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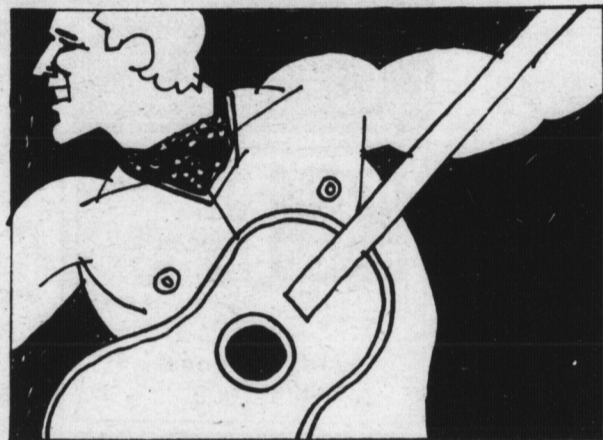
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Rally Scratched

Marchers Brave Rainstorm

by Allen White

Last Friday night as the rain poured down on the corner of Castro and Market Streets, approximately 2,000 people marched in memory of George Moscone and Harvey Milk. The peaceful march was led by an honor guard from the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and drummer John Orlando. As the rain soaked marchers carried the flags of the United States, California, and San Francisco, they were followed by many of San Francisco's top officials.

San Francisco Board of Supervisors President John Molinari said, "This march is a symbol of our sorrow for Harvey Milk and George Moscone." He also said, "This march is the glue that holds this community together. I think the march is important. It makes no difference whether or not I am in public office or not," Molinari continued, "I will be in this march as long as there is a march."

Marching the full length to City Hall were Mayor Dianne Feinstein and Supervisors Britt, Silver, Hongisto and Walker. On the State level of government, there was Assemblyman Willie Brown and Art Agnos as well as State Senator Milton Marks.

Harry Britt and Dianne Feinstein purposely chose not to be in the front of the march. Feinstein with her husband Dick Blum and Willie Brown were almost half-

way back in the line of march.

Rain can be a wonderful neutralizer of power, and every participant became an equal. As a result, Feinstein was completely aware of the crowd chanting "Dump Dianne." Many of those participating in this had no idea that the Dianne that they chose to "dump" was literally less than an arm's length away. At the same time, there were many, many people who individually walked up to Ms. Feinstein and expressed their appreciation that the Mayor of San Francisco was part of this event.

Many of the marchers, such as a contingent from Stanford University, had never met Harvey Milk or George Moscone. A member of their group when asked why they would march through the heavy rain said Harvey Milk was a symbol. Harvey Milk, they felt was too important for them to not do their part to keep his spirit and memory alive.

Doug Winslow, who recently lost in his race for a Palo Alto council seat and was a worker in the recent Gay rights initiative which also lost, was in the march. He said after the events in Palo Alto he had to come to San Francisco. "The march," he said, "was a moment for him to be a part of the Gay community."

Many who knew Harvey Milk and George Moscone

were also in the march. For them, it was an opportunity for them to simply remember their two assassinated friends.

That several thousand people would choose to march was truly amazing. Cleve Jones and Rick Slick, who with members of the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club had worked on the event for weeks, were justifiably pleased with the turnout. Equally as proud were the many people who were marching.

Again for the fourth year there were moments when the line of march stretched over so many blocks that it was not possible to view the beginning and the end of the march at the same time.

As the march reached Franklin Street, it turned off of Market and continued to Grove Street. There it passed Davies Hall and turned left in front of City Hall.

Because of the rain it was not possible to set up electrical equipment, and the planned rally was canceled. It was decided that the march would continue around City Hall, down Van Ness and back up Market Street to 18th and Castro Streets. Because the rain had stopped and many had not heard of the rally cancellation, several hundred people chose to stay in front of City Hall.

This created, in effect, two groups. One group of several hundred marchers heading toward Castro and another group at City Hall.

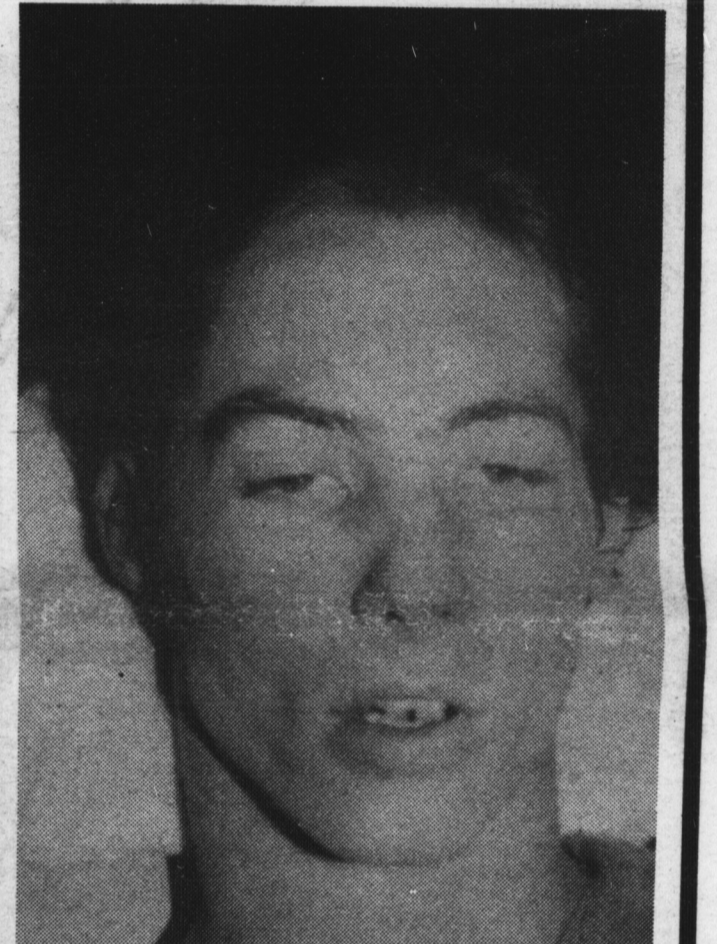
The group at City Hall wanted something to happen. Since there was no electrically amplified sound system, the group used moni-

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Polk Victim Still Unclaimed

The San Francisco Police Department and the County Coroner's Office still have been unable to identify the victim in the slaying which occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning, November 21.

The victim is presumed to be 20 years of age. He was 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighed 146 pounds. He had hazel eyes and brown hair which extended down to the middle of his neck.

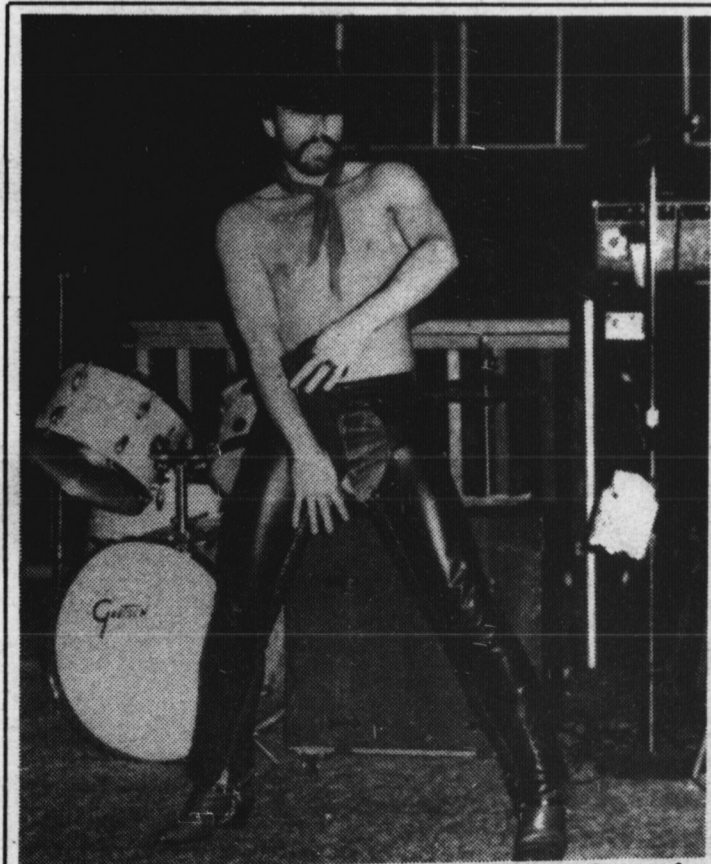


When he was murdered he was wearing a black satin Eisenhower type jacket, a blue tank top shirt and Levis. He was also wearing white socks and white tennis shoes with red stripes. The victim also wore a brown belt with a white metal buckle in the design of a horse head and a horseshoe.

The young man is still identified as John Doe #146. He carried no identification and, to date, there has been no fingerprint identification.

If anyone has information regarding the identity of this person, contact Inspector Hendricks or Inspector Dean at 554-1145 or the Coroner's Office at 553-1694.

The photo which is shown is of the corpse.



Rick, the stripper at Sutro Bath House begins his act for Sunday night cowboy party. For what comes next see page 27. (Photo by Rick)

Mental Health Boss Resigns in Gay-TV Spots Row

Mental Wellness Commercials in Limbo

According to a story filed from Sacramento, the director of the state Department of Mental Health — reportedly upset because of a Brown administration decision to cancel public service announcements geared to homosexuals — announced his resignation this week.

Al M. Loeb, who said he would leave December 30, became the second top Brown administration official to quit since the governor appointed Republican B. T. Col-

lins as his chief of staff in early October.

Loeb indicated Tuesday he was particularly unhappy over Collins' decision in October to cancel Department of Mental Health-sponsored televised public service announcements aimed at promoting mental health among homosexuals, minorities, and elderly persons.

"I did send a letter to the governor and in that letter I

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Marchers Brave Rainstorm

tor bullhorns. Milk Club President Glenn Craig spoke to the crowd. 1981 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day co-chair Greg Day also spoke, but the two people who made the evening memorable for those at City Hall were entertainers Holly Near and Blackberri. Each in their own way expressed in music the significance of the evening, and they kept the peace. Rumor had it there were many in the crowd (the majority perceived by monitors as not Gay) who tried to create a violent incident.

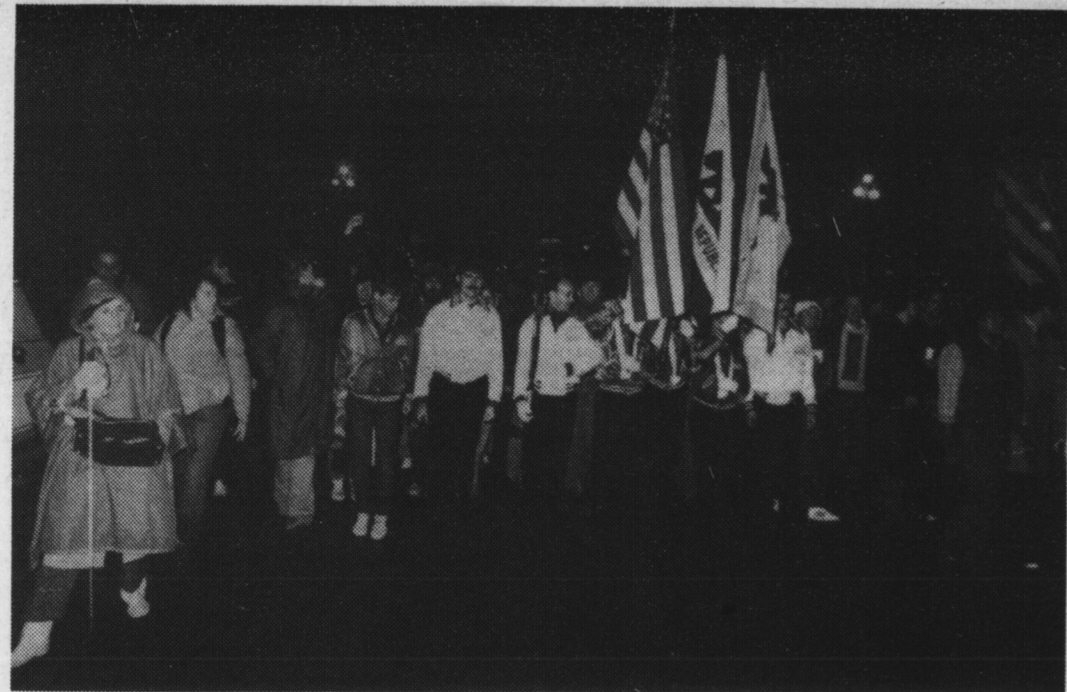
There was a heavy police presence, much of it not visible, during the entire evening of activity. Police cleared the march route several blocks ahead of the march from beginning to conclusion.

security for Mayor Feinstein by plainclothes officers and there was security provided for the marchers.

Though most participants saw the police cars at the front and rear of the march, few realized that there were several police vehicles stationed on all the streets that interest the march route.

Cleve Jones, co-organizer of the march, stated that the cooperation of the police department had been excellent. He noted that when it was decided to march back to Castro the police assured Jones that there would be police protection all the way to the Castro area. Working with the monitors, there was two of the three traffic lanes cleared for the march.

Credit for a smooth evening is credited also to monitor head Glenna McElhinney. From the beginning of the march, McElhinney was able to direct a unified group of monitors. They were present in all phases of the march, particularly at the front and the rear, which are the most vulnerable areas.



A contingent from the Gay Band Color Guard kicks off the 1981 Candlelight March. (Photo by Rink)

When some problems developed at City Hall, it was the monitors who were able

to isolate the pro-violent individuals and keep the area free from any incident.

The memorial to Harvey Milk and George Moscone ended just as it has for the last three years a few minutes after 10pm. Each year has proved totally unpredictable. As the march ended at 18th and Castro, the street filled with people. One person yelled, "Out of the bars and into

the streets." Another voice yelled, "Out of the streets and into the bars." At the same time, several hundred burning candles were being laid, as has happened each year since November 27, 1978, on the statue of Abraham Lincoln in front of City Hall.

Allen White

Candlelight Rally — Rained Out

A Job Bungled and Salvaged

by Konstantin Berlandt

Candlelight Memorial organizer Cleve Jones confided to me and several others hanging out at Castro and 18th several weeks before the event that the rally would begin with a tape of then Supervisor Dianne Feinstein announcing to the press (and the world) that Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk had just been shot and killed.

Cleve paused, just as she had, while the screams of shock, horror, rage and panic filled in, before she added, "The suspect is Supervisor Dan White."

Even Jones' drag-voice rendering brought back the rush of feelings from that moment on the radio, just as it would when the words rang

out in the night from the City Hall steps at the start of the rally after the candlelight march Friday.

But after several months of preparation, billboards, posters, leaflets that promised march and rally come rain or shine, and the story at the top of the hour on most local radio newscasts all afternoon, producers Jones and Rick Slick decided the downpour was too much and canceled plans for stage, sound, and rally.

Cleve was on the tube warning those whose Guccis might be ruined by the rain that the rally had been canceled and the march would merely walk around City Hall and then disperse.

The word, however, had not filtered through the crowd

of some 2000 marchers that began, candles lit, from Castro and Market, just as the rain stopped about 8pm. As Jones, wearing his traditional bullhorn, led the charge past City Hall, those in the back of the crowd, who couldn't hear or refused to follow, stopped in front of the steps, many expecting the promised rally.

At least 1500 did not follow Jones' lead back to the Castro. They waited, calmly at first, for the rally to begin.

But as the minutes lengthened, and no Godot came on any microphone to introduce the scheduled speakers and entertainment, the air began to crackle with chants and invectives.

The media had been pumping the event all week for some sort of violent outburst — a replay of the May 21st/79 White Night riot — in response to more recent anti-Gay murders on Polk

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The canceled rally at Civic Center that rallied after all — while others marched back to the Castro. (Photo by Rink)

Operation Concern Needs More Room

Gay Clinic Running Out of Space

by Dennis DeBiase



(l to r) Dennis DeBiase, Board Chairman of OC; accountant Bob Dern; Supervisor Harry Britt, and Executive Director of OC Carole Migden. (Photo by Rink)

"Oh God, I could be bounded in a nutshell, and count myself a king of infinite space, were it not that I have bad dreams."

That memorable commentary by Hamlet on his distressed emotional state certainly echoes through the corridors of our more modern minds, as well. But considering the "nutshell" size of a popular service agency dedicated to alleviating lots of that mental distress in our own Gay "Kingdom" by the Bay, space itself... or lack of it... is the principal contributor to nightmares.

"It's simply a question of having enough therapy space to fix the needs of the nearly 1,000 mental health clients who turn to us for counseling support each year," says Carole Migden, Executive Director of Operation Concern, with respect to her agency's current search for larger quarters. Operation Concern is the city's only mental health service provider operated exclusively by and for Lesbians and Gay men. Those numbers of clients would swell if the space were available. "We have to refer 'out' dozens of potential clients who need our services each month because of our cramped office limita-

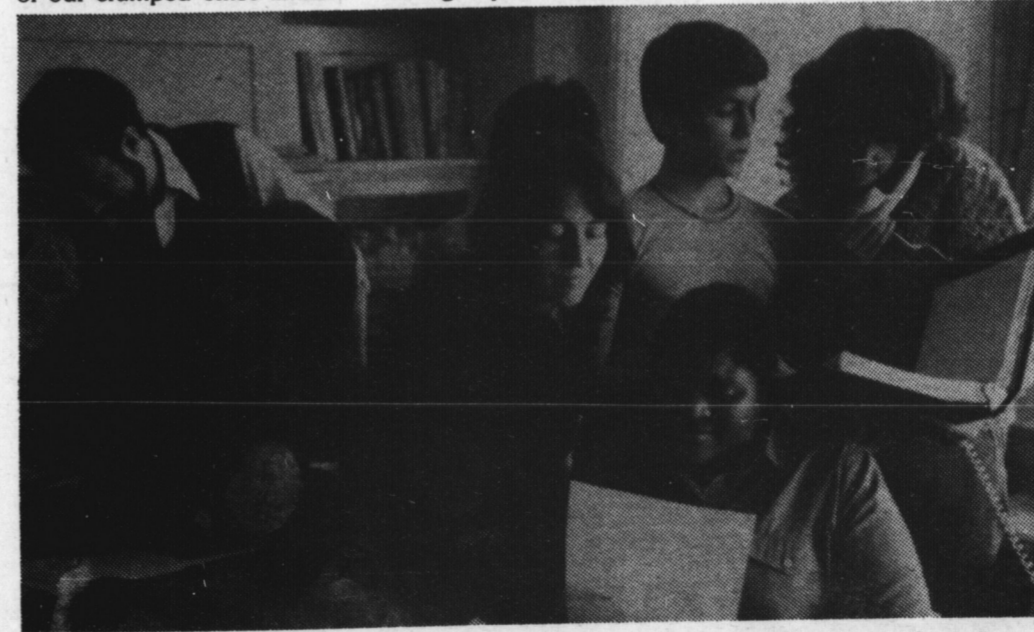
tions. That amounts to a loss of revenue for the program and a loss of service to the community," Carole adds.

O.C. is putting out an appeal for expertise or information concerning real estate rental, lease, or share possibilities in San Francisco, near widely accessible transportation terminals. Requirements (and fantasies) include: 2400-3000 square feet of space, costing no more than \$1.00 per foot; 14-20 rooms of varying sizes - mixed, open, and private; and must be wheelchair accessible (O.C. currently conducts two disabled groups that meet at Pacific Medical Center because of the clinic's unmanageable configuration).

O.C. is currently housed in an annex walk-up on Clay Street near Fillmore, adjoining the Pacific Medical Center... the hospital offers O.C. administrative and medical support. The need for a larger building or floor space is underscored by Administrative Assistant Rodger Brooks, who claims that the 13 regular staff members and 25 volunteer therapists currently must endure increasingly inadequate conditions to conduct their hourly sessions, both group and individual.

"Four therapy rooms, a client waiting room, a main office, and two tiny administrative offices simply can't meet the needs of the 40 or so therapists who are expected to do their write-ups, meet their clients, and conduct their counseling or group therapy... all amidst the continual din of switchboard calls, filing, and the whirlpool entrances and exits that characterize every day in a growing, very active organization," Rodger says. "We still manage to offer the best services in the City to our Gay and Lesbian clients," he adds. "But with no place for our clinicians to think quietly, or meet with even their crisis cases without ten other people anxiously awaiting their therapy space, we have to face the unhappy prospect of severely cutting back our services unless we find a reasonably priced, larger office or building."

If you have any information, or know any friends in the real estate business in San Francisco, you could be a big help to O.C. by calling Carole Migden or Administrative Director Deborah Kelley at 563-0202.



The overcrowded present quarters at Operation Concern — (l to r) Tim Wolfred, Roger Brooks, Saralie Pennington, John Russell, Linda Stroud, and (seated foreground) Rachel Wahba. (Photo by Rink)

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Cady to Head Up Violence Prosecutions

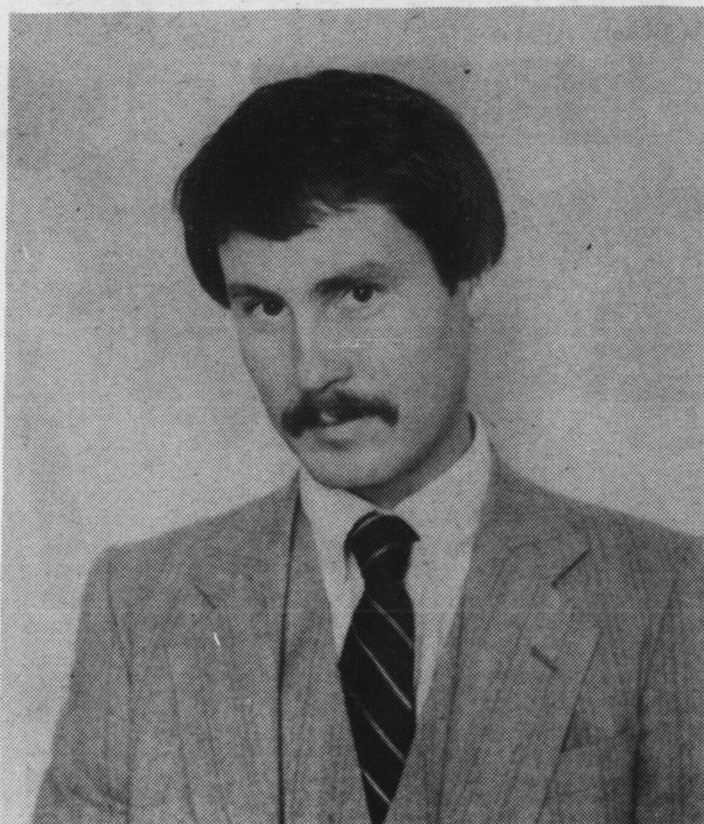
Unprovoked street violence was the target of a new program announced last week by San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith. Under the new system, Smith said, cases involving street violence will be separated from other misdemeanor cases and given special attention.

Smith appointed Assistant District Attorney Ken Cady to direct the program. "Ken is an experienced attorney," Smith said. He'll be assisting the Municipal Court staff and prosecuting many of the cases himself. In effect, we'll now have an expert on each misdemeanor mugging case to complement the individual treatment felonious assaults received in the Superior Courts.

"Under the new system, we expect to be developing better evidence, pressing for speedier trials and leaning harder on the judges for consistency in sentencing. This means more muggers are going to be going to jail for longer periods of time.

"Street assaults are currently the most pressing crime problem in the city. In the first ten months this year there were more than 6000 robberies and more than 3200 aggravated assaults in San Francisco. The less serious assaults — the misdemeanor batteries and purse-snatches — often go unreported and part of the reason is that people know the numbers are enormous — victims are afraid their cases will be lost in the shuffle. We want to assure the public that they won't — that we will press for jail time in every case."

Smith said the new system will also help to ease the burden and frustrations of being a victim or a witness. Since several different prosecutors frequently work on a single



Ken Cady, Assistant District Attorney, a product of DA Arlo Smith's outreach to the Gay community. (Photo by Rink)

case, he said some victims feel they don't know whom to turn to with questions and problems. "Ken will be familiar with each phase of each case," Smith said. "These assault victims can feel they have someone in this office who is truly their lawyer."

Smith also announced the establishment of a new intake unit to screen felony cases as they come in. "In the past," he said, "our trial teams have had to evaluate the new cases in between making trial preparations and court appearances. The new unit will reduce their workload, giving them more time to prepare and try cases. This means they'll be able to try more cases effectively. It's also a more efficient system because it will

save court time by early weeding out of cases that shouldn't be tried as felonies."

Smith appointed Assistant District Attorney John J. O'Brien to head the unit. O'Brien has 20 years' experience in the District Attorney's Criminal Division. Other members of the unit will be those including Stonewall's Secretary Mark Schwartz, who went to Diablo Canyon in this year's successful preventive action that has led to the cancellation of license and postponement of operations.

Cady, an upfront Gay prosecutor, was one of Smith's first Gay outreach appointments. He has been pressing for months for an assignment in the courts with more teeth in it than to what he was doing. The young assistant is happy and pleased with his new challenge.

Gay Mental Wellness Commercials

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expressed some concerns about the relationship I have (with Collins) but I don't really want to comment on that," Loeb said.

Loeb was asked about the cancellation of the public service announcements and whether that had prompted his decision. "I think you can speculate on that," he said. "That was a fairly strong position that was taken over in the governor's office."

Loeb, 62, appointed by Brown a year ago, also said he was anxious to resume his academic career.

The public service announcements were part of a Department of Mental Health program to promote mental health among specific groups. One of the commercials, which dealt with homosexuals, was given to a Los Angeles television station, which showed it on its news show.

The five state-financed public service commercials promoting mental health among Gay and other minority populations have been in limbo since the end of October. Governor Brown's executive secretary B.T. Collins halted distribution of the com-

mercials at that time, claiming the spots "smacked of advocacy."

Health and Welfare Secretary Mario Obledo had ordered a re-evaluation of the campaign, and scheduled a meeting with the spots' producer, Jerry Wheeler, and Pat Norman, the State Coordinator for Lesbian and Gay Work Groups, in which capacity she is the only official spokesperson for the Mental Wellness Promotion Campaign, which is responsible for the commercials.

With her alternate, Jim Long of Los Angeles, Norman presented Obledo with a list of requests concerning the commercials. These asked, basically, that they proceed with "the entire project as agreed to." Obledo accepted her recommendations non-committally. The project remains, then, in suspension, along with all other special population work groups.

In the meantime, Ed Asner has agreed to appear in one of the commercials, but the taping has not yet been released. Jack Albertson, who appeared in an ad, has recently died, and this may affect the decision to use his

spot. This is, however, a secondary issue, as none of the ads are available for use at this time. Should Mario Obledo release the ads, originally designed to promote the positive self-images of minorities and reduce discrimination towards them, these questions will be resolved. Pat Norman is awaiting the phone call which will decide the fate of the entire project, which has been successfully completed and then discarded.

Collins was quoted as saying the announcement "smacked of advocacy" and that "I don't want everybody in the world looking at these films, and if I sound like a censor, so be it."

Judge Honored by Women Attorneys

Judge Mary Morgan was honored last week by the women's legal community at a reception.

Morgan was recently appointed to the San Francisco Municipal Court by Governor Brown. She is the first open Lesbian judge in the country.

Larkin Street Murder

#911 Might Have Saved A Life

by Allen White

Last week on a telephone talk show, San Francisco Police Chief Con Murphy stated that the highly publicized murder two weeks ago on Larkin Street could have been avoided.

Appearing on the Ronn Owens Show on KGO Radio, Murphy discussed the murder which took place in the early morning hours of Saturday, November 21. The murder was the third attack in less than 15 minutes by a pair of men. Chief Murphy said that if one of the witnesses had had the presence of mind to call 911, the police emergency line, when the first attack was taking place there would have been no murder of the third victim.

The first attack took place in the parking lot of a Travelodge at Ellis and Larkin Streets. When the police were called, they responded within 90 seconds to the scene. There was a second attack several minutes after the first attack and apparently it was at that time when the call was made to the police.

Checking of police records and through other sources, the conclusion can be made that the Police Chief is right in his conclusion. The murder could have been avoided if only the police had been called a very few minutes earlier. In this case, the police responded immediately and there appears to be no reason to fault police in this case.

The victim is still unknown and listed as John Doe #146 at the County Morgue.

On the same program, Murphy was asked about the perception of many in the Gay community that they will not receive equal treatment if a police officer knows the person is Gay. Murphy responded bluntly that "if any police officer has an anti-Gay bias they shouldn't be a cop."

Murphy's comments on the KGO radio program regarding use of the 911 number are the same as those made last week to the B.A.R. by Homicide Bureau head Lt. Gray. Lt. Gray also pointed out the importance of using the 911 emergency telephone number. Gray feels all citizens of the city, not only the Gay community must be educated to the value of this emergency system. When the number is dialed, it is answered usually



Olive Alley and Larkin Street — site of recent murder where young man first fled then turned to face his attackers. Chief Murphy feels if someone had used the 911 emergency number the killing might have been prevented. (Photo by Rink)

on the first ring. If a crime is in progress, the police response time should be within two minutes.

One point of confusion that was clarified by Chief Murphy relates to a call where a crime is not in progress. He stated that calls are given a priority status. A violent crime in progress will receive a higher

priority than the person who calls because his neighbor's stereo is too loud.

In San Francisco, as well as many other cities in Northern California, if you dial 911 you will get an immediate response for police, fire, ambulance and paramedic service. The number should be used for emergency calls only. ■

Stonewall Features Gov's Aide and Diablo Canyon

Terri Thomas will represent Governor Jerry Brown at Stonewall Gay Democratic Club next Monday, December 7, at 7:30 in the Women's Building. On the same program will be a presentation on nuclear realities as seen by those including Stonewall's Secretary Mark Schwartz, who went to Diablo Canyon in this year's successful preventive action that has led to the cancellation of license and postponement of operations.

Ms. Thomas is Deputy Legislative Secretary to Governor Brown and will speak on the directions of state government in relation to Gay and Lesbian concerns. There will be time for questions. Then there will be a film of the blockade at Diablo Canyon and discussion of at least two projects by which every voter can make a loud statement of protest. The first of these is

the "Nuclear Freeze" petition project, and the second is a proposal to generate realistic thinking on what would happen if there should ever be a nuclear blast in the vicinity of San Francisco. Or any other place almost anywhere on the planet Earth.

Stonewall will also consider a proposal for its annual elections procedures and such timely actions as may become evident before the hour of 7:30pm Dec. 7 when the meeting begins on the 2nd floor of the Women's Building, 3543 18th Street. Stonewall meets the first Monday of each month and the Executive Board meets the following Monday, December 14, at 5:30pm at 159-A Noe Street. All are welcome at both meetings, although voting is limited to members. Visitors are cordially invited to listen and to speak.

FPA Must Be Fought In Its Entirety Says NGTF

The newly formed coalition of progressive organizations working to fight the Family Protection Act (FPA) had its second meeting in mid November in Washington, D.C. The broad-based coalition agreed that the FPA must be fought in its entirety, even though few of its provisions may not be objectionable to some of the targeted groups. The new group, named the "National Coalition to Stop the FPA," has a loose structure. At this point, says a NGTF release, it is not yet clear if it will become an instrument for direct action or serve primarily as a clearing-house for the many groups working independently against the FPA.

Lucia Valeska, Executive Director of NGTF, was named at the coalition's first meeting to head the Public Education Committee. Mel Boozer, NGTF's Director of Civil Rights Advocacy, was named to its Legislative Lob-

bing Committee. Roz Richter of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund was named to its Legal Research Committee.

Valeska commented, "We see coalition-building with other progressive groups as one of the most important components of our comprehensive strategy against the Radical Right. We urge all Gay people and Gay organizations to get involved with this and other coalitions working against the Right."

Some of the other organizations represented in the Coalition are: The American Civil Liberties Union, the Ms. Foundation, B'nai B'rith Women, the National Education Association, the League of Women Voters, the National Women's Law Center, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Organization of Lesbians and Gays (NOLAG), Gay Rights National Lobby, and the Children's Defense Fund.

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Private Parts and Public Rooms

Two Fridays ago 17 Commissioners of the Governor's Commission on Privacy held public hearings in San Francisco. The Commissioners came from all over the state — at their own expense — to take testimony and to probe and query witnesses.

The Privacy Commission — which I sometimes refer to as the best kept secret in Governor Brown's administration — has spent its first 8 months collecting its wits. Put another way it was created and wished well and god speed and then set adrift. It had to arm wrestle for funding (it never got beyond the nickel/dime level) seek out staff, find a headquarters, draw up a "constitution" and an agenda and then gather the evidence, collate it and make recommendations. It was created, but after the gubernatorial fiat, it has had to "create" itself.

The commission shortly discovered that not an institution, not a system, not a feature of our society exists in which privacy is not one facet of the gemstone. Like life, like liberty, like the pursuit of happiness, this shadowy constitutional right (shadowy because it is a reduction from the stated rights — yet in our time one increasingly articulated, feared for, and clung to) is everywhere flourishing or under attack or threatened or nonexistent. Privacy has been described by Chief Justice Brandeis as the Right to be Left Alone. In our electronic age it is the Right to be Forgotten, the Right to be Forgotten, the Right to be Erased, the Right to be Expunged. When one gets into it, the ramifications and implications are staggering. After 8 months the commissioners are still reeling in toxic informational overload.

Confronting every twist and turn of the Right Not to Know is the advocacy and the proponents of the equally legitimate Public Right to Know. The Right to Know stems directly from the Right of Free Speech (the Right to Report). If one is guaranteed the right to say it, the hearer then must have a right to learn it. But what do we do about the fallout from that information? How long do we keep it? When should we forget it?

The commission's special assignment was sexual privacy; hence from its inception the press dubbed it the "Gay Commission." Assuredly a goodly number are upfront Gays and Lesbians on the commission; in balance are non-Gay liberals. The members are lawyers, mental health experts, educators, medical people, political types.

On that long Friday before the commissioners paraded some 30-odd citizens who requested a formal speaking slot. The hearings went on for over eight hours, and during most of the afternoon and evening the commissioners outnumbered the audience. (Next time any of you who bemoan your Gay plight and belch about the Moral Majority put those vacant seats into your huff and puff...)

Of those who testified 10 were local Gay activists (5 women and 5 men). Each one (taking some aspect of the homosexual dilemma) committed themselves admirably. Each one could cite "horror stories" whether it be about custody cases or job discrimination incidents; on the other hand none could offer evidence of how widespread this or that abuse happened to be. As a Gay journalist most of the "horror stories" I had heard before, as a commissioner they weren't enough for me to say they are the rule as opposed to the anomaly. (This is what has made CUAU so effective and affective: it keeps records; it keeps count.) If there is no pattern of punishment for being discovered Gay (by transgressing the limits of one's privacy) then there's no malaise to remedy. And while 100 documented lynchings make it no less abhorrent than one, it behooves the Gay community to come up with more than the apocryphal "horror stories." In the case of the Privacy Commission, it is up to the witnesses to demonstrate that the public right to know weighs less than the private right to hush it up.

Another troubling idea remains: if every Gay and Lesbian came proudly out of the closet, what would there be to close the door on. If sexual orientation were a no bigger item than

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WITNESS PROGRAM CLARIFIED

★ In the November 12 B.A.R., Allen White's otherwise fine article on Arthur Evans carried some misinformation on the Victim/Witness Assistance Program. I am sure there are many victims in the gay community who will corroborate the fact that while reimbursement for established claims may take a year from date of complaint to receipt of a check from the State Board of Control, this is seldom the case.

In most instances evidence certifying the claim can be sent to Sacramento in approximately sixty days and payment may then be expected in four or five months. And the State Board of Control is attempting to accelerate both verification and payment processes. The major delay in Sacramento is caused by depleted victim indemnification funds. When judges do not make certain the assessments on lines that are charged against the defendants and promptly remitted to the State, as the laws of the state provide, victims must wait — and that is when the delayed payment must be suffered by the victim. Judicial obedience to the statutes could minimize this problem.

Victim/Witness Assistance and CUAU are co-operating to make certain all victims are as promptly served as state funds will permit.

Anne Belisle Daley
Executive Director
Victim/Witness Assistance Program

LEST WE FORGET

★ As the Christmas season draws nearer, it seems almost imperative that we stop and take one last glance at who we were and how far we have come before our consciousnesses are pulled into the mad whirlwind of feverish commercialism that has come to be called Christmas.

Sadly, there are still countless thousands of brothers and sisters living in the small towns scattered across America who deny their natural selves. Each is forced, or in some cases choose, to project a false image that is pleasing, or at least acceptable, to his/her contemporaries.

Yet, at night, when alone, this person aches, and sometimes cries. For, you see, there is a personality living inside that has been struggling for years to free itself.

So far, though, it has been successfully suppressed, and not allowed even the slightest taste of freedom, for fear that once out, it may be too strong to be forced back into the dark recesses of the mind. Vigilance, constant vigilance!

Could that have been you? Have you thought lately about how fortunate we are to live at this time and in this location?

We only wear the masks we choose to wear — when we choose to wear them. We can dine out, go to the movies, shoot pool, bowl, go dancing, and dozens of other activities that are predominantly Gay, if we choose. We can relax.

Yes, during this season of blessings, we should not only be acutely aware of our most unique blessing, but also give thanks while renewing our dedication to prolonging and strengthening our already beautiful culture.

Jerry R. De Young
San Francisco

VOTES OR MARCHES?

★ I refer to the memorial march for Moscone/Milk last Friday. The emotionalism surrounding this event is certainly warranted, but if the expected crowd would proceed en masse to the voting polls during election time, they would indeed have a strong voice

in expressing the needs of the gay community, especially in respect to police protection, which appears rather nil at this particular time, in lieu of recent happenings. With an estimated 33% of the total population of San Francisco, gays need a 90% turnout at the polls to make this city do for them what has long been their due. Then, certainly, we could get the police protection we, and others in the community need to bring peace to ourselves.

Gene Richards
Palo Alto, CA

TAXI TALES

★ After reading his so-called "interview" with Frank Ripplioh (Rebel Without a Cause, B.A.R., Nov. 19) I can't believe that film critic Michael Lasky has ever seen Taxi Zum Klo.

Any sophomore literature student can tell you that Taxi is about the conflict between determinism and free will as it relates to social responsibility (or, to paraphrase Emily Dickenson, we must each choose between "public" and "private."). That Ripplioh is able to take this mundane subject matter and fuse it into an uninhibited and intelligent film based on his own life is an astonishing achievement.

Perhaps Lasky did see Taxi Zum Klo but was under the mistaken impression that he was viewing a Gay Film. Yes, Michael, there is life after the clone zone.

Bruce Puterbaugh
San Francisco

ED. NOTE: Michael Lasky's interview successfully conveyed his reactions to Herr Ripplioh as a person, which were quite different than his reactions to the film. Controversy within the Straight and Gay communities continues over the intriguing film.

J. F. Karr

A PSEUDO FAIRY TALE

★ Once upon a time there lived a disillusioned Gay activist who sought a new way to capture the attention of the enemy. He observed that the image of Gay people as peace-loving, although objectively positive, was the reason for their recent defeats over various local ordinances as well as the lack of legislative response to their demands. (Younger enemy agents also attacked and killed Gay people on the streets.) Thus the objective became clear: the enemy must be taught that the fear of Gays is the beginning of wisdom. But how could this be accomplished?

Being peace-loving himself, our Gay activist opposed ordinary terrorism and other destructive methods. He proposed "pseudo-terrorism" as the humorous but no-nonsense way to instill fear in the heart of the enemy while avoiding criminal prosecution. By means of the "pseudo-bomb" (patents pending), the enemy would be induced to change its thinking about Lesbians and Gay men, since its members would quickly realize that if they persisted in their anti-Gay ways, one of these "pseudo-bombs" might do more than make funny noises. Thus, the rights of Gay people might come to be protected through the use of only peaceful methods. (Of course, the enemy might respond to "pseudo-bombs" with violence, but then it would have to accept full responsibility for the resulting bloodbath.)

Unfortunately, our Gay activist received little support for his proposal. The militants lacked patience, the "established" Gays lacked courage, and the rest were too busy at the local bars that they lacked time to comment on the matter. Thus our activist put aside his typewriter, bought a shotgun, and hoped that when the enemy came for the homosexuals, he would not be taken without a fight.

Dick Gayer
San Francisco

LETTERS

WHO'S ON FIRST

★ Gay Community News (Boston) has been coming out weekly since 1973 and is still going strong. This is to amend Jim Caruth's letter where he says The Montrose Star (Houston) was the first Gay weekly.

satya littlebear
Oakland, CA

ED. NOTE: GCN is still going but how strong it is remains questionable.

P. Lorch

THE RED QUEEN'S A SPOIL-SPORT

★ Arthur Evans is another "gay leader" hand picked by the gay business establishment. If Arthur Evans is gay, and I have my doubts, I believe he is more our enemy than our friend; or at least his type of politics are.

Don Hiemforth
San Francisco

What other gay "leader" has gained so much publicity by slandering his fellows? Arthur was the first person to make popular the name "clone" an act for which he became known to the gay community through the auspices of the gay press. This of course is exactly the kind of leader the gay community needs. Arthur is committed to the kind of politics which can only divide us and anger us. Gays have to put up with enough ridicule from outside the community but to have such ridicule imposed upon us by our peers is nothing short of outlandish.

In his latest political statements Arthur has taken the very positions on poppers and liquor and drugs in general that for years has been the by-line for that other supposed gay leader, The Right Rev. Ray Broshars. But now since such bullshit comes from the lips of the "Red Queen" we are supposed to believe it.

The very sexual nature of our culture, gay culture that is, is based upon the use of these sexual stimulants. The suppression of these stimulants has been the main goal of all of our worst enemies. And it should be no surprise that the politics of such suppression come from both the far right and the far left.

The only people who are really hurt by such drugs are those emotionally unbalanced people who cannot control anything they do. Like fat people their emotional imbalance keeps them from exercising any restraint in their lives. But just because a few act without regard for their bodies is no reason to deprive the majority of us of our food and drugs.

Steve Perkins
San Francisco

REPAIRS NEEDED

Dear Editor-Person(s) — gee, hope this is politically correct —

Random Thoughts Not Asked For But Willingly Given Nonetheless

Congratulations, I think, on going weekly. Too bad about The Sentinel, but then its demise had seemed imminent for the past two years at least. Although its basic style and lay-out I thought were far superior to that of the Bay Area Reporter (no offense, I hope) B.A.R. often proved to be more lively.

Speaking of style — and evidently I'm not the only one — B.A.R. might consider revamping its lay-out if feasible. Lighten it up; remove the dark vertical lines (undoubtedly there's some sort of journalism jargon for such that I've long since forgotten), learn headline construction (e.g. the top line should be as long, or longer, than the following line or lines; the headline "Attack on/Divisadero Bus," issue Nov. 12, 1981, is a prime example) and check such things as basic lay-out (again, the same issue can be used to illustrate the point: a photo of the gay business people in S.F.'s city hall next to the article on "Attack on/Divisadero Bus" is rather odd) and so forth. What about following the AP/UP style book?

I don't mean to sound priggish, especially as this letters being casually written, but as B.A.R. is a thriving gay newspaper and has gone weekly (no mean feat) it would be great if it could aspire to more dizzying heights of excellence. Any chance of having some of The Sentinel's columnists write for B.A.R.? Hate to say it, people, but some of B.A.R.'s on-going contributors are strictly bush-league. Charming, maybe; folksy, perhaps... but c'mon!

Only Mr. Marcus tosses out with a fairly readable column; often he's the only one with information of general interest and items that aren't to be found elsewhere, although, he, too, lapses into high schoolish blatherings.

Future Ideas: Several issues back, B.A.R. ran an article discussing the closing of Dreamland. This very article is the sort of thing that is conspicuously absent from our gay rag! What places are doing well? What's failing? Why? (A case in point: after much hullabaloo, The Music Hall opened. Some months later it closed. Had it not been for the fact that I live around the corner from the place, I never had known. A lot of money was sunk into the place — it's basic theme seemed to be "New York-Drop-Dead-Chic-Butchette" which I detest — and it charged est-lime prices for "private memberships." Was money returned to the suckers? Bars, bathhouses, private (ahem) clubs and various other lesbian/gay situations flower, fade and/or do whatever. An on-going series of "What's Happening and Why" would be, I surmise, of large interest to most of B.A.R.'s readers.

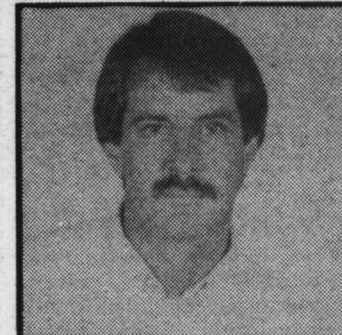
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"name, rank, and serial number" how could it be exploited? How could someone suffer over the loss, if there were nothing to snatch?

In the closet we are vulnerable; out of the closet we can't be robbed of what is no longer in some safe deposit box.

Should the commission conclude that homophobia is no more rampant (and no less virulent) than heterophobia, would this be viewed as a victory for the reactionary right or the progressive left? Already all too many have glibly written off Governor Brown's Privacy Commission as a vehicle to "do nothingness." On the other hand nobody can make something out of nothing.

Hats off to the 10 who sought to give the commissioners something. I regret it could not have been more.

P. Lorch

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Lesbian Kept Out

Immigration Laws Divide Family

Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) has introduced private legislation in two consecutive sessions of Congress, and has been frustrated on both occasions by objections from conservative Senators.

Private legislation, unlike more comprehensive legislation affecting broad public policy, affects only a specific case. In this instance, Senator Cranston sought to aid Zenaida Rebutan, an upfront Philippine Lesbian. Rebutan's sexuality has separated her from her family, who immigrated to the United States some time ago. This country's antiquated immigration laws have barred Rebutan from joining her family in this country.

Private legislation usually moves quickly and quietly through Congress because these bills are most often uncontroversial. But their passage depends on consensus approval. In last year's session, Cranston's bill, which would have allowed Rebutan to join her family without changing immigration laws, was objected to by Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC). At

that time, he erroneously and prejudicially referred to Rebutan as a "Puerto Rican Lesbian."

Thurmond, now chair of the full Judiciary Committee, also objected to this year's bill. He was joined in his dissent by Senator Paul Laxalt (R-NV) and Senator Jeremiah Denton (R-ALA). A Gay Rights National Lobby newsletter described Laxalt as "President Reagan's closest friend on Capitol Hill" and called Denton "a freshman elected with support of the self-appointed 'Moral Majority.'"

The Gay Rights National Lobby called upon those moved by the case to write both Representatives and Senators asking for the deletion of the anti-Gay sections of the old laws in their general revision of the immigration statutes. Efforts on the Rebutan bill are apparently blocked for the moment. But by changing public policy, Rebutan's unfortunate circumstances may be prevented from happening to someone else.



A recent reception for out of town Gay business people at Atlas Savings and Loan. The building was in its final stages of remodeling. The bank is now open for business. Atlas says they're still working out the bugs. (Photo by Rink)

Rights Convention Broken

Europe Rules Against Anti-Gays N. Irish Law

by Lucy Hodges

The United Kingdom Government has broken the European Convention on Human Rights by continuing to treat homosexuality in Northern Ireland as a crime, the European Court decided yesterday by a majority of 15 to four.

Miss Patricia Hewitt, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties, which backed the case, called on the Cabinet to change Northern Ireland law. She said the reform should be in the Queen's speech on November 4 and could be law within four months.

"The real importance of this case is that the human rights court has said that a vociferous religious minority in Northern Ireland does not have the right to impose its own beliefs on other people when the result of doing so is to interfere with the fundamental rights of another minority," she said.

The Northern Ireland Office said it would study the judgment when it received it and could not comment further. The court's decision is essentially the same as the

opinion delivered by the European Commission of Human Rights last year.

Whether ministers will be prepared to act on the decision, certainly in the short term, will depend to some extent on how worried they are about antagonizing Dr. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party.

In 1978 he attacked the Labour government's discussion paper on homosexuality law reform with a "Save Ulster from Sodomy" campaign. A petition against change attracted 70,000 signatures.

The complaint to Strasbourg was brought by Mr. Jeffrey Dudgeon, of the Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association. The court found that Mr. Dudgeon's right to respect for a private and home life had been invaded.

But it added: "There is a legitimate necessity in a democratic society for some degree of control over homosexual conduct."

The home of Mr. Dudgeon and of other homosexuals had been raided by the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1976. The threat of prosecution hung over him for months.

Reprinted from the London Times.

Club Baths Adds Nighttime Protection

Following a stabbing which occurred within a block of their premises, the management of the Club San Francisco (aka the Ritch Street Baths) has provided outside security patrols from dusk until dawn for the protection of their clients.

Although the attack on Thursday, December 19, did not appear to be related to their establishment or take place in its immediate vicinity, the Club has assumed this responsibility for its patrons. They have also posted a sign within the building. They are the first local establishment to offer such a service, and though the need for such protection is deplorable, the Club is to be congratulated for its concern.

The attacker in the last incident was described as a "decently dressed" Black, whose conversational approach disarmed his victim. People walking through the neighborhood and not within the immediate radius of the baths or its parking lot are advised to carry whistles, call taxis, and not talk to strangers.

S.F. Human Rights Commission Damns P.D. Sweeps

by Allen White

Last week the Human Rights Commission, an official agency of the City and County of San Francisco, unanimously adopted a resolution regarding police arrest procedures. The resolution, a direct outgrowth of the massive arrests on Polk Street last August and September, put the Commission on record as opposing such freewheeling operations.

The resolution is the result of actions over the last three months by Gay Human Rights Commissioner Richard Sevilla. He was instrumental in facilitating meetings with members of the Gay community, the Police Department, the Polk Street Merchants, and many social service agencies. Sevilla authored the resolution.

Sevilla noted that the resolution may appear mild when it is read. Yet "the resolution is an official document from the City and County of San Francisco... by making it a matter of public record," he continued, "public officials cannot deny that the problem exists. Therefore, they are obliged to do something about it." The resolution is couched in vague terms because candor does more to disrupt bureaucracy than solve problems.

In discussing how the issue has evolved to a point of the adoption of the resolution, he commented that "this is a good example of how the press should perform." The Bay Area Reporter carried exclusive reports of all of the meetings which led up to the drafting of the resolution. Because of the dramatic and sometimes shocking statements in the report, the B.A.R. allowed the Mayor the opportunity to view the reported accounts prior to publication so her viewpoint could also be presented.

It is hoped the resolution will promote responsible law enforcement in San Francisco. It is without question a victory not only for Gay rights, but for all citizens and business establishments in San Francisco.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTAIN POLICE STREET ARREST PROCEDURES CAUSING COMMUNITY TENSIONS

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commission traditionally and historically has been a conduit for expressing community concerns to City government and law-enforcement agencies about official procedures that cause tensions and resentments among neighborhood residents, merchants, or their customers; and

WHEREAS, discussions have been held by such groups as the Community United Against Violence, the Intergroup Clearinghouse Polk Street Subcommittee, and the Polk Street Outreach Committee regarding a Police operation from August 24 to September 15, 1981, resulting in 449 arrests, 405 dismissals, only 3 convictions, and 41 cases pending as of September 28, 1981, in the Polk Street business area; and

WHEREAS, a set of eleven general and specific recommendations for dealing with the tensions caused by the Polk Street operation have already been sent to the Mayor and the Chief of Police by the Polk Street Subcommittee of the Intergroup Clearinghouse for action;

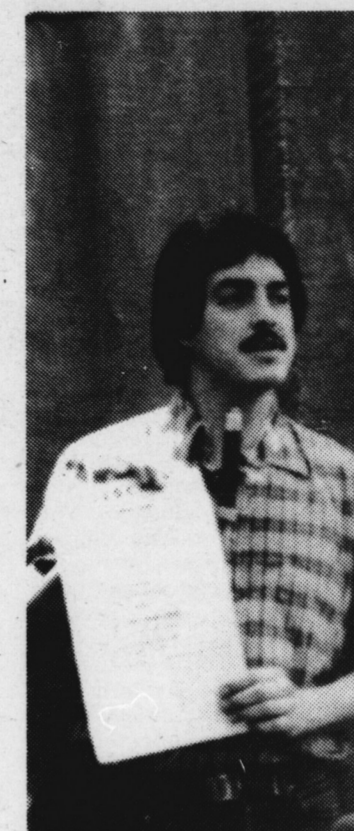
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Human Rights Commission support the adoption of a City-wide policy of law enforcement which would preclude Police operations that result in indiscriminate arrests or detentions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that law enforcement personnel and agencies be reminded to uphold those human and civil rights that prevail as regards freedom of assembly and movement on public streets; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Human Rights Commission reaffirm its commitment to the alleviation of community tensions, and to the full protection of all citizens and business establishments of this City and County from harassment or invasions of privacy.

The resolution states that a set of eleven general and specific recommendations for dealing with tensions caused by the Polk Street operation have already been sent to the Mayor and the Chief of Police by the Polk Street Subcommittee of the Intergroup Clearinghouse for action. Following are the recommendations:

- The Polk Street Merchants should establish a standing committee to work with community based agencies to assist and support the work of the agencies. This committee should concern itself with the identification of problems and a systematic means of reporting the needs and problems to a neutral group.
- The Lesbian/Gay community should tap its own resources to develop public and private programs for youth between 18 and 21.
- The Police Department should reconsider its approach of using decoys offering money to tempt unsuspecting and hungry youth.
- The Police Department, with the assistance of community based groups, should develop a program for tracking Gay assaults.
- The Police Department should develop a mechanism for communicating community concerns and reports to the



Gay HRC'er Richard Sevilla. (Photo by Rink)

Calls for no more indiscriminate arrests or detentions

beat patrol persons.

- The findings of this committee should be communicated to all police personnel in the area.
- Youth serving agencies (government and private) should develop a program for counseling youth about how the system works, their options, and how to seal their records.
- Project Stay-in-School should expand its operation to cover areas beyond the four blocks surrounding the seven high schools so that all minor status offenders might be taken to a counseling center rather than to Youth Guidance or City Jail.
- The Polk Street Committee and the City administration should address itself to the issue of anti-Gay violence in the area with the same enthusiasm given the concerns of the Polk Street merchants.
- "Police sweeps" should not be a practice of law enforcement.
- The attempt to maintain law and order should not be carried out at the expense of denying human rights.

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CUAV
CUAV Goes to Sacramento

by Bob Smith

On November 16, 1981, Randy Schell (CASVP Client Advocate), Bob Smith (CUAV/CASVP Director) and Dick Stingel (CUAV Community Self-Defense Coordinator) went to Sacramento to testify before the Governor's Task Force on Civil Rights. The Task Force is conducting a series of public hearings across the state on the topic of racial, ethnic and religious violence. Reprinted below is CUAV's statement as presented by Bob Smith.

"Good Afternoon!

Use your imagination and recreate this situation. You are leisurely walking along a street in your neighborhood. A dark blue custom van pulls up beside you. Several youths are in the van looking for trouble. You're the target!

The people involved with the Community United Against Violence, Inc. (CUAV) perceive that the anti-personal violence in San Francisco is a problem that can be successfully impacted. During the period from October 1, 1980, through September 30, 1981, CUAV staff personnel received more than 500 assault reports. These reports were volunteered to CUAV by victims of or witnesses to assaults. Specifically:

95% of the reports were from males, 5% from females.

98% of these reports were from Gay/Lesbian identified individuals. The average of victims is 27 years.

WHO WERE THE ASSAILANTS?

57% were teenagers from 13 to 18. 42% were between 16 to 18. 39% were in their 20's. Fewer than 5% were under 13 or over 30. 99% of the reported assailants were male.

Of those assailants whose apparent ethnic origins were reported to us: 35% were Black, 32% were Anglo, 31% were Latino, 1% were Asian or Filipino.

WHERE DO THE ASSAILANTS COME FROM?

In those cases where the victims saw their assailants prior to the attacks, two-thirds reported that their assailants were loitering or walking in the area. Twenty-nine percent (29%) of the assailants were driving or parked in a vehicle. Four percent (4%) of the attacks took place on the MUNI. One percent (1%) of the assailants had broken into their victim's home.

USE OF WEAPONS

Deadly weapons were employed by attackers in forty percent (40%) of the cases. Knives, razors, icepicks, broken bottles, rocks, clubs, cue-sticks, bats, 2x4's, pipes, hammers, brass knuckles, chains, ropes, vehicles and fire extinguishers among other items were all used on victims.

CUAV received 19 cases in which guns were used by the assailants. Blunt instruments seem to be the more popular form of weapon.

CONSEQUENCES FOR THE VICTIM

Not one victim of assault

**May 21st
Sentencing
Wednesday**

by Konstantin Berlandt

David Waddle and Peter Plate, the last of the May 21st Defendants to come to trial, will be sentenced at 9am Wednesday, December 9, in Court 25. Spectators are welcome.

Letters of support, especially affirming personal knowledge or professional community association with either defendant, can be sent to their probation officers c/o Waddle's attorney, Marilyn Waller, 4019 18th Street, San Francisco 94114.

Plate was convicted October 26 of misdemeanor breaking a police car window during the '79 Night of Rage against the Dan White jury verdict. Waddle, accused by a police officer of tossing an empty bottle into the night air in the direction of City Hall steps, covered at the time with police officers guarding the building, was convicted of felonious assault on police officers.

Waddle is the only of several dozen people arrested that evening who has been convicted of a felony and feels it's because he's Gay and Chicano. No police officers have been censured even within the department, according to Waddle's attorney at the hearing, for any injuries to citizens in and around the City Hall area or the late evening Elephant Walk charge down Castro Street.

An in-depth interview with Waddle will appear in next week's Bay Area Reporter.

**Gay Atheists
League
Formalizes
S.F. Branch**

The San Francisco chapter of the Gay Atheists League met in mid-November at which time a vote was taken on the ratification of the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws which had been written and revised during meetings over the past four months. The vote was unanimous for ratification.

Although other cities led the way by establishing active GALA Chapters long before San Francisco, the local Chapter promises to be one of the most active Chapters in the GALA network. There are already approximately forty GALA members who are participating in the San Francisco Chapter, and a membership drive has not yet even begun.

National membership in GALA entitles one to receive the organization's monthly national magazine, *The GALA Review*, which continues to be one of the most thought-provoking publications of the Gay community. The *Review* is also one of the very few Gay publications which is a part of the permanent collection of the Library of Congress.

The next GALA/San Francisco meeting is a social to celebrate the Winter Solstice, and will be held on 13 December. For more information, write to P.O. Box 14142, San Francisco, CA 94114, or call Stephen Patrick during business hours at 989-3350.

RELIGION AND US
An Introduction

RICK WEATHERLY

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Bay Area Reporter in this issue is pleased to introduce Rick Weatherly, who will produce on the comings and goings of Gay religion. Weatherly is doing graduate work in religion in Berkeley and is a clergyman at MCC on Eureka Street. For those with interests in the field, put yourselves in direct contact with Rick. It is our hope that what Kevin Starr does for religion in the S.F. Examiner, Rick will do for the B.A.R.

There I was straining my unspectacular muscles at the City Athletic Club while trying to puzzle out how to introduce a column on religion and the Lesbian and Gay community. "Why did I add 10 lbs. to the super bicep today of all days!" flowed together with "Why should anyone want to read a Gay religion column." How's that for refusing to take part in mind/body dualism?

Let's face it, average *fag-gim* and *dykkoth* are, like most Americans, professing believers and practical atheists. Besides, since religion so often seems to be the chief opponent of Lesbians and Gay men, why should they do anything but scorn such an effort?

Well, I've decided that I cannot answer that question. But I can with relative certainty say why I want to write this kind of column. It's because religion, broadly understood, is a factor in everyone's life. Even the Gay Atheist League of America (especially the G.A.L.A.) is directly related to the issue. We all live in and are webbed inside a culture founded upon and still to some extent practicing the values and way of life prescribed by traditional Judaism and Christianity. And there is such abysmal ignorance of the subject! (Sorry. That just slipped out.) There is such a lack of helpful understanding on the issue. (There, that's better; even left off the "I" — more professional.)

In a time such as ours, religion is an incredibly diverse phenomenon. Yet so many seem content to settle for misleading generalizations and laughable stereotypes instead of hard facts and clear thinking. Even my esteemed editor was able recently to lump together Savonarola and Jerry Falwell. Egads! Well, what is one to expect when one can read in the press about "fundamentalist Islamic bishops" despite the complete incongruity of the three terms. So it feeds my Messiah complex to want to deliver all from that.

I'm curious as well as messianic. I want to understand why some Gay people choose to remain hidden within the traditional churches and synagogues, why some "come out" yet remain within those groups, and why some leave to found or join Gay congregations. I want to know why Gay atheists are atheists and why Gay Christian Scientists are still part of Mrs. Eddy's church. I want to know about those religious Gay people who find their human growth and spiritual succor outside of Judeo-Christian groups. What makes a Gay Buddhist or a Lesbian Wicca practitioner?

I want to describe the beliefs, personalities and work

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FACE TO FACE
Homophobia

SUPERVISOR HARRY BRITT

Dr. Paul A. Walker, a brilliant San Francisco psychologist, recently wrote a five part series for the Voice about the difficulty Gay people have dealing with our anger. He pointed out that the guilt, fear, and self-hatred we feel while in the closet don't automatically disappear when we come out; that, on the contrary, many of the personal strategies we use every day are aimed at avoiding the resentment that has built up in us because of the hurt we have felt at the hands of a homophobic society. The result is often anxiety, poor performance in our relationships, petty bickering, disgust with our Gay sisters and brothers, and general self-destructive behavior.

Much of this is because we deny or are afraid of our own feelings of anger, because we are still very much afraid of disapproval and rejection and at the same time are afraid of the intensity of our own rage. All of this is frequently compounded by our own denial of the fact homophobia has been a problem in our lives.

Much of the effectiveness of Harvey Milk's life and political work was a result of the attitude he had toward homophobia. It was clear to him that what we have in common as Lesbians and Gay men is not just our sexuality — that comes in many different forms — but our common struggle with homophobia. When people asked him, "Why do you insist on making such an issue about being Gay?" he always pointed

to the devastating power of homophobia. He understood that our job is not to lobby for homosexuality but to destroy homophobia.

What a difference that makes politically! Harvey had very strong feelings about Gay political people who played down their Gayness to minimize their difference from straight people. What differentiates us from straight people is that during much of our lives we have had to deal with put-downs, shame, isolation from our family, and very deep loneliness because of the inability of others to deal with our feelings for one another. You cannot deny that history politically without reinforcing the attitudes that cause our pain, and without continuing to seethe below

embarrassed as a community by the way some of our brothers dress, act, or behave in bed, he recognized the homophobic transfer of anger that Dr. Walker was talking about.

Homophobia is a terrible reality, with which Lesbians and Gay men have to deal the way Blacks and Asians and others have to deal with racism and Jews with anti-Semitism. To deny that reality, to conform to it, is to betray ourselves and every Gay person who ever suffered from it.

The only answer to homophobia that works is for those of us who have struggled with it — and are still struggling with it in our own lives — to share the meaning of that struggle with the larger society. Our country has a lot to learn from us about loving freely, about the perversity of expecting men to be tough and unfeeling and women to be passive and dependent on men. I agree with Dr. Walker that our alienation from the limited values of a homophobic society gives us an advantage, the advantage of

stopped, questioning, and rebuilding a life of our own — one of our own making and our own design, one that works for us without blindly borrowing someone else's prescription as to how to live.

We need not fear our anger. Unexpressed, it has great power to hurt us; if, however, we accept it and direct it, it can be a source of great personal and political power. We are too strong and important a people to cling to the self-destructive behavior that too often poisons our personal and political lives.

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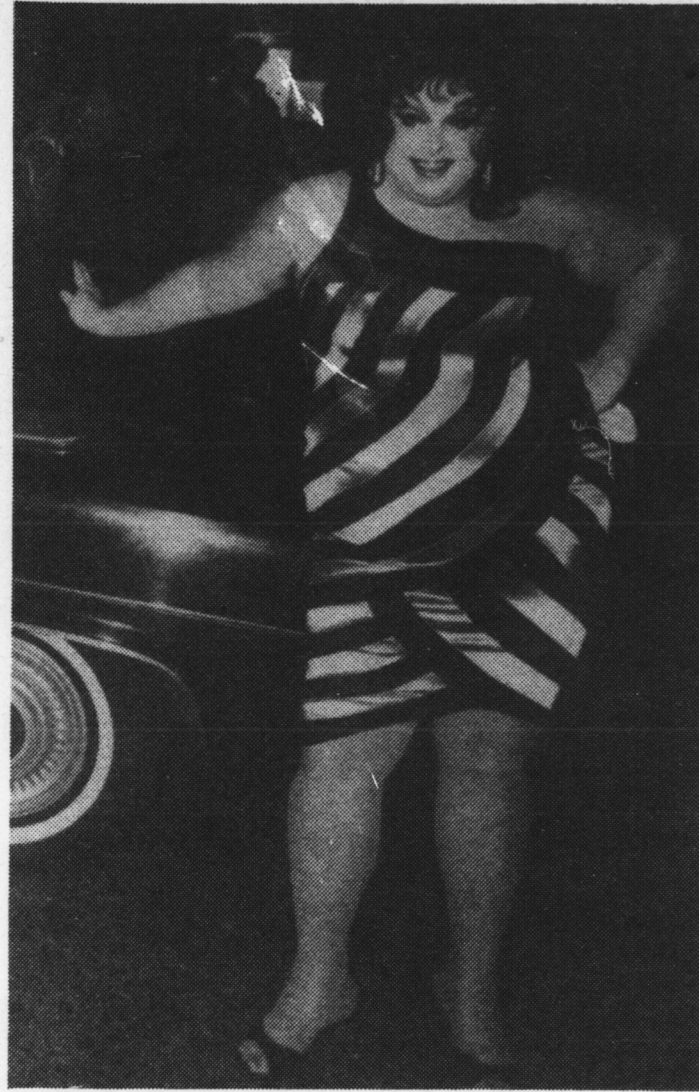
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GUEST COLUMN

Divine's Madness

by Divine



(Photo by Rink)

Well, well! Here I am making headlines in your magazine again! However, such an extraordinary biased and incorrect piece of journalism deserves a divine reply to set the facts straight. So here goes, guys.

Last October 3rd Dick Collier of the Trocadero Transfer signed a contract with my manager to bring me to San Francisco to host a special party at his club on Thursday, October 29. The contract required my attendance for three hours — including a 25-minute appearance on stage — and we were advised that my initial arrival at the club would be planned for 11pm.

About two weeks prior to the event, Mr. Collier advised us of his plans to give a "champagne party" at the Castro Theatre earlier that evening prior to a special preview he had planned of Polyester. Would I come by to "mingle with the guests" for a few minutes? It was agreed that I would, but "out of drag."

On arriving in San Francisco on the 28th we were surprised and somewhat shocked to see advertisements for my "appearance" at the Castro that evening as well as later at the Trocadero. I have long considered San Francisco like a second home and believe I have very many loyal friends there and dislike receiving the blame for misleading advertising by local promoters. Because of this

we agreed at the last minute to make a "brief personal appearance in drag" immediately prior to the film's showing. Mr. Collier asked me to be ready at my hotel by 8:45pm so that I could arrive at the Castro by 9pm. This I did. There was no champagne. Later that evening I completed fully my contractual obligation to Mr. Collier; a simple fact which was not covered by your reporter, Mr. Allen White. We were advised at the time that the party at the Trocadero was well attended and that my presence there was considered to be very successful.

If your reporter had taken the trouble — as I believe he is, at least, morally obliged to do — to check his "sources" he would have found that, far from being the cause of "the most bungled theatrical event in recent memory," I in fact did my very best to salvage a blatant case of misleading and extremely poor promotion.

While I'm angrily writing this letter, I'd like to comment — a little immodestly, maybe — on two other points brought up in your article.

Your reporter states "my personal following in San Francisco is a high energy group, but there are just not very many of them." Fact: Polyester is currently having an unprecedented success at the Castro, breaking its own records so far throughout the United States. It has been fea-

ured in *Variety's* top 50 grossing films almost every week since its first release in New York last May.

Your reporter describes me as "a film personality whose most notable claim is eating dog shit on the silver screen." Fact: The media notices I have received over the past few months for my performance as an actor in Polyester from such journals as *The New York Times*, *The New York Sunday Times*, *Newsweek*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Philadelphia Enquirer*, *France Soir*, etc. would lead me to believe that I have indeed achieved more notable heights in my career in the past ten years since making *Pink Flamingos*, a film of which I am extremely proud and has been recognized by the Museum of Modern Art in New York as a great American comedy classic.

I've said enough. I hate having to defend myself in this manner, but as the phone calls of protest from my manager to your office seemed to have fallen on deaf ears, I have no choice. I love San Francisco and hopefully will return many times in the future. There are plans at the moment for a season next summer of my Broadway-bound musical, *The Thorn*. I look forward very much to that season and the friendliness and support I have always received there. If Mr. Collier and Mr. White choose not to be in my audience, they will surely not be missed.

POLITICS AND POKER

WAYNE FRIDAY

Last week the Lesbian and Gay community in this state lost a valued friend with the death of actor Jack Albertson, who was probably the first major Hollywood personality to endorse and fight for Lesbian and Gay rights, and the Los Angeles Gay community thanked Albertson Tuesday night with a memorial in that city's Troupers' Hall . . . former Massachusetts Lesbian legislator Elaine Noble, a political foe of the late Harvey Milk who seemed to delight in coming to San Francisco to campaign against Milk, back in the news last week under the cloud of a major investigation in Boston Mayor Kevin White's office where Noble is now serving as a lobbyist . . .

some San Francisco Democrats already mentioning Jeff Brown as a possible candidate for State Senator if Milton Marks decides to go for the State Board of Equalization next year and is successful (I know a number of influential Gays who would also go for that idea) . . . don't forget the cocktail party at Dick Pabich's home this Sunday, Dec. 5, to pay off Harry Britt's campaign debt with special guest actress Margot Kidder (Lois Lane of *Superman* fame) - \$25; 863-5560 for info . . . the Stone-wall Gay Demo Club meeting this Monday (Dec. 6 at the Women's Bldg.) — the speaker will be Terri Thomas, who is Jerry Brown's legislative lobbyist on mental

health issues and who has been told by the Governor to report within two months on the Gay TV commercials that caused a furor within the Brown administration.

Meanwhile, Jerry Brown's favorite Los Angeles restaurant, the El Adobe (known by Republicans as the Mexican Toots Shor's) which is owned and operated by Brown's good friends Frank and Lucy Casado and is famous for huge pictures of their hero, the Guv, has now changed their window, long adorned with "Brown for Governor" signs, to now read "Brown for Governor" and "Mario Obledo for Governor" . . . after a star-studded fundraising dinner at the posh Beverly Hills Hilton, the *L.A. Times* concluded that 60's radical Tom Hayden and his CED had moved "firmly into the mainstream of

state Democratic Party politics." The \$100 a plate gala hosted by Peter Kelly, Demo Party Southern California chairman said the Democrats and CED are "working in concert . . . this relationship has developed . . . into a great thing." Even former Gov. Pat Brown was there (as honorary chairman). Hayden has set his sights on the 44th Assembly District in West L.A.

Alice Toklas Demo "progressives" Sal Rosselli and Jeff Jones pressuring Alice's women's caucus to revoke its early endorsement of Carole Migden for Community College Board? — Migden, the founding chairperson of Coalition for Human Rights, is considered one of the first viable Lesbian candidates for public office to emerge from our community.



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POLITICS AND POKER

WAYNE FRIDAY

Terence Hallinan, who had planned to run for Supervisor next year, is deeply involved as an attorney for convicted mass killer Juan Corona, and friends now tell me that his legal obligations might keep him from becoming a candidate after all . . . the bartend-

next time the Chorus takes a party-tour of America, they won't find it necessary to come home with a huge debt and ask the community to pay it for them (I mean, it was their idea to go, wasn't it?) . . . both Mayor Ed Koch and Council President Carol Bel-



Local pols lead off Candlelight March: (l to r) Milton Marks, Jim Foster, Art Agnos, Elizabeth and Dick Hongisto and Jack Molinari. (Photo by Rink)

er on duty at the Cafe San Marcos will probably tell you that San Francisco's leading politicians seemingly all agree on one thing — while waiting for the Memorial March to start Friday night, a number of the big political names (Marks, Molinari, Walker, and a couple of others) all came in — at different intervals — and ended up ordering the same drink: Irish coffee . . . Sacramento's young State Senator John Doolittle, a Republican, trying to take over retiring John Briggs' title as the most anti-Gay? Doolittle, urging the Senate to end funding for a program that would prevent on-the-job discrimination against Gays, screamed, "It's absolutely asinine and we should not tolerate this kind of thing."

Getting back to the Milk-Moscone March, thanks should be noted to those politicians who cared enough to get out and march with us — Milton Marks, John Molinari, Nancy Walker, Carol Ruth Silver, Dick Hongisto, Art Agnos, Willie Brown, and certainly Mayor Feinstein and her husband Dick Blum.

Senator Sleepy Sam still holding out hope that with the crowd in the GOP Senate primary he can sneak the nomination with as little as 30% of the vote, but the Republican bigwigs want him out of the race, feeling Sam is a sure loser against Jerry Brown. The GOP bosses would rather either Wilson, Goldwater, or even prefer Maureen Reagan over the incumbent . . . and in Santa Cruz, the City Council elected Michael Rotkin, a socialist who teaches the works of Karl Marx, as its Mayor . . . Mayor Dianne Feinstein is to be commended for her help in hosting the gala (and expensive — \$150 per plate) dinner at the St. Francis Hotel on December 9 being touted as paying off the debt the Gay Men's Chorus ran up with their 9-city tour this past summer. It is hoped that this is the last of the endless benefits to defray the expenses of the "nationally acclaimed" tour. No one doubts the great job the Chorus did, but it is also hoped that the

dynasty lived by the political dictum "Don't get mad; get even," Phil Burton's is "Get mad and even" (a fair warning to all who have ever entertained the idea of crossing Burton — are you reading this, Bob Gonzales?) . . . in the same issue Tom Hayden has a ringing defense of the policies and administration of Jerry Brown, saying that Brown's only mortal sin is that the Governor is ahead of his time.

Some of Ronald Reagan's closest advisors are already upset with daughter Maureen; her campaign for Senator will bring out a number of major differences with her old man's administration. In addition to her support of the ERA, Maureen is expected to come out strongly for Gay rights, in favor of gun control, campaign as an out and out feminist, and endorse a number of other "liberal" causes . . . and Fritz Mondale might be popular with the Feinstein Democrats in San Francisco, but his backers had to cancel a fundraiser planned in Washington, D.C., last week after only 50 Democrats bought tickets . . . Paul Denning, who ran for Supervisor in the late Ella Hutch's old supervisory district in 1977, has been appointed by Mayor Feinstein to the 7-member Retirement System Board, and Esta Soler has been named to the Human Rights Commission . . . L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley will try to raise some big bucks for his gubernatorial campaign with a \$150 a plate dinner at the Fairmont December 15 . . . and Quentin Kopp, always quick with an opinion on everyone else, characterized the 1981 session of the Legislature: "It was probably the most arrogant display of indifference to county government that I have observed in ten years as a supervisor." (God, has it only been ten years?)

Talk about success — Rita Mae Brown's new novel *Sudden Death*, with a main character supposedly fashioned after her former lover, tennis star Martina Navratilova, has been sold to Bantam publish-

MEDIA QUEEN

Family-phobia

KONSTANTIN BERLANDT

Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade on the wide color TV set in the den, and through the sliding glass doors the pool sitting idle in the cold Novato winter.

I gave my aunt Carol a tight hug just before we left, turkey and pumpkin pie all gobbled up. In the rush to the food, the mass of relatives, the hostess who mother had died only a couple of weeks earlier, it was the only moment she and I communicated all afternoon long. I had stuffed myself on hors d'oeuvres and turkey from the moment I walked into their house — keeping food between my mouth and them until I was so full I fell asleep in front of the TV watching the Macy's Day Parade.

"Who's playing?" my aunt came in the room for a moment and asked.

"The Capitalists vs. the Consumers," I laughed. The official kickoff of the holiday season.

How spectacular some of the giant balloon floats — Superman above the 35th Street in downtown Manhattan, described as the largest balloon in the parade, "the largest parade in the world."

I wondered about the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade here — was it bigger or smaller? Imagine national television covering that event on the afternoon of a national family holiday, float by float, band by band, contingent by contingent, speaker and singer.

But no, just as the Gay Freedom Day Marching Band is too controversial for the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day, so too is our parade to political for any but a couple minutes of news programming coverage. Macy's

Day, on the other hand, is pure entertainment, however dedicated to commercial enterprise.

Macy's. I thought of the woman in their P.R. department here who refused to take out an ad in the program for the Milk-Moscone Memorial March because the corporation has cut back on its advertising. I thought of all that Gay money that's spent at their Union Square outlet, and all the Gay ads to seduce shoppers Gay and straight with that not-too-subtle promise of erotica. I thought of the 40 men busted in their basement T-room so long — a decade — ago, but never apologized for.

And with all these thoughts — too political, too down, too anti-social (too Gay) to speak — I thought of why I was sleeping and watching TV today instead of socializing with my family. My energy level just wasn't up to anything but sleep and TV.

The branch of the family I rode back to the city with fought most of the way. Nothing serious, just little riffs they've worked out over the quarter century they've lived together as a family unit, and repeat over and over again, as predictably as a chemical reaction in a test tube, that begins the moment they get into the car together. Mostly it's about Daddy's driving. They don't like their fate in his hands at the wheel.

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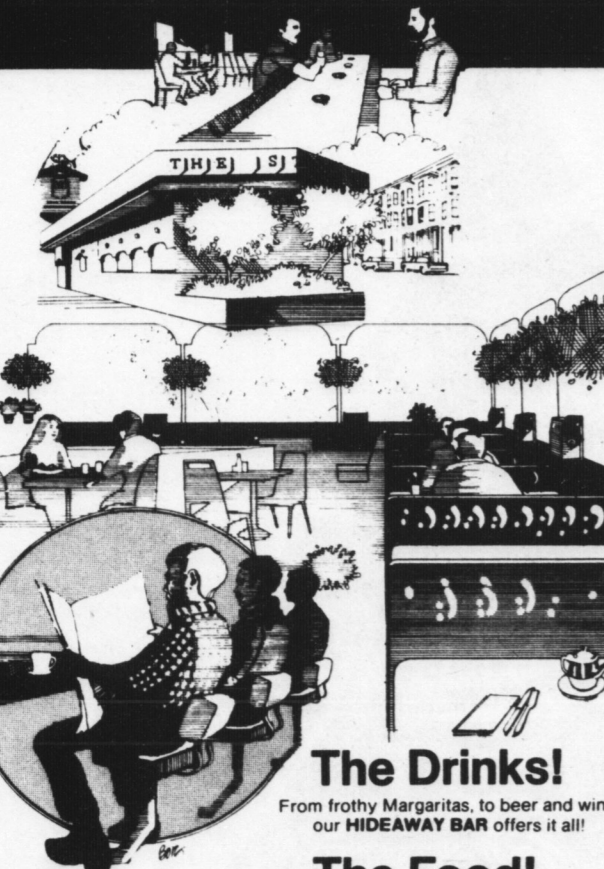
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LETTERS

A MANIFESTO

* On Sunday, November 22, 1981, my lover and I were on our way from Fremont, as I was reading about gay males that were assaulted and attacked (or cut and thrust upon). I've been here in California five months now, in three cities. All I read is gay murders in Los Angeles, Hollywood Section, eight there, and three here in the Gay Capital of the world.

I was run over and smashed into by a couple of straight punks, because I was defending two friends that got beat up by them. The Los Angeles police department would rather hassle and arrest the hustlers that are just trying to survive, because most of them don't have a place to rest their heads at, but they and the court system would rather let the men charged with murder, go free on bail, even though these same men have prior arrest records of assaults. I know an individual is not guilty until proven.

Getting back to the real issue, my lover and I were on our way to a bus stop for a #5 Fulton bus, and there were four unorthodox heterosexual males walking behind us, they were making derogatory comments about gays' life-styles or homosexuals in general. With all the publicity on last Saturday's violence, one of them pushed the Asian male onto me when we were passing them, deliberately! I could of gone after all four of them, and got myself arrested for the use of a dangerous weapon (my hands; 10 years martial arts instructor experience, and four times "Golden Gloves" Light-heavyweight Championship).

Then I heard a radio news commentator state "Gays and Lesbians are enraged and very much alarmed about physical abuses, homicides that are happening in the Tenderloin Section of our city, and in Los Angeles, too." The Mayor, Harvey Milk, JFK, RFK, Martin Luther King and now Anwar Sadat (and maybe whomever comes along), were targets to be eliminated. Also, the Parole Board is considering a parole for an inmate like Sirhan-Sirhan, who threatened to assassinate Senator Ted Kennedy and other persons: Manson's Clan, Son of Sam, Yorkshire Ripper, etc. Why? I keep asking myself. Then I read books that state homosexuality is unbalanced and a disease, a stage that the individual is going through, a psychological disorder, & etc. I said, stop labeling and get along.

Protesting, marching, violence, will not prove a damned thing. But it helps, sometimes. We have rights, individuals that live stereotyped lifestyles, as we are actors with no training. We worked, loved our men or women, socialize, paid living arrangements, but we are labeled "sick," because we love each other.

I have a lot of straight friends that would help me and my lover. We love them for that, they are heterosexual to a "T," because they judged us as people and as individuals with understandable feelings for each other. I would get on national television and say that "I am homosexual, been one for seven years and then say that I have a son, Jason Alphonse Santiago, too. I have nothing to hide, I am me, myself and I, and I am damned proud — of being gay, I will be damned if I'm going to let someone try to change that or try to hurt me."

Pedro Luis Santiago
San Francisco

PRISON ENCORE

* Hi, I've written to your paper before when I was in prison in California and got some very nice friends who turned out to be just what the doctor ordered when I got out. But now I'm doing 4 years for the Feds, here in Lompoc, which will be about Feb. 1984 I'll be getting out. Maybe sooner, but I won't know about that till next year about this time.

I'm 6' tall, 170 lbs., med. build, brown eyes, with premature gray-blond hair, reddish-blond mustache, liking W/S, B&D, S&M, FFA, as well as regular fucking and sucking. I'm 34 years old, with 8 1/2" cut and thick. Plan to lift weights and add inches to my chest and arms. I still sport a 30 inch waist and I only dig men who are masculine types — levi/leather/western styles are me. White men only, or Mexicans.

I'm a cabinetmaker/carpenter by trade, and am learning to type now, to correct my spelling skills and typing know-how.

There aren't but about 20 gay men here at Lompoc, so being the minority, letters from gay men is what I need, with positive attitudes, cause there's enough negative ones here already.

I'd also like to know can I receive your paper by mail? Haven't seen one here yet.

Richard C. Nelson
A.K.A. "Hans"
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ED. NOTE: Seems the "friends" weren't strong enough to turn Hans onto the path of "righteousness." We encourage our readers to correspond with prisoners. We discourage them from getting involved. Don't send money, don't make promises, don't let fantasy rule over reason.

P. Lorch

INDIAN SLUR

* I cannot believe that Rita Mae Brown would repeat or B.A.R. print such a blatant racial slur as appeared in "An Afternoon with Rita Mae Brown" by Ron Kraus, Nov. 25.

I quote, "... Jerry Falwell is living proof that occasionally the Indian fucked the buffalo."

As a Native American who happens to be gay, I am outraged at the insensitivity and obvious racism which this kind of remark portrays, unintentionally or not.

Mr. Kraus then in the next sentence goes on to say, "And more seriously..." I am I to take this slur as humorous?

I think, B.A.R., Mr. Kraus and Ms. Brown owe an apology to Native Americans everywhere, especially Native Americans who are gay.

Li Lightfoot
San Francisco

AN AUTHOR ON HIS REVIEW

* Your review was certainly deeply appreciated. I liked the whole spread in fact — down to being on the same page with the perennial musical question "Is There Gay Life After 40?" and the letter from the Mayor to the Chorus. But there was something special in your review: there's at least one theory which says that a critic's job is to be a bridge, from the material to the possible reader, and to do that the reviewer's clearly got to understand the material, which I thought you did.

Carter Wilson
Santa Cruz, CA

MUSIC MISCHIEF

* I too am one of the common folk who enjoy good, popular music, but Ben Lyons' letter (B.A.R., 19 Nov) was indeed presumptuous on the performance by the Gay Men's Chorus on 9 November!

If Mr. Lyons had his way, he would have the chorus singing those maudlin numbers like "We Kiss in the Shadows" or "The Man I Love" while certain exhibitionists in the audience moon and spoon, and clutch their latest lover (or trick) and hold hands and carry on with vulgar, uncontrolled sentimentality in a public concert hall!

With the phenomenal growth of gay businessmen, doctors, lawyers, real estate agents, gay interior designers and other productive professionals, etc. — it is obvious that Dick Kramer is raising the level of listening and musical experience and tastes with this current growth.

At that concert in particular Dick Kramer was catering to the Classically minded gays in his audience, and he catered very adequately indeed.

I am sure next month or in the future he will cater to the Ben Lyonses in his audience — and then I will be writing a letter to Dick Kramer!

Allan B. Cahir
San Francisco

WE ARE ANIMALS

* I was astounded with your editor's note, P. Lorch. You missed the entire point of William Tocco's letter.

He wasn't complaining about genitals. He was interpreting that we as a community have become so occupied with finding the perfect mate that we've sidetracked from our original purpose of banding together to form a supportive community.

It is high time that we realize that the world does not turn on a gay axis. We as a subculture cannot demand federal aid to support our lifestyle. I would be the first person to shout "Take it back!"

Our lifestyle makes me sick. The toilets we use to relieve ourselves of our sexual urges and needs and wants aren't worth my money. I only get frustrated from the games. When I do find a mate it seems they're in a rush to go somewhere else. Or find someone else.

The pits we call bars are no better either. The loud, deafening music and dim lights are great for the money-making owner. But I don't like not being able to see the person I'm with or hear him.

How many times does it have to be said? We are selling out for the love of money.

We no longer think of brotherhood. We only think of how his (Mr. X) insecurities can be capitalized on.

I'm ashamed of the lifestyle the gay community as a whole projects to the world.

It's true we have become animals. And we're becoming more deviated as each day goes by.

But there is hope. All gay people don't patronize bars and baths for the same reasons I've stopped. They are facades unto themselves. They are debasing, dehumanizing, and degenerating.

Tom Basch
San Francisco

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**QUID PRO QUO
(A Dolmenless Nose?)**

Monday night, November 23, marked the finale of the pool tournaments in the East Bay. That night, the White Horse (host bar) honored all the players from all the teams with a fantastic buffet and awards presentation.

As mentioned before, the White Horse won the Grand Prize trophy and monies, with the Turf Club gleaming the honors for second place spot.

Hats off to Graham, Trok, and staff for the memorable evening given to all the eager and enthusiastic pool participants. Everyone is eagerly awaiting the next go-round. Perhaps more bars will be able to participate in the next contest to make it even more exciting. Can the Hub, in Walnut Creek, be coaxed to partake in the event?

**BEVUE FAUTE!
(A Scotchless Nose?)**

Due to circumstances beyond control, the long-awaited debut of a full liquor bar at Ollie's will have to be postponed to some undetermined future date!

It seems that the "seller" of the license had debts attached to it that far outvalued the price of the license! Ollie, staff, and customers are all duly disappointed, but spirits (!) are high that another one will come along in the near tomorrows.

**UBERRIMA FIDES
(A Believing Nose)**

Under the general heading of "Getting Ready for Christmas," the Metropolitan Community Church of the East Bay (Oakland) is offering an opportunity for Gay men, Lesbians, and others interest-

**Prepare for Christmas with
MCC East Bay**

Metropolitan Community Church of the East Bay (Oakland) is offering an opportunity for Gay men, Lesbians, and others interested to prepare themselves spiritually and emotionally for Christmas. "Getting Ready for Christmas" will be held Saturday evening, December 12, starting at 6pm in the church at 4986 Fairfax Ave., Oakland. Included in the evening program will be a potluck supper, tree trimming, and a workshop — "Burying the Ghosts of Seasons Past." This workshop will deal with inner

Lesbian Rap

The San Jose Lesbian Rap Group meets every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Billy De Frank Community Center at 86 Keyes Street in San Jose. Their topic for the December 9 meeting is "Keeping Your Own Space with Lovers and Friends."

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There is no charge for this evening, but donations to the Church are always welcomed.

Other Advent/Christmas season activities for MCC East Bay include caroling for elderly people in convalescent homes and private homes. This is always a very warm and rewarding experience, and information as to dates and times may be obtained by calling the church at 533-4848.

Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24) activities include "A Christmas Celebration in Song and Story" at 8pm, quiet meditation in the sanctuary from 9:30 to 11:30pm, and a midnight Communion Service at 11:30pm.

MCC East Bay is located at 4986 Fairfax Avenue, in Oakland, and the pastor is the Reverend Jeffrey D. Pulling, M.Div., Ph.D. All inquiries should be directed to the Church at 533-4848.

**ETALAGE!
(An Anticipating Nose?)**

I learned from Jim Sanchez (manager of Lake Lounge)

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First Lesbian Ball

San Jose's first Lesbian Ball will be held December 12 at 8pm at the MCC Church, 160 East Virginia. The ball features entertainment, dancing and, of course, a no-hostess bar. Admission is \$6.

NEZ PAS

that "Country Fridays" will resume at the popular spot on Madison. The Lake Lounge will feature recorded country music all Friday long, and entice the imbiber with a beer and shot of Schnapps for a buck fifty! Don't forget to wear your boots and ten-galloner chaparajos optional! (Chaparajos? Dear ones, we've abbreviated it down to chaps!)

Two new faces on the scene: Jim Cole is now on the planks at the Lake Lounge. Drop by and have a drink or three with this personable and interesting guy. New DJ at the Bench & Bar on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights is Wayne Renfro, formerly of the Polk Gulch and End Up in San Francisco. The "City's" loss is the East Bay's gain!

On Sunday, December 13, the Bench & Bar is presenting a 50/50 Benefit for A.C.I.E. and Special Olympics, and will feature David Kelsey and Pure Trash from 3 to 6pm, followed by a buffet, with the evening nightcapped by disco star Jeanie Tracy (formerly with Sylvester) doing shows at 10pm and midnight. I'm told that the admission for the shows is \$5, and an additional donation of \$5 for the buffet. Ten dollars is a small sum to donate for a full NINE hours of eating and entertainment!

Speaking of Special Olympics, it's not too early to start perfecting your favorite chili recipe, as there will be a Second Annual Chili Cook-Off in January, with all proceeds going to the Special Olympics. Plans are already in the works to make this event even more "gastronomical" than the first one! I wonder if "Bed Sore Mary" will volunteer to be a judge?????

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A "Turn About Night" will transpire on Wednesday, December 16. That notorious "Irving" (THE bus) will leave Revol at 7:30pm on its way to Mama's in Hayward. Upon arrival, Rick and Billy (of Revol) will tend bar for an hour or so, and then "Hagatha" and "Zephyr" will tend bar! Then the bus will load (?) up again and make its way back to Revol, where two bartenders (of Mama's) will tend bar; and once again "Zephyr" and "Hagatha" will hold forth on the planks! I know Irving can hold up, but how will either bar survive with BOTH "Hagatha" and "Zephyr" doing their antics for the awaiting competitors!

I've heard that Lancers is in escrow, so some definite word should be available any day now as to the exact status. Hopefully it will regain its once great status and join the ranks of "outstanding" bars in the East Bay.

During the coming Season, many people have "extra" days off, so you might want to plan on visiting our "early openers." The Lake Lounge starts off every day at 10am. The Bench & Bar and Wine Garden both open early and serve lunch. When the Holiday shopping gets too much for you, remember... these places can ease the tension!

The rumors are true... Revol will be serving special lunches on the Saturdays after Christmas and New Year's. More details and information in a future column.

From all reports, the Thanksgiving Holiday was well celebrated throughout all the bars and homes in the East Bay. Now, we are all looking forward to the Christmas festivities, and awaiting with anticipation all the colorful and delightful decorations that will adorn our favorite watering holes. Many hours and \$\$\$\$ go into these festoonings, and I, for one, wish to express my appreciation to all the bars that go out of their way to express "peace on earth, good will towards man."

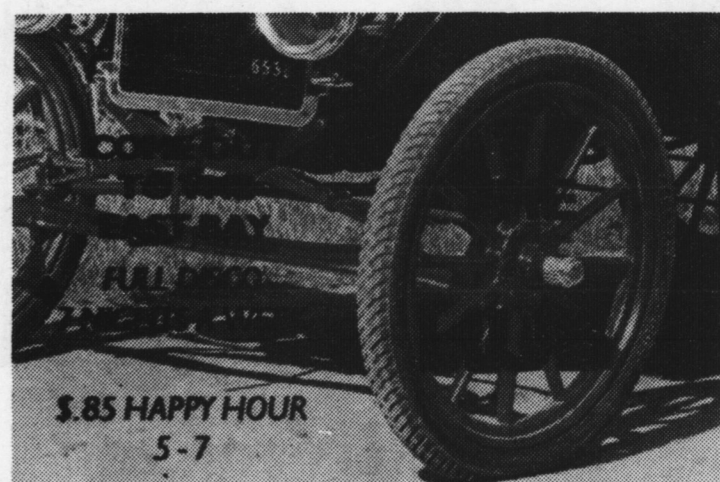
Next issue I'll be doing another interview with an East Bay personality. I hope these "chit-chats" prove interesting by giving some insight into the thoughts and opinions of our local residents.

**Harbinger II
(A Questioning Nose!)**

I have a feeling that Roy Plumber missed a deadline, but don't quote me!

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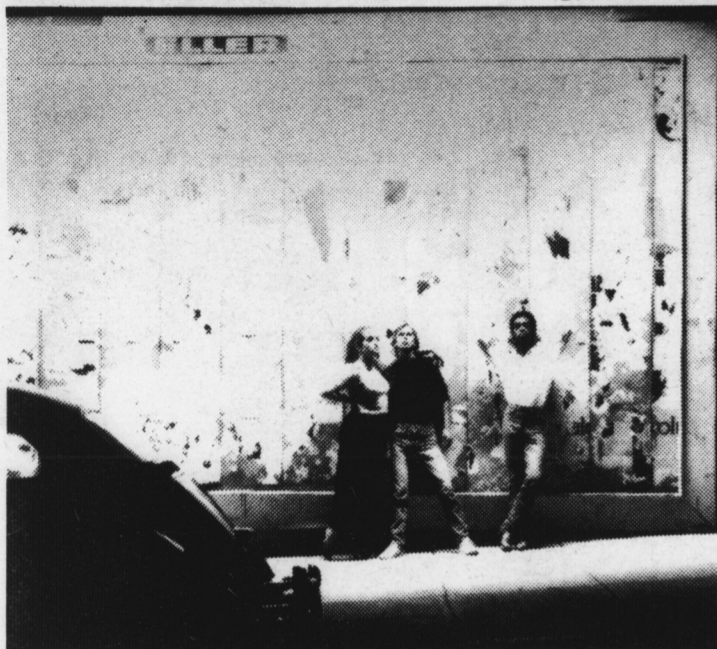
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An entire cast of incarcerated characters are queued to pop off like human time bombs. This is a chorus line of delinquents and each is competing for survival. It is a cacophonous choir. The young actors are well-rehearsed and play an ensemble of abused adolescents. Each voice and rhythm is street-distinctive, and injustice is harmonized.

vocal graffiti and proclamations of despair.

The most positive sign for change is the dedication of playwright and director Ruth K. Hill to research and rehabilitation and the enthusiasm of the cast. Reading the credits was enough to convince me that "Each Child is a Universe".

Argentina Solero has a collection of poetry being published in Japan. Lucia Sartirana performed opera in Buenos Aires. Scott Utley appeared on television in "Love of Life." Christabel Savales speaks six languages and is a mime comedian. Conrad Hurt lived in Morocco and is an excellent gymnast. Jennifer Proctor has lectured on Ibsen and performed classical

"You're going to scream for tomorrow, but tomorrow never comes."

The performers have conviction and energy. Ruth K. Hill, the playwright and director, has shaped her script around real pains. The characters howl, wail, and snap at each other and the audience like a pack of wolves. If nobody will listen, they will make noise. "You're going to scream for tomorrow, but tomorrow never comes!"

HEY MOMMA has none of the sweetness of ANNIE. The sun will not come out tomorrow for kids shoved under the rug. "I hate the world. I've got a better place to do!"

HEY MOMMA is not so much an entertainment as an experience. It is a sermon in social consciousness. Its points are not made subtly, but like a cold shower, it opens your eyes. There is poetry and song mixed with

A Gay Band For Hollywood

by Richard H. Best

Last Sunday night (29th) 50,000 spectators lined Hollywood streets to see the annual Santa Claus Lane Parade. Despite the temperature of a cold 54 degrees, the huddled masses started lining the streets as early as 3pm to obtain a good vantage point. Being a member of the Los Angeles Great American Yankee Freedom Band, and a former member of the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band, this parade offered an opportunity for me to experience Hollywood's idea of a "grand" parade. The Hollywood glitterati included Angie Dickinson, Barbara Eden, Anson Williams, and of course, Clayton Moore. One of the disadvantages of participating in parades is that you usually have to read the newspaper the next day to see who participated in the parade. One of the strategies that parade officials use to insure a smooth flowing parade is to hold all floats in one area, all marching bands in another area and then somehow blend them together in a way that doesn't produce a battle of the bands. Lining up on Sunset Blvd., we were surrounded by local high school marching bands. They were intrigued with the fact that our members were allowed to smoke cigarettes in front of the director, that there were more men than women in our band, and that we had male baton twirlers (that one gets them every time). It is hard to tell how many people got the connection of Great American Yankee and the rhinestoned twirlers. Once they viewed our bass drum with the initials G.A.Y., only the very sheltered still might have had questions.

In comparison, the size and musicianship of the two bands are the same. Last Sunday the count of musicians and auxiliary corps marching was over 100. The direction and leadership of the bands differs considerably. Jon Sims, the director of the San Francisco band, is a man who envisions Gay artistic organizations that encompass endless possibilities including drama, dance and even stage productions. Michael Ash, the director of the Los Angeles band, is the third director to lead the band. Ash, who is also the director of another concert band, is an entertainer for a quiet Glendale piano bar. The leadership of the Los Angeles band comes from the marching band's drum major, Jinx Jeffers, and band manager, Tony Shay. Jeffers and Shay are responsible for all communications to the community. One of the major differences between the bands is that Jon Sims, being the founder and source of the San Francisco band, has an inspiration and energy that can only be found in a person who starts an organization from the start.

I am proud to report that the Los Angeles band has a group of members that will soon be known as "The Sisters of Perpetual Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences of Hollywood." We are not sure that the L.A. version (or interpretation) of The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will hope to accomplish. Sister Mary Frustrata Castrata reports that hopefully an appearance could be made early in 1982.

The San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band is fortunate in that their intent and direction is accepted by the Gay community. Unfortunately, like the Los Angeles "Sisters," the city of Los Angeles is not sure what our band hopes to accomplish.

"Enemies of Love"

"The Gay Life on KSN, 95FM, presents "The Enemies of Love: A Report from the Battlefield," a talk by Lesbian psychotherapist Betty Berzon, on Sunday, December 6, at 11pm. This replaces the previously scheduled presentation of "Night of Candles," a commemoration of Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone. The speakers and music that night were rained out.

Berzon delivered this warm, loving evaluation of the difficulties in establishing and maintaining relationships to the Association of Gay Psychologists in Los Angeles in August. "The Gay Life" originally broadcast in October and has received numerous requests to run the show again.



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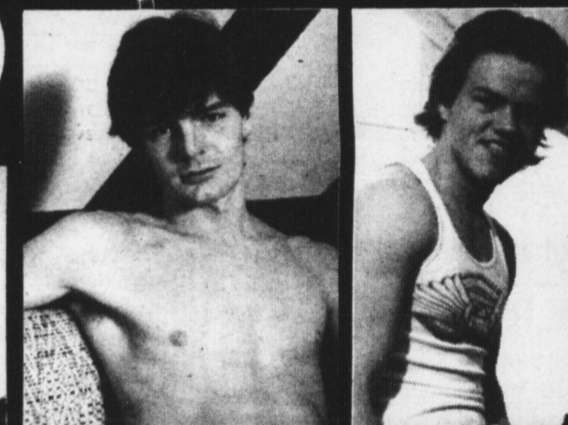
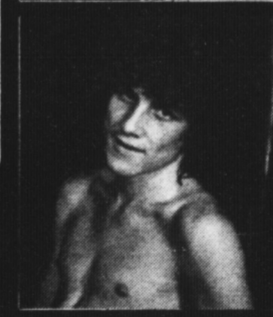
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Suspended Sentences for May 21st's

by Konstantin Berlandt

May 21st Defendants David Waddle and Peter Plate were given suspended sentences yesterday morning by Judge Claude Perasso.

Waddle, convicted of felony assault on police October 26 for his part in the May 21, 1979, City Hall protest of the Dan White jury verdict, was fined \$500 and put on three years' probation.

Plate, convicted at the same time of misdemeanor breaking a police car window, was assigned two years probation and fined \$212.55 to cover replacing the car window.

Neither defendant expressed satisfaction to the press after sentencing. Both noted they had spent nearly three years under prosecution and still had fines and probation.

But Waddle's attorney Marilyn Waller said she was "very relieved he didn't get any jail time." She expressed appreciation for the "tremendous amount of community support, letters, and petitions that came in" for the two defendants. She added she and her client are "considering appeal," which must be filed within 60 days.

Plate called the fines and probation "absurd when there is still the taint of death." He objected to being charged for a police car window when "Dan White suffered no financial burden whatsoever."

The ex-cop, ex-Supervisor who shot and killed Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk was not

Lois Lane Boosts Harry



Margot Kidder of SUPERMAN fame plays the star attraction at Harry Britt fundraiser. (Photo by Rink)

obliged to pay any restitution to the families of the people he murdered, Plate said.

Nor, he continued, were the "hundreds of police officers who... beat down men and women in my sight" ever even charged. He called it "different justice" for the rich and "law and order for the poor."

Plate also complained of a lack of support from the Gay community during their extended court ordeal.

Waddle, who was facing a maximum five-year sentence for tossing a bottle from the midst of the crowd in Civic Center Plaza on "White Night" toward a line of police on City Hall steps, called the sentencing "unfair, regardless." With money, he said, the two of them would have been off long ago.

Attorney Waller insisted that Peter and David had been "singled out." She maintained, "The District Attorney's office wanted felony convictions for their own political reasons." Peter, she said, had been "singled out" as a "ringleader" and David had been pulled along. The two had been arrested by the same officers, one of whom had described the two defendants as "the Lone Ranger and Tonto," she quoted.

Two dozen supporters in the courtroom afterwards discussed having a benefit to pay the fines of the two defendants. Parade Committee's (Continued on Page 2)

event.

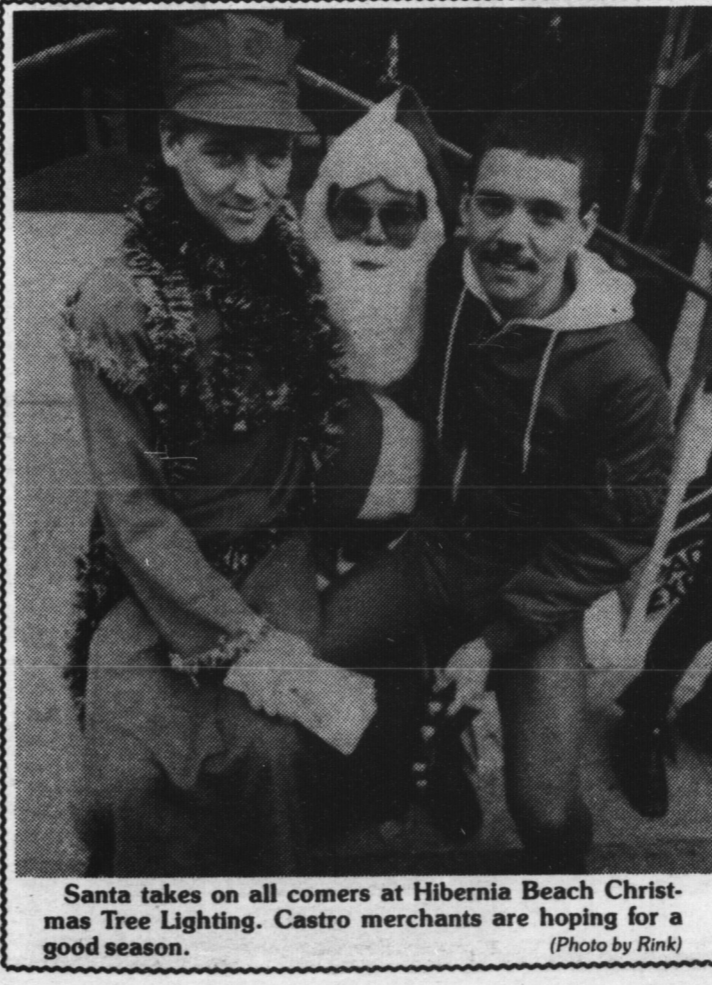
The Supervisor said that many have perceived him as a District 5 official. As he spoke to the group, he noted that the spirit of District 5 has obviously spread over the entire city. He pointed out the presence of the Korean, the Japanese, and other Asian communities which were represented. He singled out the Middle East and Mexican-American communities and particularly spoke of pride about the support he is realizing from the small businesses throughout San Francisco.

Britt noted that the evening was significant because of the presence of a much more diverse representation of San Franciscans than he has previously had for this type of resolution which would give any San Francisco citizen the right to have a trained civilian investigator investigate any complaint alleging police misconduct.

Britt also recommitted himself to the importance of equal pay for women and the importance of equality for women. Margot Kidder in her remarks praised Britt for his support of women's rights. Ms. Kidder remarked that it was people such as Harry Britt that had caused her to widen her concern for Gay rights because the struggles faced by Gay men and Lesbians were so similar to those struggles faced by all women.

Band in Throes of Shake Up

Jon Sims to Leave Band



Dino DiDonato, President of the San Francisco Band Foundation, announced that effective January 1, 1982, Jon Sims will no longer be responsible for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band & Twirling Corps.

DiDonato was interviewed earlier this week to get confirmation or denial on many rumors which have recently surfaced regarding the musical organization. The board of directors, according to DiDonato, is searching for ways to logically cut back on expenses and at the same time realize a healthy growth period.

There are several proposals being considered. There is a proposal to close their office and to not have a salaried business manager. Final decisions on both proposals have not been made.

DiDonato also said that the title of "Artistic Director" which is now held by Jon Sims will be re-evaluated. A concern will be how the position relates to several other groups under the banner of (Continued on Page 2)

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