

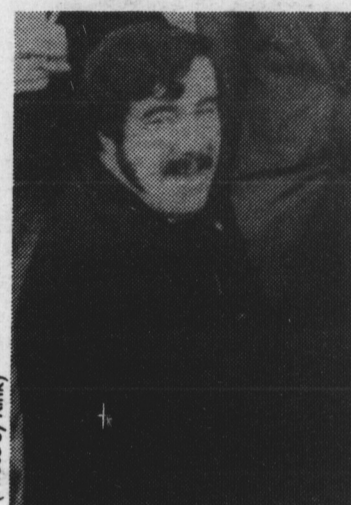
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Heaven Can't Wait! Broshears Gets Final Call



The late Raymond Broshears

by George Mendenhall

The most controversial Gay personality in San Francisco was found dead in a hallway of his 990 Geary Street apartment on Sunday night. He died of a cerebral stroke.

Rev. Ray Broshears, 46, clad in his pajamas, had been evidently dead since Friday. He was discovered by his close friend, Democratic Party activist Elmer Wilhelm.

The minister was feared and disliked by many and loved by a few. His death brought diverse comments about his humanitarian activities and his bitter campaigns against individuals, organizations, and businesses in the Gay community.

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Although health problems had reduced his activities in the past two years, Broshears had been vigorously active over the Christmas holiday season. He had helped produce his annual Christmas show at Fort Miley hospital, set up a luncheon for Tenderloin senior citizens, arranged a benefit for a victim of hepatitis and spent countless hours single-handedly producing his own newspaper. These activities were evidently too much for Broshears who had gained considerable weight lately.

Broshears' health problems included weak legs, the removal of part of his jaw, and a partial body paralysis. He was under medication and, although he appeared to be vigorous in public appearances, he had halted his regular walks through his home base — the Tenderloin — in the past year.

Younger Gay people may not know much of Broshears, as his peak public activities were from 1965 when he arrived in San Francisco from the Midwest, to 1975. During this period he operated a Gay community Helping Hands Center in the Tenderloin, sponsored monthly senior citizen lunches, organized demonstrations against telephone discrimination, ran for public office, and "married" two women in the military. These activities brought him newspaper headlines.

Broshears received national attention in *TIME* and *Rolling Stone* magazines when he announced the formation of the "Lavender Panthers," an allegedly armed and militant Gay group that was to "fight back" against anti-Gay street attacks. Actually he used borrowed, unloaded guns and the entire "Panthers" effort was exaggerated. However, it did make a point: "Gay people are not sissies and will use

self-defense." In another act in 1978, Broshears personally and somewhat gleefully "exposed" an alleged male prostitution operation in the city. Many Gay activists never forgave Broshears for this act because it resulted in the arrest of the popular Jack Campbell, an official of the Club Baths chain and a major financial supporter of Gay rights over many years.

Little is known of Broshears before he came to San Francisco. He was ordained in four different churches, including the fundamentalist Pentecostal and mail-order ministry of Universal Life. He was dismissed from the Pentecostal church after being ordained in 1960 because of a homosexual arrest involving a 17-year-old male (He served 5 months in jail). Later he was dropped as an employee of anti-communist evangelist Billy James Hargis when his homosexuality was discovered. In recent years he has identified himself with the Orthodox Episcopal Church of God. At one time Broshears was a priest in the Byzantine Primitive Catholic Church and elevated himself to become a "Bishop." (Wilhelm reports that Broshears took his Christianity seriously and was motivated to do good deeds by it.)

Mystery and intrigue frequently surrounded Broshears. Detractors were sometimes convinced that he was a paid informer for the C.I.A. and F.B.I. The *Bay Area Reporter* could find no evidence of this, although there is considerable evidence he frequently cooperated with the local police department by informing on Gay people and demanding that some Gay businesses lose their licenses and permits.

The controversial minister made headlines in mid-1968 when he was investigated in the assassination of President Kennedy. Broshears said he had been a roommate of David Ferrie, who some believed was involved in a conspiracy plot to kill Kennedy. Ferrie, a public homosexual, was the former roommate of Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's assassin. Broshears told investigators that Oswald was bi-sexual. He also claimed that several people were involved in the assassination.

Authorities detained Broshears in 1965 after he admittedly threatened the life of President Johnson. The minister claimed that the threat was made so he would be placed in protective custody because of "harassment"

against him. He later avoided prosecution by claiming he had been mentally ill. (Coincidence or Conspiracy by Bernard Fensterwald)

Local Gay businesses were regularly affected by Broshears' behind-the-scenes reporting to the police and city agencies. Although he attacked city officials for crackdowns on sex-related businesses in his newspaper, he had his own continuing crusade. Gay bars, bath houses, sex clubs, adult book stores and most recently video cassette stores were constantly threatened by Broshears' challenges to their permits and licenses. He telephoned and wrote city officials and police officials, plus appeared (often as the only complain-

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Empress Candidates Surface

Brett, Connie & Mae for '82

by Allen White

In the stately surroundings of the Green Room in the Veteran's Building the three candidates for Empress de San Francisco were formally introduced last Saturday night.

It was an event unique to San Francisco that drew participants from as far away as Houston, Texas.

The candidates introduced are (in alphabetical order) Brett; Connie, with a campaign slogan of "Let's Make It Together;" and Mae, who is touting the pledge of "All The Way With Mae" and "Be Gay With Mae."

Discussing the current campaign for Empress, the *Bay Area Reporter* quizzed the reigning Empress, Phyllis. It

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The 1982 Empress race is on as three candidates vie for the title. The season was launched with a presentation party this year at the Green Room.

(Photo by Rink)

OC BREAK-IN

No Suspects, No Motive — Police Baffled

by Paul Lorch

Operation Concern's staff confronted a new dilemma this past Monday morning. Cleanup! Sometime between Friday night, January 8, and 8:30 am Monday morning, someone paid OC's Clay Street office a nasty visit.

File cabinets were overturned and papers, folders, cards, etc. were strewn everywhere. One file cabinet was pried open, and the petty cash box rifled. Director Carol

Migden said the box contained several hundred dollars.

No equipment was taken (desk calculators and typewriters were left untouched). Neither was there any defacement of property or the premises.

Police and OC staffers were baffled by the break in. There were no signs of forced entry. There was no excessive vandalism. One theory was that someone was searching for information. Staff speculated

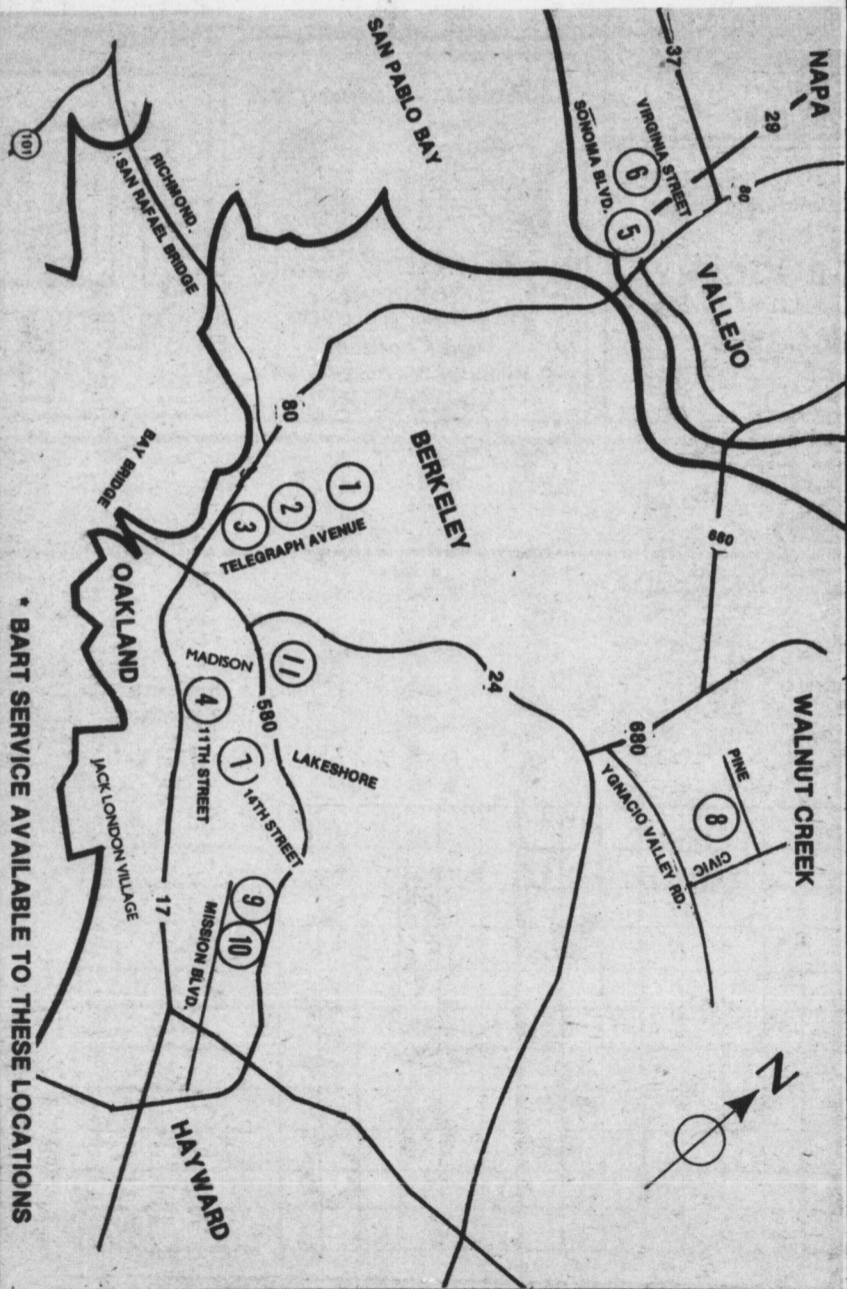
on whether the intruder had pried open a back window or perhaps they had hidden in a closet in the 8-room facility until closing time Friday.

Operation Concern offers outpatient care and counseling to Gay and Lesbian clients. It has a staff of 20 and is associated with Presbyterian Hospital. The hospital owns the Victorian building of which OC leases the second floor.

Migden said, "The effect of (Continued on Page 3)

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Broshears

ant) at hearings to revoke or deny permits and licenses.

A former Golden Gate Business Association official told Bay Area Reporter that many Gay businesses felt they were being extorted by Broshears because they would not advertise in his newspaper. He revealed that in 1979 some GGBA officials and others met to share their knowledge of what they saw as Broshears' continuing and costly harassment, but they did not know of any legal action they could take. One obstacle they faced was attorney B. J. Beckwith, who was constantly pressing cases against them for Broshears.

Beckwith helped Broshears sue numerous private parties



A recent photo of Broshears showing the ravages of time, disease, and trouble.

and some businesses, including Bay Area Reporter, on a variety of charges. They were considered by many to be "nuisance" suits that involved the hiring of attorneys by those sued while Broshears enjoyed Beckwith's services gratis. Beckwith was almost the sole attorney referred when Gay people called Broshears' advertised "Lawyer Referral Service." (Ironically, shortly before Broshears' death, Beckwith returned to his homestate, Texas, to live after suffering from severely failing eyesight.)

(Broshears was being sued himself at the time of death by Rev. Lawrence Gerard Smith of Oakland.

Gay Focus was Broshears' newspaper — better known over the years as the Gay Crusader. Few Gay businesses would permit it inside because of a dislike for Broshears and his somewhat outrageous journalism; sometimes a mix of news, gossip, editorial opinion and innuendo — all in a single article. Recently, few people saw

copies of Focus because only a small number were published.

Broshears was once a supporter of Gov. George Wallace's bid for the Presidency. Later he was constantly changing parties — Democratic, Republican, Peace and Freedom, American Independent, etc. At one time he served as the first Gay on the Republican State Central Committee, an appointment of anti-Gay Senator S.I. Hayakawa.

Broshears endorsed many people for public office and espoused many causes. He flip-flopped so often that activists had to read his newspaper to determine which side he was on or what endorsements he had changed

within a given month.

Those who knew Broshears closely, such as Al Alvarez, Elliott Blackstone, Ferris Lehman, Kimo, Randy Johnson, and Andrew Bettencourt, told Bay Area Reporter of numerous incidents of individual generosity by Broshears that did not get publicity. Examples included his taking food and clothing to jail prisoners, advising male prostitutes, assisting transsexuals who were on the fringe of the Gay community, treating people to lunch, and always helping the elderly.

Broshears had few private possessions and lived modestly in a Tenderloin hotel. He liked to gossip and entertain friends over coffee. His apartment housed a typesetting

machine, as he not only wrote but typeset his newspaper. He had little money — occasional gifts — but basically he lived on a Navy disability check (approximately \$400). Since he always wore clerics, he had no clothing problem.

Psychologist Martin Stow was asked by Bay Area Reporter to give his appraisal of Broshears' somewhat checkered life. Stow was asked why Broshears was disliked by many and easily made enemies.

"He had difficulty in expressing his love," Stow told Bay Area Reporter.

"Expressing love has to do with trust. We have to work through this when we are babies — trust vs. distrust. I don't think Ray ever trusted

anybody — including himself.

"His actions were often hostile, a constant defense. He had to protect himself. He proved to himself that he was unlovable by doing a lot of shit-kicking, so that people would express back to him that they disliked him. Then he could say, 'I proved it again. I am unlovable.' He was self-defeating."

Broshears is survived by two aunts in the Midwest. All are invited to funeral services for Ray Broshears. They will be this Monday, January 18, at noon, at Trinity Episcopal Church. The church's minister, Rev. Bob Cromey, is a longtime friend of the Gay community.

George Mendenhall

Broshears' Death Brings Community Reactions

ELLIOTT BLACKSTONE, former police officer who was a personal friend:

"Ray loved people, but he didn't know how to say that. I could never understand his bitterness. Partly, I think he was just saying, 'I don't care what you say about me — just spell my name right.' He always wanted you to know he was there."

PRISCILLA ALEXANDER, Lesbian activist:

"He didn't help women."

BEN GARDINER, president, Stonewall Democrats:

"He called attention to injustices. He was witty, amusing, and an extremely skillful reporter. He was also one of the worst 'shits' around — treacherous, with little compassion for anybody. Superficially he was for the old folks, but I don't think it meant anything to him. He did some good things — but the bad more than canceled them out. I am glad he is dead. It is safer now."

ANDREW BETTENCOURT, a personal friend of Broshears:

"Ray destroyed himself. He was a tireless worker for the things he believed in. He was so self-destructive, however. He would get along very well and then do vicious things. He was also an important person because he confronted public officials and did not hesitate to have a public demonstration."

JIM FOSTER, staff member of the Democratic National Committee:

"Ray was a young man. For that reason his death is most unfortunate. It is also unfortunate for those who were fond of him and for those that he helped."

"I think his death will affect the community here to the extent that he had a remarkable ability to unite many diverse interests in opposition to his positions. He would create so much controversy that he would end up bringing the rest of us together."

DICK HONGISTO, San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

"I am genuinely surprised by the amount of coverage that the straight press has given him on his passing. I consider him, with all due respect, to be a person that did not merit that attention. For years I have been profoundly distressed that he has been referred to as a 'Gay community leader.' I always felt that this was very unfair to the Gay community because I personally do not know anyone — Gay or straight — who was a follower of his."

"To the extent that he publicly identified himself as being 'Gay,' I must say that if I tried to imagine the worst kind of

person to represent the Gay community, he would head the list."

HARRY BRITT, San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

"I have no comment."

WAYNE FRIDAY, B.A.R. columnist, past president of the San Francisco Tavern Guild:

"I really have no comment on Broshears other than to say I guess I never understood the man. Besides, my mother once told me never to say anything about the dead unless I could say something good."

TROY PERRY, founder of Metropolitan Community Church:

"I have had my ups and downs with Rev. Broshears, like everyone else. However, Ray was one of those in the early days of the Gay rights movement in San Francisco who spoke up as a Gay person. He went out of his way to raise money to help people, such as poor senior citizens. Even though in the past few years he may have been out of step as far as some of us are concerned in attempting to achieve certain goals in the movement, he still helped many people and we should remember him for that."

KIMO, local Gay owner of Kimo's Bar and co-sponsor of Broshears of the annual Christmas show at Fort Miley Veterans Hospital:

"He was a true friend to me. I knew him 12 years and I will truly miss him. I am very upset over his death. In his honor, I intend to continue the Fort Miley shows."

CONNIE O'CONNOR, president, Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club:

"I never knew him, but everything I ever heard about him was negative. Probably the world will be a better place without him. People in the women's community never talked about him, as he was too 'far out' to be bothered with."

DUKE ARMSTRONG, president, Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights:

"I believe he was a destructive, not a constructive, influence in our community. I do not believe he was a champion of the Gay cause."

QUENTIN KOPP, San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

"He was provocative, mercurial, almost always arresting. He gave of himself and understood life on the streets. Ray had a rather deep-seated respect for basic values and a concern for the elderly. He had a concern that there be rectitude for politicians and probity. Ray loomed long on the political landscape because of his energy and his bluntness."

GWENN CRAIG, president, Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club:

"All of my encounters with him were negative. He did some good for some people, and I feel bad that his friends and supporters no longer have him around."

RANDY JOHNSON, activist friend of Broshears:

"He did ten things, and maybe nine were rotten — but one was good. He meant well. He did all the right things in the wrong way. There are better ways of dealing with people you do not like. For God's sake, we are all in this together."

JO DALY, San Francisco Police Commissioner:

"There was a good side to him, such as his serving senior citizen meals and helping the poor in the Tenderloin that no one cared about. Everyone holds on to fonder memories when they can."

MORRIS KIGHT, nationally known Gay activist leader:

"His positive impact was greater than most people noticed. I am urging everyone not to punish the dead. You can't do that. Now that he is dead, we should look for all the good that was in him."

"We should memorialize him with dignity. We should inventory his considerable contribution to Gay liberation."

"If all else fails we should let his death be a guide for the rest of us. If we feel we can do better — then we should."

— George Mendenhall

School Supe Alioto Warmly Received by Alice

by Konstantin Berlandt

Gerry Parker suggested a Gay Pride week to match other ethnic pride and women's culture celebrations in the San Francisco Public Schools, and City Superintendent of Schools Robert Alioto, speaking before the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club Monday night, agreed to have his staff meet with a delegation to draw up such a program.

Alioto was back before the club for the first time in three years and received a warm hand for the accomplishments he claimed since his last meeting there. Alioto listed a functioning Lesbian/Gay speakers bureau, the requirement of all secondary school administrators to attend information sessions to which Gays were invited to address, and an outreach group for sexual minority counseling in the four counseling centers the Board of Education has established.

"These are the kinds of things that emanated from our initial meeting here," Alioto insisted.

Questions from the Club seemed surprisingly respectful, the overall tone a mild satisfaction with the school system under Alioto's guidance since '75.

Alice Issues Chair Randy Stallings asked how a group that recruits on the basis of organizing against homosexuals could be allowed to meet regularly Sundays at 12:30 at LeConte School at Army near South Van Ness. Alioto

agreed to have his staff meet with a delegation to draw up such a program.

Alioto affirmed that when Gay teachers are criticized by the public he has pointed out, "We have never had a homosexual teacher pressing sexual preference on a youngster. I wish I could say that about heterosexuals."

Ammiano recommended the Board follow Santa Barbara's lead and "not tolerate name calling, both racial epithets and Gay namecalling."

Ammiano also noted that although the Superintendent supported the Speakers Bureau and the right of student Gay clubs to form on campus, the Bureau was being stonewalled over a family life course at Hoover and "the Gay club at Lowell tried to get together but because of atmosphere at the school they eventually disbanded."

She stressed that "users of OC services should not be fearful that their right to confidentiality has been violated." Much of the data was unintelligible to the layman.

By mid-week — it was business as usual, with everyone

pitching in — putting things in order and refiling, refiling, and refiling. . . . Operation Concern serves from 100 to 150 persons a month.



Operation Concern began the week in consternation and clean-up operations after a weekend break-in. (Photo by Rink)

OC BREAK-IN

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the break in has been demoralizing on the staff, particularly if the housebreaker was a member of the Gay community."

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Community Goes to Aid of Two Local Men

by Allen White

In the past week San Francisco's Gay community has chosen to open their hearts for two people, Randy Johnson and Daryl Lotter.

Daryl Lotter has been an employee of Febe's, a bar in the Folsom Street area, for eight years and is the current General Manager. On New Year's Day he was advised that he had terminal cancer. The cancer is spreading through his body and the time he has to live is being counted by the doctor in months.

Randy Johnson is the victim of an acute form of herpes disease. Though it is not a life threatening illness, he has been in incredible pain, and his body from his chest up has been swollen and almost totally covered with blisters.

Last Sunday at Febe's there was an auction held for Daryl Lotter. The total amount of money raised was \$4,050. His two sisters flew in for the event. Lotter had planned to attend, but at the last minute had to cancel because of his health. A buffet of grand proportions was served and items were donated, some with large actual cash value and others with rare sentimental value for customers of the bar. Additionally, many direct cash contributions were made including one check for \$500. The sisters possibly most realistically expressed the appreciation of their brother as they thanked the large Sunday



Randy Johnson at a happier moment before his siege of herpes which put him out of commission. (Photo by Rink)

afternoon crowd. The added bonus for those attending was that they were not only expressing their generosity and honor for their bartender buddy but also watching as their football team, the 49'ers, scored against Dallas as they head to the Super Bowl.

Randy Johnson has become one of San Francisco's most popular personalities. He has worked as a master of ceremonies and hosted auctions and other events since his arrival in San Francisco in 1968. He has worked as a bartender at numerous bars throughout the City.

Last Thursday night an

generosity but finally accepted one month's rent. In fact, Johnson will actually see a surplus from this fund-raising effort on his behalf. After he pays his bills, it is his intention to return money, in some manner, to the Gay community and, equally significant, he has requested that the *Bay Area Reporter* print a financial statement defining how the money has been allocated.

Randy Johnson is suffering from what is called acute herpes zoster. It is an infectious virus that strikes the glands and nerve endings. It is not a Gay disease as some perceive. It can be transmitted through sexual contact, kissing or even a dirty towel. There is no cure.

Johnson realized he had the disease in this acute stage on December 19. For him, the symptoms were a swelling of the face, a spreading of the infection to his right and inner ear. His skin also broke out in blisters. From the chest up he has had massive scars but, significantly, the disease has covered only one side of his face. The diagnosis was simple. He was given medication for the intense pain and told to use rubbing alcohol to reduce the possibility of further infection.

Both Randy Johnson and Daryl Lotter can share the concern and compassion of San Francisco's Gay community. There the comparison ends. Daryl Lotter has been told he will not recover from the cancer in his body. Randy Johnson will recover. Barring any further problems he will be back as he has for many years hosting the jock-strap contest at The Endup next Sunday evening at 7:30pm.

New Logo, New Office for '82 Parade

Committee to Join Leftist Protest March on El Salvador

The Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee Sunday adopted the logo design of Floyd Carter to illustrate the 1982 Parade and Celebration theme "Out of Many One."

Carter's design is a large triangle, pointing down, made up of many smaller triangles. Coincidentally, the other two submitted logo designs, by Preston Brady and Simon Sheppard, were also triangle-based. The inverted pink triangle, of course, was the symbol the Nazis affixed on homosexuals sent to the concentration camps. Turning symbols of derision into signs of pride intends to declare such history unrepeatable.

The Committee approved beginning button production as soon as possible and also adopted an '82 office at 4599 18th Street (6 blocks west of Castro and wheelchair accessible).

Phil Miller and John Nieto were approved as new Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, respectively. Sub-committee staff and co-chair positions are all open, and the Committee is seeking broad community participation to begin production and planning the June 27 event.

The membership again this year endorsed a Lesbian/Gay History Month to begin May 21 and continue until the Parade, applying to City Hall to exhibit there, planning a community-coordinated kick-off rally on the steps of City Hall May 21.

The Committee also approved its banner being carried in the Saturday, January 23, march from Washington Square Park to Embarcadero Plaza as part of a national protest against U.S. intervention in El Salvador, although a minority opinioner questioned the FMLN stand on Lesbian and Gay rights. The FMLN is the left-to-center coalition endorsed by the march over the reigning junta, supported by the U.S. government.

Look No Further

John Matuszak, defensive end for the Oakland Raiders was recently interviewed for *Playboy* magazine. When asked how he would react if he learned that one of his teammates was Gay, Matuszak replied, "I wouldn't drop a bar of soap near him in the shower. I don't think there are any homosexuals in the NFL. I hope not, for their sake. There's a macho feeling amongst the players that we all maintain. They just would not allow a Gay player on the team. We'd make sure he'd get shots for it or he wouldn't stick around. I mean physical shots, man. There's nothing wrong with them, but they don't belong in the locker room. I respect a person's sexual preference as long as he doesn't press it on me."

Matuszak would be wise to study up on his sport and his geography. The editor of *Chicago Gay Life* noted that Matuszak would benefit from reading Dave Kopay's autobiography. (Kopay is the former Oakland Raider who came out in 1975 after tossing the pigskin around and singing "I did it my way.")

Geographically, Oakland can't be THAT far removed from San Francisco. And *OUT* reveals that among the street names to be found in Sacramento are Queen Court, Gay Way, Cruise Way, Manlove Road, Polk Street, Pansey Avenue and Lesbos Court. Maybe Mr. Matuszak should take off his blinders.

49'er Fever Rises

Gay Fans as Thrilled as Their Neighbors

by Allen White

Our team is going to the Super Bowl! San Francisco's Gay community along with the rest of the city is celebrating the win of their football team, the San Francisco 49'ers, last Sunday at Candlestick Park. Should it still be a secret to anyone, the 49'ers beat the Dallas Cowboys in the last minute of the game with a touchdown for a final score of 28-27.

At bars all over San Francisco capacity crowds combined the emotional intensity of New Year's Eve, a political campaign victory, and the obvious winning of a football championship as they counted down the last few seconds of the ball game.

The end of the game was a moment of mass hysteria at the Midnight Sun as people screamed and yelled their delight. The scene was the same at the Starlight Room on Market Street, Febe's in the Folsom area, and the New Bell Saloon on Polk Street.

In the Castro area, the checkers at the Cala Market let out a scream that could be heard throughout the store.

The Pendulum Bar and the Village Bar were equally vocal in their celebration of victory.

Bob Shore at the Starlight

Room was dispensing free drinks as promised every time the 49'ers scored a touchdown. The Starlight Room staff had spent several days

decorating the bar with balloons and 49'er banners and setting up a television antenna system to gain optimum reception on the several sets situated throughout the bar.

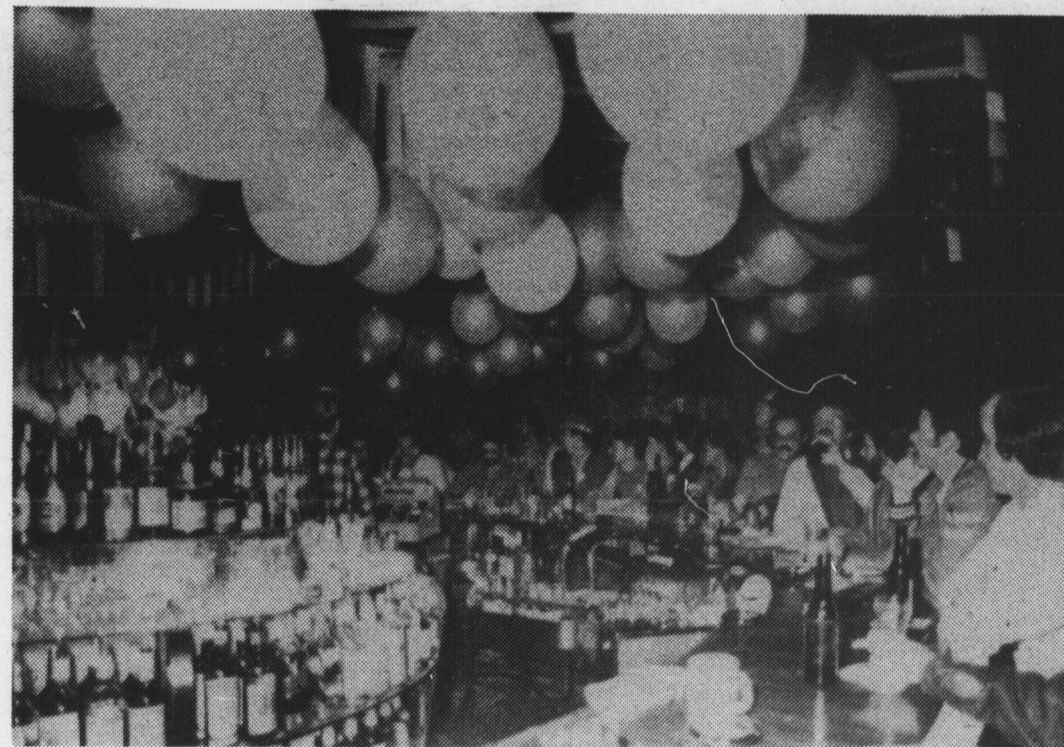
At the Midnight Sun, the crowd watched their team win on two 4 1/2 x 5 1/2 foot television screens. Gig Porter, General Manager of the club, noted that this was the first time in the history of the Mid-

night Sun that they have ever broadcast a "live" football game. The line outside the club was present throughout the game. As the tension built during the last half of the game, the crowd was at an emotional peak as every play worked its way out. The only relief available was the insertion of the club's own tape library of commercials featuring Lily Tomlin, among others, and music during the network's commercial breaks.

At Febe's in the Folsom Street area, the enthusiastic crowd celebrated for almost 45 minutes after the game. At Febe's it was a very special day. Not only did the 49'ers win, but the customers were able to pay tribute to their General Manager, Daryl Lotter, by raising several thousands of dollars. Lotter's family spent the day at Febe's knowing as Daryl does that he has terminal cancer.

At the New Bell Saloon the crowd swelled to capacity as it did at other bars when people realized that this time San Francisco was really going to make it to the Super Bowl.

The Super Bowl will take place one week from Sunday in Pontiac, Michigan (just outside of Detroit). Virtually every bar that threw parties for last Sunday's game will be outdoing themselves for the Super Bowl.



Market Street's Starlight Room aglow in decorations and 49'er fans. (Photo by Rink)

49'er Fever on Mission Turns Ugly

by Konstantin Berlandt

Brig bartender Larry Glover, a strapping man in his mid-30's, and friend Adam Fowler on the back of Glover's 550 Honda, were attacked at the height of 49'er victory fever Sunday night at the corner of Mission and 24th Streets, and then, according to Glover, refused assistance by police only a half-block away.

As elsewhere in town following Sunday's football game at Candlestick Park, Mission Street was teeming with celebrants, "mostly Latino but mixed with white youth," according to Charles Hopkins, a blond fag carpenter who lives in the area, and was walking down Mission with a friend that evening.

"Everybody was in tremendous good cheer and friendly to everyone else," Hopkins describes the scene, adding, "It was one of the few times me and a friend could walk down Mission Street when there's a crowd and not feel afraid of being attacked." Other occasions: Cinco de Mayo and El Salvador support demonstrations.

But at 23rd and Mission Hopkins observed a police officer stop a jaywalker, plugging the man with the butt of his nightstick in the gut, ordering him off the street, the victim hobbling away, holding his hurt stomach.

This same officer, according to Hopkins, got back in his car and proceeded down Mission toward 24th, stopping where some people were carrying a long banner reading "49'ers Superbowl." The officer grabbed the banner away, while the crowd booed.

Then, Hopkins says, the officer, after returning to his car, got out again to jam the butt of his nightstick into the guts of two or three other men.

The officer then parked his car in the bus zone at 24th Street near the BART station and switched into a riot gear helmet and longer baton, taking an intimidating stance beside his car. "People started throwing bottles at him, and soon it was raining bottles in all directions. He jumped into his car and sped away quickly," Charles says.

Larry Glover says he usually tries to avoid 24th and Mission when it's crowded, but the grocery store he often patronizes was closed and he was attempting to go to another at 23rd when he and his friend became entangled in congestion.

Before they could untangle Larry was being karate kicked while his friend was being pounded in the face by a youth about 5'8" in a painter's cap, 180 lbs., backed by a group of 3-5 more people, who were also "attacking a woman in the car behind us."

The two men on cycle managed to escape, encountering a group of police at Bartlett, a half-block away, asking their help. Glover quotes police as telling him, "We can't do anything. We've been ordered off Mission Street because we've had bottles thrown at us." They recommended he talk to their supervisors at Mission Station.

There a woman officer told Larry there was nothing they could do. She recommended they go to Mission Emergency to treat their wounds. An officer later came to Larry's apartment to take a report.

"But I think it's shitty," Glover told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "that police officers, armed and within 100 feet of where Gay people and women were being attacked, refused to deal with that situation."

GGBA Foundation Awards Grants and Elects Officers

Three grants were made by the GGBA Foundation in December to local community organizations: a \$350 grant was made to the Lesbian Rights Project, a public interest law firm that addresses legal concerns of women discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation; a \$200 grant was awarded to The Resource Foundation, a nonprofit organization

which is undertaking a massive screening, education, and vaccination program to end the epidemic of hepatitis in San Francisco's Gay community; and a \$100 grant to Berkeley's Pacific Center for Human Growth, a community and mental health service which serves Gay men and women from all over the Bay Area.

The Foundation Board also elected new officers for 1982 as follows: Laurie McBride, President; Cheri Bryant, Vice President; Reese Lewis, Secretary; and William Clark, Treasurer. Also serving on the Board are Bob Coglianese and Roger S. Gross. The next round of grants will be made in March, with a deadline of February 15.

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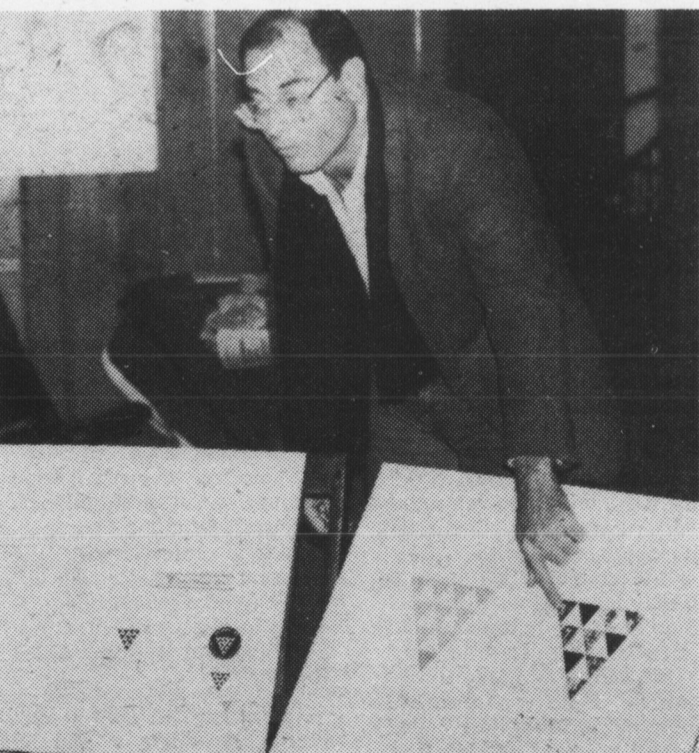
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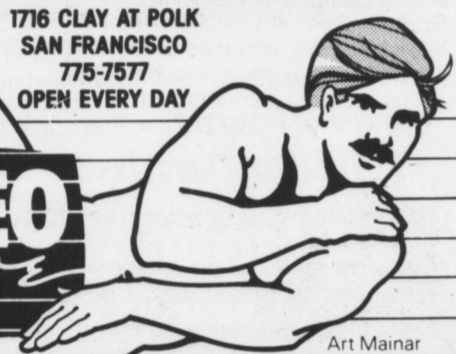
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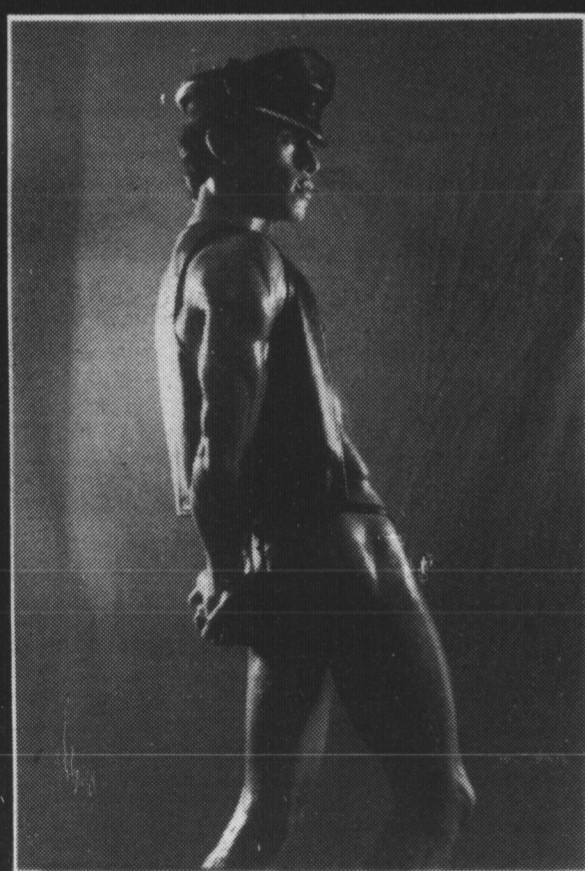
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EMPRESS

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was noted by Empress Phyllis that this will be one of the more controversial contests. Empress Phyllis commented that this year there are two candidates (Connie and Mae) who have previously run for the office and there is the current Closet Ball Queen (Brett).

The office of Empress de San Francisco is determined by a public vote at California Hall on Saturday, February 6. The Baroness Von Dieckhoff, who was introduced to the music of the 20th Century-Fox fanfare, told the audience that it was essential that the Gay community get out and vote to carry on the tradition.

The highlight of the evening was the introduction of the candidates. First to be presented was candidate Mae. With steam flowing across the stage this dynamic creation bounded onto the stage to be joined by three men with well-oiled bodies and wearing attire specifically designed for attraction to members of leather, slash, fraternal organizations.

The second candidate was Brett. Brett chose to be carried in by a young man who obviously has been working on every muscle in his body since he was three years old. Furthermore, he seems to have learned to display said body. Brett and the body were joined by an incredible number of people carrying balloons who paraded through the crowd and wound their way with style and grace to the stage.

The third candidate was Connie. Connie was preceded by several gorgeously attired lovelies who carried the audience through specialty numbers from *The Wiz*. Connie arrived on the stage with real class. As this candidate seductively and grandly took center stage people began ascending to the stage and by doing so, implied their endorsement of the candidate.

The evening was the return to the aura of San Francisco's royalty for two dynamic San Francisco personalities. One was Pat Montclair. Montclair has been entertaining for decades and has built a reputation as one of Northern California's finest nightclub entertainers. After leaving this city a few years ago, Pat Montclair returned four months ago. Having been around for the reign of many Emperesses in San Francisco, Montclair is adamant that "the whole process should always be fun. Certainly there is a serious side, because the royalty of San Francisco has a responsibility to serve the city," Montclair added, "but at the same time it is a wonderful fantasy."

Earlier this week, the first all candidates night was presented at the New Bell Saloon. Next Wednesday, there will be a similar presentation at Febe's on Folsom Street. The following week at the Railway Express on Taylor and the Wednesday before voting at the Pendulum on 18th Street near Castro.

Voting for the Empress de San Francisco will be held Saturday, February 6, at California Hall. The Coronation Ball is entitled "Upstairs, Downstairs at Duckingham Palace." This year's Empress is the "Duck Empress" and thus the title. Empress Phyllis stated to the *Bay Area Reporter* that the Empress will appear in a leather dress (figure the symbolism in that one!).

Allen White

Brett, Connie, and Mae for '82



Candidate Connie (in feathers and beads) wows the Green Room crowd. (Photo by Rink)



Candidate Brett (r) does his number for the '82 race. (Photo by Rink)



Empress candidate Mae precedes his male escorts at the '82 presentation party. (Photo by Rink)

Campus Gays Hold Western States Conference



Carol Migden (l) attends the Western Regional Gay-Lesbian Student Conference at San Francisco State. Next to her are Jack Trujillo (newly announced candidate for Supervisor), Tim Wolfred, and Harry Britt. (Photo by Rink)



The S.F. State co-director of the Gay-Lesbian Student Conference. This panel was entitled "Building a Strong Gay Student Organization." (Photo by Rink)

by Allen White

Last Saturday, the Gay and Lesbian Campus Community of San Francisco State University hosted the first Western states conference of Gay student unions. The event was the first of its kind to bring students together from Western states to discuss political, social, health, and educational issues facing the Gay com-

munity and more specifically, Gay students.

There were approximately 15 schools represented, ranging from the Colorado School of Mines to Reed College in Oregon and the University of San Diego to the south.

The conference was announced as "a first step in establishing a network of broad-based, student-orient-

ed coalitions for the purpose of exchanging information, broadening perspectives, and forming a coalition with which to better confront the issues facing the Gay community in the 1980's."

Keynote speakers were Judge Mary Morgan and Supervisor Harry Britt. The three-day weekend conference featured workshops on a

Getting A Grip on One's Census

Statistics recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau reveal that married couples make up fewer than three out of five American households. According to Steve W. Rawlings, bureau statistician, one and two-person households constitute 54 percent of all households in 1981 as opposed to 39 percent in 1955. This is the first time the married-couple share of households has dipped below

the 60 percent mark, with non-family households being defined as those which include single persons living alone and unrelated people living together.

One of the nation's most famous singles is New York's Mayor Ed Koch, who has never married. *People Magazine* credits a British reporter with asking Koch if he were Gay. Koch replied that he did

not mind the rumors about his being homosexual. "First, because I'm not one," stated the Mayor. "Second, because if I were, I wouldn't be ashamed of it. And third, because what is wrong with it? You are what God made you."

Any questions about how the Mayor is doing might well be answered with the gift of a T-shirt which reads "It's just as lonely at the top, only the food is better."

wide variety of subjects. The two most popular workshops appeared to be a workshop relative to the Family Protection Act and another on the subject "Progressive Gay Politics: Issues and Organizing."

The Family Protection Act workshop was led by a panel including Wendy Comp, Del Martin, Tom Ammanno, Bob Smith, Bill Paul and Kathi Smith. The political workshop was directed by Tim Wolfred, Harry Britt, Carole Migden, and Jack Trujillo.

San Francisco Community College Board member, Tim Wolfred told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the significance of the event is the awareness that these students represent our new leaders.

Supervisor Harry Britt commented on the high level of interest by all the participants. The panelists were questioned on several levels including the participation of women, the apathy of the democratic process and the need to create a powerful political power base on the college campus. Jim Gallardo, a student from UCLA espoused a Gay lifestyle have approached me, and their hurt and shock at seeing my signature on the letter left me feeling very hypocritical and ashamed." It is interesting to note that Ms. Dupras gives credit to the Gay community, not God, for giving her the feeling of hypocrisy and shame.

To bring home the point that there was still some homophobia existent at the college level, the students distributed a response from the Associated Students of Phoenix College in Phoenix, Arizona. It stated:

"Dear Gay and Lesbian Organization,

"We of Phoenix College have no similar organization at this time, and have no plans for the formation of such a group. The Associated Students of P.C. likewise have no desire to interact with the many perverse groups expected to attend your conference. Please do not contact us with any more invitations to disgusting seminars and

militant organizational meetings. You have our best wishes for the failure of your conference and society's complete ostracism of your lifestyle."

The letter is signed by eight officers of the Associated Students including its president.

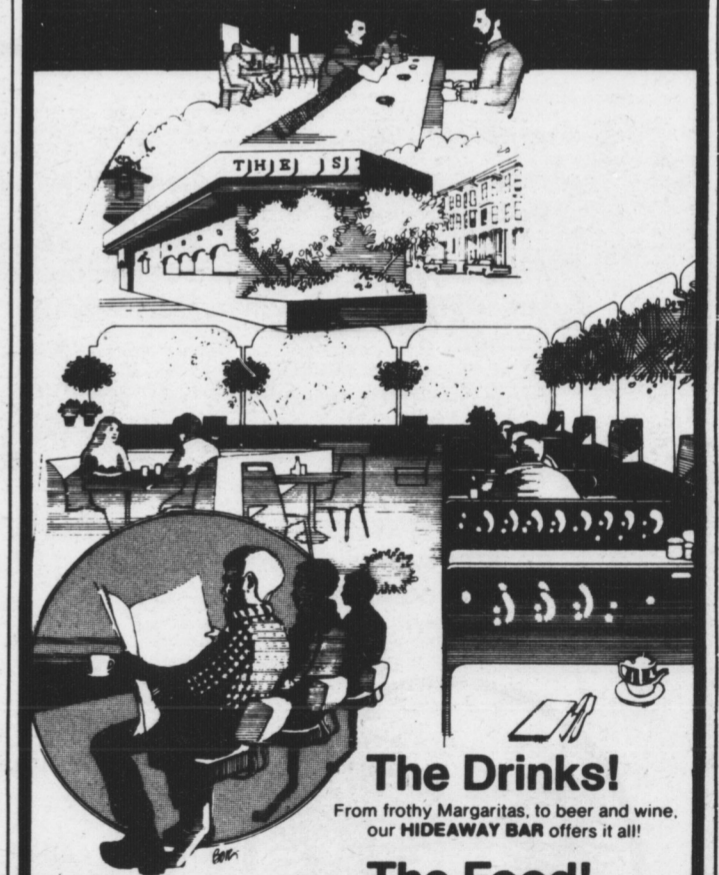
The letter evidently has received wide circulation since it was sent in October. On December 15, a Rosanne Dupras who is the Athletics Commissioner of the Associated Students and who had signed the letter sent a reply to San Francisco State. She acknowledged the letter was "a particularly hateful and condemning one . . ." She continued, "My signature displayed my support for this type of communications to be made known to you."

She then apologizes for the letter stating, "As a born-again believer in Jesus Christ, I feel that this was a very poor example and witness to others of my walk with the Lord." She follows this with a bible quotation and then goes forward with the sentence: "Several friends of mine who espouse a Gay lifestyle have approached me, and their hurt and shock at seeing my signature on the letter left me feeling very hypocritical and ashamed." It is interesting to note that Ms. Dupras gives credit to the Gay community, not God, for giving her the feeling of hypocrisy and shame.

There were 24 workshops conducted throughout the weekend and the range was from "coming out" to "aging" and almost every other subject in between.

"The Gay and Lesbian Campus Community," the sponsoring group expressed extreme satisfaction at the diversity of this first conference. They have already begun planning their conference for next year. They won't be surprised if next year someone attends from Phoenix. ■

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: PEOPLE AND PROCEDURES

The criminal justice system is comprised of police agencies, courts, and correctional institutions. The police attempt to catch the criminal, the courts determine the criminal's guilt or innocence, and the correctional institutions imprison the criminal if the courts decide on that punishment. When you report a crime to the police, you enter the criminal justice system. As the victim of a crime, you are regarded as a witness along with other persons who may have information about the crime.

A police officer will take information from the victim and other witnesses concerning all the details of the crime that they can remember. The more you can remember about the criminal's size, race, clothing, color and length of hair, voice, and other identifying features, the easier the job of the police will be in finding the criminal. But only tell the officer what you are sure of. A police detective, who may not be wearing a police uniform, may question you at a later time.

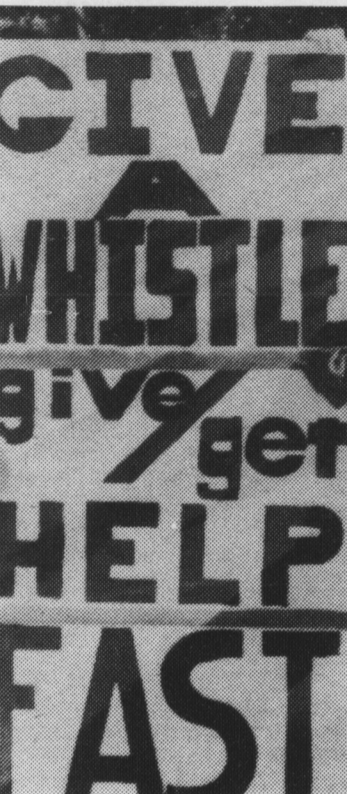
The police officer may need to take some of your clothing or other belongings if he or she feels that they will be useful in solving the crime. These items may later be used in court as physical evidence that the crime was committed.

If the police find a suspect, someone they think is the criminal, the person will be

if the defendant has been proved to be guilty or not guilty of the charges.

DISABILITY RIGHTS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

As a disabled citizen, you have a right to participate in the criminal justice system. One major federal law that deals with equal access rights for disabled persons is Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act



of 1973. If any agency, including a law enforcement agency or court, receives federal money, it must comply with this law, and the particular federal agency which funds it dictates specific ways in which it must comply.

As a victim of or witness to a crime, these are some of the accommodations you should

expect from the criminal justice agencies which receive federal funds:

1. Law enforcement agencies must either make their building accessible to wheelchair users and other mobility-impaired persons or make other accommodations (home visits, etc.), as necessary.

2. Court buildings and courtrooms must either be accessible to wheelchair users or the trial must be moved to a location that is accessible.

3. Law enforcement agencies and courts must be accessible to hearing-impaired persons by Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDDs).

4. Hearing-impaired persons are entitled to qualified interpreters (certified where possible) when communicating with law enforcement officials and at hearings and in court, at the agency's expense. All substantive communication with criminal justice agencies should wait until the interpreter arrives.

There are other federal and state laws which provide access to disabled persons. For information about these laws, contact your local prosecuting attorney's office or your local advocacy organization for the disabled.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. As a disabled individual what can I do if a police station or courthouse does not provide architectural or communicative access?

A. If the particular criminal justice agency is receiving federal funds, that agency should have an administrator in charge of 504 compliance. You can write a letter to the appropriate 504 administrator asking the agency to correct whatever access you have been denied. If within 30 days you have not received an acceptable response to your letter, you should file a complaint with the Department of Justice, the Office of Civil Rights (Department of Health and Human Services), or the appropriate federal office which funds the criminal justice agency. See your local advocacy agency for assistance.

Q. How will I know when I am supposed to appear at a hearing or when the trial is scheduled?

A. The prosecuting attorney's office will send you a subpoena requiring your presence at a hearing or trial. This should arrive within

enough time for you to arrange employment or other commitments accordingly. You must not ignore the subpoena. If you cannot appear, contact the prosecuting attorney's office immediately.

Q. How can I learn how my case is progressing in the criminal justice system?

A. Write down the telephone number of the police officer or detective in charge of your case; you should contact that person if you want information on whether or not an arrest has been made.

Once a suspect has been arrested, contact the prosecuting attorney's office to learn the status of your case.

Q. Can I be compensated for physical injury or property loss which occurred as a result of the crime?

A. It depends on your state laws. California provides compensation to the victim of a crime and/or has requirements that criminals must make financial compensation to the victim after being released from prison. Other states have no such laws.

Q. If the defense attorney contacts me before the trial, should I talk to him or her?

A. You are not required to talk to anyone concerned with the defendant unless specifically ordered by the court to do so. You should consult with the prosecuting attorney for advice in this matter.

Q. When will I get my property returned from the police?

A. If the property is needed for physical evidence, it will be returned after the trial. If it is not necessary for the trial, you must retrieve it from the property division of your police department. (If you already have a system for identifying your valuables, such as recording their serial numbers or taking pictures of the items themselves, you will assist their retrieval should anything happen to them.)

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European Bits

You Are What You Eat

It's no secret that the police occasionally have strange visions of the lifestyles led by Gays. But in Brighton, England, they seem to be doing excessive research in the matter. *London Gay News* spoke with Michael Drinkwater, manager of The Palace (a Gay club which was recently raided). During the raid police photographers took pictures not of the customers, but of the restaurant's menus according to Drinkwater. Apparently, the officer responsible for licensing the club, Inspector Gavin O'Brien, didn't consider the supply of food adequate.

"At any one time a certain proportion of customers should be eating to comply with licensing laws," stated Drinkwater. "We can't force them to eat if they don't want to. But we are taking steps to provide more food for customers and we are going to

take on a cook."

What they didn't know is that some dietary habits are far more concerned with things that don't appear on the menu. Considering the amount of numbers dished up for dessert, it's surprising to learn that the sperm bank of Utrecht University in the Netherlands has refused to accept homosexuals as donors. According to *Utrechts Universiteitsblad*, the clinic's doctors stated that they were still uncertain whether or not homosexuality was a transmittable disease. Dr. Jan Dremer, the gynecologist at Utrecht U. said the sperm bank also refused donations from people with asthma and arthritis. Clinic doctors claimed that the lack of social acceptance justified caution in the situation. But on the positive side — that just means more for the rest of us!

POLITICS AND POKER

WAYNE FRIDAY

Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver pushing Ed Burke for the upcoming vacancy on the State Board of Equalization? ... while blasting State Senator John Schmitz for his recent anti-Semitic remarks, Earl Krugel, board chairman of the California Jewish Defense League, sounded a bit like a bigot himself, saying, "We don't like his associating Jewish people with the abortion movement and homo-



Milton Marks — trial ballooning for Congress seat.

sexuality." Krugel added that as far as he is concerned homosexuality is an "abomination" ...

And Gray Davis, former chief of staff to the Governor and now a candidate for the Assembly in L.A., called upon the Senate to expel Schmitz last week, saying, "The time has come to close down Senator Schmitz's racist road show" ... don't invite state Demo chairperson Nancy Pelosi and CED boss Tom Hayden to the same fund-raiser ... Jane Fonda in town next week ... and belated congratulations to Supervisor John Molinari, re-elected by his colleagues last week to a new term as President of the Board ... respected, long-time Gay activist Bill May says he was pleasantly surprised at the wide support he received for an appointment (which he didn't get) from speaker Willie Brown;

May also says he is equally disappointed that City Commissioners Frank Fitch and Jo Daly, his long-time friends, "wouldn't lift a finger to help him," or as May puts it, "Maybe they did; it was just the wrong finger" ...

While Congressman Phil Burton was on the job by being in attendance to vote 86% of the time last year, kid brother John had the seventh worst voting attendance record in the House during 1981, voting only 63% of the time, and you can be sure Republican Dennis McQuaid will be reminding the voters of this one ...

Mel Wax, who was press secretary to Dianne Feinstein until the Mayor found out he was applying to local TV stations for a newscaster's job, landed the \$50,000-a-year job as director of public relations for the Port of Oakland ... Gerry Parker looks like a shoo-in as the new President of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club ... if the reporter for that other Gay paper is going to quote the Mayor (second-hand, by the way) on the regular meetings she is holding with representatives of the Gay and Lesbian community, he could at least give Her Honor the benefit of quoting her correctly ... City Treasurer Mary Callanan, who ran unopposed, and City Attorney George Agnost, who might as well have, were quietly sworn in to new terms last week ... we do take care of ourselves, don't we? Under a new law now on the Governor's desk waiting for signature, the next Governor's salary would jump to \$73,650 per year; and the pension plan is even sweeter for our elected leaders (former Governor Pat Brown, who made a salary of \$44,100 a year while in office would receive an annual pension of over \$100,000 under the new scheme, and State Board of Equalization member George Reilly, who now earns a salary of \$50,850, can retire right now on a pension even larger — \$96,700 a year) ... former Supervisor John Bardis must really want the endorsement of the Toklas Demo Club in his re-election

Homophobic Houston Losers Get Court's Leniency

The recent victory of the Gay supported Mayor of Houston, Texas, is still experiencing fallout. Her opponents are still dealing with the Texas legal system.

A post-election *Bay Area Reporter* news story reported on Kathy Whitmire's victory and the desperate efforts of some of her homophobic opponents. Just prior to election day Houston realtor William C. Morris sent 100,000 mailgrams to Houston voters. At a cost of \$200,000 Morris urged voters to reject Whitmire saying if elected mayor, homosexuals would "take over" the city. The mailgram (which produced its own backlash) also claimed Whitmire's campaign was being orchestrated by San Francisco Gays. Morris and his attorney had previously registered under the name of "Houston Concerned Citizens."

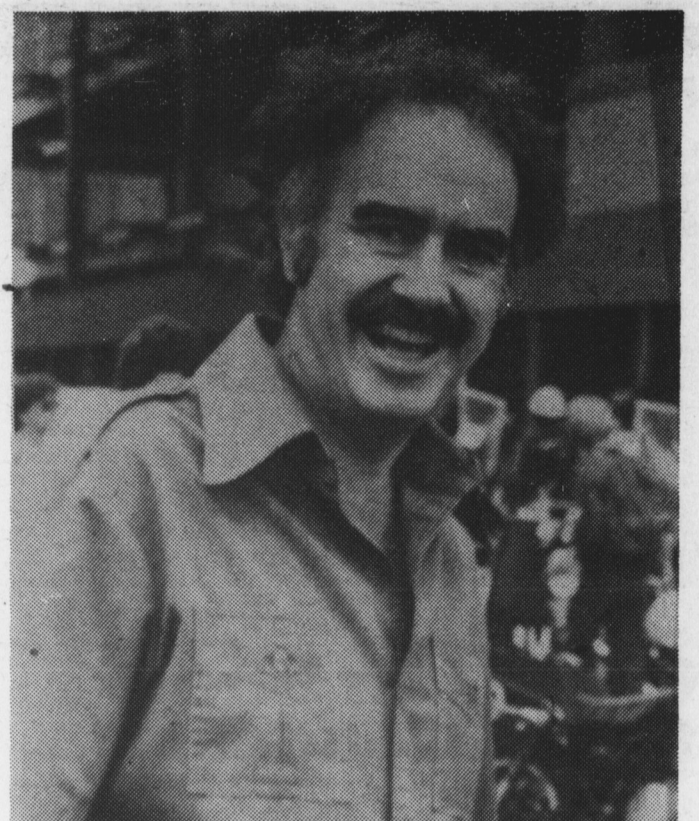
Early in the campaign Morris was charged with aggravated assault, a felony. Just before the holidays a Houston grand jury reduced the charges from assault to "reckless conduct," a misdemeanor. Morris was originally accused of firing a shotgun over the heads of two *Houston Chronicle* reporters who were investigating the homophobic anti-Whitmire strategies.

Meanwhile, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ordered Morris' attorney, Walter J. Pink, freed of an unrelated contempt of court conviction because the judge failed to sign his conviction document. Previously a Texas District Judge had ordered Pink jailed and fined for giving "ineffectual counsel" to another counsel to another client during a kidnap charge.

bid this year; my spies tell me he spent hours with Toklas volunteers the other day stuffing envelopes with invitations to the Jim Foster dinner coming up next month ... Alan Cranston to run for President? — somebody is smoking some bad stuff ... and among the latest rumors out of the Southland comes one that has presidential daughter Maureen Reagan dropping out of the race for the U.S. Senate and running for the Assembly instead, possibly in Tom Hayden's district ... and Supervisor Silver has some off-the-wall idea before the Board that would force auto drivers into car pools by having the cops ticket cars with fewer than three passengers in the downtown area during commute hours, and under her plan garages would only park cars in which there were three or more passengers (just what we need — another plan to kick in the heads — again — of those of us who have to drive) ... attorneys Richard Best and Alfred Chiantelli going all out for the Gay and Lesbian vote (and why not, that's where the votes now are) in their battle to gain a Municipal Court judgeship ... San Francisco's automatic pay increase formula will raise Mayor Feinstein's salary to \$81,224 in July ... a whole pack of his supporters trying to talk Milton Marks into running for Congress against the seemingly unbeatable Phil Burton; meanwhile, some conservative Republicans still trying to convince Quentin Kopp that he is the guy to take on Phil ...

The Mayor's Press Secretary Win Griffith reportedly in hot water with his Boss — how long will he be around? ... former U.S. Attorney Billy Hunter, being drafted to run for Mayor of Oakland, is trying to get a well-known female campaign strategist from the City to run his campaign ... S.F. *Chronicle* business writer Lloyd Watson made an interesting wrap-up comment last week: "In 1981, no woman, no Black, Latino or Asian, or no out-of-the-closet Gay was named to the top slot of any major business in the Bay Area. Maybe next year" ... My editor, Paul Lorch will be teaching a Community College course in the Castro. The exact title yet to be hammered out, but it will be *Gay Journalism/Gay Media/Gay Communica-*

tions. A Castro College Center has been a Tim Wolfred pet project ... Don't forget "Menage A Trois," an inter-racial and intercultural benefit for the Association of Lesbian and Gay Asians (ALGA), Black and White Men Together, and the Stonewall Gay Demo Club next Wednesday at the Endup on 6th & Harrison (8pm - \$1 donation; no host bar) ... and on January 20 and 21 the Roxie Cinema at 16th & Valencia will be showing Gay films, one of which was a recent hit at the S.F. Gay Film Festival, "We Were One Man" ... Ken Schnorr, one of the founders and former President of Stonewall Demo Club of L.A., and a respected activist there, is very ill and would appreciate cards from his San Francisco friends; he is at UCLA Medical Center. A political first for the Guv — Jerry Brown, not exactly known for giving parties (at his own expense, anyway) went all out by throwing two holiday parties, one here and one in L.A. for his financial backers, and the dude even picked up the tab (who says he isn't serious about wanting that Senate seat?) ... L.A. County Assessor Alex Pope recently announced for the office of State Controller and



Our congressman, John Burton gets low marks on performance ... Burton won the 7th lowest voting record in Congress. (Photo by Rink)

has reportedly picked up some important early support; Pope's backers say he will go all out for the Gay and Lesbian vote ... Lyn Nofziger, Ronald Reagan's White House political affairs chief who is about to leave that job soon, is being urged by powerful California farm organizations at a huge salary to lead a nationwide boycott against all Japanese imports starting next month in retaliation of Japan's continued requirement that all California produce be fumigated because of the pesty Medfly ... look for Tom Ammiiano to run for a seat on the Board of Education again, especially if incumbent Jule Anderson retires as expected ...

And friends of Jack Trujillo tell me he will file within a matter of days as a candidate for the Board of Supes in the November election ... the Nuclear Freeing Campaign forces, trying to get an initiative on the November ballot are having a rough time of it; volunteers circulating the petitions in Northern California have collected only about 80,000 to date, and they are having to pay circulators throughout the Southern part of the State — my sources tell me it may cost several hundred thousand bucks to certify this initiative for the ballot ...

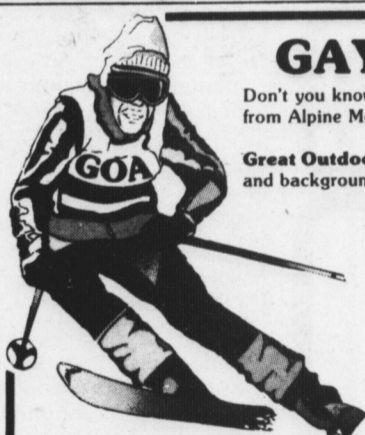
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Hongisto to MC

Pride Center Fundraiser

"Creating a city that works for everyone" will be the theme of the Pride Neighborhood Center's fundraiser this Saturday, January 16, at the Hyatt Regency, announced Supervisor Richard Hongisto, emcee of the event.

"The Pride Center is an innovative approach to community centers," Hongisto stated. "It is designed to provide space and shared facilities for a number of organizations, thereby reducing rent and overhead costs. The Pride Center is also unique in that it represents the first real effort in creating a working coalition between the Gay and Black communities, both

of whom will be the prime beneficiaries of the Center," Hongisto continued.

Hosting the cocktail/dinner/entertainment celebration are Mayor Dianne Feinstein, Speaker Willie Brown, Supervisors Doris Ward and Willie Kennedy, Carolene Marks, Gina Moscone, and attorney William Coblenz. Cocktails will be at 7pm and dinner at 8pm with entertainment to follow. Top Bay Area entertainers are scheduled to appear, including the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Jazz Band and Tap Troupe, The Edwin Hawkins Family Singers, and Ann Weldon and her Ensemble. "The only speech of the evening will be by Mayor Feinstein," said Hongisto, "and our emphasis will be on having a good time."

Cable Car Show to be Broadcast

The '82 Cable Car Awards & Show will be broadcast throughout California for the first time in its eight-year history. An edited version of the show will be presented through the facilities of the Pacifica Radio network in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Southern California area, and on a Central California Station in Fresno. In San Francisco, the show will be aired on Wednesday, February 10, at 10pm in stereo on KPFA. In Los Angeles, the program will air on KPFFK.

This will mark the first time that the Cable Car Awards have been recorded specifically for radio broadcast. Following the broadcasts in California, the program will be made available through the Pacifica Network to several

other stations throughout the United States.

In the last year, KPFA has been a pioneer in the broadcast of Gay and Lesbian events. The station last June aired the "Gay Musical Celebration at Davies Hall" and the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade. Both events were broadcast "live" and in stereo.

The Cable Car Awards & Show (February 7 at the Japan Center Theatre) is the largest event of its kind, and the primary purpose of the presentation is to honor the Gay community in the San Francisco Bay Area. '82 is also the first year for offering an award in outstanding broadcasting dealing with the Gay community.

Vidal to Address GGBA Dinner

Author Gore Vidal will deliver the keynote address to the Golden Gate Business Association's Eighth Annual Dinner on Thursday, January 28, at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn.

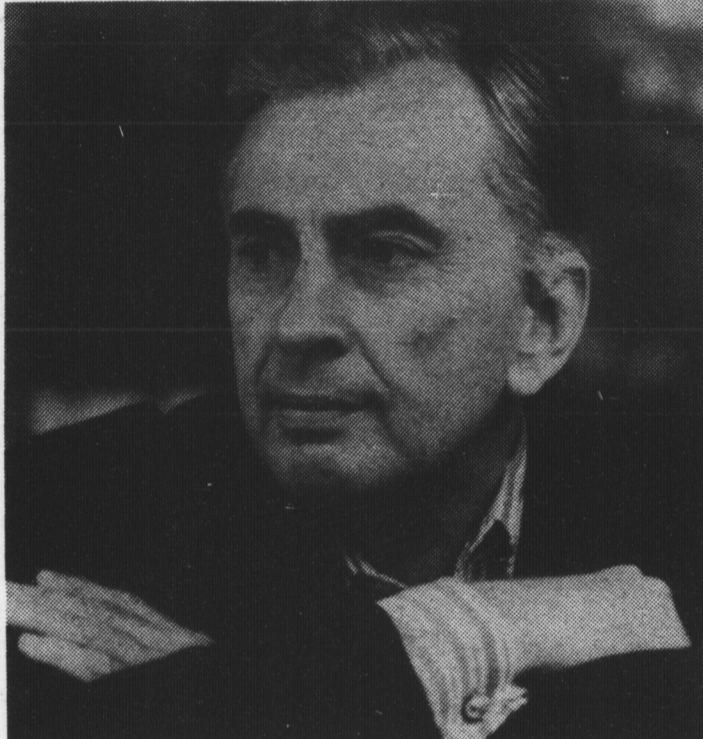
The renowned author and lecturer will deliver his "State of the Union" address, which figures to be quite different than the one President Reagan will deliver later this month. Vidal is an outspoken opponent of the Moral Majority and New Right.

Comic Robin Tyler will emcee the event and Municipal Court Judge Mary Morgan will also make remarks.

GGBA's new Board of Directors will be sworn in at the dinner and the Association will present its Member Service and Community Service awards.

Vidal is considering running for the United States Senate seat of S.I. Hayakawa this year. He has written numerous plays, films and novels, including: *Myra Breckinridge*, *Messiah*, *Visit to a Small Planet*, *Suddenly Last Summer*, *Julian*, *Burr*, *1876* and his latest, *Creation*.

Much has been written about Vidal and his work. He has been on the cover of *Time Magazine*; he has been profiled on CBS's "Sixty Minutes." He has been described by Anthony Burgess as "our finest living historical novelist," by numerous critics as "America's finest essayist" and by John Barkham as "our greatest living man of letters."



Gore Vidal will test the San Francisco waters as the GGBA banquet keynoter.

Tyler, who has mixed her comedic career with left-wing activism, has been the center of controversy in recent years. In the 1980 Gay Freedom Day Parade she stormed the stage and commandeered the microphone. A near riot erupted backstage and behind the scenes. This past late summer Tyler was the target of a third world protest at her women's music festival. Black, Latino, and Native American women discovered that they were doing all the

menial and kitchen work while Tyler and her affluent friends lolled in luxury. They confronted Tyler on stage and a bitter and vitriolic exchange took place.

Judge Mary Morgan was appointed to San Francisco Municipal Court by Governor Jerry Brown. She was the first Lesbian appointment and the third Gay judicial appointment by Brown. Her legal specialty was family law and child custody cases.

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FACE TO FACE



Another Gay Supervisor?

cially among younger and more progressive, coalition-oriented elements. His candidacy offers an opportunity to unite the interests of the Gay and Latino communities, and to continue a process of un-

SUPERVISOR HARRY BRITT

1982 is an election year, and it's not too early for our community to begin thinking about who and what to vote for.

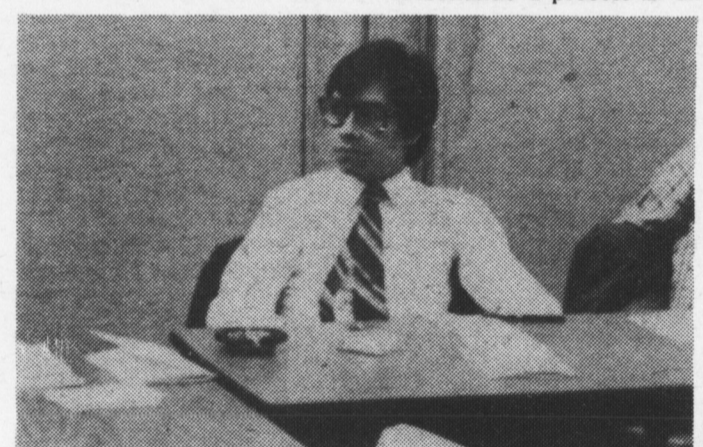
This year will give Lesbians and Gay men a chance to extend the political gains which we have made locally over the last several years. We have a chance to elect people from our own community, as well as to exercise substantial influence over who else does or does not get elected.

Five members of the Board of Supervisors are up for election this year: Hongisto, Walker, Ward, Dolson and Nelder. (Having won a four-year term in 1980, I do not have to run this year.)

Our community will certainly scrutinize the records and commitments of the five incumbents during the rest of the year. In the course of our decision-making as Gay people, we will have the opportunity to attempt to elect another openly Gay person to the Board of Supervisors.

The same opportunity may exist on the Community College Board, which I will discuss in another column.

As for the Board of Supervisors, after months of speculation and trial balloons, it appears that a single strong and widely-supported candidate is emerging. He is Jack Trujillo, who has been active for years in Gay and Democratic politics.



Jack Trujillo announces for Supervisor. (Photo by Rink)

Trujillo is a former Vice President of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club and currently the Secretary of the State Democratic Party, and will be a strong candidate for Supervisor.

Trujillo is a member of the Central Committee of the San Francisco Democratic Party. That, together with his other work, gives him access to many of the key public officials at the local and state level.

Although Trujillo's is not a household name, his wide support among those active in Gay politics comes from years of watching Jack work in the Democratic Party and the movement. I would hope that the community would unite behind Trujillo in his initial efforts to put together a viable campaign for Supervisor.

Trujillo enjoys another advantage — wide support in the Latino community, espe-

derstanding and mutual support which is ultimately important to both communities.

We will all be seeing more of Jack Trujillo in the coming months. It seems clear to me that he deserves our attention and support, and that his candidacy offers our community the chance to unite in support of a person who can help to advance our power as Gay people.

In the meantime, what is equally clear is that the great majority of our community will also rally behind three incumbents who will be seeking re-election — Dick Hongisto, Nancy Walker, and Doris Ward. Their names have been attached to most of the legislation and many of the public statements which have affected Gay people, and most Lesbians and Gay men will, in turn, seek out their names when it comes time to vote in November. ■

B.A.R. Interview

Supervisor Richard Hongisto

by Wayne Friday

Supervisor Richard Hongisto, elected to a two-year term on the Board in November of 1980, was elected to public office as Sheriff of San Francisco in 1971, having defeated the incumbent Matthew Carberry. Re-elected in 1975, Hongisto resigned during the middle of his second term to take a job as Police Chief of Cleveland, Ohio, where he won the praise of police hierarchy and the foot patrolman alike before resigning in a controversial dispute with the Mayor of Cleveland to take a job as Commissioner of New York State Department of Correctional Services. In 1980, Hongisto, who had served 10 years on the San Francisco police force before seeking elective office, returned to this City and was elected Supervisor.

Supervisor Hongisto has a long record of supporting liberal, progressive causes, and has been popular with the Gay and Lesbian community since entering politics. In 1977 Hongisto was the only government official from San Francisco to travel to Florida, at his own expense and considerable public ridicule, to campaign against Anita Bryant's anti-Gay crusade in Dade County. In his twenty years in public life Hongisto has earned a national reputation as a reformer; while a San Francisco police officer, Hongisto resisted racial discrimination and brought Gays, women, and minorities into the Sheriff's Department following his 1971 election, and is widely credited with reorganizing and humanizing the county jails during his six years as Sheriff.



The Hongisto City Hall team — on his left, aide Sarah Wilcox, on the Supervisor's right, aide Dennis Collins. (Photo by Rink)

Some political observers see Richard Hongisto as a possible candidate for Mayor in 1983, especially if he runs well, as expected, in his re-election to the Board this year. While Supervisor Hongisto remains popular in the Gay and Lesbian community, often appearing at Gay functions, he counts dozens of Lesbians and Gay men as personal friends, he is not without his critics. Ron Huberman, an aide to District Attorney Arlo Smith and vice-president of the Harvey Milk Gay Demo Club, says, "Hongisto has a greater potential for real leadership than most of the politicians in the City and is a real positive image for the Gay community," and adds that "his apparent decision to go after the middle-of-the-road group is probably a correct political decision, but Hongisto should not take his progressive support for granted, but I do think he probably has the ability to touch bases with more varied political groups than any other Supervisor." Huberman says, however, that "I do think he's grown in the job as Supervisor and is generally doing a good job." However, Dick Pabich, a partner in the political consultant firm of Rivaldo, Pabich & Friends and a former City Hall aide to the late Supervisor Harvey Milk, complains that "Dick seems to feel that his political future depends on moderating his positions and image. I don't think so. I think San Francisco needs and wants a strong progressive alternative to Feinstein and Kopp, and I'm disappointed that Dick doesn't see this as his role." A respected Lesbian political leader says privately that she disagrees, saying that "Dick Hongisto has always been a friend of the Lesbian and Gay community, and his sincerity cannot be questioned," adding that "Dianne is sincere and means well, but somehow she does not seem to understand us yet, and I wish Dick was the Mayor."



Political Editor Wayne Friday (l) interviews Supervisor Richard Hongisto (r) in the popular politician's City Hall office. (Photo by Rink)

B.A.R.: Now that a new year has come, what do you see ahead for the City? What can we expect from Supervisor Hongisto this year on the Board?

HONGISTO: Well, Wayne, I think that the thing I'm going to try to focus on this coming year is to get a better grip on the City's budget and its problems, because ultimately, the many problems we have in this City that must be solved such as the problems of crime, public transportation, or a number of other real problems, money is of course, the major factor in the solution. Though money is certainly not the solution to all things, it is the underlying solution to most of the problems facing us. This City has been, over the years, inching closer and closer to a difficult financial situation and consequently it's becoming more important to understand where the bones are buried in the budget — where the waste is and where we can trim back on some kinds of spending to allow us to continue to have money to do some of the more important things. For example, if you looked at our municipal budget in terms of purchasing power and not the absolute dollars, you would find that in 1974 compared to 1981, the police department has 100% of the purchasing power that it used to and maybe even a little more, while in other City departments, such as the department of public works that is responsible for repaving the streets, etc., now has only about 47% of the purchasing power that it had in 1974, which means that a number of necessary things such as street repair are constantly being put off simply because of the expense and we don't have the funds to do these things. This cannot go on much longer because if it does we will find ourselves in an irreversible situation with our streets and we will not ever be able to catch up, so I hope to see what I can do in this coming year to find money for departments like the Public Works to take care of the streets, make capital improvements on our buildings, and do the other really essential things that have too long been ignored. Right now we only appear to be funding essential things; we are not adequately funding the Public Works department and it has been by-passed as nonessential and I think this is a real mistake.

B.A.R.: That's all fine, but where does the money come from? How do we get the funds? You are on the Finance Committee; do you plan more taxes?

HONGISTO: Well, that is, of course, the problem. We may be getting more money in ultimately from the assessment district, the downtown assessment plan. At the present, the charge is \$5 per square foot, we would like to increase that charge to \$10; that, for example, is a possible source of additional funds, but I believe that one of the real problems is that at the present time we are funding less essential things over the more essential ones, such as I said, the necessary repaving of the streets, because slowly, the sewer systems and the cave-ins in the streets that aren't being repaired are falling behind badly and these are the things

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Starting Point: A Safe Place For Gay Alcoholics

by John F. Karr

Several months ago I realized I was drinking more than I ever had before. I was working in a noisy and busy place, and found that a cocktail after work was relaxing. After quitting that job, I still looked forward to my dusk drink. Then I wanted one before going out, and then found one was nice even if I wasn't going out. From having a drink or two weekly, in a social situation, I went to having more than several drinks daily, and by myself. An innocent cocktail with friends had become an expectation, a dependency. Surprised that my drinking habits had changed so abruptly, I began to think about alcoholism. I knew I wasn't an alcoholic, but it made me think. When does one become an alcoholic? Can you see it coming? Can you do something about it? And just where is the dividing line between drinking and drinking?

Just as these questions were popping up, the CUA column in the Bay Area Reporter carried an article about alcoholism. It listed nine signs that might indicate a person had a drinking problem (see separate box). Although reassured (and feeling a little foolish about my fears), I did

identify with some of the signs. And I was worried about that one question — how does one become an alcoholic? If I was going to become one, I certainly wanted to know something about it.

I decided to do a little research. Finding out more about the disease might prove to be preventative medicine. I wanted to know when an alcoholic realizes he is an alcoholic, and if this could be recognized beforehand. Both Alcoholics Anonymous and The National Council on Alcoholism have free pamphlets and are very willing to answer questions.

Thirty days won't make you sober after a lifetime of drinking.

In such a way I learned that alcoholism, once erroneously viewed as a social or moral problem, is now most definitely thought of as a disease. It is a complex, progressive disease in which the use of alcohol interferes with health, social, and economic functioning. Untreated, it results in physical incapacity,

permanent mental damage and/or premature death. But it's not a disease like a cold or influenza. You can't catch it from wet feet or a chill. It is a very intangible disease, mysterious in that some drinkers get it and some don't. It doesn't matter how long you've been drinking or what you've been drinking. It doesn't always matter how much you've been drinking. It's what drinking does to you that counts.

It's treatable; an alcoholic does have a choice. Starting Point is a safe and guarded environment to help you get rid of the problem.

Doctors are currently exploring the idea that there may be a genetic or hormonal predisposition to alcoholism. For the causes of the disease and people's susceptibility to it are unknown elements. Some people are just taken over by drink; it's there, within them, and you or me are potential alcoholics. Others, who may have some tolerance for alcohol and begin to drink more, may develop the disease. The onset varies widely and may develop from the first to the twentieth year of drinking. In cases where the disease develops after years of drinking, the drinker will frequently make statements similar to, "Somewhere along the line alcohol began to control me instead of me controlling it."

So it could hit you quick, or it could sneak up slowly. That is why education is so important. Early detection may save an alcoholic from years of grief and ill health. Or it may save his life.

An unusual and fortuitous event then occurred. The Bay Area Reporter office received a letter from a program called Starting Point which is located in St. Mary's Hospital. Starting Point offers both in-patient and out-patient programs, and most important to B.A.R. readers, includes among its staff Gay men and women. It is not specifically a Gay program, but can offer this particular outreach to members of our community. Starting Point assures everyone that whether a person is appropriate for their programs or not, they will take the time to talk, in person, to anyone and to support him or her in the long but not necessarily lonely road to recovery.

I called Starting Point, and in short order was talking to Dan Cassidy, a recovering alcoholic himself (like most of Starting Point's staff), counselor and Gay man. Dan is especially well-versed, through his experience as a therapist, in relating to alcoholism as a Gay problem.

Dan explained the services Starting Point has to offer. The Starting Point staff, including physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, professional chemical dependency counselors, marriage and family counselors and clergy counselors, are used to restore physical, emotional and

social stability to an individual affected by the illness of Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency. The treatment programs vary. During the in-patient program, a patient resides in the facility for a period of approximately 30 days. The patient's need determines the length of stay. During this time he or she receives whatever medical or counseling treatment is necessary to begin recovery.

The out-patient program

With Gay therapists and Gay Aftercare, it maintains an extremely sympathetic and non-foreign air to welcome the Gay drinker who seeks help.

Dan introduced me to four Gay men who have participated in the Starting Point program. They ranged in age from the early 30's to 50. They gave unstintingly of themselves to help me understand alcoholism, and repeatedly stressed how important Starting Point was in their lives.

"I knew I needed support," the first told me. "I couldn't do it alone. When I walked into Starting Point, a person talked to me for 45 minutes." This sort of immediate, personal attention doesn't seem to be easily available. "Starting Point was a re-introduction to AA for me," said my second guest. "I thought AA was very dismal. I'd been there several times, but through Starting Point I went back. Instead of a grim duty, it became a social event."

Then I was told why these men had wanted to talk to me. "I want to let the Gay community know there's help out there. I'd had a problem for 18 years, and could never have done it on my own. At Starting Point you share other people's experiences. It's a unique situation. People are really spilling the beans. This makes you completely honest."

They all agreed about this immediately. "Recovered alcoholics are so honest. I had built up so many facades. Drinking was one of them. Unlike Gay bars, where too many people hide behind facades, at Starting Point you meet people who are honest."

"And you can find a meeting every night. You don't have to be alone." It's always possible to meet someone,

Nine Signs of Alcoholism

1. Increase in alcohol tolerance. ("I can drink them all under the table.")
2. Occasional or partial memory lapses. ("Did I really do that last night?")
3. Drinking beyond one's intentions. ("Wow, did I get smashed!")
4. Increased dependence upon alcohol. ("I need a drink — now.")
5. Sneaking drinks. ("No one will notice if I have an extra drink.")
6. Preoccupation with alcohol. ("I'd better pick up an extra bottle.")
7. Resentment whenever one's drinking is discussed. ("It's none of their business. I can handle it.")
8. Futile attempts to go on the wagon. ("This time I've just got to do it.")
9. Rationalizing loss of control. ("If they had my problems, they'd drink too.")

It's a very intangible disease. It doesn't matter how long you've been drinking or what you've been drinking. It's what drinking does to you that counts.

has been designed for patients who must maintain employment or family responsibilities while undergoing treatment. This intensive program meets for four hours nightly Monday through Friday for five weeks.

Very important is the Aftercare phase of Starting Point, which is a 12 month weekly program designed to provide support and guidance during this critical period of recovery.

"Thirty days of intensive group and private therapy won't make you sober after a lifetime of drinking," said Dan; and that's why patients are encouraged to be part of the Gay Aftercare program, a program designed to help people maintain sobriety. A licensed Gay psychologist is part of the program, which was planned to reflect the population it serves. Hence, the specifically Gay outreach of the Starting Point program.

Gas Chamber for L.A. "Freeway Killer"

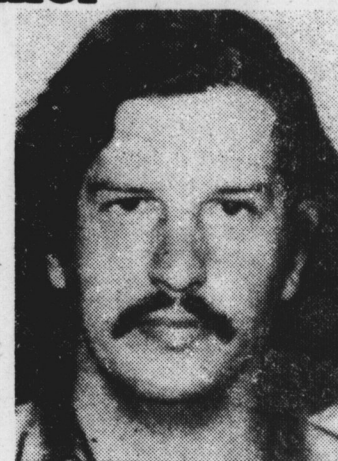
The Los Angeles Times reported last week that William Bonin on trial for the murder of numerous young men and boys was convicted.

Suspected of 21 slayings, Bonin, 34, dubbed the "Freeway Killer," was convicted of first degree murder with special circumstances. The Los Angeles truck driver was convicted of 10 counts of murder in the first degree.

The jury will now deliberate on the "special circumstances" — the penalty phase of the trial. The jury will decide if Bonin should go to the gas chamber or be sentenced to life in prison without parole.

The jury elected for "special circumstances" because of the multiple deaths, all of which were accompanied by robbery and sexual abuse.

The murders which occurred over a period of years were the result of youths picked up hitchhiking; they were robbed, sodomized, and their bodies dumped along



"Freeway Killer" William Bonin

the freeways in Southern California. Bonin was not alone in his gory pursuits. Last year an accused accomplice, Vernon Butts, 22, hanged himself in the Los Angeles County Jail. Two others charged, James Michael Munro, 20, and Gregory Miley, 20, pleaded guilty to murder charges and testified against Bonin to beat the death penalty.

Supervisor Richard Hongisto

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we should be looking at and it might be necessary to shift some of our priorities to accomplish the necessary things. If more dollars became available, then we will of course use those dollars, however, if the funds are not there, I hope to do what I can to try to create new funds.

B.A.R.: Supervisor Britt is trying to get a charter amendment placed on the ballot this year that would create an Office of Civilian Complaint to review complaints against the Police Department; he needs six votes to get this proposal on the ballot; will you support his plan?

HONGISTO: I'm not familiar with his legislation, so without seeing it there are so many ways something like this can be organized that I can imagine not supporting it because I might not feel it is organized right, but in general I am reluctantly in favor of doing something like this if we have to. My view would be that we would be doing it only because other City departments are not doing what they should be doing with regard to investigation of their own personnel and their problems. But it's a shame to have to build an additional piece of bureaucracy with additional taxpayers' funding to take up the slack for another agency already in existence simply because it isn't doing what it should be doing. However, the problems of abuse of the citizenry must be dealt with even if this means we have to do awkward and unfortunate things such as build more bureaucracy and spend more money. I am ready to do it if I have to. I would really expect to generally support the plan, but only because it appears to be the only way to solve the problem.

B.A.R.: There is, in some political quarters, a stigma of indecisiveness about Dick Hongisto; first being elected, and re-elected Sheriff, quitting abruptly and moving out of town to Ohio and New York, where even your critics say you did a good job, and now back to San Francisco politics. What's ahead for Dick Hongisto now? This is an election year as far as you are concerned, what are your future political plans?

HONGISTO: Simply, re-election this year to the Board. I'm enjoying very much serving on the Board and feel, frankly, that I'm serving a useful role there. I feel that my 20 years experience in government both at the rank-and-file and executive management level has been very useful to me in my role as a Supervisor, and I do feel that I am accomplishing things, and I am going to campaign hard to get re-elected. I really like my job as a Supervisor.

B.A.R.: What about the present Board, Dick? What about some of your colleagues? How do you get along with some of them, say Quentin Kopp?

HONGISTO: I simply don't have much to do with the man.

B.A.R.: How about Harry Britt? He's a somewhat controversial Supervisor, although many would say that Britt has grown and come a long way on the Board; what do you think?

HONGISTO: I find Harry to be a very agreeable person and easy to work with; he's likable and actually an enjoyable man, and I find it a real pleasure to work with him. When

Murder escapades as Bonin's — bizarre as they may sound — are not all that unusual. A severely repressed homosexual picks up young men hitchhiking. Overtures are made, sex sometimes follows, and in the aftermath the

victim ends with his throat slit and dead or alive dumped out of the vehicle. The self-hatred often surfaces one last time with a jailhouse suicide — sparing the state and citizenry the necessity of achieving justice.

Marks to Address January CRIR Meeting

San Francisco's ranking Republican, State Senator Milton Marks will be the January guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights to be held on Thursday, January 21, 7 p.m. in the Corinthian Room of the Hotel San Francisco, Market Street between 8th and 9th Streets. Senator Marks, a veteran Sacramento legislator, will discuss issues and controversies expected to arise during the upcoming 1982 State Legislative session. The program promises to be very informative, and all are invited to attend.

A native San Franciscan, Milton Marks has served his city in a public capacity for nearly a quarter century. He

represented San Francisco in the State Assembly between 1958 and 1966. After a brief stint as a Municipal Court Judge, he was elected to his present position in the State Senate, defeating John Burton in a hotly contested 1967 special election. In Sacramento he serves as chairman of both the Senate Local Government Committee and the Senate Select Committee on the Maritime Industry.

A CRIR press release noted that Marks was a long time friend and supporter of the Gay community. "He is also," said club President Duke Armstrong, "one of the original charter members of CRIR. We are honored to have him address our group."

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Interview: Peter Duff

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Peter Duff, pleasant, personable, and provocative bartender at The White Horse, is originally from Detroit, Michigan, and claims no relationship to Howard Duff (what do you mean... who's Howard Duff???) Fifteen years ago, when he was just 19, he made his first cross-country trip via motorcycle to San Francisco, with some straight friends. He had NO idea that he was visiting the "Gay Mecca" of the world... if he had, I'm sure he would not have taken three months to get to the Bay Area!

Nez: How long have you lived in the Bay Area?

Peter: Just about 15 years. I traveled back and forth between here and Detroit so much that you could say it's been a full 15. I originally lived in San Francisco, working in MANY of their Gay bars... Pendulum, Badlands, Nothing Special, QT... you might say that I really worked Polk and Castro!

Nez: What made you come to Oakland?

Peter: Because of the White Horse, actually. I saw this place, fell in love with it and its people, and got a job here. I moved over to Oak-

land, met my lover... at The Horse, by the way!... settled down, for over a year now.

Nez: What are your hobbies and interests?

Peter: Ice skating... I really love to ice skate. I'm a goalie on a women's hockey team that plays its games at the Berkeley Ice Land. Some of the women are Gay, but it's not known as a Gay team, by any means! I love my motorcycle, and enjoy taking trips on it. I love softball. I've played on both the Community Softball League and the Gay Softball League; but, unfortunately, I was never on a winning team. I never got to play against the police in those big games! I played softball for about five years. I just might do it again this year.

Nez: When did you first turn Gay?

Peter: I came out after I was married, with one son. As I said before, I had visited San Francisco many times, and realized there was something really nice about being smiled at by all those men! It was then that I discovered its being the Gay Capital. I have an uncle ten years my senior who is Gay, and he told me all the places to go... and I went, and went and went... you know the scene.

Nez: Ahem! ME? Well... anyway, what differences do you see between San Francisco and the East Bay?

Peter: Over here it's more of a mixed atmosphere, a family-oriented, family-life, homebody type of atmosphere... lots of family ties. You can actually meet people who were born here, raised here, and remain here. Across the Bay, it's a real rarity to find a native San Franciscan... there they are

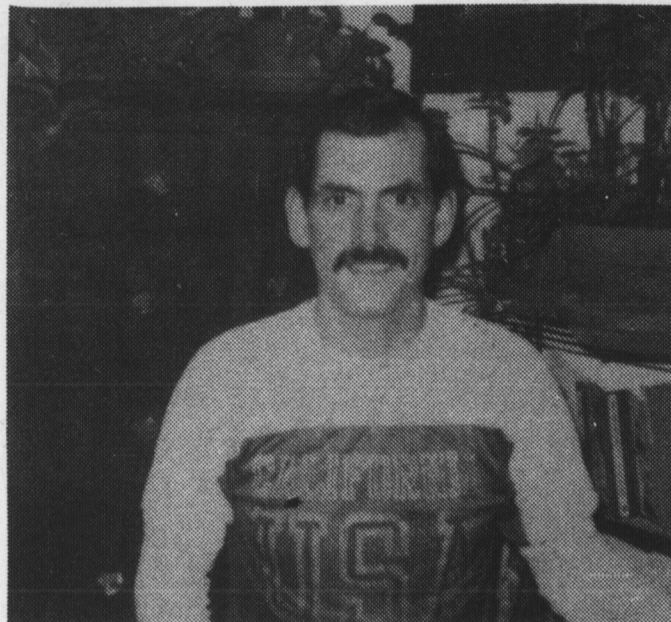
about as scarce as an Arsenian! I guess it's due to the influx of all the out-of-state Gays like myself, who come to the "Mecca" to find their Paradise. It's difficult to find long-time residents over there. They come in, do their fling, and then move on. It's different on this side. It's more couples, more home life. Emphasis is on careers and building a good life. People seem a lot more stable over here. In San Francisco they seem to come and go too fast. I guess they can't keep up with the fast pace. I, myself, burned out a couple of times over there, and had to return to Detroit to family and friends in order to get my head together again. Here families are all around, and friends are a long-time association. Across the Bay, one has to almost make one's own family, sort of speaking.

Nez: Anything about Gay life that you dislike?

Peter: Well, you can find anything you want... but on the other hand, you have to take what you want, too. It's too easy to get into the "flow" of the lifestyle... too easy to imagine one is on Easy Street... when in reality it's a very rough road! Some Gays feel that it has to be one party after another, one disco to the next... then comes the burn out. And what have they got? There's nothing more sorrowful than a lonely queen burned out before his prime. It's a shame, but I guess it's part of the "young" Gay scene... or at least what they want it to be, until it's too late!

Nez: What specifics do you like about Gay life?

Peter: It's such a turn on! I enjoy the feeling of being cruised. It's a morale booster. I like the openness and abun-



Peter Duff, speaking personally of Gay athletics and family life, joins the lengthy list of subjects from whom interviewer Nez Pas couldn't wrangle a drink.

dance of Gay people who are making it known that they are Gay. Many professionals are opening up and are being accepted for themselves, not their sexual preferences. The general public just has to get over the homophobia that permeates too much of their thinking. All Gays should be judged on their own merits. It's a shame that Gays everywhere can't be as open as they are here.

Nez: What are your observations from a bartender's point of view?

Peter: Working here is great. I really like almost all of the people who come in here. We get a very mixed crowd... men and women, Gay and straight, family and friends. All are welcomed. Nobody feels threatened by anyone else's life style. No one is uptight. It's a Gay bar, but all who come here enjoy themselves. Of course, as a bartender, it's part of my job to see that they do enjoy themselves! It's so opposite in San Francisco.

Nez: Do you consider yourself part of the Gay community?

Peter: Not in terms of Royalty and benefits, no. I'm Gay, and I live in the community, but I'm not active in the "local politics." I've known different Royalty in the City. The last Emperor, Bob Pace; I've known him for a long time. I've voted in the elections, but it was just for camp. I'm not opposed to camp... I enjoy really good camp drag. But, all in all, I guess it's safe to say that I'm not involved in the "Gay community scene."

Nez: Any predictions for and about Gays in the future?

Peter: Gay life has come a long way. The softball leagues have done a lot to advance the image of the Gay person. When San Francisco teams are challenged by teams from New York, and our teams travel all the way to Toronto... I'd say the image has been spread for the good. The pool teams, too, have made more people aware that we are here as good people. The Tri-City competition between San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego is a further example of how our views are spreading. I espe-

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Briggs Libel Case Comes to Court

The case of *Berner v. Briggs*, a libel, slander and invasion of privacy suit against Senator John Briggs and the pro-Proposition 6 "Save Our Children Committee," is scheduled to begin trial January 11, 1982, in Sonoma County Superior Court. In that suit, Larry Berner, a teacher in Healdsburg, California, alleges that he was singled out for vilification by Briggs and his committee during the political campaign surrounding Proposition 6. Briggs' initiative drive against homosexual teachers in 1978. In particular, Mr. Berner claims that the defendants made repeated attempts to portray him to the parents of his students and to the public as a child molester.

Don Knutson, Legal Counsel of Gay Rights Advocates, stated that: "Apart from redressing the injuries done to Larry Berner, this case has a wider significance. It should serve as notice that Lesbians and Gay men can no longer

be slandered with impunity. The day is gone when Gay people will forego their legal rights and slink back into the closet."

Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of GRA, added that: "Libels like this cannot go unchallenged by the gay community. Berner's rights have been trampled and he is entitled to redress in the courts."

San Jose Investiture

Queen Mother IX and King Father IX of all California announce the joint investitures of both households on Saturday, January 23, at the First Unitarian Church, 160 N. Third Street in San Jose. Doors open at 6:30, no host cocktails are available from 7pm, and dinner is planned for 8pm. Tickets to the dinner are \$8, with \$2 of each ticket sold being given to charity. The evening's events will include door prizes and a raffle.

Policemen Resist Advances in Portland T-Rooms

Undercover police officers, while patrolling adult bookstores in Portland, Oregon, have been told by the District Attorney that they must resist advances in some manner before arresting people, according to a recent article in the Oregon Gay Rights Report.

The new policy states that when undercover officers are approached in the bookstores they must now resist further advances with verbal phrases such as "I'm not interested" or "Leave me alone." After these statements are made, should a bookstore customer continue his advances, he can be arrested.

Portland Gays began facing arrests and prosecution for "unsolicited touching of the genitals" in the summer of 1981. Charges of entrapment and harassment of the Gay community in general were made by both individuals and groups concerning the undercover officers posing as potential sexual partners. This led to Multnomah County District Attorney Michael Schrank to issue a memo to the Portland Police Department, which announced the change in his policy. This change does not end or limit the surveillance of adult bookstores by plainclothes police officers, but at least offers a safeguard for Gays on the make in requiring the officers to resist such advances, even momentarily. Sexual contact or solicitation for sexual activity in a bookstore are criminal offenses in Portland.

Women's Rights in Park

Saturday, March 6, will mark the 7th annual Day-in-the-Park for Women's Rights, noon to 4pm. Outstanding speakers and entertainment sponsored by Bay Area chapters of National Organization for Women (NOW) to celebrate International Women's Day; at the Golden Gate Park Bandshell opposite the DeYoung Museum. Program themes keyed to ERA, Reproductive Rights, Family Protection Act, Comparable Worth/Affirmative Action, Reagan Budget. Organizations interested in participating should call S.F. NOW Chapter office: 386-4232.



Singer-Illusionist Jim Bailey headlines at The Boarding House January 15 & 16 and January 19 through 23. Bailey first appears as Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand or Peggy Lee, before performing undisguised for the show's second half. "Illusion is unique," said Bailey, "it's like character acting." His illusions are so complete that most audience members forget they are not real. Bailey's singing, backed by a 15-piece orchestra, completes the illusions, which won for Bailey the title of "Entertainer of the Year" in Las Vegas, an entertainer's town.

OAKLAND (Cont.) cially enjoyed the pool tournament between the East Bay bars. I got people to visit other places, meet other people, and compete in sports... not in sex... the rivalry was honest and fun. To me that is excellent human relations. I remember while visiting the Russian River, just as it was beginning to establish Gay businesses. I overheard two long-time residents commenting that "they" had taken over this place and that place, and pretty soon "they" would be marching down the

main street! Perhaps that's what is needed... an obvious presence to change attitudes... not tolerating Gays, but accepting it and living with it. Remember the big hippie movement? At first the sneers, the jokes, the hassles... then people learned to live with it. Hippies are still around, but there is a happy medium between them and society. It will be marvelous when Gays can find that happy medium with society.

Nez: What's in Peter's future?

Peter: I'm a cabinet maker by trade... I'd like to get back into that. I've been bartending for ten years, and it

can't go on forever. I suspect I'll make the change in the next few years. My lover is a landscape architect... we both love to work with our hands, and it's very gratifying to see finished product that you made yourself, and you know it's good. Bartending is fun, but the same type of satisfaction just isn't there for me. We plan to stay in the East Bay and build a good life together. I also hope to become a Life Master in bridge... I do play a lot of bridge. I like to think I do pretty well at it, but in the National Tournament in San Francisco over

dinner, etc. I guess I'm a natural for it. I like to see people get together and enjoy themselves as people, not as a sexual sameness.

This enjoyable session was highlighted by the fact that Peter offered to buy me a drink... but, alas... he forgot to order it! Oh well, I wanted to go on the wagon anyway!!!

Til next time, be nice to one another.

Love,

Nez

"It will be marvelous when Gays find that happy medium with society."

— Peter Duff

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A WOMAN LIKE EVE

A Review of the Film and an Interview with Lead Actress Monique Van De Ven



Monique Van De Ven, in *A WOMAN LIKE EVE*, explores a married woman's growing need for female love.

Leave it to the Dutch to make an honest and forthright film about homosexuality. They achieved this with glowing success earlier this year with the popular film *Spetters*. Now they've done it again with *A Woman Like Eve*, showing at the Lumiere Theatre.

The film by writer-director Nouchka van Brakal (who is Holland's top female director) explores without histrionics what happens to a married woman with two children who realizes she is a Lesbian and has the courage to stop living a straight life that's a lie.

A charismatic, totally engaging actress from Holland named Monique Van De Ven faces just such a dilemma and the way she does transforms the film into one that has long needed to be made. Nobody tries to commit suicide or cop out with a seeing-the-error-of-my-ways-all-is-forgiven ending that Hollywood would attach. Instead, she stands up for what she personally needs to make her happier.

Her new-found lover is played by Maria Schneider, a butterfly of an actress most noted on our shores for her performance in *Last Tango in Paris*.

At a family get together, responsible wife and mother Eve (played by Van De Ven) breaks down uncontrollably. Her husband, played with male chauvinistic bravura by Peter Faber, thinks she's just overtired, not unhappy. Indeed, even Eve isn't really sure what's wrong. He sends her with a girl friend for a week's vacation to southern France.

right. For a minute I thought it was another man." But when he follows her to a rendezvous with Liliane and sees them make love (we do, too), he explodes and goes on a name-calling rampage at his daughter's birthday party: "You're no good. My wife is not a real woman — she is a Lesbian dyke."

Eve leaves home but misses the kids and city life. There is the expected divorce and the custody battle for the children. Guess who wins.

The consequences of accepting and proclaiming homosexuality are, needless to say, enormous in any western society and here they are delineated with devastating candor — as is the actual Gay relationship. Liliane doesn't really want the kids around and wants to return to the cocoon of the commune. But she doesn't want to lose Eve. The resolution of these questions is timely and sensitively handled.

The dramatic problems with *A Woman Like Eve* are

maleness either, which is the cruelest blow to his ego.

Much of the picture, admirable as it is, is founded on reaction instead of action. We know these responses already. It is when the film focuses on how Monique Van De Ven firms her resolve to liberate herself and does so gradually and awkwardly that the film becomes fresh and engrossing.

INTERVIEW: Monique Van De Ven

A Woman Like Eve coincidentally comes at a time when an American film company has finally gone against the odds and tackled the same theme with legitimacy. On February 12, Arthur Hiller's *Making Love* opens at the Metro Theatre. It concerns how a young married couple, played by Michael Ontkean and Kate Jackson, deal with his coming out and moving in with a male lover, Harry Hamlin. Supposedly there will be no cop outs but

with 250 million population. We are so compact, we have to communicate to co-exist and it is easier for honest films about social issues to be made.

"In the U.S. an actor or an actress's reputation may be hurt by playing a homosexual. Usually they perceive that they have a lot to lose by the

hesitation. Once we started shooting everything was handled intelligently and it seemed as natural as any other scene," the blonde 28-year old actress maintains.

"When a man is confronted with the fact that his competitor is another woman, not a man, he gets more irrational

"I'm not afraid of my body, so love scenes with another woman... are as natural as any other scene."

— Monique Van De Ven

time in their careers that they are offered these daring roles. Let's face it, Al Pacino's career wasn't helped by *Cruising*.

"I was never hurt at all by playing a Lesbian. I'm not afraid of my body nor showing it so nude love scenes with another woman didn't affect me other than some initial

because his manhood is threatened. He, as a man, is not needed. He can cope easier with another man because at least his competitor has the same equipment."

Monique is married eight years and has lived the last four in Los Angeles. She commutes to work on films in Holland.

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PORN CORNER

From Saturation to OD

I've seen Le Beau Mec half a dozen times. The sex is very arousing. It would have to be, given the body and dedication to Dionysus that make up the character of Carl Forrest, the titular Mec who is tres beau. Yet what has intrigued me more than the confounding beauty of the star and the impact of his sex life is his mind and behavior. For the movie is more a character study than a sex teaser, just as Goodbye Mr. Chips is a character study disguised as a story. Each time I see it I am caught up in yet another facet of Forrest's closed yet magnetic persona. Perhaps it is that very closed quality that draws one in. Sure, I'd crawl hungrily over his body quickly, gladly, like Spanish urchins over Sebastian Venable. Yet it's the flame of his enigmatic identity that has made a

moth of me, so that I flutter up against this movie repeatedly. With each viewing I see new wrinkles in his identity, each time I psychoanalyze him differently.

The sex is frighteningly potent and reveals without words Forrest's complexities. Thinking little of his stature as a man, he can revel in his position as a stud. He's legally employed as a piece of beefcake, and he adores strutting and pumping up and caring himself for goggle-eyed spectators. But no one is more goggle-eyed than Forrest himself. The movie's eerie last scene is ostensibly a jack-off. But within the scene Forrest undergoes a rigorous self-appraisal, his resultant verdict a strong self-affirmation expressed by the strength of his orgasm. "I'm 27 years

old," he says at the scene's beginning, "and I ask myself whether I'm not saturated."

Alone, he moves to a mirror to solicit his answer. Watching himself intently, with eyes absorbing every sign of age, lessening desirability or loosening of flesh, he undresses, caresses and questions his body. It doesn't feel saturated. Emboldened, he begins to jack-off. He's mesmerized more by his body, its look, and its ability to feel than by the actual sensation of masturbation.

His pubic hair shaved, his groin as sleek as his Mercedes-Benz body, his muscles as shiny slick as the mirror he leans up against. His face rests against reflection. In deepest personal communion

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he makes love to himself. It is the reassurance of his beauty, his very animal being that he seeks. Receiving it, his orgasm is provoked. "Hey! I'm the biggest and the best," he says; no false advertising.

Sex movies that explicate character during the sex scenes are rare. Le Beau Mec is an absorbing classic, its sex arousing and the subject matter continually intriguing.

Top billed at the Nob Hill along with the French import is Hot Trash. Most any film would suffer by comparison to Le Beau Mec. HT is certainly no exception. Yet it is decent porno house fare. Although I was assured the movie is of recent vintage, I find that difficult to believe. It must be a few years old, at least, since one of its nominal stars, Ben Barker, has not made any films recently, but made several a while back.

The age doesn't really matter, though. There are some attractive men and sex ranging from acceptable to highly approvable. There is a slim and sometimes irritating plot here, but it hardly matters. It offers some handymen repeated chances to make out with each other as they repair a building. They also make out with people who come to rent the place, and there are at least a half dozen lengthy sex scenes during the show. Best bet would be to get up and cruise the theatre every once in awhile, because whether or not you like the sex you'll be numbed by the 1964 Musak on the soundtrack. I believe it's The Sandpipers. I recognized "Guantanamo," once, and another aborted melody was repeated 300 times. This insult is aggravated by the voice-overs repeating sexual buzz-words, "Eat that ass," etc.

Despite these numbing sounds, the visuals are good half the time. Barker, in par-

ticular, contributes some surprisingly vehement orgasms that are worth the admission price. He's seconded by an extremely handsome Creole, who is a young and svelte Billy D. Williams type. The cast also includes a goodlooking Spaniard, so many types and looks are represented. And Ben Barker sure squirts to kill. So I'd recommend watching his scenes (he's a nearly chubby white kid who resembles Divine a bit when grimacing in passion), and then filling your nails or chatting in the lobby before the soundtrack embalms you. A 10 or 15 minute break should freshen you up, and by then Barker will be back on screen.

Two other scenes of note. Two guys in a bedroom offer a startling finale, the fellow with the appendicitis scar stealing orgasm honors from Barker. The next scene features a compact little blonde whose cock is so hard it looks like it is going to burst out of its skin. He has a knack for getting plugged, bent in half like a hairpin, and his partner pumps in cannon shots from his meaty cock.

At about this point the film's recorder bumped the turntable, and the music momentarily wallowed like a drunk. I felt OD settling in. I always leave bars before the lights come on at closing. Likewise, I always leave porno before jaundice sets in. Sometimes it's hard to judge just what moment that may be. But when everything that was stiff gets soft and things that should be soft are stiffening up and beginning to get green around the edges, it's time to split.

So I missed the last scene of Hot Trash. Perhaps some intrepid reader will offer a summary of its conclusion. Most likely it's as interchangeable as all its other scenes. Well?



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HEALTH SHORTS

RON SNYDER

"Wrinkles": Few of us view skin wrinkles as an asset. In our attempts to keep "smooth" we sometimes get taken in by unscrupulous persons. As a guide, the following tips from Dr. James Stallings, chairman of the plastic and reconstructive surgery department at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, will be useful: (1) facial exercises create wrinkles rather than prevent them; (2) to help prevent lines and wrinkles around the eyes, sleep on your back since this will eliminate pressure on these areas and allow the skin to relax; (3) wearing sunglasses year around will help prevent squint lines; and (4) chin straps will not prevent or eliminate a double chin.

Small Car Owners: According to an analysis of insurance claims made between 1978 and 1980, drivers of smaller cars are twice as likely to be killed in accidents as their counterparts in full-size models. Much of the blame was aimed at automakers for not emphasizing auto safety and at the present administration (federal) for not supporting legislation requiring airbags in new cars. Perhaps the best advice, for the present, is for you small car owners to drive defensively rather than offensively — the odds are against you!

Self-help Drugs: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for checking the effectiveness of all nonprescription drugs. For those of you out there who are presently taking medications to help you stop smoking, the agency has some bad news. According to a group of experts reporting to the agency, none of the nonprescription drugs presently touted as "anti-smoking" drugs will help you kick the habit. However, some of these drugs contain ingredients which, with further development, may become helpful. In the meantime, call your local public health center and sign up for a smoking cessation program.

Advertisement for CHUCK featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and text: 'I NEVER SAID I WAS THE ONLY "GQ." NO ONE KNOWS BETTER THAN I HOW MANY THERE ARE! BUT I AM THE FIRST TO BE AWARDED A GOLDEN DILDEAUX AWARD TITLE "GQ" FOR LIFE. THEREIN IS THE DIFFERENCE!'

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Nosh on the News

DICK WALTERS



Surrounded by joyous fans of all types, Brett (center, in feathers) was presented at the Candidates for Empress party.

Correction . . . the next Tavern Guild meeting and the first of this year is at The Pines on Tuesday the 19th at 1pm . . . so plan on coming and renewing your membership or joining Tavern Guild. Also remember that Saturday the 6th of February at California Hall is the Coronation Ball . . . and Empress Phyllis is planning some really great festivities that evening.

Hi there, Peter of Old Rick's Gold Room on Geary Street . . . you sure are looking great these days.

If you happen to be out on Castro, stop into the Midnight Sun for some great, great movies on their oversize screens . . . and see some of the hunkiest people in the area.

Where were you, Billie Buns, when Bob Patterson and yours truly stopped into The Village to have a cocktail with you Saturday afternoon? But never mind, the bartender was very, very pleasant and enjoyable . . . catch you next trip, Billy.

The Clean Team . . . 664-1312 . . . regular or occasional house cleaning . . . and they do a fantastic job . . . member of GGBA . . . try them, you'll like them.

The Starlight Room on Market Street now has Dave Griffith on the plank Monday days and Tuesday through Thursday evenings, so drop on down and see and have a drink with this personable guy.

Our favorite Pacific Crown salesperson, Dick Kaye, is in St. Francis Hospital after having an automobile wreck during the holidays . . . however, he should be back out and calling upon you very soon . . . buy GAY!

Go 49'ers! What a game! Almost as if more Gay bars had TV's in them than other bars . . . Go 49'ers!

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Advertisement for COWBOY! featuring a cowboy illustration and text: 'COWBOY! Saturday, January 23, 10 to 6 BYO Beer 953 NATOMA (ALLEY NORTH OF HOWARD, EAST OF 11th STREET.) 863-6440'

AUTOMATIC PILOT...



A new musical group called Automatic Pilot is in town, combining talents from the Gay Men's Chorus and the Gay Freedom Day Marching Band. The six man ensemble has appeared at Dreamland, the I-Beam, the Kabuki, the Palms, and other Bay Area locations during the past year, creating a unique musical experience which fuses rock and roll, jazz, new wave, and Frank Zappa. All their music and lyrics have been originally composed by members of the group for their instrumentation of acoustic violin and string bass, keyboard, drums, and vocals to produce a sound that is both exciting and erotic. Among their hits are "Prelude to a Qualude," "Killer Purses" and "Sit on My Face." Automatic Pilot's next live performance will be on Monday, January 25, 10pm at the I-Beam, 1748 Haight Street, San Francisco.

MR. MARCUS

(Continued from Page 27) Get well wishes to Frank Benoit who is temporarily laid back and hope he recovers soon . . . It took young Bob Snowden almost 96 hours to find out what this hot number he met at the CALDRON who

claimed to have a Melcryptovestimentaphilia fetish was all about. Bob didn't show up for the date; the meaning of that fetish is: strong penchant for wearing women's black underwear! Would you have done any different? See you around the campus. MISTER MARCUS

CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds section with various ads: '861-5019', 'FOR SALE', 'SHARED REAL ESTATE PRIVATE PARTY', 'VACATION HOME', '120 ACRES W/CABIN', 'FOR RENT', '\$200-250 Super Studios', 'NEW OWNER - IVY HOTEL', 'COMMUNITY RENTALS', 'ALL-GAY SECURITY BUILDING', 'FOR RENT'.



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Congress gives away word Gay Olympics Must Drop Word "Olympic"

by Paul Lorch

Doctor Tom Waddell reported this week that the Gay Olympic Games scheduled for August of 1982 have unwittingly run afoul of federal law. The word "olympic" is protected in its exclusive use by Public Law 95-606 (the Amateur Sports Act of 1978).

Only those using the word prior to 1950, or those groups given dispensation by the Colorado Springs-based corporation are not enjoined by the 1978 law. The committee is given the right to bring civil action against any group daring to infringe on their word monopoly. Miller also informed Waddell that his committee is entitled "to recover any and all funds which are solicited and acquired by virtue of the usage of Olympic terminology."

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United States Olympic Committee, informed the Gay Olympic Games that the use of the word "Olympic" with relationship to sports events (as well as various related activities) is prohibited. Put another way — Congress has voted that the U.S. Olympic Committee owns the word "Olympic," also "Olympiad" and "Citius Altius Fortius" or any combination or simulation thereof. Anything that would cause confusion, cause mistake, deceive, or falsely suggest a connection with the Corporation or any Olympic activity are prohibited as well. "It has yet to be tested in court how many pages of the dictionary the U.S. Olympic Committee controls," said one Gay Olympic leader.

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Super Bowl Births Bets and Ballyhoo

by Allen White

Tuesday evening the Bay Area Reporter, the largest Gay newspaper in San Francisco finalized terms for a bet with The Yellow Page, the largest Gay newspaper in Cincinnati, Ohio.

If the 49'ers win on Sunday in the Super Bowl, The Yellow Page will have a football signed by members of the Gay and Lesbian community of Cincinnati. The football will be sent to B.A.R. publisher Bob Ross who will present the football to Mayor Feinstein.

If Cincinnati wins, a signed football will be sent to The Yellow Page and their staff will present the football from San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian community to Cincinnati Mayor David Mann.

Super Bowl fever is just as intense in Cincinnati as it is in San Francisco. Alan Gray of The Yellow Page suggested to the Bay Area Reporter that they get a lot of pens to autograph the football they will be sending to Cincinnati. B.A.R. publisher Bob Ross responded in a matter of fact tone, "I don't think buying pens will be necessary!"

Win or lose, there are plans (Continued on Page 4)

Broshears' Funeral, No Tears

by George Mendenhall

"The Flying Nun," a label that Rev. Ray Broshears enjoyed, was given a funeral service on January 18 at Trinity Episcopal Church. Gathered were 150 friends and the curious — many of them Gay activists from the 60's.

Broshears, a religious fundamentalist and volatile personality, would have enjoyed the service — a formal occasion with a mixture of informality and good humor.

"I bet every one of you has hung up on him at least once," his friend Elmer Wilhelm told the relaxed crowd. Wilhelm, who had spent countless hours resolving details that followed Broshears' death (he did not leave a will) called the deceased "a very religious man, a door opener, who had no closet for himself — a man whose world was the streets."

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound, That Saved a Wretch Like Me" was how the opening lines of the first hymn sung at the Broshears service went. Wilhelm sparked the crowd, holding up the "Heaven Can't Wait" headline from last week's Bay Area Reporter, "Heaven needs his energy!"

Morris Kight, whose Gay and anti-war activism spans 30 years, headed a visiting Los Angeles contingent. He said Broshears "had a magnificent, dramatic life" bursting with energy... Kight did not play down the minister's agitating of many people, including the San Francisco Tavern Guild. He recalled Broshears picketing a Beaux Arts Ball with a placard that read "Out of the Ballrooms, Into the Streets." Bay Area Reporter was mentioned for "fairness" in its reporting of the death. He concluded, "Life is so fast. Death is too soon. Let us each hope that we each have an Elmer Wilhelm to settle our affairs."

Distributed to the gathered was a final issue of Gay Focus with only one article — a tribute to its former publisher, Broshears. It was printed gratis by Waller Press.

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Park Arrest Alert

The paper has received calls from reliable sources reporting that the SFPD is dragnetting the parks in the Western part of the city.

Golden Gate Park and Land's End have been the scenes of a number of arrests for lewd conduct and solicitation of lewd conduct (647a). The arrests are being made by "seductive" plainclothes officers. The young cops (possibly Gay themselves) put themselves out to invite remarks. "They do not look like cops," reported one source.

The areas in Golden Gate Park named have been the rose garden and the windmill areas out by Great Highway. Cruising Gays anywhere in the Richmond and Park Station jurisdictions are urged to proceed with caution and know their rights.

If arrested, insist on pleading "not guilty" advised one prominent Gay attorney.



Friends and the curious gather after the Broshears memorial. (Photo by Rink)