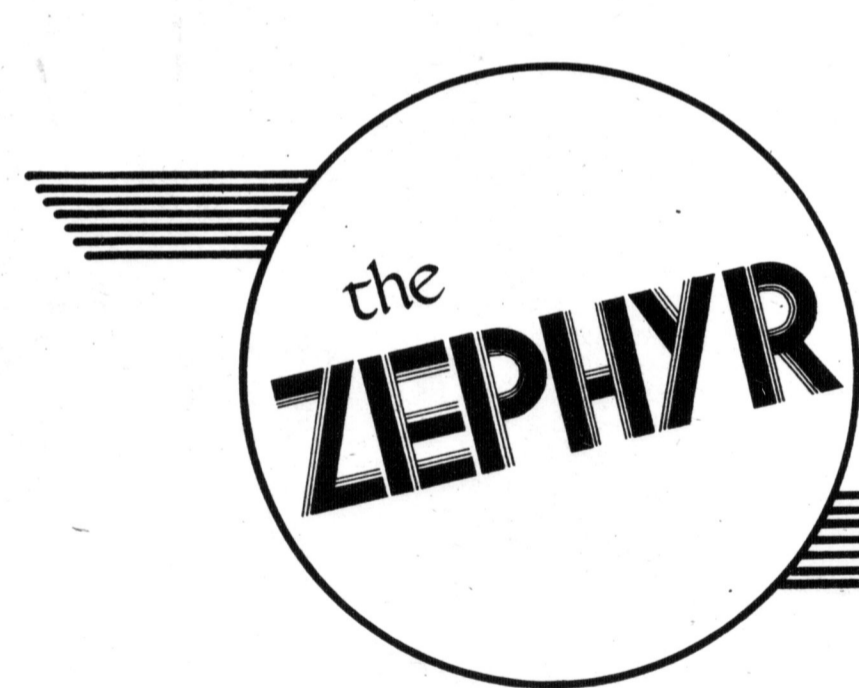
**NOVEMBER 18**

The Get-A-Way in Hayward will host "Hey There Good Times We're Back" at 10:30 pm and again during after hours at 2:30 am. The show will feature Warren Roberts and a host of other favorites.

The Revol in Oakland will feature a special Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23 with two sittings — 3:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Call 652-7144 for reservations.

**SAN LORENZO**

Billy De Frank and Associates will present a "Harvest Costume Ball" on November 24 at the San Lorenzo Community Center starting at 8:00 pm. A \$5 donation is requested which includes entertainment by Billy De Frank and Wagon Wheel Inc.,



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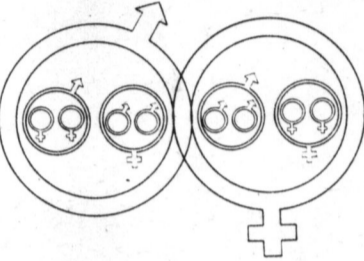
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