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Combined Gay Men's Chorus and the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Chorus at Christmas concert in Nourse Auditorium. The directors were Dick Kramer and Robin Kay. Here Kramer takes audience applause. (Photo by Rink)

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## Two Stabbed in Brutal Christmas Eve Attack

### Mission "Wolf Pack" Robs, Beats, and Stabs

by John F. Karr

Two Gay men were seriously wounded and two others beaten in an attack last Tuesday night, Christmas Eve, by a group of knife-wielding Latino teenagers. The attack occurred at approximately 10pm as the men were leaving La Rondalla, at 19th and Valencia, where they had dined. The group of five, including one woman, was surrounded by the teenagers and two men were punched and hit before knives were produced. Severely stabbed were Michael Anstath and Michael Bowman, both bartenders at the Red Eye Saloon on Jones Street. Anstath received five separate knife wounds, basically in his back, while Bowman received multiple wounds in his abdomen.

main in custody. One, appearing to be the ringleader, is a 17 year old youth with a previous arrest record. He was positively identified by Les Schwab, one of the victims, and when arrested had in his possession a knife still bearing blood later identified as Bowman's type.

Members of the group dining at the popular Mexican restaurant were, besides Anstath and Bowman, Dudley Bryant (also known as Alexis, a former Empress of Reno); John Williams, a friend; and Les Schwab, roommate of the knifed Anstath. Also present was a woman identified only as Sheila. All of the above are employed at the Red Eye Saloon. They had been having a celebratory dinner before the attack.

west side of Valencia Street towards their car. They separated into two groups when Bryant and Bowman stopped to look in a store window. Walking ahead, Schwab was disconcerted by the rapid approach of the group of teenagers down an alley that runs alongside the Fickle Fox. Schwab turned back to alert his friends, but the teenagers ran up and encircled the group in the arcade of a store. They were punching Bryant and Williams in the chest and face. Schwab grabbed his close friend Anstath and began to run towards a better lit part of the street, but the gang attacked more viciously, with buck-

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Although three of the attackers were apprehended shortly after the attack, only two re-

Leaving the restaurant at 10pm, they walked up the



Gay patrons had just finished eating at the popular La Rondalla Restaurant on Valencia Street — minutes later, two of the five had been stabbed repeatedly and two other beaten and robbed. (Photo by Rink)

## 1980 New Year's Eve In San Francisco

by Allen White

At a glance there is going to be something for everybody this New Year's Eve. Checking around the city, there appears to be four spectacular events being staged.

RESOLUTIONS, Conceptual Entertainment's presentation at the Galleria begins at 10pm and runs till dawn. The featured performer will be Linda Clifford. The event is sold out and there will be no tickets available at the door. According to the folk at Conceptual Entertainment, if you've got a ticket come prepared for one of the most fabulous parties you have ever attended.

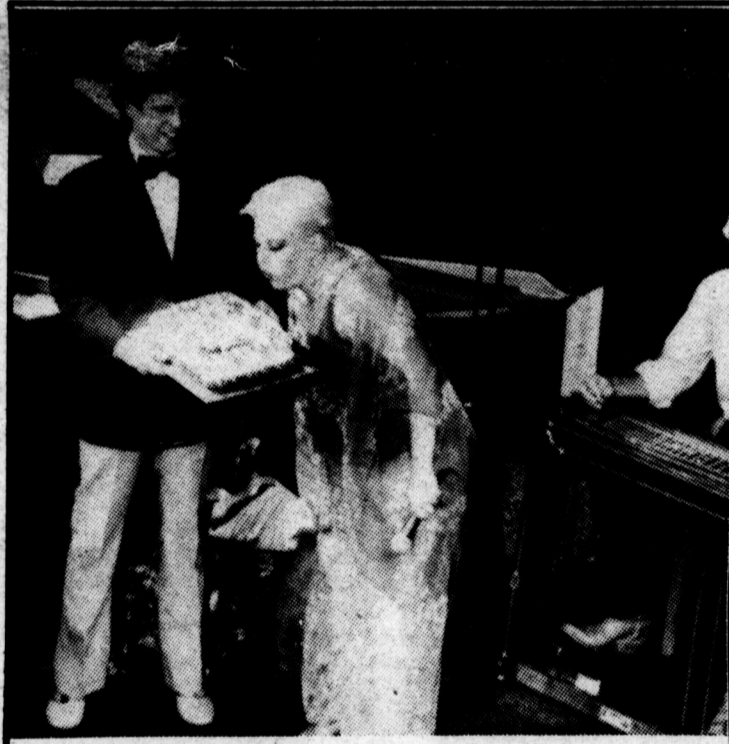
FIRST LIGHT at the I-Beam may still have tickets available. The party will feature entertainment by Vickie Sue Robinson, Jean Carn, and Miss Adaritha. There's no doubt about it, this is going to be one of the hot shows in town. In addition to

the entertainment, there will be many special sidelights including buffet and breakfast catered by Kiss My Sweet. Tickets in advance are \$25, and if you want to go, my suggestion is you haul ass down to All American Boy, Headlines, Gramophone, or to the I-Beam ticket office. If tickets are available at the door, the price will be \$30 each. It all starts at 9pm.

Trocadero Transfer's party begins at 9pm, and it's called THE FIRST PARTY OF 1981. It will run until noon the following day. They're selling tickets only in advance, and you have to be a cardholder or a guest of a cardholder. Their featured star will be Viola Wills. For further information call 495-0185.

Dreamland is also pushing towards a sell-out with their

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Gay favorite Sharon McNight blows out candles on her birthday cake. (Photo by Rink)

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## Gay Hotels Buck Conversion Ordinance

### Britt Called to Task by Small Gay Businessmen

by John F. Karr

Considerable tension was in the air at the third meeting of the recently formed Concerned Hotel Owners Association held last Saturday, December 27. Ten members of the group gathered to present Supervisor Harry Britt an "information memo" detailing their disagreements with the Proposed Hotel Conversion Ordinance, a bill with which Britt has been so closely associated it is frequently called the Britt Bill.

The basic thrust of the bill is to curb conversion — that is, changing of present units from residential to tourist use. In a campaign designed reputedly to save the Tenderloin, the bill is an important issue. It is in the city's interests to create housing for the elderly and marginal types, although that appears contrary to the economic needs of hotel owners, who prefer the ability to rent as they please. The Concerned Hotel Owners

Association, a Gay organization, is comprised of owners of the Brothel, the Gough-Hayes, the Atherton, the El Dorado, the Casa Loma, the Pension San Francisco, the Paradiso, the Kinney, Brown's and the Anxious Arms. These hotels are not in the Tenderloin, yet will be drastically affected by passage of the bill in ways enumerated in their memo.

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## Two Stabbed in Brutal Christmas Eve Attack

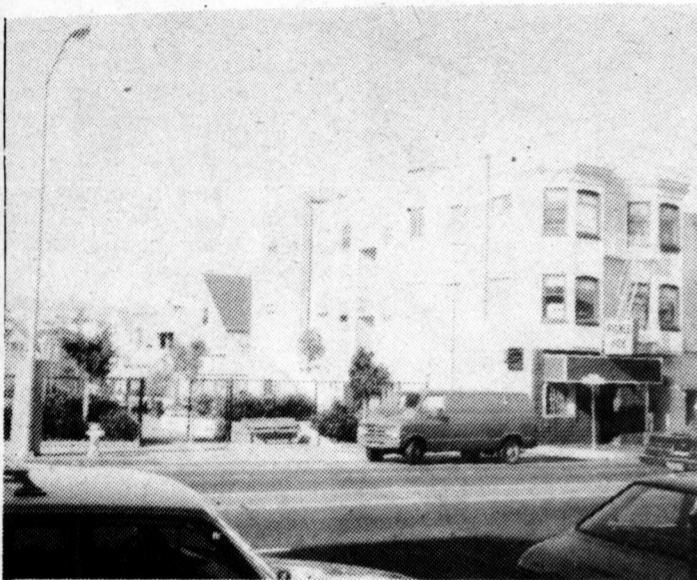
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knives. While Anstath was stabbed in the back, Bowman's abdominal punctures damaged his liver. Both men required major surgery to check their internal organs.

Bryant entered the Fickle Fox to secure help, which was not forthcoming until the assailants had fled. Only then did staff of the Fickle Fox appear with water and napkins to com-

Bowman's blood on his knife, the other will most likely be prosecuted as an adult. At this age, with a previous record, evidence and the District Attorney's consent, a juvenile may be tried as an adult. The other attackers, a total of seven, have not yet been arrested. Schwab intends on pressing charges to the fullest.

Anstath and Bowman were



Scene of "wolf pack" attack on five Gays Christmas Eve. Mini park on left, Fickle Fox Restaurant on right. (Photo by Rink)

press the wounds. Ten minutes passed before police arrived. Taking Schwab with them in their car, they searched nearby streets for the attackers. They drove up 20th Street to Dolores Park, where spotlights were played over bushes where the boys might hide. Unsuccessful, they returned toward Mission, finding several of the attackers loitering on a Mission Street corner. One boy, a 17 year old, had a blood-stained knife with him. All were placed in custody. Schwab later made a positive identification, and three were to be held by the Juvenile Court. Mysteriously, despite Schwab's identification, one boy has been released. Due to a prior arrest record and the incriminating presence of

on the critical list for several days, but by Friday were beginning to recuperate. The seriousness of the wounds demands major surgery to check damage on internal organs. Fortunately, Anstath escaped internal damage, but Bowman's liver was slightly cut. Both are now sharing a hospital room and will probably need a full week from last Friday before they can be released. The chance of contracting pneumonia after such surgery is a possibility; and a longer convalescence at home will be required.

John F. Karr

### Valencia Street Attacks

## D.A. Seeks to Prosecute Juvenile as Adult

San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith announced December 29 that his office has initiated proceedings against two juveniles who participated in a gang attack against four individuals in the vicinity of Valencia and 20th Streets. The juveniles, ages 15 and 17, are charged with 4 counts of assault with a deadly weapon and 1 count of attempted murder.

The District Attorney also announced that a petition was filed the same day in Juvenile Court to require that the 17 year old be tried as an adult.

The two were part of a gang of 10 youths who assaulted their victims as they left a Christmas Eve dinner and were returning to their automobile. Two of the victims were hospitalized and one required emergency surgery to save his life. He suffered two stab wounds in the back and two in the front of his body, one of which severed his aorta.

The arrest was made shortly after the incident as a result of excellent police work (according to the D.A.'s press release) and the prompt cooperation of a victim/witness.

According to the District Attorney, the filing of the petition to treat the 17 year old as an adult is in keeping with his policy of prosecuting youths in adult court in all cases where they have committed serious violent crimes: "All youths or adults, who engage in violent crime must come to know that they will be swiftly pursued and arrested by the police and just as swiftly prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office to the fullest extent of the law."

## Manager's Son Attacks Building Resident

in his right shoulder blade.

In a second incident on Christmas Eve, though not as harmful as the Valencia Street stabbing, a Gay man was attacked and beaten in the vestibule of his own apartment.

Gary L. Kirkman, of 10 Glendale Street, was jumped by four teenagers as he entered the door of his apartment at 4:30pm on Christmas Eve. One of his attackers was the son of the building manager, and the others appeared to be his friends. Kirkman was physically accosted and forcibly stopped from entering his apartment by the teenage thugs, who proceeded to beat him. Kirkman's cries for help alerted his roommate, who arrival caused the teenagers to depart. Kirkman was treated by a doctor; he sustained a black eye, bruises and a broken bone

On reporting the incident to the police, he was given a file number and told he had five days to press charges, for which he would need to hire an attorney. Kirkman was informed by a lawyer acquaintance that, as the victim, the prosecutor's office should supply an attorney and that the police were being uncooperative, at best. Kirkman does plan to press charges and has recourse to civil court, where he can sue for damages. The B.A.R. office advised that he contact the Community United Against Violence (CUAV) office at 563-0631 for advice and support as well as keeping a log on financial expenditures, damage to his person and clothing and other such matters to be used when the court assesses his losses.

## John Karr: Now B.A.R. Associate Editor

This issue John Karr assumes a new post at the B.A.R. as Associate Editor. Karr will continue his popular column "Porn Corner." The B.A.R. is the only Gay publication in the nation that has treated homophobic pornography as a genre worthy of commentary and analysis. Karr has been a pioneer in this field.

Karr also has contributed the occasional cabaret piece for the paper's Entertainment Section.

In his new post Karr will begin to cover hard news stories, develop feature stories, and also develop and train cub reporters. He will also assume some of the editorial chores in a back-up capacity.

We asked Karr to compose his own introduction:

I was born in Chicago the year KISS ME KATE opened, and was raised in Milwaukee, a lovely city by a lake. Budd Schulberg might have been de-

scribing me when he said of the Fitzgerald's that "they thought youth was a career, not a preparation." I've spent many years larking about, which is a great joy, and educational as well, but impractical.

My childhood was passed pursuing theatricals and other unrealities, and I studied theater in college. My appreciation of the written word led me to write several plays (destroyed) and operettas galore (all now hidden from sight). This later led to my joining the B.A.R. staff. Here I am pleased to be able to work with other Gay writers and reach a larger Gay audience, as I have always tried to inform my work with a Gay point of view.

My life-long fascination with the musical theater will soon result in several books on the subject. The first will be a critical discography of cast albums, this chore aided by my present employment as a Purveyor of Vinyl at Tower Records.

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## New Year's Eve

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event, AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. It, too, begins at 9pm. For last minute information on this affair, call Dreamland at 495-8660.

For those who want a cabaret atmosphere, the place will be the Plush Room at the Hotel York. Their show starring Michael Greer will feature Lynn Eldredge, Rick Roemer and Scott Rankine. In addition to the show there will be dancing. This show is going to be one of the best in town and, like many of the other shows, may be sold out. It is worth checking out by calling the Hotel York directly at 885-6800 for the status of tickets. Their program will begin at 9pm.

### ALSO POSSIBLE

The Exotic-Erotic New Year's Eve Ball at California Hall, 625 Polk Street (at Turk) from 8pm to 2am. Produced by Louis Abolafia and Perry Mann. \$12 at door.

Studio West is inviting everyone to spend a special New Year's from 9 until dawn. They feature a special performance by Vickie Sue Robinson.

The P.S. is also featuring a special New Year's Eve dinner.

Ritch Street is having a special New Year's Bash — \$5.50 to \$8.50.

Polk Street Connection is offering a special New Year's Eve dinner, as is Valencia Streets Fickle Fox. The Brass-

erie/Castle Grand's

erie/Castle Grand's Champagne Feast is sold out, but there's space at their before party supper from 5:30 thru 8:30. The Galleon has a special New Year's menu and a special New Year's Day brunch from 10am to 4pm.

If you're going to any of the above shows or none of the above, a great place to start the night will be the New Bell Saloon on Polk Street. David Kelsey and Pure Trash begin at 8:30pm. And, it's FREE! There will be no cover charge and the group will be playing throughout the evening.

Now if you are really on a budget, let me give you a tip from my spendthrift friend, Jerry. About 11:30pm ease on down to the Gay crossroads of the world, 18th & Castro. Nothing is planned, but I can virtually guarantee you a fabulous time kicking 1980 out of your life and bringing in 1981. By the way, my understanding is that none of the bars in the Castro area will have a cover.

This year a lot of people are trying to outdo each other to entertain you, and you can spend anywhere from \$40 to get in down to zero. So this year, you owe it to yourself to go out, have a ball, and with it take our best wishes for a Happy New Year. ■

## Empress Candidates Debut

The Privy Council of San Francisco announces the first presentation of the official candidates for Empress XVI de San Francisco at the California Club, 1750 Clay Street (between Van Ness & Polk), on Saturday, Jan. 3, beginning at 8pm.

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## 1981 Cable Car Awards

Planning has now started for the 1981 Cable Car Awards which will be presented on Sunday night, February 8. This will be the seventh annual presentation and it will take place at the Japan Center Theatre.

The Cable Car Awards recognize outstanding achievement in the Gay community. Categories for awards have been expanded to include an even broader representation of the Gay community's talents, including the fields of journalism, sports, entertainment and community service. At this time, the nominating committees are encouraging input from everyone in the community for nominations for the awards. Most of the awards are chosen by public ballot on the night of the awards. Other awards are presented by committee vote. Bob Cramer, Chair of the Cable Car Awards, has stated that any person who wishes to submit names of groups, individuals or events which they feel there has been outstanding achievement in the community to do so. This may be done by mailing suggestions to: Cable Car Awards, 150 Powell Street, Room 301, San Francisco 94102.

It has also been noted that entries are being received in the categories of business advertising and poster design. Those attending the Cable Car Awards will have the opportunity to view the pieces nominated before voting their choices. Those wishing to enter work into these categories should submit their material to the offices of B.A.R. at 1528 15th Street (between South Van Ness and Mission) in San Francisco. The artwork will be returned.

All nominations must be received by Thursday, Jan. 7.

## NYC Council Stands Up For Gays

New York City Councilwoman Miriam Friedlander last week introduced a strong resolution into the City Council. The motion entitled "Violence Against the Gay and Lesbian Community" was intended to help stem the increase in violence against Gays. It was co-sponsored by five other council members and referred to the council's General Welfare Committee for action.

Friedlander's resolution called upon all relevant city agencies to strengthen their efforts against acts of violence directed at the Gay community. In addition, she urged them to take steps to create a greater sensitivity and awareness among their own personnel and where possible to establish "better lines of communication with the Gay and Lesbian community."

She said that information provided by the East Village Lesbian and Gay Neighbors, the Chelsea Gay Ass'n, and the Community Anti-Gay Violence Hotline indicates "a major rise in violence borne of fear and prejudice and an uneven response from city agencies."

The resolution was partially an outgrowth of the reaction to the Ramrod Bar attack which killed two Gay men and seriously injured six others.

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## Gay Hotels Buck Conversion Ordinance

**Britt Called to Task by Small Gay Businessmen**  
by John F. Karr

The CHOA sees the ordinance as a Gay issue, and notes that special benefits for Gays staying in hotels would likely be destroyed, as well as leaving Gay employees unemployed. They point out Britt's election on a Gay platform and the irony of these Gay businesses now being threatened by a bill that has Britt's support. Members of CHOA were not consulted during the research, planning and writing of the ordinance, and have been portrayed as "Big Business Interests," like the downtown hotels which would be unaffected by the bill, when in fact they are small businesses managed and maintained by their proprietors. Lastly, they point out their positive contribution to the neighborhoods, and the fact that most conversions, which improve properties, increase the tax base and offer increased Gay employment, have been made by Gay owners.

The Concerned Hotel Owners Association listed the important segments of Britt's constituency who would be penalized, in their view, by the bill. These include, first, Gays who prefer transient hotel living, whom hotels would cease serving under the bill. The hotels would not want to jeopardize the "transient" classification of a unit by renting it past the 30-day period such people often desire. Second, tourist Gays will find fewer and more expensive rooms in Gay hotels and may be driven back to downtown hotels. Gays who are members of transient hotel staffs form a third group of affected peoples, since residential hotels need smaller staffs. Lastly, the CHOA claims the minority owners of small hotels will lose the right to control their own business destiny by circumscribing their incomes, as well as limiting and discouraging any expenditure for building improvement or expansion, due to their inability to expect recovery of their capital. They feel the bill may drive some of them to bankruptcy by causing them to accept less income than they had projected.

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### MCC Project

## Lectures Scheduled for Gay Cuban Program

The Metropolitan Community Church Cuban Refugee Program, in cooperation with the San Francisco Community College Centers, is initiating the second phase of its effort to assist in the relocation, resettlement and acculturation of the Gay Cubans of the Bay Area.

Professionals fluent in Spanish and English will present talks in the areas of immigrant status, welfare, housing, jobs, personal health and hygiene, educational opportunities, personal safety, money management, food purchasing and preparation, and social

preparation, and social customs in and out of the Gay community. Professionals from the ranks of the S.F. Board of Health, V.D. Control Center, Mission Hiring Hall, JobPower, California Department of Social Services as well as from the

To meet their needs, the CHOA wants amendments made to the bill that will more reasonably meet their needs as small businesses. Obviously, those businesses that made plans involving tourists will find the bill detrimental. Hotels need the tourist dollar for keep and staff wages and benefits, yet the bill will largely curtail the tourist trade the hotels do.

Another mitigating factor is the moratorium on conversion imposed since November of 1979. Some hotel owners have converted during this time, not knowing how they would be affected by the forthcoming bill. This was a gamble which now becomes a test, as they see how they can best serve their tenants and their own business interests.

Complaints about the city's handling of the bill are well grounded. Not only were these Gay hotel owners not consulted, but the original drafters of the bill turn out to include a VISTA volunteer, which results in a federally funded job influencing hotel legislation. Also, the city should have banned office conversion during the moratorium, for this also contributes to the lack of residential units. The "downtown" interests are protected by the lack of such a ban.

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## Golden Gate Business Association Elects New Officers



New GGBA officers: (L to R) Roger S. Gross, vice president; Jon Blumenstock, secretary; and Matthew A. Coles, president. (Photo by Tony Plewik)

The Golden Gate Business Association, San Francisco's Gay business association, last week elected officers and board members for 1981. Attorney Matthew A. Coles was elected president; Roger S. Gross, also an attorney, vice president; Jon Blumenstock, owner of Royal Pharmacy, secretary; and William F. Clark, C.P.A., treasurer.

Additional board members of GGBA for 1981 are: Lu Chaikin, psychotherapist; Arthur S. Lazere, C.P.A.; Rick L. Manning, attorney; Douglas Nelson, The ITF Group; Dick Pabich, Rivaldo Pabich & Friends; John A. Schmidt, Schmidt & Schmidt Insurance Associates; and Martin M. Topf, The Computer Center. The executive secretary is Kim

Cortright.

The new president of the association, Matt Coles is a lawyer in private practice in San Francisco and has been a member of the organization for several years. Coles, 29, has authored Gay nondiscrimination ordinances adopted by the cities of San Francisco, Berkeley, Los Angeles, and the Bay Area Rapid Transit District.

Coles is a cum laude graduate of Yale University and holds a J.D. degree from Hastings College of the Law. He has taught constitutional law at Hastings College, and last year he served on the transition team for District Attorney Arlo Smith. Coles currently is a consultant to the United States Civil Service Commission. He is also the attorney for the sev-

en former Sentinel workers in their back wage dispute with publisher Charles Lee Morris. He represented the ex-staffers before the California Labor Commission and in subsequent appeals.

With more than 600 men and women in business as members, GGBA is one of the most prominent Gay organizations in the Bay Area, with considerable economic clout. In addition to monthly meetings and seminars, the association publishes a buyer's guide/directory of member firms twice a year, offers a telephone referral service to the public, and has recently established a non-profit foundation to raise and distribute funds to charitable organizations in the Bay Area that benefit the community.

## Jaguar Goes Before New Board

by Konstantin Berlandt

The Jaguar Book Store's Private Membership Club's second floor commercialization application will be appealed to the newly elected San Francisco Board of Supervisors at their very first convening Monday, Jan. 12, 2pm, at City Hall. Store management has appealed to the Gay community to support the application at the hearing or through letters and phone calls to any and all of the 11 Supervisors. Eight of their 11 votes are required to overturn the city's Planning Commission ruling against the club's second floor operations.

Some support for the Jaguar came two weeks ago through an overwhelming endorsement of the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club after a heated debate that illuminated both the myriad arguments in favor of the club's continuance in its current premises and the opposition bureaucratic red tape contrivances against Gay sex.

Arguing against the endorsement was Milk Club member Chris Perry. He said the Jaguar had not applied for the proper permits and within the appropriate deadlines to be excepted from the commercial zoning of the neighborhood. The rezoning was passed approximately six months after the controversial establishment

had moved from its more discreet location behind Hibernia Bank at 18th and Castro Streets that has since become the symbolic crossroads of the world's Western Gay Mecca.

Jaguar owner Ron Ernst insists he immediately began to convert the second floor of the three-story mustard yellow Victorian at Hartford and 18th Streets, a half block from that world renowned "pretension to freedom." Thwarted from completing essential fire safety sprinklers and stairway by a group of neighbors outraged after second story fire doors and three-spigot shower were installed to improve the premises for the club's over 10,000 annual members, Ernst has been caught in a Catch-22 situation by City Hall ever since.

This spring on appeal the Board of Permit Appeals granted the lobby bookstore its right to continue but shortened store hours. Only then did the Planning Commission, which had sat on club construction permits including life-saving fire safety systems for two years, notify the club for the first time that their second floor conversion (begun before the rezoning) was in violation of the subsequent ordinance.

Jaguar lawyer Richard

## Burn, Baby, Burn!

The Mayor of Los Angeles was cheered by several hundred people as he helped burn the mortgage for the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center during recent Open House ceremonies. The property had been secured through receipt of a \$233,000 block grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development arranged through the City of Los Angeles. Assisted by Councilperson Zev Yaroslavsky, Municipal Court Judge Rand Schraeder and Deputy Mayor Grace Davis, Mayor Tom Bradley participated in the ceremonies which retired the mortgage for the Center's building at 1213 North Highland Avenue in Hollywood.

GLSCS's ninth annual Open House also featured the presentation of awards to Jim Kepner and Morris Kight for their contributions to the quality of life in Los Angeles. Both men have long been active in the Gay movement in Los Angeles.

Shortly after Harvey Milk's assassination, Gays in San Francisco were assured by Mayor Feinstein that one of her priorities would be securing funds for a Gay Community Center. To date the community has not received funding for such a building. Somehow or other, Los Angeles has managed to pull it off, which indicates that there are ways to get these things done.

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## Jaguar Goes Before New Board

by Konstantin Berlandt

by arson. The East of Castro Club (EOCC) at the Castro-17th-Market Streets intersection closed earlier this year after being accused of violating the city's red light abatement act that prohibits sex clubs in some neighborhoods from being within 1000 feet of each other — proximity to the older Jaguar allegedly actionable.

And now the city's Planning Commission, exploiting a concern for housing, would lop off the second and more popular floor of the Jaguar, the last explicitly Gay sex outlet in the area.

**A movement that cannot stand up tall and proud for the very thing that brings us all together in a certain visceral and inescapable sense is a movement of apology that will not know where to stop.**

Outgoing Milk Club president Bill Kraus told the meeting that the homophobes protesting the Jaguar's business made no objections to the same code's violation by perhaps 40 businesses built in formerly second floor residential space since the late '78 effected downzoning of the neighborhood. "Lawyers argue permits; we argue issues," Kraus said, specifically addressing Milk member Perry's objections to the Democratic Club supporting the sex club's flight.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club president Gerry Parker, also at the meeting, warned that we hadn't begun to see the New Wave Right repression of

Gay community activities and asked, "If the line isn't drawn at the Jaguar, where will it be? Polk Street? South of Market?"

Lesbian/Gay Parade Committee Co-chair Greg Day also spoke in favor of the Milk Club support of the Jaguar appeal, labeling as "absurd" Perry's argument that the issue was one of the Jaguar's seeking special privileges and having "nothing to do with Gay."

"To say that the Jaguar did not have the proper permits" Day likened to last month's police refusal to grant the Milk

Club a permit to march in the street on the second anniversary of their namesake's and former Mayor George Moscone's double assassination. The march was defended by Milk Club vice president Glenn Craig from the City Hall microphone that evening. "We didn't have a permit the first time we marched on this day," Craig, however, voted against the club's support of the Jaguar two weeks ago without voicing her objections at the meeting.

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## Gay Framed by N.C. Court

Raleigh, N.C.

Willie Pilkington, a Gay man charged with trying "to take indecent liberties" with a 12-year old boy, will have his case heard in an appeal before the North Carolina Supreme Court. Pilkington was originally sentenced to a four-year prison term in July 1979 solely on the basis of the boy's testimony. The man told Boston's *Gay Community News*, "When it got to court it was my word against a child's word. I had never seen that child before." During the trial Assistant District Attorney Linda Mobley, who was prosecuting the case, asked Pilkington if he were Gay. Pilkington confessed his homosexuality. "In the minds of North Carolina jury, that's enough evidence right there," he stated.

His appeal comes because Mobley presented the previous criminal record of another Willie Pilkington at the trial. Most of the record used was for another man with the same name, but a different date of birth. The convicted Pilkington's actual police record consisted of minor traffic offenses. "The only thing I can say is the jury was looking at this as being an accurate record," Pilkington remarked. "In their minds they trusted the prosecutor, just like we're supposed to. The jury thinks, 'Gosh, this guy must really take us all as jerks. Of course the prosecutor has the right information. She's reading it from the record.'"

On August 19, 1980, the Fourth District Court of Appeals denied Pilkington's request for a new trial. In October 1980, however, the North Carolina Supreme Court agreed to hear the case. A judgment is expected this month in Raleigh.

## Of Kings and Queens

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The National Park Service has unveiled a special exhibit at Jamestown National Historical Site called "Jamestown's Other People." The exhibit features stories of the contributions of women, Blacks, and other minorities, including Gays, to the first permanent English settlement in North America. The exhibit results from the September 1979 Jamestown Conference on Women and Minorities. Among the participants at that conference were members of the Unitarian-Universalist Gay Community of Norfolk who had specific suggestions on the way Gay people should be portrayed.

The exhibit stands in the lobby of the visitors center in Jamestown. The town was founded in 1607 on the James River. Until 1699 it was recognized as the capital of Virginia. The exhibit notes that the town itself was named after King James I of England, Great Britain's reigning monarch, noted by historians to be homosexual. The town is about nine miles from Williamsburg. Admission to the site is \$2 per car or 50 cents per person on bicycle. Check out a part of the nation's early history and see how Gay men and women contributed to the colonization of Virginia.

## Gay Murder Study

### Closeted Gays More Prone to Knife Murders

A recent study by Dr. Laud Humphreys and Brian Miller combined several research projects with the investigation of 161 murders with homosexual overtones. Results of the combined studies differ greatly from current law enforcement ideas about violence in homosexual life. The study concludes that the heterosexually married, closeted Gay male is the most likely person to be the victim of a crime, rather than the Lesbian or Gay male who is open about his/her homosexuality or who lives in a Gay marriage.

The study reports that street hustlers are far from the innocent children depicted as being seduced and molested by "dirty old men." "Hustlers tend to be young men with a great deal of criminal experience and traumatic incarceration in their backgrounds, ill at ease with their own homosexual feelings and behavior, angry, and in need of money to finance polydrug habits."

One of the most striking features demonstrated by the study was that 54 percent of murders with homosexual overtones in 1976 revealed stabbing as the chief cause of death. Only 17.8 percent of murders in that same year employed a knife as the murder weapon.

## Parade Groups Unable to Unite

by Konstantin Berlandt

Representatives of the two parade committees (each competing for community support) met Sunday to arbitrate under the auspices of Capp Street Foundation administrator Art Simon. However, the two groups proved to be as far apart as ever.

Both sides — the Gay Freedom Day Committee corporate Board of Directors and the more recently formed Lesbian/Gay Parade Committee — presented their respective proposed bylaws. The presentation revealed that the issues that drove the two groups apart originally were as contentious as ever.

The GFDC Board favors a strong board like themselves and a membership that must pay in order to vote. Its meetings are scheduled only twice annually — four months before the parade and two months after.

Board members pointed out their bylaws were merely the minimum the state required of non-profit corporations (the membership might meet more often if they choose). The L/GPC team insisted their bylaws (which called for at least monthly meetings — except in July) were designed to prevent the kind of conflict that typified this year's parade production.

Democracy versus pragmatism was how one Board member characterized the dispute. Simon, at the purse strings of the City Hotel Tax Fund's

had been imprisoned at least once; 14 percent were arrested seven or more times prior to the time they began to hustle; 49 had been in juvenile correctional institutions, and 8 percent had been jailed in adult prisons; 33 percent reported being sexually assaulted during the institutionalization, with no therapy provided for victims of jail rape.

The study suggests that the Gay men who choose to lead a double life expose themselves to the greatest risk of violent crime and murder. The double life to which closeted Gays cling often exposes them to the high incidence of heterosexual domestic violence as well as violence associated with the homosexual underground. Of 50 respondents to a study of male street hustlers, 64 percent

The study's conclusion is no surprise. "Movement of homosexual marginals into openly Gay lifestyles appears to decrease their vulnerability to violent crime. The Gay world not only offers a variety of social, affectional and cultural opportunities, but also tends to protect members from those who may victimize them."

Meanwhile, L/GPC is going ahead with nominations of 1981 officers at their Sunday, Jan. 11, meeting at 5pm at the Women's Building, with further nominations and elections January 25 and a spaghetti dinner fundraiser (\$3.50) Friday, Jan. 23, 7:30pm, also at the Women's Building. The GFDC Board has scheduled within their bylaws a meeting of their paid general membership for the third Wednesday in February.

The GFDC Board also reported progress in finding an auditor to review the books of last year's event, still reportedly \$6,000 in arrears. Total monies spent to produce this year's event has been down-estimated from a previously reported \$55-70,000, but it is now more like \$25-30,000, according to one Board member.

## Sodomy Law Plugged By N.Y. High Court

Major Gay Victory Hailed Around Nation

Albany, N.Y.

A few days before Christmas, New York State's highest court ruled that sexual practices that are legal for married couples should also be legal for consenting, unmarried adults.

In a landmark decision, the New York Court of Appeals on December 18 voided Penal Law §130.38 which prohibited anal and oral sex between unmarried persons. The high court in a 5 to 2 decision held that the statute violated the right of privacy and equal protection of the laws which are guaranteed by the United States' Constitution. (People vs. Onofre is the case name.) The December 18 decision affirmed a unanimous opinion issued by the New York Appellate Division, 4th Dept., in January 1980.

New York Gay activists were ecstatic — as were sexual libertarians nationwide.

"This decision is a major victory for sexual privacy and for Gay people because it establishes a constitutional right to engage in private consensual sexual conduct," declared Margot Karle, President of Lambda Legal Defense.

"The People have failed to demonstrate how government interference with the practice of personal choice in matters of intimate sexual behavior out of view of the public and with no commercial component will serve to advance the cause of public morality or do anything other than restrict individual conduct and impose a concept of private morality chosen by the State," Justice Hugh Jones stated in the majority opinion.

Rosalyn Richter, Executive Director of Lambda (New York's Gay legal defense and education fund), stated, "The Onofre decision brings New York into the growing group of states which have struck down their sodomy laws. It will launch new efforts by Lambda to challenge the remaining sodomy laws. We will also seek to expand the scope of the privacy right established by this decision to other areas such as housing and employment."

With this decision, New York becomes the 24th state to decriminalize private sexual conduct between consenting adults. Although a majority of the states continue to prohibit such conduct, a majority of the population is now governed by a rule of law which recognizes that the government should stay out of the private lives of its citizens.

Thomas F. Coleman, co-

## Gay Press Corps To Form

A Gay press corps, developed into the Pink Triangle Working Press-International Lesbian/Gay Press Corps, who will have their first open house party of interested press artists — journalists, radio/TV, editors, photographers — Saturday, Jan. 17, 1-4pm at 106 Eureka #5. The organization intends to defend freedom of the press, improve coverage, protect its members and issue press cards.

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## GGBA Dinner on January 22

The seventh annual GGBA Installation Dinner will be held Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn (Van Ness at Pine). GGBA sources said that invitations will be mailed early in January.

In the past the mayors of the city were often the guest speakers. The late George Moscone officiated several times. In 1979 ex-Police Chief Charles Gain was the guest of honor. Last year Mayor Dianne Feinstein, on the heels of her December election and getting ready for her wedding, spoke. This year's guest speaker has not been announced formally, but reports have circulated that Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephen Lachs and Assembly Speaker Willie Brown will be the 1981 headliners.

This year's dinner chair is Dick Pabich, and he has put out a call for help on the Installation Dinner Committee; phone 956-8660.

Outgoing GGBA President Arthur Lazere told B.A.R. that he was particularly pleased with this year's location, as the ticket price will be less than before and the Gateway will be able to accommodate the ever-growing business organization.

Over 300 members and guests attended the association's annual Christmas party December 9 at Marinas Memorial Club. A contingent from the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Chorus under the direction of Robin Kay entertained with holiday music.

In the groups recent elections, Jon Blumenstock, Lu Chaikin, Bill Clark, Roger Gross, and John Schmidt were elected to the GGBA Board of Directors. In turn the Board elected attorney Matt Coles, president; Roger Gross, vice president; Jon Blumenstock, secretary; and Bill Clark, treasurer.

## Oakland Gay Rights Benefit

Rhiannon of "Alive" and Blackberry, nationally popular local entertainers, will appear in a benefit performance for OLGRO (Oakland Lesbian and Gay Rights Organization) at Ollie's on Friday, January 30.

OLGRO is a single-issue organization which seeks the adoption of an Oakland Lesbian and Gay rights ordinance and the prevention of a referendum canceling it, as happened in San Jose and a number of other cities. Adoption by the Oakland City Council seems likely, but quieting the concerns which might lead to a referendum provides a greater challenge.

Jazz singer Rhiannon spent ten years as an actress and has been singing with the well-known women's band "Alive" for the last four years, three of those years on a national tour. She also made a solo tour across the country. She has the reputation of being a joy both to hear and to watch. On this occasion she will be accompanied by the talented and versatile guitarist Mimi Fox.

Singer and songwriter Blackberry has become well-known in both the Gay and Third World communities. He is

known to many through his Folkways album WALLS TO ROSES — SONGS OF CHANGING MEN as well as from his spirited performances at many concerts, clubs, benefits, and rallies all across the nation. He was the composer of "It's OK," which was sung by the Buena Vista group in the motion picture WORD IS OUT. His song "Eat the Rich" was the winner of the 1979 award for songwriting by the Helen King Festival of New Music. Blackberry is currently working on a new album displaying a wide variety of musical styles and scheduled for release in June, 1981.

Lallo (of "Lallo and Jazz To Go") will be the MC for this benefit performance at Ollie's.

Ollie's is located at 4130 Telegraph Avenue in Oakland, one block from The Revol and two blocks from the MacArthur BART station. A/C transportation is also available on the 40, 43, and 57 bus lines, as well as on transbay buses C, E, and T. The program will begin at 9pm in Ollie's large Radclyffe Hall. Admission is \$5 at the door unless all 300 seats are sold in the advance sale. Ticket information may be obtained by telephoning 261-4045.

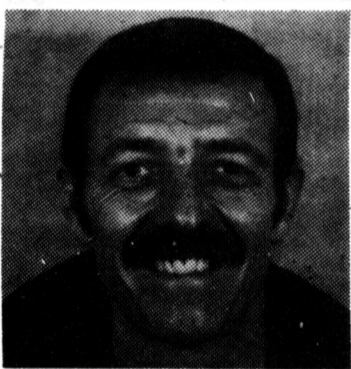
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## Harry Britt

### Those Who Helped Make 1980

#### Face to Face

The year 1981 is going to provide our community with our biggest challenges yet. On the one hand, we have problems like homophobic violence and the Moral Majority which will demand an enormous amount of work; on the other hand, we will have opportunities such as we've never had before to establish a proud and creative Gay presence in all areas of American life. We have a right to feel very optimistic about the resources we have with which to meet these challenges. One measure of our strength is the calibre of leadership which we have developed. I've been in a unique position the last couple of years to work with and observe Lesbians and Gay men who are making outstanding contributions to our community, and to our city. If you knew these people as I do, you cannot help feeling good about our future.

An example of the progress we have made in the last year is the work of Arthur Lazere, who is stepping down as president of the Golden Gate Business Association to assume leadership of a national organization of Gay businesspeople. Under his leadership GGBA has not only grown but assumed a far greater responsibility to the larger community. In the same way, Dr. David Kessler has led Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights into a much stronger position of advocacy for Gay health concerns.

Among the legal profession, every one of us owes a great

debt to Gay Rights Advocates, to Don Knutson, Matt Coles, Donna Hitchens, Jerald McCrary, and the other lawyers who have led the fight nationally for immigration reform and Gay rights ordinances. Now Lesbian and Gay lawyers, in impressive numbers, have formed an organization which, under the leadership of people like Jerry Berg, Mary Morgan, and Tom Steele will unquestionably be a powerful force.

When violence became a major problem, some amazing people were there to help, like Dick Stingel of Community United Against Violence, Marsha Seeley from Project SAFE, Ben Gardiner with the Butterfly Brigade, and Patrick Ferruccio from my office. (By the way, CUAU needs money badly, and we can't afford to lose them.) On Haight Street, Gay merchants like Rick Robinson took the lead in doing something about their special problems of violence.

Similarly responding to community needs have been Mark Hettis of Jobpower; Jack McGowan and many others from the softball leagues; Emperor Bob Pace and Empress Tessie, who lead a court system more involved than ever in the larger community; Rikki Streicher from Amelia's; Carole Migden of Pacific Center; Rick Hansen and his energetic friends South of Market; Larry Long and Michael Brennan of Pride Foundation; Bill Henry of the ambitious Human

Rights Foundation; and Wayne Friday, the top dog of the Tavern Guild.

I can't go much farther without mentioning the miracles that have taken place since Jon Sims started his band. He, Richard Parker, Robin Kay, David Kelsey (of my favorite, Pure Trash) and so many others have caught the spirit of Gay San Francisco with a unique power — not to mention Sylvester, who's a miracle all by himself. The Christmas concerts by the choruses were a great gift to all of us.

A different kind of leadership has been shown by Charlotte Coleman, John Schmidt and the other men and women of Atlas Savings & Loan, who still need investors if their dream of a Gay financial institution is to work. Winston Leyland of Gay Sunshine has distinguished himself in the publishing field, as have Randy Alfred and Randy Shilts in the electronic media, David Bandy and Michael Maletta and their creative colleagues who have kept us dancing.

In talking about Gay church people, I must start with Jim Dykes of MCC, who has made 150 Eureka Street one of the most important addresses in our community, and his assistant Bob Falls, who has spearheaded the vital Gay Cuban Refugee Program. Similarly, Rabbi Bennett of Sha'ar Zahav, Steve Krefting of the Gay Lutherans, a large group at rapidly-expanding Dignity, and the Methodists who have forced their church to deal with homosexuality are among many who deserve recognition. Working the other side of the street is Tom Rolfsen of the Gay Atheist League, who has become an important national figure in the Gay movement.

Politically, there are so many people who have shown the skills and commitment so essential to our movement. Walter Park, Frank Fitch, Jim Rivaldo and Tip Hillan are effective presidents of neighborhood organizations. Al Walla has done an extraordinary job with the Rainbow Deaf Society and the Disabled Democratic Club. Leland Traimann may well become the East Bay's first openly-Gay city councilmember next year. Gerry Parker has built the Stonewall Democratic Club into a real political force. Duke Armstrong, new president of the Concerned Republicans, has earned the respect of all of us. It appears that the two largest Democratic clubs, Alice B. Toklas and Harvey Milk Gay, will be headed by women — Connie O'Connor and Gwenn Craig, respectively. Both have earned the role through years of impressive commitment.

I'm especially proud, of course, of the people from my office and my campaign people like Bill Kraus, Simone Fleming, Dick Pabich, Kathy Smith, David Weissman, Rick Pacinar, Mike Housh, Bob Dockendorf, Mike Thistle, Ron Huberman and the many others who have given our operation a special kind of class. That goes double in spades for Tim Wolfred, my former aide and special friend who has now achieved his own elective office. Tim's an amazing man, who will achieve much for us and San Francisco.

A final word for the new Gay cops, and their leader, Les Morgan. They represent in a singular way the strides we are making in challenging homophobia in every part of our city's life.

Every one of these names,



Christmas on Church Street — a female Santa with two friends at the Church Street Station. (Photo by Rink)

and there are many more who deserve recognition, represents a person who has dealt with all the problems of being Gay in this society and has accepted the challenges of leadership in a way that gives me a lot of pride and confidence. They understand what's at stake in the coming years for our com-

munity and want your help.

I hope that 1981 will be a year in which you, too, respond with pride and energy to the challenge of creating a community of Lesbians and Gay men who can say even more proudly, "If they could see us now!"

## Gay Activist Elected To State Party

Johnnie Staggs, former Gay activist, was elected to the State Democratic Party Executive Committee by fellow members of the County Central Committee at their December meeting.

Ms. Staggs, who was campaign manager for Santa Clara County's losing Gay rights ballot measures last June and who has worked actively in local candidates' races, will be a delegate to the California Democratic Party state convention in Sacramento in January, 1981, and will assume a seat on the State Party Execom for a two-year term.

Appointed to fill a vacancy on the County Committee last summer, Ms. Staggs is the first openly Gay person in Santa Clara County to serve on the statewide Executive Committee.

Ms. Staggs has been active in a number of local Gay and Lesbian organizations and became involved in electoral politics during the campaign against the anti-Gay Briggs Initiative (California's Proposition 6) in 1977. She was the first openly

Gay candidate for Mayor of San Jose in June of 1978 and was co-chair of the county "No on 6" campaign in November of 1978.

Following the defeat of Proposition 6, the Lesbian activist was actively involved in lobbying for city and county Gay rights ordinances and served as campaign manager to defend the ordinances (Measures A and B) when they were forced onto the ballot by local fundamentalist churches.

The defeat of the ordinances led to a bitter division within the campaign committee, the Santa Clara Valley Coalition for Human Rights, as to the direction the Gay political action committee should take in future elections. Ms. Staggs resigned from the Coalition Executive Committee in November in protest of its lack of commitment to Gay rights as a single issue. She now plans to work within the Democratic Party for liberal candidates and issues aimed at turning around the recent takeover by Moral Majority and other New Right groups.



Johnnie Staggs (R), new Democratic State Executive Committee member, seen here earlier this year with Rosalee Nichols (L) collecting funds at San Jose disco which set off prolonged San Jose Gay community controversy. (Photo by Ted Sahl)

## C.U.A.V.

### Sad Holidays

by Randy Schell

There isn't a lonelier place in San Francisco than the office of Community United Against Violence during the holidays. This office would be correctly defined as modest — bare except for a large table, typewriter and a filing cabinet overflowing with assault reports. The bottom drawer of the file cabinet doesn't close anymore — an ominous reminder that anti-Gay violence is on the increase.

Looking out the window, I can see that Castro Street is alive and well, decked out with Christmas decorations and lots of holiday cheer. Old and new friends gather below my window and exchange glances and familiar smiles. Somehow, peering down to the street below, I fantasize that the snow is falling.

The romantic holiday image is quickly forgotten as I return to my appointed tasks. Someone has scotch-taped a piece of tinsel on the wall which is the only sign in this room that reminds me of the holidays outside. I feel guilty; the tinsel bothers me, and I wonder if I am a 32-year old Gay Scrooge. I keep scanning the assault reports and wonder how in the hell CUAU can afford another file cabinet for the increasing amount of incoming statistics and testimony — I wonder if anyone really gives a damn. Defiantly, I rip the tinsel off the wall and plunge myself into writing my report and attempt to place the holidays somewhere beyond oblivion. But, this does not work and my mind is obsessed with the victims of an assault and what they must feel this time of year. I wonder if they feel like me.

There is no cohesiveness to my writing; thoughts pass through my head wildly and I keep thinking of those who have died this year because of whom they love. I wonder if the families and the lovers of these victims celebrate the birth of Christ who preached of love and understanding. I keep thinking about Falwell's crusade on San Francisco with his sanctimonious street preachers shoving salvation down our throats in the name of a Jesus that seems to be cold and not very understanding at all. I wonder how many Gay men and women would rather forget that this birthday party for a Redeemer exists.

A ringing telephone jars my depression. The voice on the other end of the receiver is a familiar one. Breathing a sigh of relief that it's not an assault report, I exchange my momentary depression for the warmth of the voice on the other end of the line. His invitation to dinner is accepted and confirmed by the rumbling in my stomach that I have ignored. Hanging up the telephone, I have promised myself a reprieve from the starkness of this office and close the door behind me to enter Castro Street.

My imaginary snow is still falling on the street. Inside the restaurant, the familiar voice on the telephone connects with an equally familiar smile. A bottle of red wine is shared with my momentary doldrums as I explain my less than enthusiastic reception of the holiday spirit. Somehow, it's difficult to accept the tranquility of my

companion since he had been a victim of an assault two months earlier. Questioning him about it, he responds, "I'm glad to be alive!" From what I remember of his assault report, I agree. Thankfully the wine begins to soften my outlook and my somber mood lifts. We speak of our friends, mutual and exclusive, and while leaving the restaurant he invites me to please stop by for the holidays. The wine makes me say yes.

The CUAU office is dark when I return. The blinking lights of Castro guide me to a light switch and then to the half-opened drawer of the file cabinet. Scanning the assault reports, my mind delivers images of the street patrol and Dick and Demian. I thank them under my breath for keeping myself and others like me alive through their efforts. Standing once again at the window, I reminisce about my dinner date. Instinctively, I know I will always remember this as the night I made it snow in San Francisco.

#### MACE CLASSES

CUAU will be sponsoring Mace Certification Classes on January 6, 10, 20 and 24. Tuesday classes start at 7pm, Saturday classes at 10am. All classes are held at 117 Diamond Street, two blocks up the hill from Castro & 18th. Fee is \$30 which includes a canister of Mace as well as the instruction, certificate, and permit — the cheapest price in town! We strongly encourage pre-registration by mailing a check made to CUAU to P.O. Box 14406, S.F. 94114. Late registrations will be accepted at door.

#### A FEW OF THE LATEST

Here are examples of assault reports received by CUAU recently:

On December 16 about 10pm three punks threatened

## Will Washington Follow the Good Example of the Spanish?

Spain officially recognized the country's largest Lesbian and Gay organization, FAGC (The Catalan Gay Liberation Front), following submission of 1000 signatures from public figures and intellectuals on a petition which called for FAGC's legalization. The issue had been raised in parliament by the Spanish communist and sociality parties in their demands for a change in the government's anti-Gay stance.

Meanwhile at home in Washington, Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee are in the process of restructuring a panel that would revive a semblance of the old "internal security" subcommittee. The new subcommittee on security and terrorism will be headed by freshman Senator Jeremiah Denton of Alabama, a retired admiral who received support from the Moral Majority fundamentalist lobby. The new subcommittee has been formed to "keep watch over Communist activi-



CUAU's Dick Stingel at the group's Castro Street headquarters. Stingel is here promoting the CUAU Street Patrol. (Photo by Rink)

a single Gay man. One of the punks screamed, "There's too many fags around here." The attackers brandished brass knuckles and threatened to use them. The victim found a large wine bottle and threatened to break it and use it for self-defense. The attackers, not expecting a fag to defend himself, fled the scene.

Two 18 year olds attacked an 18 year old Gay man on Fillmore & DuBoce at 7:15pm on December 23. The attackers chased the victim and kicked him until he fell to the street. The victim managed to pull his whistle from his pocket. When he blew his whistle, the attackers stopped beating him and ran down the street.

On Christmas Eve a Gay man was leaving his apartment building at 10 Glendale. As he left the lobby, three men (ages 16-20) on bicycles blocked his entrance. He asked them to move. The attackers called him a faggot. Realizing that there was danger, the victim decided to go back into his apartment; however, the building manager's son, who was a friend of

the punks, threw himself on the victim in front of his apartment door. In the meantime, the other "friends" had been let into the building and kicked the victim down and beat him. In the scuffle, the victim suffered a black eye and a broken collar

bone. The victim screamed for help and his roommate came to the door. The attackers fled the scene. The victim reported the incident to the police. Response time from the call to the police to arrival was approximately 25 minutes.

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**Guest Column**

**Swell Our Ranks For '81**

by David Osborne

The first dawn of 1981 approaching, many of us have busied ourselves looking for the appropriate spike to drive into the heart of the yet-stirring form of 1980. "A bad year — a retrogressive year" — this is the familiar complaint. The charge has been heard everywhere from Castro bars to the Gay press, the volume rising audibly since the presidential election with bodings of troubles yet to materialize in the new year. Political setbacks, violence in the streets, boredom in the bars, rising prices, unstimulating jobs, VD epidemics — the prophets of the community woefully smite their breasts to the disco beat as this latest series of plagues descends upon the Promised Land of Gaydom.

What happened? I remember that 1980 was welcomed with such optimism that, as a new arrival in San Francisco, I could conceive of no place better for me to be — Gay, male, 28, ready for the adventure of participation in the new society that was emerging here. Was I just another victim of the media hype? Ironically, even the Gay media is beginning to suggest exactly that, critically defacing the image it previously labored to create. It all leaves one a little bewildered. Was I cloned merely to be knocked down on my debut? Like most stories of fashion, this one is tragicomic. I was set up by my hopes and expectations for 1980, as were we all. The disappointment, the ennu that now afflicts us all probably rises from the revelation that getting on the Gay bandwagon in 1980 was not

issues that will be, that must be, our responsibilities in the future.

I am still happy (at times downright ecstatic) to be living in San Francisco. The prospects for 1981 are mixed. I feel. At present, I would like to see the community continue just being, just steadily attracting more and more potential members from the rest of the world. "Strength through numbers" is as militant a thought as I'm willing to support this year. If what we have established is worth sharing, it will survive by its own sheer dynamism.

My prime resolution for the new year (there had to be a resolution!) is thus an active one — I intend to get at least one friend to move to the city, to help one more Gay individual "arrive" and add his energy and purpose to the community. This is my private effort at shoring up these foundations; I find it is the only one I can really believe is having an active effect on both the personal and the communal levels. All other participation — in politics, in Gay encounter groups, in public demonstrations, in the variety of Gay organizations and businesses — is the result of this initial urge to consolidate my experience here by sharing it with others. Without this reaching out, everything else becomes meaningless. More Gays in San Francisco will only reinforce the processes already begun by the pioneers of Gay rights in the '70's.

The point is, we're stuck with a heavy job of shoring and renovation.

How many of us, it must be asked, really feel as though we are the active causes, the centers, of the new Gay self-awareness? Merely being in San Francisco in 1980 has given each of us a meritorious award of Gay conduct (self-awarded, admittedly) — we are a mass concentration of iron filing that magnetically reaches out across the nation still, ever attracting, ever growing. What has been achieved here is, quite obviously, a critical mass, a new state of being that is recognized as such by every Gay who arrives here from anywhere else on the planet. Overstatement? Ask any tourist on the Castro, any visiting biker on Folsom, any straying closet-case at the baths — ask any of them why they are where they are. Inevitably the powerful mystique of San Francisco as the capital of Gay culture will underlie the diversity of explanations and reasons. This is our creation — collectively and individually. This is the end result of a movement WE created, purposefully, consciously, "through glorious love of comrades" as Whitman would say.

The errors of judgement, the political setbacks, the problems facing the burgeoning Gay community do exist — I am not denying this. But it is necessary to remember that these are the problems of an established community, one which has already centered its second phase of existence after having successfully met the challenges of its inception. 1980 merely rounded off the '70's for us, capped off what was accomplished and laid before us the

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It is only a steady increase in the Gay population of the city that will guarantee political and economic clout. More Gay voters, more Gay employees, more Gay consumers. It is also from the growing pool of Gay citizens that new leaders will emerge in this decade for San Francisco — the city draws already on the nation's best Gay shakers and movers and, as the community expands, will attract those from cities less able to sustain the anti-Gay shocks expected in a new conservative era.

So in 1981 let's get ready for all those new debuts! The San Francisco Gay community is alive and doing very, very well. A new challenge is upon us — one for us to radiate, to welcome ever more men and women to the city, to encounter and resolve new problems with vigor and clear-sightedness. Consolidation is the key concept.

Enough cheerleading. As the next series of New Year's parties unfolds, as midnight strikes in those crowded bars and the hands and lips meet to welcome 1981, let's put it in our minds to have twice as many friends here to welcome 1982, twice that for 1983, and on, and on...

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The meeting will begin at 7:30pm Monday, January 5, at MCC (150 Eureka). A donation will be requested at the door to cover the cost of renting the film.

Also on the agenda is a nomination of officers for 1981. Parker is not expected to seek re-election.



Gay Men's Chorus renders Christmas melodies at Embarcadero Center. (Photo by Rink)

**Loving Minors Is Still A Major Issue**

as statutory rape.

Alex Wilson, a panelist from Toronto, described his conviction from his own experiences that youths and adults both learn from their emotional and sexual relations in man/boy pairing. A common phenomenon, according to Wilson, is for teenagers from troubled homes to find emotional support (separate from sex) in such relationships, but Wilson indicated that youths also learn about sex. He stressed that the nonsexual part of the relationship was more important to him personally.

The North American Man/Boy Love Association met in Boston in early December despite charges by other Gay groups that the organization followed "ageist" policies. With the growth of sexual awareness there is little doubt that most early teenagers have had some sexual experience. Nonetheless, strict taboos against sex with a minor can result in lifetime jail sentences. A 1952 California law requires registration of such "sexual deviants" with no legal process available for removing one's name from a list of 250,000 persons registered to date. The same year in Massachusetts the Olson Act was passed, including provisions that those convicted of certain kinds of sex, including non-coercive sex with minors, should be declared "sexually dangerous persons." This categorization allows imprisonment up to life terms, regardless of any specific act committed.

Pederasty, defined as sodomy between males (especially as practiced by a man with a boy) is still a touchy subject with Gay liberationists. The delicate matter rests on what age level is correct for a person to give consent; and if such relationships are not against "ageist" philosophies espoused by many movement people.

New York activist David Thorstad criticized Lesbian and Gay organizations which seek to gain respectability by distancing themselves from portions of the Gay community such as youths, sadomasochists, boy lovers, and leather fetishists who, according to Thorstad, are the most exploited members of the Gay community.

NAMBLA has been on the attack against Massachusetts' Bridgewater State Prison, where several men are confined on life sentences as "sexually dangerous persons" for having been convicted of sex with a minor. Boston attorney John Ward revealed that in such cases a defense attorney who shares the moral values and gut reactions of the police is usually unlikely to make clear to the defendant what his options might be. In short, a defendant has little or nothing to gain from making deals with such District Attorneys.

The crucial issue at stake is the matter of consent. At present the law assumes that no person under the age of 16 is capable of giving consent, although a minor may be charged with rape. In such cases the law will allow that minors are responsible agents; but sex between an adult and a minor, regardless of whether or not consent is given, is still defined

**Film for Stonewall Demos**

Gerry Parker, president of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, said that the January meeting of the club will feature the film "Witches and Faggots — Dykes and Poofers." The Australian Gay Liberation 1978 documentary depicts the Mardi Gras celebration in Sydney. It captures the ensuing police riot that became Australia's "Stonewall" event.

According to Parker the film details the response by the Australian Gay community. He noted, "The film points out not only the common aspects of our struggle worldwide but also the unique and distinctive character of the Australian Gay civil rights movement."

**Media Queen**

**1980 Writing on the Wall**

by Konstantin Berlandt

"Didn't anybody tell her? Didn't anybody see? Sunday's on the phone to Monday, Tuesday's on the phone to me..."  
— the Beatles

1980, a year of media foreplay for a political campaign resulting in a rising death toll of our people, nevertheless working to build institutions that can protect us in the future.

**THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

**New Year's Eve:** Castro & 18th Streets overflowing with mostly men celebrating the arrival of the new decade the Village People already suggested in song was ours: The 80's! Where anything is possible, if not probable, including real Gay Liberation. Some are falling down drunk in the gutters between their expectations of freedom and the constrictions of temporal reality.

**January 10:** March on Sacramento for Lesbian & Gay Rights. An attempt to pull Gay rights out of committee and get a vote on the issue in the State Legislature. Several thousand people almost drown in the inch and a half of rain that fell during the hour-long march. Few hear the speakers, mostly legislators, but much singing in the rain.

**Mid-January:** United Artists' anti-Lesbian film WINDOWS opens to protests in five American cities. Film portrays Lesbian love as sick and murderous, rape as a crime perpetrated by Lesbians, violence and rape against women as sensational and exciting.

**February 15:** CRUISING opens in 600 theaters across the continent. UA distributed, Lorimar manufactured, Billy Friedkin scripted and directed, based on Gerald Walker's novel that offers little insight into the problem of homophobia gone berserk, the film offering even less. In an era without heros, Al Pacino as cop/queer killer becomes anti-hero antidote to a world aching for a simple prescription to fading and decaying traditional "morality." UA's corporate mama Transamerica's pyramid world headquarters picketed February 1, but picketers unable to dissuade parent corporation from releasing homophobic exploitation, our blood on drive-in movie screens throughout the nation. Gays attacked as anti-civil libertarians by both local Chronicle and New York Times. Less coverage on the traditional censorship within the media — and the murders this slanted reporting eventually commit. Demonstrations at more than a score of cities against the picture when it opens, but not mentioned in Time or Newsweek except by way of reviewing the picture. Newsweek, however, did carry a periscope item a month before the protests.

**March 7:** WINDOWS opening in many more cities but not in San Francisco area. Transamerica spokesperson announces, sop to our protests. Demonstration at Transamerica, president James R. Harvey's Pacific Heights home draws no media attention. Chronicle reporter Ron Moscovitz: "We're not being taken in by this one."

We've had our say, our day — the media was criticized. They finally realized the joke has been on them.

**All Spring:** Chronicle and Examiner headline the kidnapping of two small boys. No articles on Gay youth or the curse on a man society deemed a sex offender in the early 1950's for making a homosexual overture, still awaiting trial for the double kidnapping.

**April 17:** Lesbian Chorus walks out on Charles Pierce at Harry Britt campaign fund benefit at the Castro Theatre charging both the entertainer and the remaining mostly male audience with sexism. Issue hints of growing disparity between male and female members of the Gay community.

**April 19:** Nazis planned to celebrate Hitler's birthday on City Hall steps but were denied permit by police department. "Didn't fill out the form right." Radical groups hold two rallies instead against rise of fascism in America.

**April 22:** "Gay Power, Gay Politics" shown nationwide on CBS depicting us all as white male child molesters, sleaze queens, and power brokers. Gay children, the pleasure principle, democratic rights — none of these contexts are offered. Gay leaders stutter in anger after the program with no program of our own by which to respond.

**On-Going:** The Women's Building arsoned and a room gutted in February, attacked with a bomb at the front door in the fall, and now by threats that the next bomb will get the many people who meet there.

**May 21:** First Anniversary of White Night riot at City Hall, no apologies, cases still pending of arrested May 21 defendants and Elephant Walk police attack victims' suits. Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club holds fundraising dinner at Hall of Flowers, Jane Fonda with a brief pitch. Later that same week the Club holds a would-be birthday party on Castro for the slain Supervisor and Gay leader. Club vice president Gwynn Craig, and Teddy Kennedy's nephew has waved to the crowd on behalf of the candidate, speaks about the verdict in Miami that acquitted five cops for the brutal murder of a Black man, four days of riots there.

**June 2:** Kennedy wins California Democratic primary, *deja vu* the day his second brother was assassinated at Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel after his victory speech for winning the state's primary.

Same day Gay rights ordinance in San Jose and Santa Clara County is repealed 4 to 1 after the slickest, best financed and most professional campaign yet against our simply basic civil rights. "Don't let it spread," read the literature with a purple picture of the Castro dripping down the page like The Blob. The opposition might have come out fighting with the slogan "Spread it!" — but didn't. From the fastest growing metropolis in the nation, according to the year's census, making it the 17th largest city in the nation, a float in

the Gay Parade in San Francisco at month's end, Gays on crosses asking the San Francisco organized community, "Where were you?"

**June 15:** A couple hundred angry people at the last Gay Freedom Day Committee mass meeting before the June 29 parade manage to sway a vote for seven speakers, including Gay teachers organizer Tom Ammi-ano, running for School Board; comic Lesbian feminist Robin Tyler; and a Native American speaker — all three mixed by the Committee's Board of Directors four days later, coming up with their own list. Ammi-ano scratched as a candidate, the Native American to keep the list shorter, Tyler for having spoken so vehemently at the mass meeting defending the principle of speakers: "CRUISING, CBS, San Jose — how dare they not have speakers!"

**June 19-20:** Gay physicians and health workers hold national convention at San Francisco State University, discussing Gay health and remedies.

**June 29:** Nixed speaker/CANDIDATE Ammi-ano rides in mock school bus through the parade; Native American Barbara Cameron snuck onto the stage with the music group Alive! and given the last five minutes of their set; Tyler advanced onto the stage by a flying wedge of women and men, many in monitor T-shirts, causing confusion.

**On-Going:** Metropolitan Community Church hosts Gay Cuban refugees, but some hosts expecting Latin stud houseboys meet with grave shock some Black and screaming drag queens.

**On-Going:** Immigration and Naturalization Service battles Gay aliens, arresting them at airports when they come as tourists, denying them visas when they apply at overseas embassies and consulates, President Carter as vague on the issue as possible so as neither to taint his campaign while not alienating his potential Gay support. At year's end Carl Hill from England, denied entrance to San Francisco last year to march with the Gay parade, was back again to contest the issue in court. Hill did eventually march at the front of last year's parade.

**August Politics:** Gay and Black Mel Boozer is nominated for Vice President and speaks to the Democratic Party from the podium before withdrawing his symbolic candidacy. National news blackout of the event, although a back page mention in the local Chronicle. The speech is carried in full by Pacifica radio KPFA in Berkeley and reprinted in the B.A.R.

Reagan and Carter become the major party nominees, and the press appoints Anderson as the one to make it a three-way race for the alienated — covered every night for 15 minutes of "news," issues circumvented, five minutes on what the hostages had for dinner, and then it's time for the weather. Gay rights in the campaign is not an issue worthy of being brought up in the final debate between the two front-runners, even by cantankerous and blasphemous Barbara Walters, whose makeup is better than Reagan's, but Reagan is elected anyway. The Moral Majority helps. Maybe if Carter hadn't canceled the Olympics. Snide ads for Reagan in some states tie homosexuality in with economic disaster: A mother worried about her children.

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<b>INCOME:</b>	
Admissions/ Button Sales	\$ 672.00
Fishbowl	57.70
Donations	2099.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2829.60</b>
EXPENDITURES	
Security	\$ 20.00
Lou Greene Buttons	0
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Willow Glen Chapel	\$ 637.85
Alameda County Special Olympics (Donated in Billy's name)	1050.00
Cash on Hand for next year's awards	418.85

(A check made out to Milpitas Fremont Mortuary in the amount of \$370.75 was returned because the bill had been paid already. The check was redeposited and included in the Gross Total.)

These are the figures given to me by the Memorial Camp Awards Committee and reported as presented.

**TUNEFUL QUIRE**

Don't eat your hearts out... SING your hearts out! The Temescal Gay Men's Chorus is now forming in the East Bay. They are in need of tenors, basses and baritones; and some musical background is preferred but not a necessity.

It is hoped that this choir will be the first step in the formation of a network of musical organizations serving the entire East Bay community. If interested in an audition, or further information, contact Charles Baker, 654-0604, evenings.

**ARCANUM?????**

Sorry to have missed the production presented by Man 2 Man at the Lake Lounge on December 18; but I, along with many others, was not privy to advertisement of the event. Some monies were raised for G.O.A.L. and plaudits to them for that. Those who were in attendance were thoroughly entertained and the evening was filled with love and camaraderie. I do wish in the future that these kinds of things are publicized... it does help the attendance. I guess the owner didn't know about it either, as he wasn't there!

**TAMASHA POST MERIDIAN**

The W.P. Express is presenting "The Mad Hatter's Sunday Afternoon Tea Party" Sunday, January 18, at 3pm. The W.P. Express is located at 1980 Webster Street in Oakland, and there is ample parking. The affair is hosted by Michael and Nova Lei Spears, and the menu includes crab, shrimp, combo crepes; or spinach, mushroom, bacon, or cheese quickie (sic); with coffee or tea and champagne... all for only \$4.00! From the price, \$1.50 will be donated to Children's Hospital. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended by January 11. Call 444-7860 to get in on this one! (...er... what's a spinach quickie????)

**SPACE:** January 1, 7pm, Lake Merritt Hotel; presented by Empress and Emperor II, Lady Carla and Chuck.

East Bay Gay Bar Owners' Meeting: Monday, January 5, 7:30pm, White Horse Inn in Oakland.

**O.L.G.R.O.:** Thursday, January 8, 7:30pm, MCC Oakland.

**CHILI COOK OFF:** Monday, January 12, 8pm, Revol; proceeds to Special Olympics from East Bay Gay community.

**G.O.A.L.:** Tuesday, January 13, 8pm, MCC Oakland.

**W.P. Express "Tea Party":** Sunday, January 18, 3pm, 1980 Webster, Oakland; hosted by Michael and Nova Lei.

**O.L.G.R.O.:** Thursday, January 22, 7:30pm, MCC Oakland.

**Third Annual King & Queen of Hearts of Oakland Red & White Ball:** Saturday, February 21, 8pm, Lake Merritt Hotel, Oakland.

**HAUT GOUT**

In an attempt to find the Chili Champion '81 of the East Bay, Revol is presenting a CHILI COOK OFF on Monday, Jan. 12, at 8pm.

Judging of the delicacies will be done by a panel of distinguished (?) personalities, with a first prize of \$50 and a trophy; second prize, a trophy; third prize, a ribbon.

After the judging, the chili(s?) will be sold for a dollar a bowl with ALL proceeds going to the Special Olympics of Alameda County in the name of the East Bay Gay community. Along with the "hot stuff" will be served complementary salad and tortillas AND Roloids!

Many entries have been promised, and if it all comes to pass (!), there shouldn't be a "gas" shortage for a long, long time!

By the by, Revol's calendar this year is not to be believed! All the graffiti from the chalk boards in the Men's Room from every day last year is printed thereon!!! Don't try calling any of the phone numbers... they were all changed to protect the innocent?!

**OFFICIOUSNESS?**

A breathless "Fat Farie" (now very thin!) couldn't wait to tell me the following "juicy gossip":

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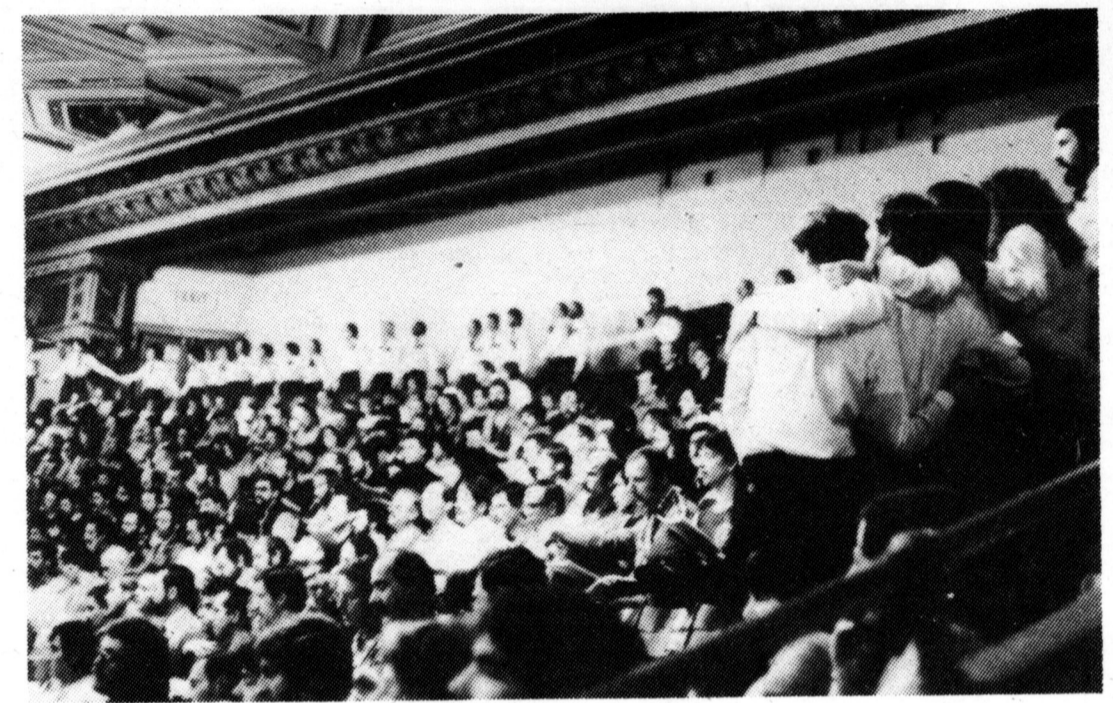
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## Gay Concert: "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

by George Heymont



In the grand finale of the combined Gay choruses' holiday concert, the men's chorus sings onstage as the mixed community chorus sings from the back of the balcony. The song was "White Christmas" — the setting, Nourse Auditorium. (Photo by Rink)

Heading into Christmas Eve it was "Bah! Humbug!" all the way. As I walked into the laundromat I passed by an army of derelicts sprawled across the sidewalk on Mission Street. Gray skies, endless Musak, and lost souls didn't make for much yuletide cheer. I was in no mood for Christmas.

Two hours later I kissed my holiday blues goodbye as close to 100 kazooes welcomed a gorilla onto the stage of Nourse Auditorium. The San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Men's Community Chorus lit into P.D.Q. Bach's immortal hymn, "Good King Kong Looked Out" and I broke into a broad grin. Within

The evening was distinguished by a high level of professionalism and showmanship. And, as one can only find at a Gay community concert, there were touches of the ridiculous bordering on the sublime. What can match the pomp and attitude of Cornell "Connie" Garon arriving onstage in an emerald green satin dress while brandishing a cello in one arm? How does one describe the reverence with which the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were seated in the audience? Who can describe the impish joy of Mark Whiting's soprano breaking out over the ensemble or Sean Martinfield's alto reciting his gifts over the Christmas holidays? Both men grinned mischievously from behind their little altar boy ties as they awaited their turn to stun the audience's ears.

Hats off to Robin Kay, Dick Kramer, and the members of both choruses for a wonderful evening of music and song. In a day and age when it is sometimes hard to get through the commercialism and mechanics of making the holidays a success, these musicians brought back the warmth and human charm that sharing love and the holiday spirit should be all about. A modern miracle perhaps, but a welcome moment of Christmas magic for myself and many others who had endured endless Christmas recordings over the past few weeks. The excitement of live voices has always thrilled me to the core. This year's Christmas Eve was a night of song to cherish for years to come.

The concert, NOW SING WITH HEARTS AGLow, was a joint effort between the San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Men's Community Chorus under the direction of Robin Kay and the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus under Dick Kramer's leadership. The chance to be surrounded by sound as one chorus sang from the stage and the other blended voices from an aisle between the mezzanine and balcony added a special thrill to the evening's music. During "Song of Gaillee" the combined voices hit a level of singing which touched one of those raw nerves that thrill to the sound of the human voice.

The program covered a broad range of music from traditional Christmas favorites such as "The 12 Days of Christmas" and "Hark to the Bells" to more eclectic selections such as Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" and Gustav Holst's "Lullay My Liking." There was a comfortable balance of good-natured teasing, as in Tom Lehrer's irreverent "A Christmas Carol" versus the exciting sound of both choruses joining forces for Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from THE MESSIAH. The program concluded with a sing-along of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," Mel Torme's "Christmas Song," followed by "Adeste Fideles" and "Silent Night."

## Cabaret: McNight Won't Tucker Out

by John F. Karr



Sharon McNight at her birthday show at The Great American Music Hall. (Photo by Rink)

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# FILM CLIPS

Michael Lasky

## CHRISTMAS RUSH Part Two

9 to 5

JANE GETS UPSTAGED  
BY DOLLY AND LILY

Never mind the message of this film. We already know about the harassment women must endure to maintain jobs in the sexist-chauvinistic world of executive suites. What we have come to see is a comedy and that's what we get in time-and-a-half overtime.

Lily Tomlin, who all but steals the picture, stars as a veteran employee in a company that continues to promote the newly-hired men she has trained. All she gets is a chance to fetch coffee for ruthless sexist boss Dabney Coleman. His secretary is a seemingly flighty buxom blonde, but Dolly Parton, showing a native flair for comedy, proves to be otherwise. Together Dolly and Lily team up with an outraged neophyte secretary, Jane Fonda, to give the maddening boss his comeuppance.

What ensues is a continuous string of witty lines and outrageously improbable "I Love Lucy" style shenanigans that keep us if not laughing-till-it-hurts, at least smiling and giggling for close to two trouble-forgetting hours.

There's a trio of wonderfully inventive dream sequences, each topping the previous one and concluding with Lily's brilliant animated revenge. The biggest surprise of this well-photographed, well-paced Colin Higgins film is that with Lily and Dolly around, Jane

Fonda can be upstaged; but, nevertheless, I'm laying down bets that you'll like her as much as the picture. The odds: 9 to 5! (Coronet Theatre — Highly Recommended)

### Raging Bull

HORRIFYING  
AND PUMMELING

Not since THE DEER HUNTER which also starred Robert De Niro has an audience been so pummelled and brutalized by a motion picture. Martin Scorsese has wiped us out with his hard-hitting (no pun intended) portrait of boxing champ Jake La Motta.

De Niro, who is famous for his intense, detailed portrayals of his characters, grabs us from the beginning and does not let us out of his hypnotizing grip for another two hours.

La Motta was a beast of fury in the ring as well as at home. His savagery extended to his insane jealousy of his beautiful blonde wife (played demurely by newcomer Cathy Moriarty). His passions stirred, he comes close to killing his beloved little brother whom he suspects of infidelity with his wife. His excessive aggression when extended to the ring meant that his opponents would have their faces all but blown away.

The (well-chosen) black-and-white film has been impeccably edited and lensed so that even during the many closeups of the raging bull in action are simultaneously horrifying AND



The girls from 9 TO 5 — Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda — confer with their director, Colin Higgins.



Robert de Niro as Jake La Motta who slugs his way to the Middleweight Championship of the World in RAGING BULL.

mesmerizing. We want to turn away from the screen, to run out of the theater, but director Scorsese somehow keeps our

undivided attention. Tracing the life of the less-than-appealing La Motta from the 40's to the 60's (De Niro gained 60 pounds for the latter scenes) we become involved — if not sympathetic — with the passions and pride of the man. De Niro is responsible with his masterpiece performance for keeping us entranced as the persona of a man we probably never really want to know is revealed.

### The Formula

When writer-director Steve Shagan devised his novel "The Formula," he followed the recipe for a bestseller. He has followed the book with a film version that is entirely faithful to the same formula.

Take the most brilliant actors in the industry, Marlon Brando and George C. Scott, give them a junk food script and let them do their thing. What you get are shamelessly uncultured entertaining performances in an oily story that's more thick than slick as it flips from the last days of WWII Germany to present day Europe and Texas.

The plot: the Germans invented a perfect formula for a coal-based synthetic fuel. The plans to the formula were discovered by an American Army officer who thirty years later is found dead at his L.A. home. Scott, an L.A. cop, goes to Germany to uncover clues to the death of his friend and winds up meeting with actress (sic) Marthe Keller and oil baron Marlon Brando. The intrigue holds up — if you follow the details closely — and winds up, ten or so killings later, with a nasty, cynical message about the ways of the world. It's all utter garbage and perfect bargain matinee fare. (Coliseum Theater)

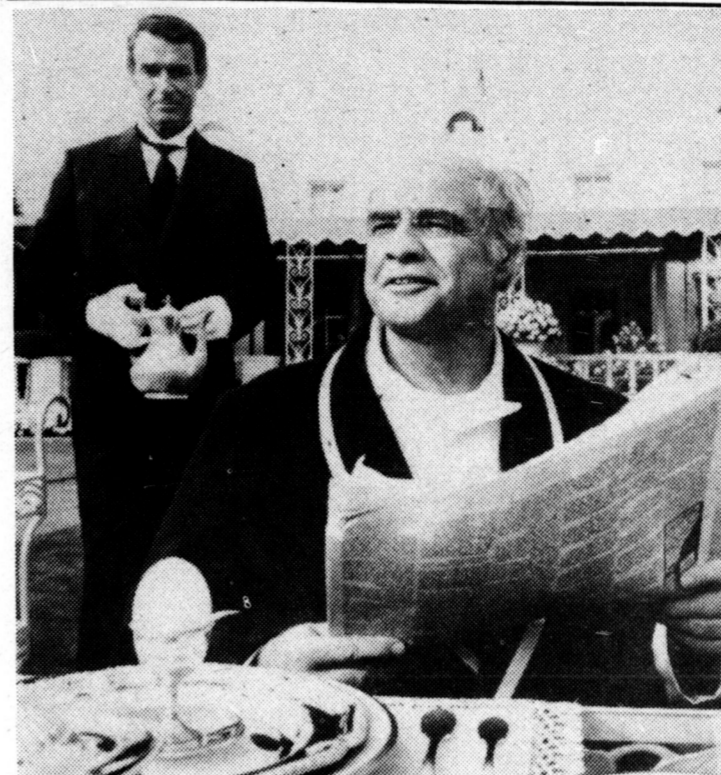
### McNight

(Continued)

by allowing that "It kinda sums up a position I've been in — and it ain't missionary, either."

Sassy, tough, always ready to party, Sharon's tender too, and actually arranged for a Christmassy snow to fall as she played her flute during the bridge of Nilsson's "Remember." A beautiful finale, and Sharon's birthday gift to her adoring fans. You ought to be one, too — if you're not already. Catch her tonight at Bimbo's with Etta James. What a bill!

John F. Karr



Marlon Brando in oil story from MGM — THE FORMULA.

### Seems Like Old Times

MORE SCHTICK  
THAN SLICK

Neil Simon has written a new movie and watching him set up the fast-and-furious gags makes it seem like old times. This year's Simon is his ode to 30's screwball comedies, and he must of had a ball screwing this one up. Chevy Chase is "upducted" and forced — Patty Hearst style — to rob a bank. His ex-wife Goldie Hawn, now married to star district attorney Charles Grodin, feels compelled to help the world's unfortunates (read: ethnic minorities) and as a lawyer gets most of them off the legal hook by hiring them to do odd jobs around her house. In walks sad eyes Chevy who plays some old emotional tapes to get Hawn to defend him. Hubby Grodin is caught in the middle and his typical deadpan style is perfect as the foil for Hawn's comic expertise, about the only thing to really keep the film going.

There are some wonderful



Goldie Hawn and pals in Neil Simon's latest comedy SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES.

### The Mirror Crack'd

FLASHY PERFORMANCES  
BY SUPERSTARS

This latest all-star Agatha Christie mystery does not have the express train pacing of its predecessors and leaves us with a who-cares-whodunit attitude.

A flashy Hollywood film company has come to a staid English hamlet to produce a historical costume drama. Elizabeth Taylor is the actress, once the toast of the town, now just a cookie that's crumbled, who is making her comeback in the film to be directed by husband Rock Hudson who apparently is making it on the side with terribly faithful secretary Geraldine Chaplin. Into the scene comes loud-mouthed, obnoxious producer Tony Curtis with co-star bitch Kim Novak (who all but steals the picture) who has feuded with Taylor for years.

A murder of a local girl at a cocktail party for the movie company leads local sleuth Miss Marple (flatly played by a



Kim Novak, Rock Hudson and Elizabeth Taylor are among the stars in the international all-star cast of Agatha Christie's THE MIRROR CRACK'D, also starring Geraldine Chaplin, Tony Curtis, Edward Fox and Angela Lansbury as spinster super-sleuth Miss Jane Marple.

The two actresses portray fading screen stars in comeback roles and Hudson their film director. They become involved in a series of mysterious deaths in the staid English village where they are filming a British period costume movie with Kim Novak as Queen Elizabeth I and Elizabeth Taylor as Mary, Queen of Scots.

schtick than slick, and enough to make you sick quick. (Ghirardelli Square Cinema)

dowdy Angela Lansbury) into the case, assisting her nephew/Scotland Yard man Edward Fox. Apparently the poisoned cocktail was meant for Liz, but whodunit and why. Lots of red herrings later, the fishy plot twists and turns to its surprise ending. In between there are enough delicious bitchy lines between Novak and Taylor to keep us going even if the pace doesn't. While there isn't any of the dazzle of earlier mysteries here, we at least have enough flashy performances by great stars to make this a very merry Christie. (Alhambra Theatre — Popeye is next door and, unfortunately, its soundtrack competes with this one and ruins some of the suspense) ■ Michael Lasky

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Stage:

# CAMELOT

## A Splendiferous Bore

by Mark Topkin



Richard Muenz and Christine Ebersole as Sir Lancelot and Queen Guenevere in CAMELOT at the Golden Gate Theatre.

The much-heralded revival of CAMELOT arrived in town last week, bringing with it a record \$30 per seat price tag, sumptuous costumes, gilded sets, and Richard Burton as King Arthur. It all landed with a dull thud on the stage of the Golden Gate, proving once again that spectacle alone does not a good show make.

The production is exquisite: gowns, crowns, robes, jewels, thrones and armor are beautifully designed by Desmond Heeley and stunningly lit by Thomas Skelton. Even the sound by John McClure transcends the usual tinny din we've come to expect from musicals these days. CAMELOT certainly offers spectacle.

What it doesn't offer — with

one notable exception — is something to attend to when we're tired of looking and looking. The Lerner and Lowe score has been hacked to death — in one case ("You May Take Me to the Fair") completely severed. Lerner's book is at best silly and at worst a collection of platitudinous sobbings and blusterings. Richard Burton is fine, all right, as Arthur, managing to use that beautiful voice of his to sound either boyishly naive or heroically tragic — always either/or — but I wonder from time to time if that's Burton on the stage at all or really one of those clever, almost lifelike automatons that Disneyland uses so effectively.

Other major performances also suffer in one way or another.

other. James Valentine as Merlin seems to know only one decibel level (loud) and Paxton Whitehead only one delivery rate (fast). Richard Muenz doesn't have a secure enough voice to do full justice to "If Ever I Would Leave You," but one can go a long way in forgiving such a strikingly handsome Lancelot.

The one notable exception I mentioned earlier is Christine Ebersole who is every bit a Guenevere. Her characterization of the beautiful, innocent princess whose dream of having men fight a war for her comes true is disarming; and her voice finds music where it has never been before in every song she sings.

Robert Fox as Mordred may be the other exception who sparks the rather routine proceedings; though by the time he arrives to stir up trouble in goody-goody Camelot, we are more than ready for his malevolence.

CAMELOT is the final offering of the Golden Gate's first Best of Broadway series and falls at the bottom of a 50/50 season. It stands behind THE MUSIC MAN on the debit side, with THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS and MY FAIR LADY solidly in the credit column. Overall, I think San Francisco is getting weary of mediocre revivals and is ready for a little more daring stuff.

### Savoy Tivoli Specials

Local performer/producer Barry Beam has signed with the Solid Smoke label and will be first heard on their compilation album scheduled for an early spring release.

On Friday, Jan. 16, at the Savoy Tivoli, the Beam Band will again try to destroy the typical rock band format with his quasi-unique "Semi-Live" show. Also appearing will be Los Microwaves and Symptoms.

## Stage: FOOTLIGHT FRENZY

A Comedy Within A Comedy

by Michael Lasky

When Low Moan Spectacular's FOOTLIGHT FRENZY opened last October 20 it was greeted with gales of laughter and a barrage of rave reviews. The consensus of the Bay Area critics was this was a most enjoyable, outrageously funny show.

Now it has reopened for another six-week run at the Alcazar Theatre (650 Geary) and it can truly be said that it is one of the most hysterical one-act

the show within a show has a Carol Burnett bad-TV-sketch delivery.

The clever Mary Moore set offers its own set of bellylaughs also. But we are still stuck with what is basically a one-joke play. It's always amusing to see how performers handle themselves when something terrible and unscheduled occurs. And for the first act there were times when I was laughing so much my stomach hurt and my eyes



## Symphony: Welcome The New Year — With Wolfgang

by Philip Campbell



Peter Schickele (AKA P. D. Q. Bach) sets the mood for upcoming "Mostly Mozart Festival."

The San Francisco Symphony is giving us a belated Christmas present! The madness of the Holiday Season has abated. With those frantic weeks behind us, what better way to begin a new year of concert going than with a Mozart festival?

Actually, it's a two-week celebration featuring the music of Wolfgang A. that will include works by Haydn, Vivaldi and others. That's why the Symphony is calling it the "Mostly Mozart Festival."

For Bay Area music lovers the eleven scheduled performances offer a smorgasbord of musical treats.

The pivotal highlight of the series will be a three-hour marathon on January 10. It will be a re-creation of the historic Leipzig Gewandhaus concert of May 12, 1789. This was the night when the master himself conducted and played the piano solos.

Several programs are scheduled for charming re-modeled Herbst Auditorium. With wise planning the Symphony has chosen chamber works that should be perfectly suited to this intimate Hall.

Well-known soloists will be appearing along with lesser known musicians from the Symphony itself. Renowned pianist Peter Serkin (Jan. 9) and personal favorite Eugene Istomin (Jan. 6) will be playing the sublime keyboard compositions along with guitar and violin virtuoso.

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Cabaret:

## Eartha Kitt Continues To Wow

by John F. Karr

The Plush Room continues to offer its clients a High Wow with each booking. Eartha Kitt's back now, to demonstrate again and again her incredible gifts. Eartha's just too much, and I spell "too" with at least fourteen "o's." In favorites like her French song and dialogue with the barman, in which she serves him an entire bottle of champagne, or an up-tempo "The Gentleman Is A Dope" or even the naughty "I'm An Old Fashioned Girl" (who wants an old-fashioned millionaire), or the classic "Guess Who I Saw Today," she can never tire. Her mastery of performance, unique gifts and steely-strong presence mesmerize. The acting she displays causes shivers. Not only is Sondheim's "Could I Leave You" given its most in-depth reading, with stunning changes of heart, but even the throwaway tunes are well-

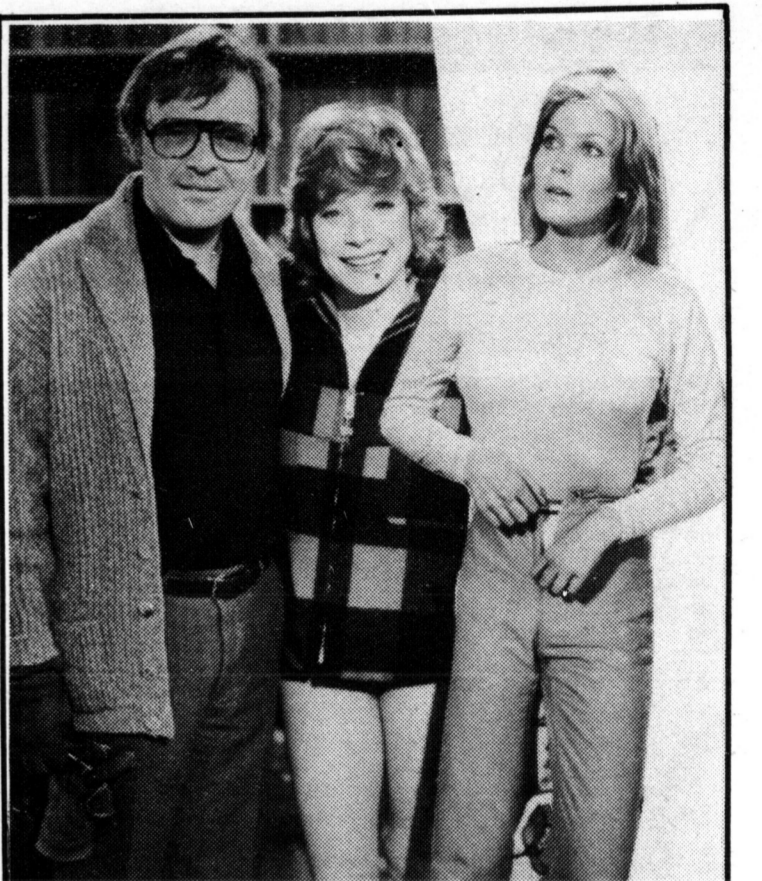


EARTHA KITT

acted vignettes. Kitt's entire act is an act, and so brilliantly pulled off that we swallow it whole. And that's a pretty big swallow from this pint-sized thrush. For Kitt has taken a lesson from Mae West. Although she offers sex incarnate, it is always with humor and self-awareness. That is what has kept Kitt contemporary. You can tell her act solidified in the 50's. Most of her love songs deal with her acquisitive nature. She'd rather

have Things than Love. (As Regina Giddens says to her beau in THE LITTLE FOXES, "You've a thousand rivals: Things.") It's great to have a lover, Kitt sings, and tells us why. He can get her Cadillacs, diamonds, and furs and only then, love her. For this baby, declaring "I Wanna Be Evil" because "C'est Si Bon," can take care of herself. She only needs a Man to flesh out her acquisitions. As always, a fascinating tour-de-force performance from the totally unique Eartha Kitt.

Michael Greer headlines New Year's Eve at the Plush Room and continues through January 4. And January 6, praise the gods, Barbara Cook begins a two-week stay. The Plush Room should be more



Shirley MacLaine was in one of the worst films of all time earlier this year. It was called LOVING COUPLES. Now she is back in A CHANGE OF SEASONS which gives the earlier one a run for its stupidity. It also has exactly the same plot, Anthony Hopkins and Bo Derek. If you never see this film, consider your life that much more enriched. (At the Alexandria)

congenial for her than her late New York home, Reno Sweeney's. After being sabotaged by the sound system of Davies Hall, it will be a boon to hear Cook in her proper setting. Make reservations early, as this is bound to be an in-demand engagement.



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## Tales of Tessi Tura

### Queen for a Day

by George Heymont

#### Collecting Royalties

I swear! There are so many opera queens around today that it's become impossible to get attention with a mere wave of one's sceptre. How, may I ask, is anyone able to distinguish between true royalty and some pretender sitting on the throne with a tub of Imperial margarine in her hand? Judging from three recent productions by the New York City Opera it would seem as if gang wars have erupted between the Queens and their Ugly Sisters. Damn! Damn! Damn! The whole neighborhood's gone to ruin.

#### CAN'T STAPP THE MUSIC

NYCO's production of ANNA BOLENA was one of the shining jewels in Beverly Sills' triumphant string of mad queens. This time around City Opera's revival had a different look and sound to it. There was (with the exception of Susanne Marsee) a new cast, conductor, and director on hand.

Given the chance, a good mezzo-soprano can steal any show. Mimi Lerner almost walked off with Donizetti's opera in the minor role of Smeton, the page. Lerner has a huge voice with exciting potential. Her one aria stopped the show cold. There had not been much vocal competition during the course of the evening to

challenge her. Coarse would be a better way to describe what was going down that night. Between Olivia Stapp's variegated hooting, belching and occasional singing, this was not *bel canto* brought to life. But it was one hell of a lively, exciting show.

Stapp is an intense artist whose concentration borders on the demonic. She portrayed Anne Boleyn as a woman possessed — a raging spitfire — the kind of roommate you never want to have to ask to fork over her share of the rent. I recently read something about Anne having had three breasts. While Stapp did not go all out for historical accuracy, her performance did have its freakish moments as she tended to trance out onstage. I wondered if what I had just experienced resembled one of those last great nights with Maria Callas. Though far from thrilled by what I had heard, I knew I had witnessed an extraordinary musical-theatrical turn. I had as much trouble trying to piece together my reactions to the show as Stapp seemed to be having as she attempted to uncharacteristically during curtain calls. Despite the severe musical limitations, her bizarre performance made for a most curious and exciting night at the opera.



"You'd solve your problem a lot easier if instead of chopping off my head you chopped off something of your own!" An irate Anne Boleyn (Olivia Stapp) has an intimate suggestion for her two-timing husband Henry VIII. (Samuel Ramey) in the New York City Opera's production of Donizetti's ANNA BOLENA.

#### ASHES TO ASHES TO UPPER CRUST

Rossini fervently believed that a trill a day keeps bad luck away. While most singers love his music, they also wish they could put a stipulation in their contracts which would guarantee payment by the note. As much as I adore Rossini's trills and gobbledygook, there was no getting around the fact that the performance of LA CENERENTOLA I saw in Los Angeles was far below the usual standards. Several members of the cast were ill. The chorus was blowing cues right and left. Having seen the production earlier this year, I knew of its strong appeal.

This is the same CENERENTOLA which was seen in November over PBS as part of the Live From Lincoln Center telecasts. If the performance I attended was an off night, it did not bother the Los Angeles audience in the least. They had a blast. Lou Galtiero's broad staging turns the Cinderella legend into an outrageous farce. As always, Gianna Rolandi stole the show as the dizzier ugly sister Clorinda, practicing ballet while rolling out her roudies. Alan Titus and James Billings spent much of the evening mugging for the audience. As Cinderella, Susanne Marsee was physically appealing but tended to lose control and get strident during her final, critical aria. Rockwell Blake soared through Prince Ramiro's music with his usual staggering technique.

Rouben Ter-Arutunian's sets remain a delightful mix of cartoon frolic and nonsense froth. When the cast is under the weather CENERENTOLA can almost carry itself forward by sheer musical inertia. Rossini's score romps and bounces through the evening with a sauciness which is infectious to the audience and neatly covers any moments which might be less than satisfying in the vocal department.

#### NEW QUEEN IN TOWN

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Gigi Denda in charge of creating Capobianco's original production, there were high hopes backstage that the same success would happen for Rolandi. With or without Cleopatra, Rolandi is already on her way to stardom. She was quite ill with a kidney infection at the performance I saw in Los Angeles, but showed strong signs of being able to wear Cleopatra's crown and jewels with artistic distinction. Rolandi possesses a lightning technique and an ingratiating stage presence. The fact that she is a head shorter than Sills added a measure of feminine vulnerability hitherto unseen in this production.

As Caesar, Bob Hale did some of his best work to date. One doesn't often hear a basso coloratura. Hale ripped into his music with a vengeance. Over dinner one night, Sills confessed that she even thought Hale had sung the role better than Norman Treigle.

There is a visual problem inherent to City Opera's GIULIO CESARE. Fifteen years ago, when the production was unveiled in New York, it was a superb budget treatment of a baroque opera. Today there is increased funding available to opera companies. Ming Cho Lee's skeleton set now seems overly cheap compared to current technology. A more lavish production may surface in San Francisco in the summer of 1982 where plans are afoot to stage the opera with Tatiana Troyanos as Caesar and Valerie Masterson as Cleopatra.

In the meantime, Rolandi will appear as Cleopatra again this spring in New York, alternating in the role with an exciting newcomer, June Anderson. Caesar will be sung by Justino Diaz. Handel fans who pass through New York in March should make every attempt to catch a performance. No matter how one feels about the current production, GIULIO CESARE remains one glorious assault on the eardrums.

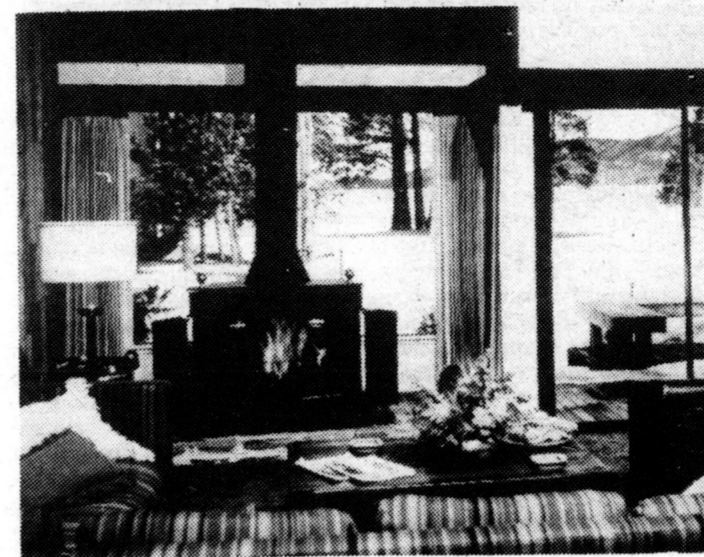


And they all lived happily ever after! Caesar (Bob Hale) and Cleopatra (Gianna Rolandi) bring Handel's GIULIO CESARE to a close in Tito Capobianco's historic production.

## Wander Lust

### Crossing State Lines

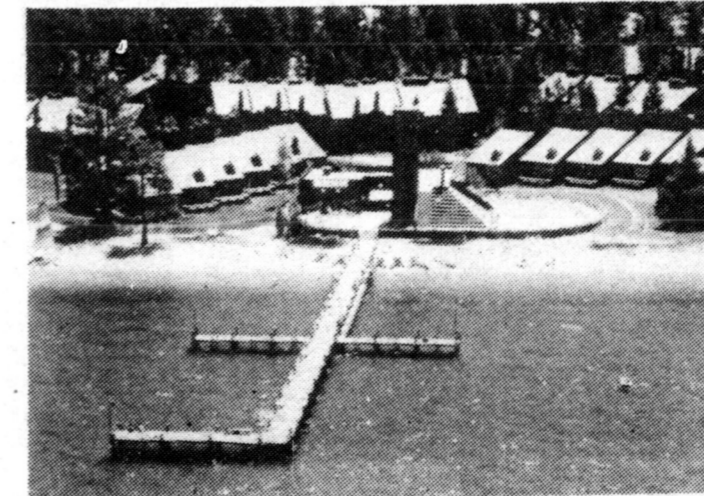
by A. Marc Leventhal



Lakeland Village — South Lake Tahoe

It is a beautiful drive up to South Lake Tahoe, that is once you get past Sacramento. Stephen and I drove up recently for a relaxing weekend. How marvelous it is to travel to Tahoe after the tourist season. Too early for the snow fans, the highway (50) was uncrowded and we were able to enjoy the spectacular scenery and not worry about the traffic. It takes about five hours by auto (with pit stop), so if you want to spend some more time at your destination, you might consider flying. It is only about forty minutes flying time, and what a great way to see the Sierras and the lake that fills the glacial basin below.

There are no gambling casinos in South Lake Tahoe, but the minute you step across the state line into Stateline, Nevada, you can start pulling those slot machine levers. We didn't want to spend our whole weekend inside with such lovely fun and fresh air and scenery outside, so we were glad to be able to stay at Lakeland Village right on the south shore of Lake Tahoe. Stateline is a 20-minute walk from Lakeland Village Beach & Ski Resort past run-of-the-mill motels that line the highway. It was much more convenient having a car. Parking at the Hotel/Casinos during the tourist season must be horrendous. Lakeland Village is set among 19 acres of towering pines and has 1000 feet of private sandy beach. There are two outdoor heated pools, tennis courts, and a wonderfully relaxing outdoor jacuzzi. We didn't get a chance to test their two saunas for men (there are also two for gals). In the main lodge are studios and suites, and in the forest and along the beach are two-story townhouses. These condominiums — from studio to townhouse — all have fireplaces and completely equip-



An aerial view of Lakeland Village, South Lake Tahoe

ped kitchens. The staff is friendly, and we were able to relax in the daytime and then check out the casinos after dark.

The Casinos at Stateline:

HARVEY'S, made even more famous by the recent bombing, is open for business but it wasn't crowded. HARRAH'S casino is huge and packed. Hotel guests that stay here might catch the following star attractions in their South Shore Room: Dec. 5-9 and Dec. 12-18, Sammy Davis Jr. and Rita Moreno; Dec. 19-25, John Davidson; Dec. 26-Jan. 1, Kenny Rogers. Harrah's Lake Tahoe is one of only three hotels in America that have received Mobil and AAA Five Star and Five Diamond ratings.

One of our favorite haunts was CAESAR'S TAHOE, where we partook of a fantastic dinner buffet. Friends had recommended it and we were impressed with the food and friendly service. Our Sunday morning Champagne Brunch here was well worth the long wait in line. With 2 for 1 drink coupons, we were able to relax in line with our Bloody Marys in hand. The champagne flowed like wine (it had better!) and I am afraid we pigged out on food.

Our final dinner was at SAHARA TAHOE across the street, where we just had to compare their buffet with Caesar's. The line here was even longer, but with a Prime Rib buffet at \$3.99 (!) we could understand why. Well, this buffet spread was even more staggering than our previous ones. The Prime Rib was tender and just the right pinkness. We staggered on our way. The High Sierra Theatre there will be closed from December 3 un-

til December 24 for remodeling. Your travel agent's computer will tell you who reopens the Sahara.

Ready to depart the next morning, we weren't really hungry — but we did read about The Red Hut Waffle House at 2723 Lake Tahoe Blvd. on our way out of South Lake Tahoe. This small 1940'sish breakfast shack is preferred by the South Shore working class — lots of well-worn boots on view here. We can understand why. Please don't tell anyone about The Red Hut Waffle House! As it is, you'll probably have to wait in line — outside in the small parking lot. But believe me, it is worth the wait. Go for the waffles! They are works of art.

I'll skip Tahoe during the ski season, but we do look forward to visiting, eating and drinking our way through another fun weekend.

#### KSAN 95

### Award-Winning Sci-Fi Author Appears on "Gay Life"

"The Gay Life" on KSNB, 95fm, features an interview with speculative-fiction author Elizabeth A. Lynn on Sunday, January 4, at 11 pm.

Lynn was awarded two first-prize prizes at the World Fantasy Award ceremonies in Baltimore on Halloween. "The Watchtower" was named best novel, and "The Woman Who Loved the Moon" tied for best short story. The San Francisco author is the first double-award recipient in WFA history.

The trilogy, as well as an earlier work — "A Different Light" — is spiced with homoerotic love themes and psychic adventures.

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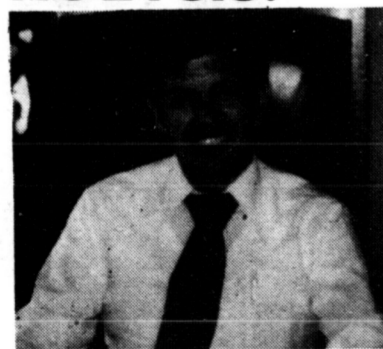
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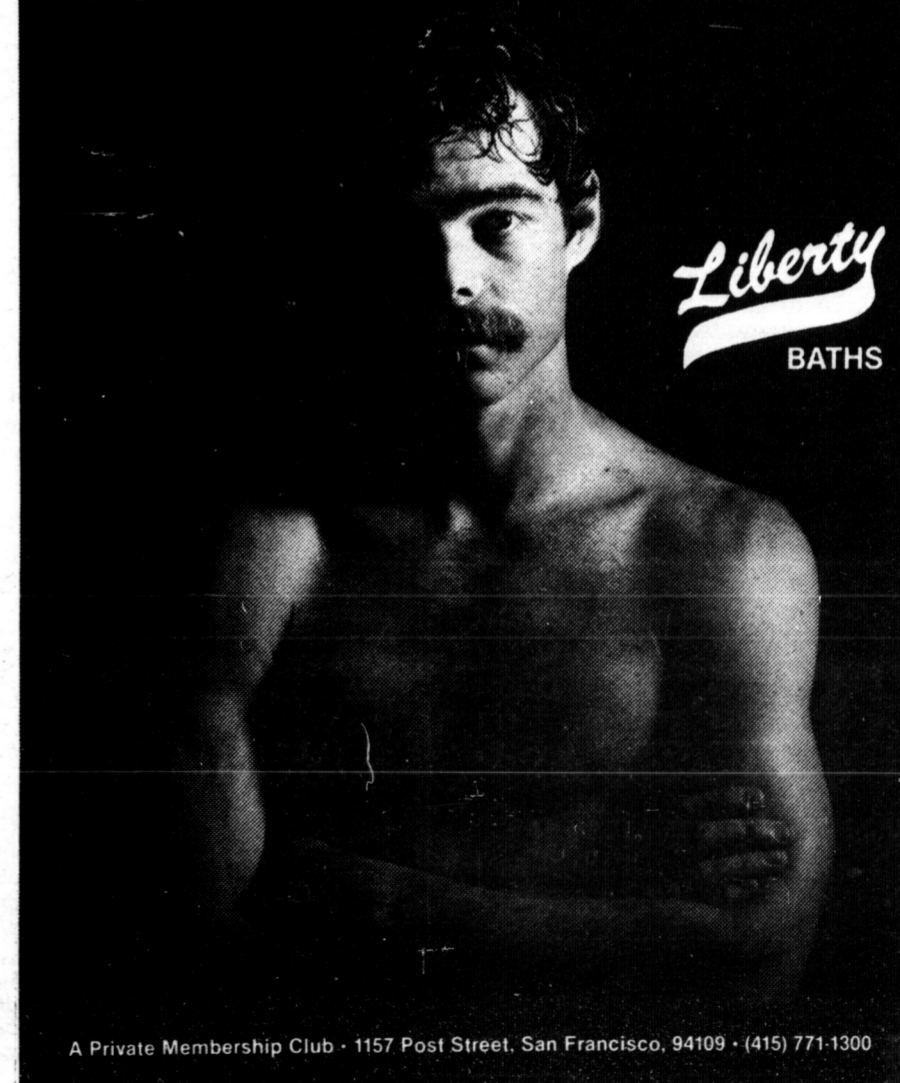
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**Film:**  
**Terayama's PASTORAL HIDE & SEEK**

by Robert Turnbull

For those people interested in Japanese culture but tired of the overly Western approach of the more familiar filmmakers like Kurosawa and Oshima, the Roxie's premiere showing of Terayama's PASTORAL HIDE AND SEEK (1975) may come as a welcome surprise. In this case the style has many parallels with other Japanese art forms — the fragmentation of line and lack of linear perspective in painting, the seemingly random sounds of koto music or images in the Haiku. It is a rich and surrealistic puzzle with a narrative form that emanates both from personal autobiographical details and a Freudian interpretation of the problems of Japanese culture as being basically Oedipal.

The familiar theme of liberation through death is the crux of the subject matter; not the masochistic surrendering to society in Yukio Mishima's suicide by the severing of one's history in matricide which, in Terayama's view, is the most honest expression of non-conformity.

This is the underlying allegory behind a simple autobiographical tale: A film director attempts to exorcise his past by recreating it in art. He then returns to meet himself as a boy only to be rebuked for distorting the past. Recognizing the solution to the problem of liberation as the erasure of memory, he sets out to destroy his mother but finds himself unable to do so. In this final pessimistic note, perhaps Terayama understands that man is too bound up to nationality for the ideal cultural revolution to happen. What emerges also is the director's view of village society as rather like an old grandmother dusting photographs on a mantelpiece, caught in the trap of memory.

The film fails, however, in its saturation of images. A surrealistic thread is woven into the pattern, attempting to embellish the story with cultural, Freudian, and historical references and thus saving it from being too personal and obscure. However, the images are piled up so thick that it almost achieves the opposite effect. As the symbolism becomes more obvious and less effective, the final experience might be compared to attending a Salvador Dali retrospective. But despite this, PASTORAL HIDE AND SEEK has a subtle power and should be seen.

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**What's In A Benefit?**

A Look Behind Tim Collins' Recent BLACK TIE/BLACK TOWEL

BY Gary Menger

Recently, while Tim Collins was busily making a name for himself on the San Francisco cabaret circuit, he discovered that the Mr. Castro Pageant of which he'd been a part (and was runner-up for the title) produced absolutely no revenue for the San Francisco City Clinic which it was staged to benefit. How was that possible, he wondered, when the theater was packed and the show a huge success.

I had no answers so, as Tim's manager at the time, I asked a few questions around regarding charitable benefits — and discovered that recipients of benefit functions are often not given all the proceeds, but a percentage amounting to half or less, usually after all costs have been deducted. Newspapers are paid for ads, graphics people for artwork, printers for flyers and posters, theaters or halls for rent, musicians for their time and talent, as well as technical people... and much of this was the case with "Mr. Castro" — even with a packed house, the production and promotional costs outweighed the revenue.

"Can we do a show," Tim asked, "in some way that the V.D. Clinic will actually make some money? Their lease is running out and they can't afford to move."

More thinking and talking about it led to some productive meetings. Bill Jones, owner of Sutro Bath House, agreed not only to provide a beautiful garden setting for the show, but to pick up the tab for all advertising, and to supply complimentary champagne. Dana Balin, when approached, agreed to be guest performer. A date of October 21 was set to do "Black Tie/Black Towel" — a benefit show at Sutro Bath House.

**Rhinoceros Mounts "Stud"**

WEST COAST PREMIERE FOR GAY PLAY

Theatre Rhinoceros announced this week the opening of Harvey Fierstein's bitter-sweet love story THE INTERNATIONAL STUD on Thursday, January 22, and continuing Thursdays through Sundays through February 28. Curtain time for all performances is 8:30. Tickets are \$5 on Thursdays and Sundays, and \$6 on Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations are available and can be made by calling the theater at 776-1848.

Directing THE INTERNATIONAL STUD is J. Kevin Hanlon, whose A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP delighted Theatre Rhinoceros audiences last winter.

Called "the best Gay play ever," THE STUD stormed New York's LaMama in its 1978 premiere. The Rhinoceros production is its West Coast premiere and will tour California following its San Francisco engagement.

From the play's introduction: "There once was a bar in New York City called THE INTERNATIONAL STUD. It boasted a pool table, a pinball machine, and the jumpiest back room in town. This play is dedicated to all who made it their home."

Theatre Rhinoceros is funded in part by grants from the San Francisco Hotel Tax Fund and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Photography was done for flyers and ads, 200 poster enlargements ordered, and two huge blowups for the windows of Gramophone Records, which would handle ticket sales. The bill for artwork, printing and mailers shaped up to nearly \$500. "That's ridiculous," Tim snapped. "Sutro can't fit all that many people; if we take all that off the top, it'll be the same old thing; nothing left for the V.D. Clinic. I'll tell you what" — he swallowed hard a couple times — "Bill Jones has already spent nearly \$700 he doesn't expect to recover; I'll pay all these printing bills." And he did.

The end result, after Bill agreed to also donate \$1 for each regular bath house guest together with the full \$5 contribution per person from the

**How much should a benefit make? What should be donated and what should be paid for?**

general (dressed) public, after paying two musicians and a light/sound technician, was over \$200 to the Clinic.

The show was well attended and very well received; Sutro was delighted and so was Tim. The money produced didn't seem very significant to me, but the Clinic also expressed very pleased surprise that a benefit show had actually managed with money left over to be awarded. "It should have been a lot more," Tim agreed with me. "The show was certainly everybody enjoyed it, but there was room for a lot more people."

Even without more and cost-

do it for you we'd have to do it for everybody." I wonder if these establishments are aware that several of their staff and a great many of their patrons are probable users of the Clinic who have never contributed a dime for the treatment.

And the clinic is not confined to, nor even primarily used by, the Gay populace. It's an inadequately funded service provided to all the populace of San Francisco. Yet, despite several notices from me and requests from both the Clinic and Tim, the Chronicle and the Examiner declined to print anything by way of a press release on the show, or even to include it in their free listings.

(Continued on next page)



Donna Theodore, northern California actress, will star in I'M GETTING MY ACT TOGETHER AND TAKING IT ON THE ROAD at the Curran, December 31-February 1.

**The Life To Come & Other Stories**

by E. M. Forster  
Avon, 1976 — \$2.50

When Edward Morgan Forster died in 1970, most people assumed he was one of those respectable English writers, like Somerset Maugham, who had made whatever major statement he nurtured within his artistic soul. He had not produced a novel since A Passage to India in 1924.

His only Gay novel, Maurice was quite restrained. But in 1972, the year following Maurice, a collection of his unpublished short stories appeared. The literary world was in for a shock. A more earthy side of the old gentleman was loosening up. Of the fourteen tales, six exhibited a decidedly Gay slant.

His private letters also pierced the veil of respectability. In his diary (1922) we find,

*Have this moment burnt my indecent writings or as many as the fire will take. Not a moral repentance, but the belief that they clogged me artistically. They were written not to express myself, but to excite myself and when first — fifteen years back? — I began them, I*

*had a feeling that I was doing something positively dangerous to my career as a novelist. I am not ashamed of them... It is just that they were a wrong channel for my pen.*

It would be difficult to say whether some of his conventional characters were Gays in disguise (Howards End, The Longest Journey) but in 1964 he confides, "I should have been a more famous writer if I had written or rather published more, but sex has prevented the latter."

We can be thankful that these fourteen pieces were spared death by fire. "The Life To Come" relates the sobering allegory of a missionary, Mr. Pinmay, and his homoerotic encounter with the chief of a primitive village. The clash between Victorian feeling and the natural impulse are vividly etched.

The other homosexual themes can easily be found in "Dr. Wollacott," "Arthur Snatchfold," "The Obelisk" (recently presented on public tele-

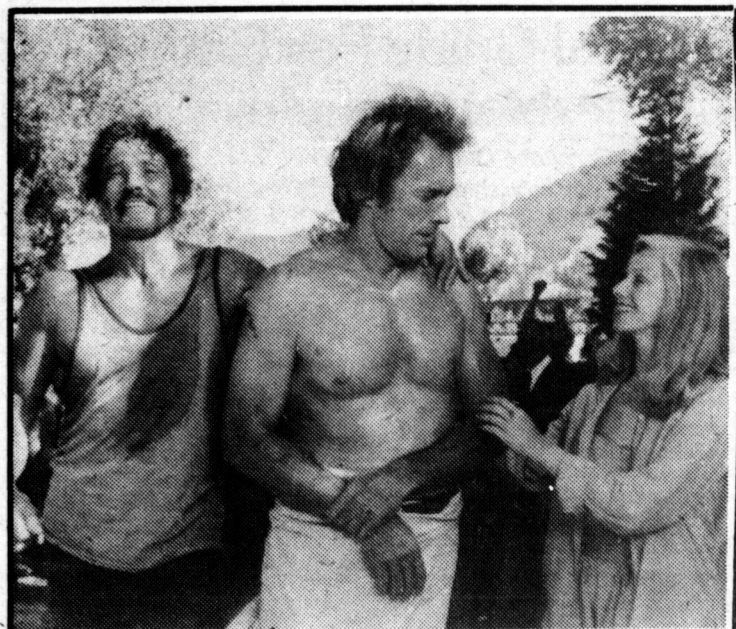
vision), "What Does It Matter? A Morality" and "The Other Boat."

Forster grappled with his erotic nature all his life and never came to terms with the homosexual devil that raged within. His delicate handling of sexual encounters shows his desperate fear of public scorn. He indicates anal sex, for example, in "The Other Boat" (between a British man and a native lad) in the following manner,

*When he was ready he shook off Old Cocoanut (the boy), who was climbing about like amonkey and put him where he had to be and manhandled him, gently, for he feared his own strength and was always gentle and closed on him and they did what they both wanted to do.*

Wonderful... Wonderful...

And yet, in spite of all restrictions, E. M. Forster, in death, has given us some memorable material that will certainly transcend the age he lived in. ■



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rather than burn.

Much of the historical side-lights are well taken, but toward the end Evans presents his grand thesis of history that tends to be overblown and faulty.

Mr. Evans represents the counterculture in its never-ending struggle against what he conceives as the ultimate enemy — middle-class morality and the white, heterosexual, Christian culture. This group certainly presents a tempting target on many fronts, but the idea is simply carried to absurd extremes.

Evans feels the matriarchal-centered societies of the past were the answer to basic human needs. Urban areas are seen as vast pools of evil and corruption. Therefore, we must all leave the cities and live in the countryside where

the countryside where innocence and bliss will prevail. He also proposes that books be downgraded in favor of oral methods of transmitting knowledge. Can we imagine the chaos in science and technology that would ensue if 20th century teachers depended solely on the oral tradition? We can also speculate as to how the average American would cope if we all moved to Alpine County. The country would then become the city with a new set of problems.

Evans also promotes the idea that revolutionary violence will be necessary in the future as our social and economic problems increase. It is never clear what solutions such a course will offer.

Nevertheless, Evans does make the cogent point that a healthy gay culture should not be forever dominated by the bar-bath syndrome. Creativity and love need additional outlets.

Our guide from the third world sometimes makes statements which lack verification such as, "... a very large number of the men who remain in clerical occupations are gay." This is certainly a popular notion among the homophile community, but no concrete evidence has been offered thus far.

Evans presents industrial socialism as the only workable solution. But how often have we observed that once a hippie child of nature attains middle-class economic security he usually turns his back on his former way of life.

The ageless class struggle between the street people and those who are better off will probably never be resolved. Race and perhaps religion can perhaps be transcended, but not class. The difference in perspective is too great.

Counterculture" makes diverting reading. Evans sounds promising when he relates that pro-female societies are usually pro-gay, but it is difficult to follow his wild leap in logic when he proclaims that, "Imperialism and compulsive heterosexuality go hand in hand."

Our underground historian would do well to restrict his poetry to history and leave current events to those with a more practical frame of mind. ■

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by Hayden Curry and Dennis Clifford  
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The golden days when lawyers were highly respected members of the community whose words were sacrosanct is over. The legal profession is increasingly subject to attack and doubt. The common folk begin to realize that law may be nothing more than glorified common sense.

Gay couples have frequently found themselves with no status in the eyes of John Law. They are often presumed wrong to even be together. In recent years their status has slowly evolved. Legal thinking responds to social change and pressure from minority groups.

Legal guides for Gays have appeared before, but seldom have we seen one as complete as this.

Hayden Curry and Dennis Clifford have practiced their craft with an Oakland law firm (Clifford, Curry and Cherrin). They gained practical experience in neighborhood legal services.

Curry and Clifford approach the subject of law by stating that we should avoid courts if at all possible. Nobody wins except the attorney as he walks off with your hard earned money. The secret is to write an agreement that reflects the special needs of yourself and your mate. You can frequently do the whole business without an attorney. The authors state, "The idea that adults have the right to enter into private contracts is so ingrained in Western law that it seems ludicrous to deny it to people because of their sexual preference."

This book even includes all the sample forms you will ever require for every possible need — rent agreements, life insurance, estate planning, having a child by artificial insemination, and living together agreements. There is even a section

on how to do your own legal research in the library.

The authors have included an excellent discussion of the famous Marvin Divorce Case and how it affects a Gay couple.

As we might expect, the material is heavily orientated to the social scene in the San Francisco Bay Area. For example, we are told of how Rev. Jim Dykes of Metropolitan Community Church will counsel a Gay couple who are separating. He actually holds a ceremony of separation before the congregation! This would take a lot of ego strength.

If Gay couples will read this book and use the forms, we will no longer hear of horror stories about relatives who take the surviving Gay heir to the cleaners or of lovers who develop a violent quarrel because of a misunderstanding over who owns what.

"A Legal Guide For Gay and Lesbian Couples" is a guide that lovers would do well to embrace. When we consider the advantages enjoyed by straight couples, it behooves the Gays to strengthen their own legal position to the hilt. Let's not quibble. Buy this book!

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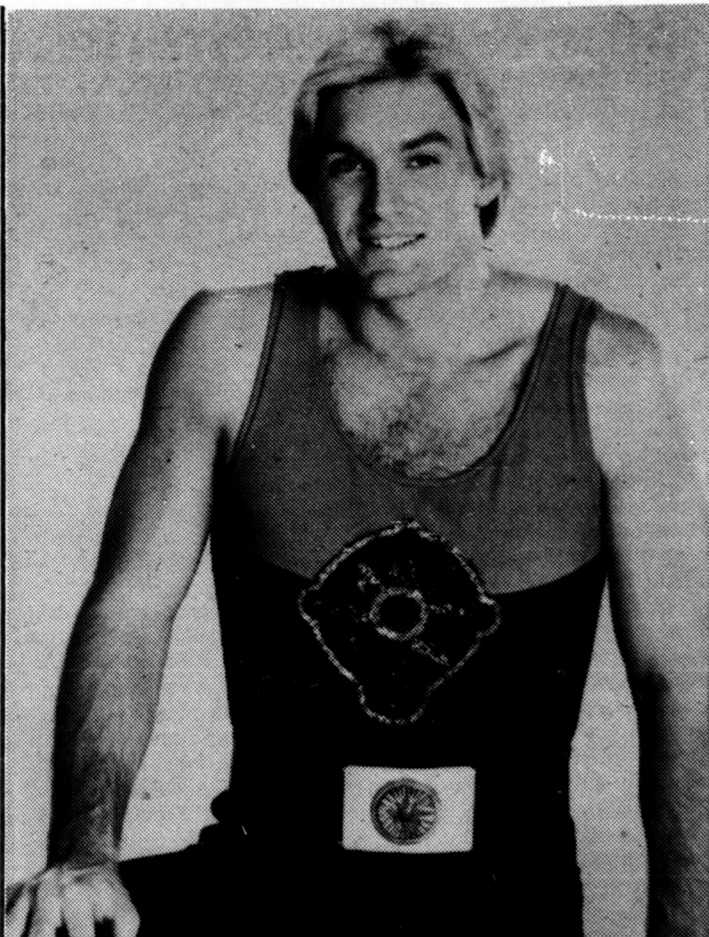
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### The End of an Era

#### Barrett's Pub Folds

On its last day of business, Monday, Jan. 5, an Irish Wake will be held at Barrett's Pub (633 Battery in the Arcade).

The pub, located in the Old Zellerbach Warehouse in what historically was the produce district and is now a design center, was bought six years ago by Michael Barrett, formerly a marketing advertising executive. It then became Barrett's after twelve years of doing business as the Irish Pub. Over these last six years, it's been staffed by show business people, and has become a popular hangout for a diverse clientele; businessmen, blue-haired dowagers, writers, and rogues. Its demise is made necessary because of spiraling downtown rent costs.

Barrett's has been written about extensively in all of the local papers and in most of the slick West Coast magazines; it was listed in the American Express magazine as among the top thirty spots in San Francisco, and in the San Francisco Bar Guide's "Choice of Pubs."

Barrett's, as well as being a popular lunch spot and party place, has frequently been a cabaret, featuring such popular local singers as Denise Perrier, Weslia Whitfield, Tim Collins and Valerie Miller. On closing day at the "Wake," several of "Barrett's alumni" — former performers at the pub — will be on hand to do a guest song or two, accompanied by Barrett's favorite pianist, Michael Slaughter. There will also be an Irish country band.

### Court Victory For Gay Student Groups

The United States Supreme Court earlier this month declined to review a decision of the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit that Texas A&M University is not immune from a civil rights suit brought by a Gay student organization seeking official university recognition. Texas A&M had argued that recognition of Gay Student Services would imply "tacit approval" of homosexuality by the university.

The National Gay Task Force entered the case before the Court of Appeals as a "friend of the court" on behalf of Gay Student Services. Gay Rights Advocates, a San Francisco-based public interest law firm, prepared the brief on behalf of NGTF.

"This is yet one more court victory for the Gay rights movement," noted NGTF Co-Director Lucia Valeska. "Its importance rests in assuring that Lesbian and Gay student groups are entitled to fair access to the services, facilities, and funding extended to other student organizations. And we are pleased by the willingness of the courts to apply Constitutional principles to the Gay rights movement."

Don Knutson, legal director of Gay Rights Advocates, commented, "We are encouraged by the fact that the Fifth Circuit has joined three other U.S. Courts of Appeal in rejecting the notion that student organizations can be denied First Amendment rights simply because their members are Gay or Lesbian or their purpose is to promote Gay rights."

## Peninsula Gay Group Forms

A Gay Men's Group is being offered by San Mateo County Mental Health Services, the first service offered by this county specifically targeted to the Gay community. The group will begin Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm, January 14 at Central County Mental Health Center, 3700 Edison Street, San Mateo.

All Gay male San Mateo County residents are eligible; fees are on a sliding scale. For further information contact either Leonard Maran, MSW, at 364-5600, extension 4111, or Tyrone Sturdivant, RN, at 573-2944. Group leaders are Gay identified.

The Gay Men's Consciousness Raising Group has set the following goals:

1. To develop better social skills.
2. To improve effective communication.
3. To build self-esteem.
4. To gain more self-awareness.

Significant issues regarding Gay lifestyles will be explored in depth, potentially focusing on the coming out process, relationship problems, sexual identity, coping with homophobia, and social action.

## Pickles' Unprecedented Debut at A.C.T.

Bay Area theatergoers have an unexpected post-holiday treat in store for them. San Francisco's own Pickle Family Circus is making an unprecedented debut at A.C.T., with the premiere of THREE HIGH, a comedy revue for adults of all ages. Produced by the Pickle Family Circus in association with the American Conservatory Theatre, THREE HIGH opens January 19 at A.C.T.'s Marines Memorial Theater (Sutter and Mason) for a four-week run.

THREE HIGH features the Pickles' multi-talented, irrepressible clown trio — Geoff Hoyle, Bill Irwin, and Larry Pisoni — whose physical artistry is an uncanny blend of slapstick, mime, acrobatics, dramatics, and dance. THREE HIGH is a whimsical and moving tribute to the great traditions of American vaudeville, English pantomime, and situation comedy. Director Richard Seyd says audiences can "expect the unexpected" in a rare evening of "physical and metaphysical comedy," all accompanied by the Pickle Family's acclaimed Jazz Band.

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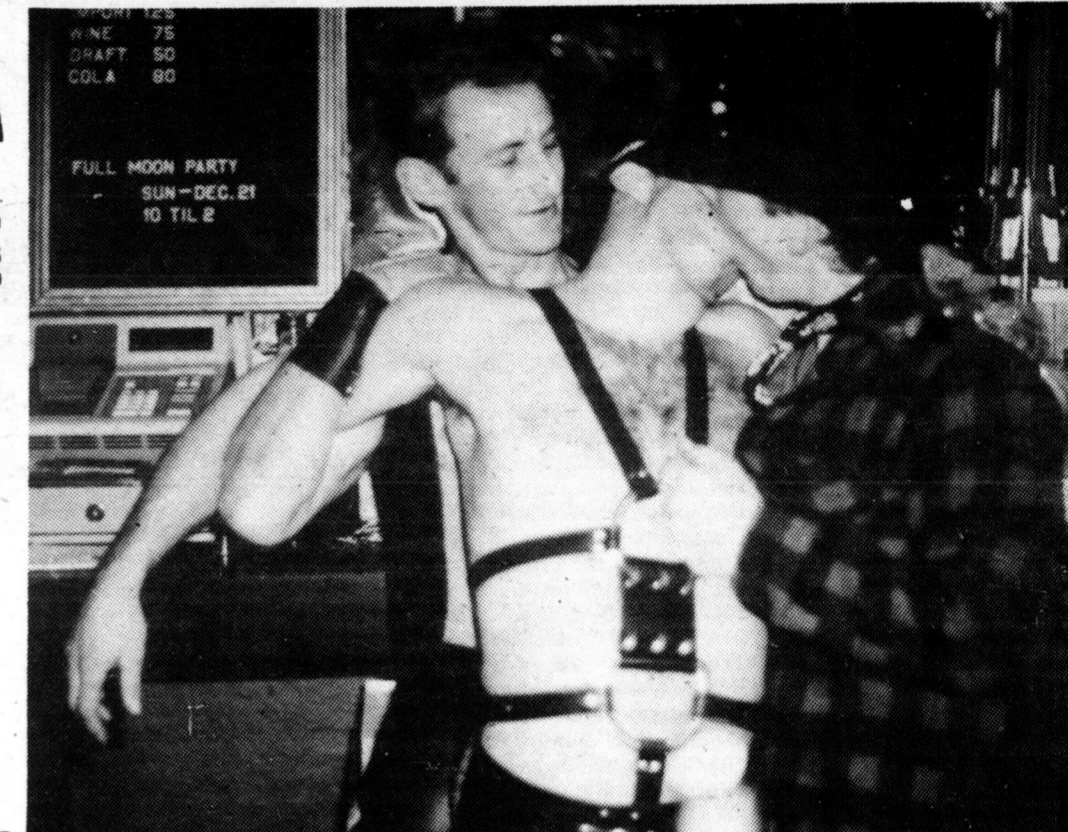
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### Thanks for the Memories

Southern Scandals

1981 is standing in the wings and predictions abound from all corners about what the next 12 months has in store for you all. In the South of Market area, expect two new bars to open. The SF-EAGLE has obtained all their permits, and manager Pat Batt is lining up help and getting things ready to go. The new Eagle will be on the corner of 12th & Harrison. No word yet on when FEBE's will be reopening, but you can expect a BIG party when they do. Further down on Folsom between 6th & 7th, Robb McBurney is busy getting ready another whiskey palace, but no definite opening date yet.

When the rains hit in a few weeks, you'll probably notice a lot of men with delicious tans, if you haven't already. My main cosmetic man tells me that OROBRONZE has hit town. Orobronze is the brand name of a pill manufactured in Montreal. For just \$29 you can get a supply of them, guaranteed to give you a tan ALL over. It is not available in the U.S. except through black-marketeers. You take two to four capsules a day for 15 days and VOILA! The active ingredient is canthaxanthine which is absorbed by the intestines and deposited in the fatty tissue just below the skin, staining the fat brown. Since skin is translucent, it, of course,



The latest in leather drag and body language as seen at the Drummer Club's "art" opening. (Photo by Rink)

looks brown and that is a tan. If you notice your nearest buddy's palms turning orange, you can bet he O.D.'d on the capsules, a common occurrence all over town.

Even though it was raining last Sunday, a hearty gang of dudes converged at the Wayne Flynn estate for a Christmas party and all decked out in HIGH heels. Mr. Leather of SF, Michael Martin won a prize for the ugliest pair; Mark Starr was wearing the most beautiful and Barrett Brown had on the most outrageous pair. Since Mr. Flynn lives on a steep hill, just watching the leatherettes arrive was a riot. Although many photos were taken, I suspect they'll end up under the "Censored" stamp. Loved the party. Hated the blisters the next day.

Congratulations to Randy Ellis and Rusty Davis, celebrating twelve years of wedded bliss this New Year's Eve. They met in a sleaze bar in New Orleans and have been together ever since. Apparently this is true love, as I have yet to see either one sporting a black eye, which is more than I can say for a lot of other supposedly happy twosomes. Randy says, "It's cheaper by the dozen," but I don't know if he means marriage years or studs at the Corn Holes on Folsom!

### SUGAR & SPITE...

When it was pouring rain last Sunday and the crowd at the BAL ONY was, er, uh, "sparse," LaLa Beach said to Richard the bartender, "Will you do something about this rain, dear?" to which Richard responded, "I did. Don't you love it?" Richard is still on the payroll, proving that LaLa does indeed have a cents of humor . . . Some happy dude will soon be sporting a complete leather outfit, courtesy of the Studstore on Folsom because he originated the new name of the Drummer Magazine bar on 11th & Folsom — it will henceforth be called DRUMMASTERS (you can't beat that), and in case you didn't know it, the bar IS open to the public . . . Graffiti seen in the tearoom of an Upper Market bar: "JOHN WAS HER, 7-20-80," under which someone scrawled: "She certainly was!" On another wall, Steve Iacovino noted: "Hot juicy asshole CARVES Black or Chicano meat, call 921-2233." Doesn't anyone know how to spell anymore, or are razorblades in your ass a new fetish? . . . Hot new store open at 2189 Market Street; it's called STAGE-COACH — with imaginative western shirts and other cowboy gear. Check it out; they're open 11 to 9 daily and from Noon to 5 on Sundays . . . Look for FEBE's to re-open

in early February with a new and expanded look. . .

### GNASHVILLE EXPRESS...

As we plow into the 80's, would you believe there are still some Gay businessmen who give jobs only if you'll sleep with them? Because I don't know his name I can't tell you about the slob who has an office cleaning business and hires hunky young dudes to toil for him; then, when they won't hit the sack with him, he fires them and refuses to pay them. Real cute. What goes around, comes around.

### Well, it's New Year's and if you get this early enough, you can decide what you're going to do tonight. Conceptual Entertainment's big RESOLUTIONS bash at the Galleria should be fun with Linda Clifford in person, thousands of lasers, buffet by Bon Appetit, and Bobby Vitteriti blasting sounds. Dick Collier Jr.'s TROCADERO TRANSFER offers Viola Wills in person, a fab buffet, music for hours on end, and a full breakfast at 6am; Sanford Kellman's I-BEAM features Vickie Sue Robinson, Jean Carn and Miss Adaritha in person, music by Michael Garrett, with an elegant evening buffet AND morning breakfast. All over Folsom and environs, the leather will leap and I don't know of any of the bars charg-

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ing at the door. The 15 ASSOCIATION commence their 81-Hour Orgy at their club house starting at Noon tomorrow (Thursday) and ending on Sunday at 9pm. The Boot Camp, Caldron, Corn Holes, Glory Holes, and Terror House are all doing "something special," so there should be no lack of activity for you to get involved with. There's even a lot of tourists in town for your pleasure. Don't stay home tonight! Ignite!

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES...

For NUMBERS on Fillmore which is still going strong since opening last January; for the BIG 4-Way bike christening at Febe's on January 20; for helping out the Cambodian refugees by attending Irene's birthday party at the Pendulum and raising \$1,725.33; for voting La Feinstein one of the ten worst-dressed women in the US; for Ron Beauregard, still the most courteous waiter at Church Street Station and in the entire city; for donating blood to INTER CLUB FUND blood bank; for those all-too-short \$3.79 dinners at the ASYLUM (now closed); for the Fairy Tale wedding at City Hall when hunky Jerry Long caught Dianne's garter and is still wearing it; for the great renovations at 21ST STREET BATHS; for the 14th Annual Academy Awards of Bikers and Jim Leuer, still the Man of the Year; for John Scholten at the Balcony for still being the most outrageous bartender West of Van Ness Avenue; for voting me Outstanding Social Columnist at the Cable Car Awards; for Tessie, our hard-working Empress; for Channel 9's S&M coverage done in good taste and getting rave reviews for it; for Dreamland which opened in February and will reopen this February with a better format; for Henrietta's on Fillmore, still going strong; for those \$2.95 recession dinners at the GALEON and Gary Burns/Al Vorst, bartenders par excellence (hurry and get well, Al); for the DEVIL'S HERD making their debut in February; for CHOP'S Sunday Western parties; for the Butch Brunch in March and the GDI's Spring Equinox Party; for the new Foot Fraternity; for the BRIG installing sub-sonic audible speakers for our deaf brothers to enjoy; Theatre Rhinoceros and ALL their productions under the most difficult circumstances; for the Polka Dot Party at the SF STUD in April; for the Mr. Leather of SF contests at the Brig; for the new Bull Dog

Baths; for the Coast to Coast party at the Galleria; for Little Michelle's and Brown's Pub; for Black Dawn, Inspection, Leather Bound and Pre-Tooling parties at the Music Hall by Folsom Fantasies; for Danny Alfieri of MOBY DICK; for Doug Kopecky at the newer, better CASTRO STATION; for a Gay Parade, successful in spite of the in-fighting still going on; for \$1000 from Conceptual Entertainment to the PARADE FUND; even "Gay Power, Gay Politics" deserves mention to serve as warning to publicists that the networks are evil; for the Mr. Leather of SF winner, Michael Martin; for Patrick Brookes, the winner in Chicago at the Gold Coast; for all the bike runs; for the fabulous ARENA poster by Bobby Uvari; for our fabulous Gay Marching Band and both Gay Choruses, outstanding at their every appearance; for Drummer Magazine's fabulous 5th Anniversary parties, the Mr. South of Market contest, and Mr. Western Drummer contest at Trocadero; for the slave auctions at Bulldog Baths; for the Rainbow Cattle Company staff and Two Turtles re-locating in our town; for those fabulous leather sheets created by Brian Borland; for the new Sling by Bill Trumpower; for the AM-BUSH's fabulous impromptu parties and good will to Sacramento; for Jimmy Miller's quaint imagination at Handball Express and the new Barracks; for the Rainbow M/C Fetish Festival; for Sweet Lips and Luscious Lorelei's grand entrance to Portland and Mt. St. Helens erupting; for the new GLADIATOR newspaper; for the new Black & White Men Together organization; for Gay Rap's 10th Anniversary; for Canary Island and their fabulous food; for the Reno Gay Rodeo and the Castro Street Fair; for Worn Out West and their priceless rags; for Davey Doyle; for a jazz club — Different Strokes; for the Casa Loma Hotel and the Alamo Square Saloon; for the Cafe Co-Mizery; for the new Pump Room; and the Mr. San Francisco Contest with a Gay man winning the title; for the Emperor's County Fair; for Bobby Pace, our handsome new Emperor; for the new MUSCLE SYSTEM Gym; for Nancy La Mott and Divine at the Plush Room; for Michelle and Faye in DOLLY; for Steve Iacovino and David Morris; for the friendly thighs — JC Krawchuck; for the 15 ASS'N and their success as an S&M organization; for the limericks all of

you have sent me; for the HOLE — have you found it yet?; for Count Reynaldo Del Fino and his sidekick Col. Clinque; for ALL the leather clothing stores in town; for Mr. Castro Street; for the Russian River's RR Lodge, Rusty Nail and Sleepy Hollow Lodge; for the RR Jazz Festival and Phil Slatin; for the END UP Jockey Shorts Contests with Randy Johnson (Miss Aurora, Illinois of 1944); for the Balcony's new drink, the TIT MOUSE; the Beaux Arts Ball, CMC Carnival, Halloween, etc.

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR! SEE YOU IN 1981 AROUND THE CAMPUS, OF COURSE. GOOD NIGHT, PRINCESS DE NAUGAHYDE — WHOEVER YOU ARE!

MISTER MARCUS

Greer for New Year's BARBARA COOK TO FOLLOW

Singer-comedian Michael Greer opens with a bang at the Plush Room of the Hotel York on December 31 with a smashing New Year's Eve party. Michael has appeared in many movies, including THE ROSE and was named the 1979 Entertainer of the Year in the Cable Car Awards. After New Year's Eve Greer will be performing every night through January 4 with two shows at 9:30 and 11:00pm.

The Plush Room also announced the opening of singing star Barbara Cook. Barbara's voice has graced such places as the White House, Carnegie Hall and our own Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall. Barbara will be performing January 6 through 11 and January 13 through 18. There will be two shows nightly at 9:30 and 11:00pm.

Alice to Elect

Walter Ems announced this week that the Alice General Membership meeting will be Monday, January 12, at 150 Eureka Street. A pot luck dinner is scheduled for 6:30pm, to be followed by the meeting at 7:30.

On the agenda is election of club officers and a guest speaker, District Attorney Arlo Smith.

Sweet Lips Sez

Meet Me In The Hob Nob

by Dick Walters



SWEET LIPS SEZ: "I managed to make the staff-Christmas party, but mismanaged to see the hosts. I 'Happy Holiday' them here: (L to R) B.A.R. editor Paul Lorch, Benro VP Richard Rubin, and B.A.R. publisher Bob Ross." (Photo by Rink)

"Alvin's Attic Auction" . . . Saturday, Jan. 10, from 2pm on . . . a benefit for the medical expenses for their hunky bartender Charley Berlanga, who was seriously injured when he fell through the plate glass window of Sutter's Mill while helping to decorate for the Mill's Senior Citizens' Benefit. So bring down your auctionable stuff (or cash) on Saturday . . . Greta Grass will be one of the many auctioneers that day . . . remember, it is at Alvin's (First Street near Mission).

Seems as if Greta Grass has gotten herself a new escort . . . Michael Hatley . . . a nice guy, so don't ruin him for the rest of us, Greta . . . and he isn't even Mexican — you have changed!

Read in *The Voice* that the Prince de Leather wouldn't be caught dead at a function at California Hall such as the upcoming Coronation of Empress XVI . . . but how come so many leather and bike clubs use California Hall, old Prince?

Lots of New Year's Eve parties at all of the bars, so you'll just have to pick your favorite spot . . . Gilmore's, White Swallow, N'Touch, Pines, Q.T., \*P.S., Gangway,

Hob Nob, Google's, Ginger's, Queen Mary's Pub and, of course, the Kokpit's biggie this year. But wherever you go, have a good time and take a cab. Hope that everyone has a Happy and Prosperous New Year — especially my publisher, Mr. Bob Ross.

For a change of pace — no, not Bobby Pace — try stopping by Sutro Baths and saying "Hi" to Glen, a nice guy. Try a Wednesday evening and you'll see and enjoy an exceptional show.

The great Mr. Michael Greer is at the Plush Room on New Year's Eve . . . knock 'em dead, as you usually do, Michael. Incidentally, Mame of Portland says to say "Hi" to you.

Of course, Lance Cartwright of Portland is going to be here for the New Year's festivities . . . you didn't know that, did you, Mel Square?

On Sunday the 14th Google's had a surprise birthday party for Seaman Russ. All of the food was provided by his many friends, and it was delicious . . . Bill Ward, Dick Kaye, Jerry Glen and Jack Slatker provided the great entertainment . . . have many more, Russ.

Kenny Morgan of the Pendulum — which, by the way, is being extensively enlarged and remodeled — you looked great the other afternoon at work. How do you keep looking so young? Can't wait to see the Pendulum when it is all finished . . . hope I get a sneak preview.

Thank you, Reba of Queen Mary's Pub, for the great Christmas card . . . see you the 2nd of January at the massacre — oh, I mean Privy Council meeting to interview the candidates for Empress XVI.

Did you see the Christmas decor at the N'Touch? . . . Luscious Lorelei, you did it again and it is hot . . . everything moves, including the help . . . Hi, Michael and Douglas.

Well, it is almost 1981 and the vibes are that it is going to be a fantastic year . . . that is the way I am planning my part of it, so come on and toast to love and happiness in '81!

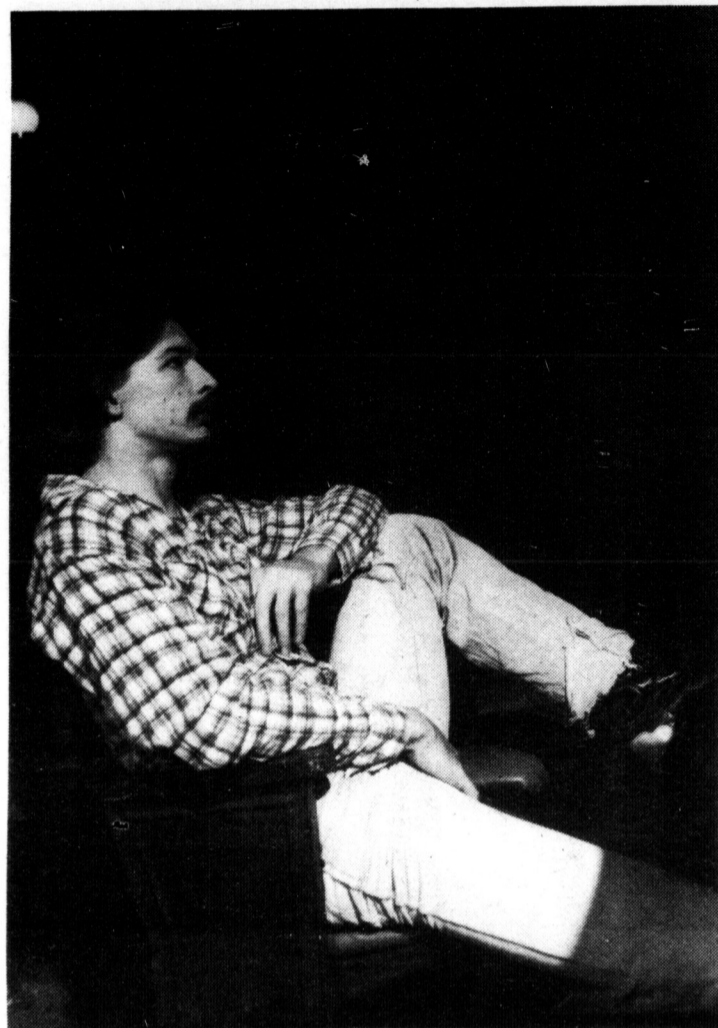
Advertisement for CORNHOLE'S at 1369 FOLSOM STREET CLUB. The ad features a stylized illustration of a person's legs and feet in high-heeled shoes, with the word 'CORNHOLE'S' written in large, bold, outlined letters. Below the name, it says '1369 FOLSOM STREET CLUB is the CORNHOLE'S SAN FRANCISCO'. At the bottom, it lists the hours: 'HOURS MONDAY THRU SATURDAY 6PM TO 6AM SUNDAY 4PM TO 6AM'.

Large advertisement for 'HAND IN HAND FILMS' featuring the movie 'Private COLLECTION'. The top part shows a shirtless man standing in front of a window. The text reads: 'HAND IN HAND FILMS Private COLLECTION'. Below this, it lists the cast: 'The cast of 20 men includes: "Just Blonds" Stars Scorpio and Ken Carter • "Blueboy's" Steve York and Paolo • "Fire Island Fever" Stars Garry Hunt and John Carlo Scorpio's Identical Twin Scorpio II • Bob Damon • And New Stars Ivan, Johnny Apollo and the Incredible Yogi Rama'. It also lists the directors: 'Directed by Jack Deveau Peter de Rome Tom DeSimone'. At the bottom, it says 'A Hand in Hand Films Production X-Rated • Color • All Male Cast' and 'the nob hill cinema 729 burh st. tele 781-9468'.

## Porn Corner —

### Hand-In-Hand Forces Hand-to-Lap

Karr



Scorpio in PRIVATE COLLECTION at the Nob Hill

PRIVATE COLLECTION has just opened at the Nob Hill, and offers a loving collection of perfectly watchable privates in constantly public situations. This series of six sexual vignettes is shortened from its total of seven scenes by the necessity to delete scene #5, as it "cannot be shown in this area." This makes me wonder what within it could have been so shocking or obscene that it had to be removed from the San Francisco edition. Or maybe Hand-in-Hand Films thought they were mailing this to Dubuque. At any rate, the remaining sections offer something for everyone, the return of some favorites in the casts, and work that is recognizable from the names involved.

First is Jack (DRIVE) Deveau's THE BLUEBOY which features young and muscular Steve York in a solo JO. This is a rousing opener for the film. When York finally opens his jeans, he reveals black briefs through which the outline of his monster meat is clearly visible — already hard, laying up, across his thigh, poking out from under the briefs at the outside of his leg.

This star turn is followed by DELIVERIES IN THE REAR, by Peter De Rome, in which Paolo's rear is serviced by a long line of eager workers. The photography here allows us to see every inch doing the old in-out.

Part 3, HOT TUB, is one of the best, but that's no surprise since it was made by Tom de Simone. It stars the huge man who played Bob Blount's lover in TROUBLESHOOTERS, and plunks him down in a hot tub with Dan Gentry, who's hard and lithe, a real Adonis. Talk about blonde, talk about brown. Here it is. He's a really big man, and his really big cock springs straight up when his pants are pulled down. His very photogenic ass gets licked, loved, and pumped full, leading to a strong orgasm. Not bad at all.

In a feat of trick photography Scorpio stars with himself in DOUBLE SCORPIO, a short by Jace Deveau. Scorpio takes a seat in a deserted theater, and when a spotlight hits the stage, imagines a leather-clad version of himself doing a very fancy act. Costume, sets, lights, billowing smoke, and a lot of other doodle-doo surround his hot striptease. Amazement follows when he leaves the audience to make love to his performing persona on stage. Scorpio alone has always been hot, and seeing him in duplicate is quite a kick.

Yogi Rama stars next, in Jack Deveau's PENETRATION. We find him in lotus position at first, while he attains an erection without moving or touching his cock. This vaudeville turn is followed by a hair-raiser. He inserts a metal rod into his dick. I squirmed in my seat, but then shrugged. Hell, they do it in hospitals and call it medicine, so why not at home and call it sex? I'm just a push-over for anything involving cock, and Mr. Rama proceeds to jack his off, the come oozing out around this rod. His fine musculature and hairy body only add to the scene.

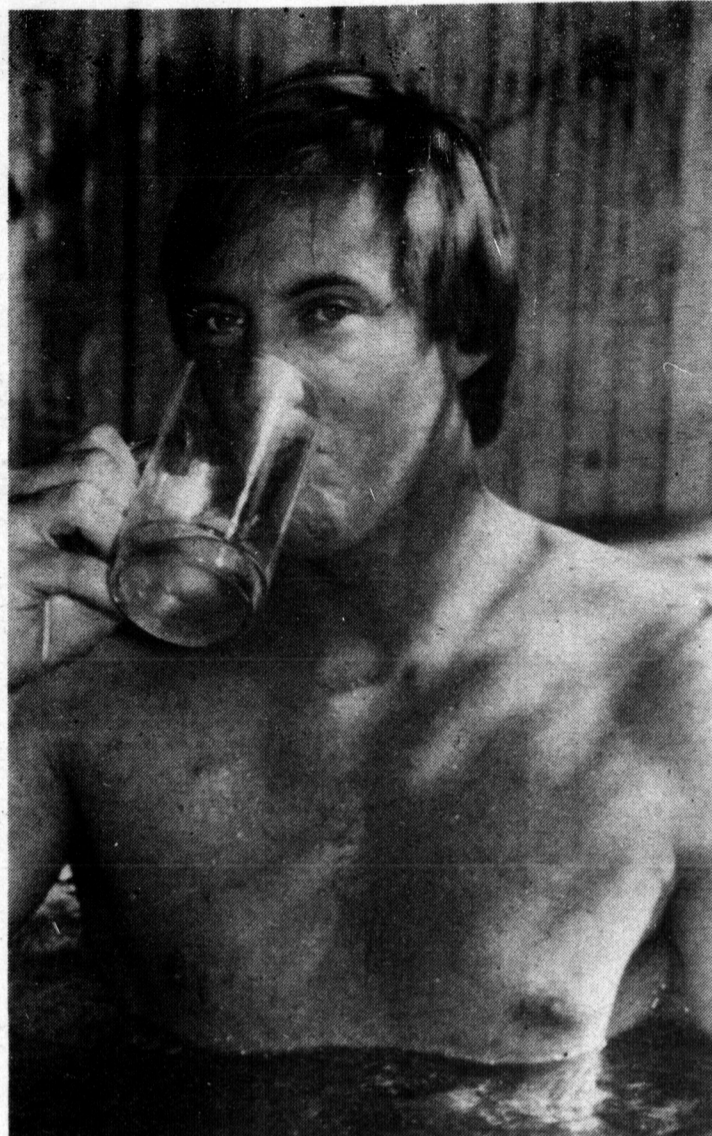
I was pleased to find my old heartthrob Bob Damon starring in the last sequence, APPOINTMENT, by Tom de Simone. His Huck Finn boyishness and Dorian Gray sleaziness have endeared him to me. In this story he's locking up his shop when he's jumped by a Black dude and raped. In this movie's size parade, this guy has the biggest and most uncut log yet. A night watchman approaches, but instead of rescuing Damon, he only leaps into the fray. I won't give away the surprise ending, but just say that Bob Damon gets his.

In terms of quality of film-making and interesting men, PRIVATE COLLECTION adds up to an enjoyable experience. Hand-in-Hand should be urged to unbury other unused pieces of film like this.

### DOUBLE STARS AT SCREENING ROOM

In an under-publicized and unusually brief appearance, the Screening Room showcased the none-too-limited talents of Scott Taylor. He was sandwiched between Al Parker's starring vehicle WANTED and his own feature, ROUGH CUT. These two movies alone make up an excellent double bill, and the live show by Taylor was to be a delectable extra.

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Bart Sommers, another player from PRIVATE COLLECTION by Hand in Hand Films.



A pose of Dan Gentry in Hand in Hand Films' PRIVATE COLLECTION

**CHUCK**  
WITH RIMLESS GLASSES

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## Sports

### City Pool Championship

Mark Brown

#### WHITE SWALLOW

For the third time in four seasons the White Swallow has been crowned San Francisco's Gay Pool Champions.

The league is set up into two divisions with the top four teams in each division eligible for the play-offs. In quarter-final play the first place team plays the third place team and the second place team plays the fourth place team in a single elimination game. The two winners then play for the division title. The two division winners then play a best two out of three for the championship.

**DIVISION A:** 1st, White Swallow A; 2nd, Cinch A; 3rd, Luby's B; 4th, Village.

**DIVISION B:** 1st, Luby's A; 2nd, Rainbow C.C.A.; 3rd, My Cousin's Place; 4th, White Swallow B.

In the Division A play-off, the White Swallow A team trounced Luby's B team 9-0 and the Cinch A team squeaked by the Village 9-7. The White Swallow then had a fairly easy 9-3 victory over the Cinch for the division title.

In Division B play, Luby's A team handled My Cousin's Place in easy fashion 9-3 as did the Rainbow Cattle Co. A team over the White Swallow B team 9-2. The Rainbow barely got by Luby's 9-7 for the division title.

In the championship finals the White Swallow took the first game 9-7, with Colin Bradley and captain Raymond Rodriguez each taking three matches. Alternate Hue Lucas was called to duty with the White Swallow leading 8-7 and won the ninth and deciding match.

In the second game the White Swallow was leading 8-5 when the Rainbow Cattle Co. team captain, Dan Schindler, came in and won three consecutive matches to tie the game at eight-all after regulation play. Raymond Rodriguez won two matches to lead his Swallow team to a 4-1 overtime victory and the championship.

Ron McKay also starred for his team, winning all four of his matches in the finals. Rounding out the six-member team are Ron McDaniel and co-captain Jorge Osejo.

between San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego will be held January 9-11 at The 8th Day (8th & Bryant) with a kick-off buffet at 7:30pm on the 9th. The White Swallow will represent San Francisco in the double elimination tournament. Four players from each city will vie for individual honors. Representing our city will be Gene Miller, Luby's A; Ron McKay, White Swallow A; Colin Bradley, White Swallow A; and Gino Smith, White Swallow B.

#### G.S.L. TO MEET

San Francisco's Gay Softball League will hold its next regular meeting Saturday, Jan. 10, at noon at the Pilsner Inn, 225 Church Street (at Market).

All players and teams interested in joining the league for the 1981 season are requested to attend this meeting. For further info contact Commissioner Tom Vindeed, 681-0243.

#### I.G.O.A. ELECTS DIRECTORS

The International Gay Olympics Association has elected its first Board of Directors for the 1982 Gay Olympic Games to be held in San Francisco. They are Mark Brown, Jim Cairnes, Jim Dollard, Stephen Kopel, Wayne Taves, and Tom Waddell, with the directors selecting Stephen Kopel as chairman of the Board.

Volunteering for project work for the month of January: Graphics - Sam Allen, Mike Hansen; Membership - Dennis DeGroot, Jim Cairnes; Fund-raising - Dick Ferris, Mike Brenner, Lee Coplin, Paul Mart, and Joe Zyguelbaum; Events - Dick Ferris, Paul Mart; Media - Mike Knapp; Incorporation - Mike Evans, John Wahl.

Events that the association considers definite for the '82 games are Track & Field, Swimming & Diving, Bowling, Tennis, Gymnastics, Bob Building, Wrestling, Table Tennis, and Volleyball. Other events being considered are Basketball, Boxing, Judo-Karate, Pocket Billiards, and Weightlifting.

The next regular business meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7:30pm at 141 Albion Street. Everyone is welcome — call 626-1395 or 824-7915 for info.

Have a great New Year and be a good sport!

The tri-city pool challenge

## FRONTRUNNERS

### Fun Runs

All runs are non-competitive, free, and open to all. They start at 10AM Sunday morning. For more information: Bob Plantz, 826-8067, or George Fischer, 981-0519.

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**JANUARY 25**  
Arguello Gate/Presidio - 4.0 miles, rolling. Entrance to Presidio, Arguello and Jackson.

## Media Queen

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**Local Politics — August 21:** A sneak election that ended district elections. The fall race for Supervisors of San Francisco is a monument to political madness, with no one sure who's running or who will serve, and everything up for grabs. In the end there were not 11 new Gay Supervisors, but Britt was re-elected, this time to a four-year term. The Supervisor was beaten up on the street in December.

Tim Wolfred won a seat on the College Board, working in coalition with Chinese community representative Julie Tang, also elected. Tom Ammiano, who pushed for bullet voting from his endorsers, lost. Maybe if he'd spoken at the Gay parade, but — ah well, who wasn't ready?

**Late Summer: Hotel Strike** — Gay and straight hotel workers on the line for a month at the height of tourist season. Gay workers at Church Street Station had previously voted not to join the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Local 2. Results of the strike were mixed, with an alleged sell-out of the membership at a secret meeting of their leadership with the bosses, held in L.A. to work out the adopted compromise.

**October 19: Demonstration** at University of San Francisco protesting that administration's denying Gays the right to form their own organizations there. Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were exploited by the Chronicle in order to obscure the issues, but pictures of the Sisters probably said more than the Chronicle could ever convey through their editorials.

**Mid-November: Death** at the Ramrod and Sneakers — a man took a machine gun to a popular Gay corner in New York City, killing two, injuring six. The media pompously decries the violence and dumb-foundedly asky why?

## Porn Corner

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Taylor's act several months ago is firmly implanted in my memory. I had never seen a sex act so thoroughly planned, so perfectly executed, and starring a man not only beautiful but talented in multiple ways. For not only is Taylor a dancer and actor, but he created his act. The music, lights, and staging were all his doing, and all three contributed to his success. His incredible sexuality and mind-boggling cock had a lot to do with it, too, but I've seen many idiots also blessed with these qualities who can barely even jack-off, mind, less present themselves with the command and assurance of Taylor.

Things weren't so smooth this time around, though. Using a music tape 1/3 the length of his previous tape, Taylor's act was rushed. It didn't contain the build-up, display and release that his previous visit did. Taylor himself seemed not as centered, although the force of his glowering, masculine sexuality flooded the theater as before. And certainly the display of his incredible cock holds an unending fascination, but this time was more of an isolated event. I'm still glad he was back, though, for no other theater in town has presented anyone as memorable as Taylor, and I await his return. With a little more planning he could re-scale the heights of his first visit. And has anyone thought of selling postcards of this vision? I'd buy the first one. ■

Karr

**November 27:** March Against Violence in memory of slain Supervisor Milk and Mayor Moscone. Mayor Dianne Feinstein and other city establishment, last year among our ranks carrying candles, this year treat us like we were out to destroy city peace on a legal Family holiday, denying the sponsoring Milk Club a permit to march in the streets. Not surprisingly, the obstructionists and do-nothing-about-our-problems politicians are all roundly attacked from the speaker's platform that evening, while the real violence out in the streets continues, the prime lending rate up to 21%.

The media celebrated an attack in Dolores Park and buried a murder in Buena Vista Park, dropped a body found on Mt. Tamalpais when they discovered it was merely a Gay man from San Francisco murdered somewhere else. Britt led a Supes' anti-Gay violence hearing.

Mae West died. The woman whose early play "The Drag" about homosexuals was closed on New York's Broadway by the police in the 20's, whose camp gave voice to hopes and dreams heretofore never mentioned — she could not be stopped, only typed.

**Late November:** A small group of Gays picketed Castro Station bar for alleged discrimination of an Asian customer last July 3, the bar denying they have any racist policies. Another demonstration December 27 protested alleged N'Touch carding of Asians; again the bar in question denied the charge.

**On-Going:** Atlas Savings and Loan, the first Gay financial institution, nearing its over-the-top \$2 million required figure to open.

**On-Going:** A labor dispute erupted at Hotel York when the owner fired much of the housekeeping staff to replace them with cheaper help, perhaps Cuban refugees.

**December:** In the wake of the Right Wing sweep of the elections in most of the country, Congress begins to pass new anti-Gay laws such as prohibition of federal funds to Gay defendants. The law suggests that Gays should not be allowed to defend themselves and smacks of early 30's Nazi legislation against Jews and others. Carter vetoes bill.

**December 8:** John Lennon is assassinated. Don't say Goodbye, say Hello.

All in all, a year where our differences seem clearer, our problems more defined, our lives more in jeopardy, but our future more dedicated to finding real solutions.

Once there was a singer who taught us all to sing, and now we are a chorus singing our lives out to the world. Happy New Year, lovers and friends. ■

Konstantin Berlandt

## CINEMATTACHINE

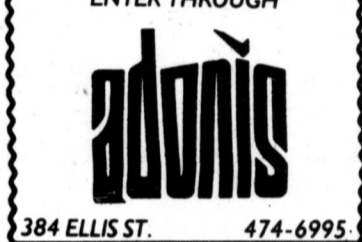
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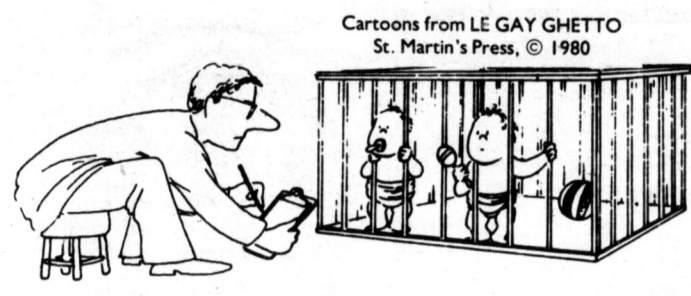
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### Nez Pas

A scientist begins a 50-year study on homosexual couples.

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"What candidate for Queen of Hearts III of Oakland, named Stephanie, had a playful wrestling match with what owner of the Lake Lounge, who lost his diamond ring in the horseplay, and when Stephanie found said ring for said owner, who nicknamed Stephanie 'Slick'?"

HUH???

### RANCORISMS!

Tee-Hee, Tee-Hee! Boy, that Roy Plumber had really better watch her typewriter and what she says in her column in

the H.E.R.O. paper, Challenge! It seems that secretary Al Ruiz and circulation manager Dan Burreis are a little more than angry but not quite yet pissed off at the old bitch! She had better make some apologies in her next column or they may continue to misspell her name on her column!!

### INDEMNIFICATION?

My apologies to Bob Ross and the entire B.A.R. staff for not being able to make their Christmas party, but something as mundane as a "run amok" ice machine kept me busy and on guard 'til the wee hours of the morning, damn it! Hopefully, next time...???

I hope this new year brings happiness and success to each and every one of you... wear your smile, it's catching!

Nez Pas

## B.A.R. Classifieds

### TRAVEL

R.E. Exec w/pay air fare, hotels, meals and entertainment for travel companion. 2 months business trip Jan 81 SF-New Orleans-NYC-Carribr-Miami-Mexico. Must speak Spanish/English. \$2000 vacation value, not a job. Minor duties, total shared itinerary, non-sexual. Interviews 600 Fillmore. Info: 626-0350

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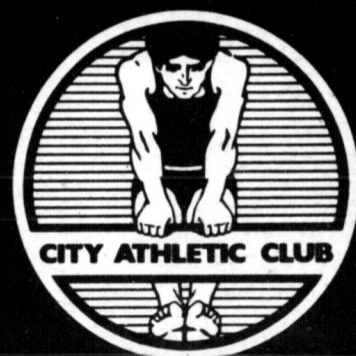
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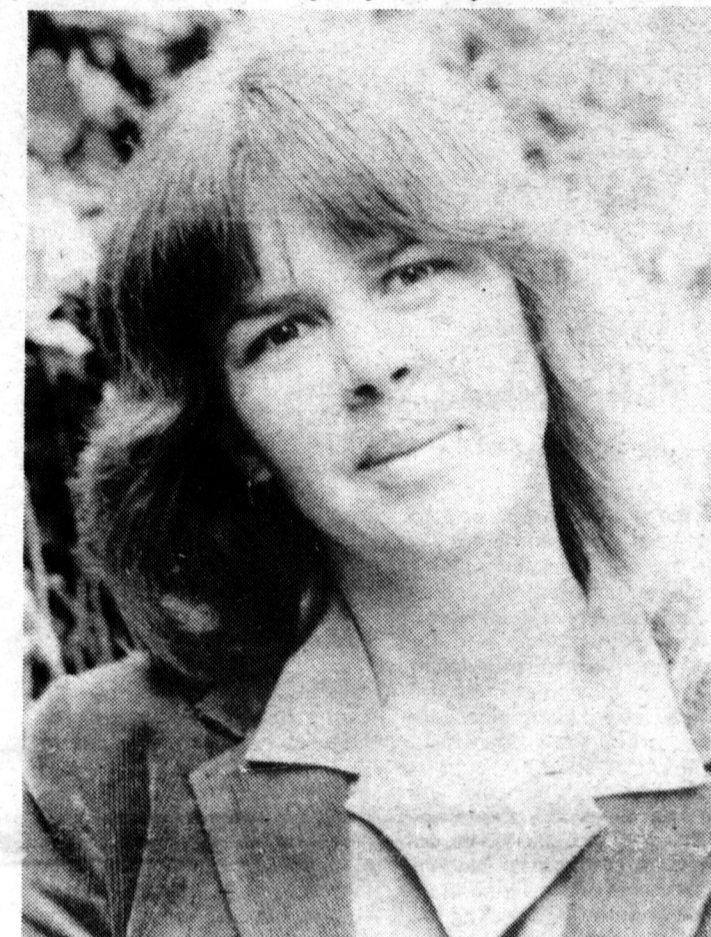
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## Connie O'Connor Elected Toklas President

by Wayne Friday



Connie O'Connor, 1981 President of Alice B. Toklas Demos. (Photo by Rink)

Connie O'Connor, a Lieutenant in the Sheriff's Department was elected President of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club Monday night. O'Connor, who had served a term as Vice President, was unopposed for the Presidency, an obvious sign of the popularity of the Lesbian activist. O'Connor, who has worked in the Sheriff's Department for over five years, hav-

ing been an aide to former Sheriff Dick Hongisto, is a native San Franciscan and a graduate of San Francisco State College with a Masters in Education.

The new Toklas President told B.A.R. Tuesday that she thinks "political accountability of those now in office" will be one thing she will be looking at

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L.A. Times Interview

## LAPD Has New Liaison for Gay Community

No Recruitment of Gays

Los Angeles

Police Chief Daryl Gates (who is running for mayor of Los Angeles) last week appointed an official liaison with the city's Gay community.

Commander Ken Hickman, 40, an 18-year LAPD veteran and former captain of the Hollywood division, was chosen. Hickman in an interview with the L.A. Times denied he was homosexual and resented that the question had been asked. He said it wasn't relevant.

Hickman's role "will be to take back to the chief and to the police commission the results of my meetings (with members of the homosexual community)." "I might also assist members of the department," he continued, "who have problems dealing with aspects of the Gay-Lesbian community. It can go both ways — no pun intended." According to reports from Southern California, he immediately sat down with representatives of the Gay community for purposes of what he termed "mutual education."

Two ideas that were given to him by Gay leaders he did not like: open recruitment of Gays by the LAPD and hiring Gays to teach sensitivity training at the Police Academy.

Hickman called the initial meeting "enlightening." He said, "We made a start."

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LAPD's new Gay community liaison, Cmdr. Ken Hickman.

## Tim Wolfred Takes Seat on College Board

by Wayne Friday

Dr. Tim Wolfred was sworn in as a member of the Board of Governors of the San Francisco Community College Board last Tuesday, January 6. Wolfred was joined by the other three members elected last November in a citywide race — Julie Tang, Booker T. Anderson Jr., and Chuck Ayala in an impressive City Hall ceremony. Mayor Dianne Feinstein, in presenting the four commis-

sioners with their certificates of election, noted that Dr. Wolfred is the first openly Gay person to serve on the Board. Feinstein predicted that Wolfred "will serve his community and the City of San Francisco with distinction and dedication."

Wolfred, in his speech to the capacity City Hall crowd, called

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Gay Input Sought

## V.D. Clinic Nears Deadline In Search For New Home

by John F. Karr

Dr. Erwin Braff, Director of Disease Control and Adult Health for the S.F. Health Department, recently elicited response from members of the Gay community regarding the relocation of the V.D. Clinic. Located in its present offices on 4th Street since vacating its original site at 33 Hunt (at Howard Street), the Clinic is now forced to find a new location.

Dr. Braff explained the dual reasons for the importance of the clinic's current location. First, the clinic needs to be generally reachable. It now exists near the crossing of three major transit corridors — the Market, Mission and Third Street buses. Second, and of prime importance says Dr. Braff, is the walking distance from the Tenderloin.

Although the Clinic lost its lease on September 30, 1980,

the owner of the building, R.J. Reynolds Corporation, has been lenient in allowing the Clinic time to find another site. The Reynolds Corporation is becoming impatient and is beginning to apply pressure to have the Clinic moved soon. Reynolds uses the first floor of the building for information storage and a computer facility. The corporation, owners of the Del Monte Company and many other subsidiaries in San Francisco and needs more room in its 4th Street building to do so. They are threatening to relocate these ventures outside of the city if the Clinic does not vacate soon. This would cause loss of jobs created by the Reynolds Company's use of the facility.

Dr. Braff and his associates, after having inspected several potential sites, feel most positive about the abandoned firehouse at 676 Howard Street.

off 3rd. Not only does it contain the needed amount of office space, but it is also in the same neighborhood, offering little change of habit to the Clinic's patrons. Best of all, it is owned by the city and the financial aspects of its takeover would not be great. Although other plans have been broached, such as empty school houses out in the Avenues or a special suite of offices at City Hospital, these do not seem as viable. City Hospital is not generally accessible without some effort, being served basically by only one bus line.

Despite the cooperation of the Reynolds firm to this point, the situation of the Clinic needs to be resolved very soon. Although Dr. Braff feels strongly positive towards acquiring the firehouse on Howard Street, he would appreciate comments and letters about the relocation

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Community College Board member Tim Wolfred (c) joins the well-wishers at reception in the Veterans Building Green Room. Supervisor Louise Renne's aide Alan Johnson is on the right and behind him is Gordon Armstrong from the Public Defender's office. (Photo by Rink)