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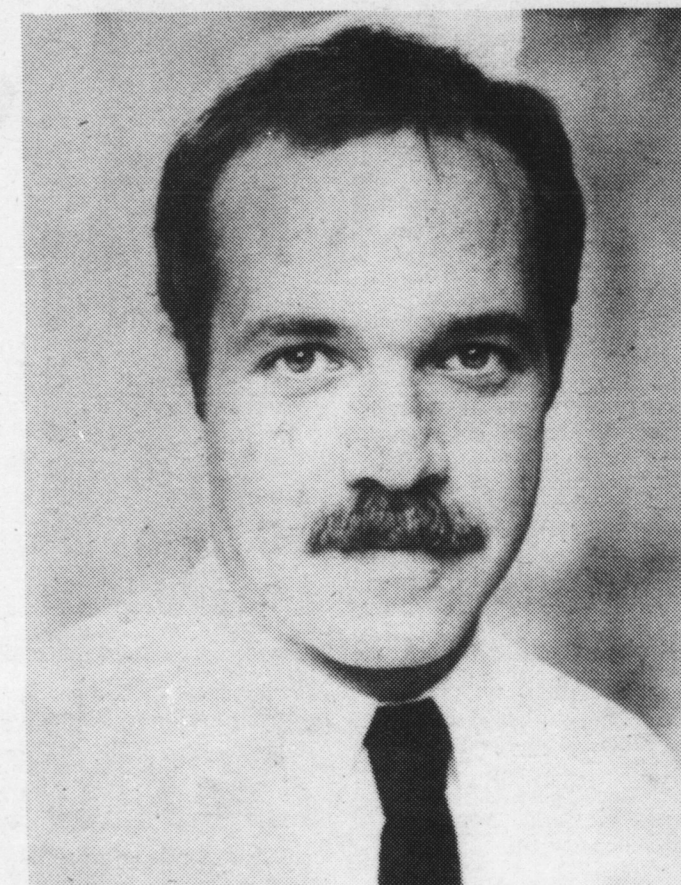
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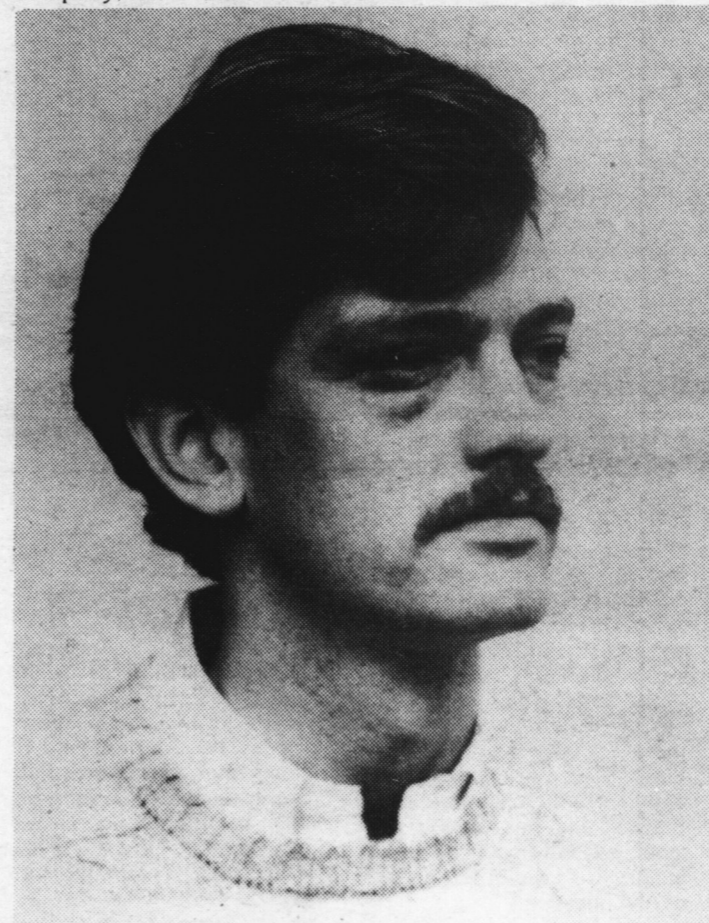
by Allen White

Horrifying and seemingly unbelievable tales are now unfolding which detail continued police brutality at the Mission Station of the San Francisco Police Department. The abuses occur in after-midnight hours.

One evening of terror has been related by a Gay man, William Wilson, following his arrest on June 26. Another set of facts have surfaced following the July 15 arrest of four more Gays: Peter Nardoza, a long-time aide to Mayor Dianne Feinstein; Gregory Williams, the Assistant Verger at Grace Cathedral; Robert Gender, a recent graduate of Stanford University who works for a transportation company, and a fourth named Andre.



Peter Nardoza, Dianne Feinstein aide of over seven years, finds himself victim of SFPD roundup of late night Castroites. (Photo: Rink)



Bob Gender still sports a shiner ten days after a walk through Collingwood Park. Gender didn't walk into a branch, but into a PD fist outside Mission Station. (Photo: Rink)

Wilson was walking through Collingwood Park at 1:45 in the morning. In a letter to Police Chief Con Murphy, he described the encounter with the police. From Wilson's comments: "I was yelled at by one of the police officers and told to stop where I was at and not try to run away, as I would make things worse on myself." He asked twice why he was being stopped, and both times he was told to "shut his mouth." He asked to speak to a supervisor so that he could have an explanation as to why he was being stopped. He was told by a police officer, "Oh, you're a smartass, aren't you?" He was handcuffed. "I became scared," he wrote Police Chief Murphy, and asked the people around him to help him by giving him their names so they could be witnesses. The police officers again told him to shut up. According to Wilson, the police also said that anyone would be welcome to give him their name, but if they did they could join him in where he was going. Terrified and somewhat hysterical, he claims he was grabbed by his hair and shoved into the police car. Wilson relates how

he was the subject of intense verbal abuse. Homophobic remarks he claims were made to him included, "Wait until we get you in a cell with those other punks; they will beat the hell out of you."

Wilson was taken to Mission Station. He was then informed that he would be charged with being in the park after it closed. This is a misdemeanor.

A police officer told him to sign a form for receipt of his property. He wanted to read it before signing. According to Wilson, "this upset the officer very much. He yelled at me to sign it now, or else." He then put another form in front of me that stated I had been given my two phone calls."

Wilson continues, "I read the form as the officer was yelling at me to hurry up and sign. I said that I wanted to make my phone calls first; he said that I could not make my phone calls until I signed the form. He then wrote on the form that I had refused my phone calls."

Three hours later he was taken from his cell. He was handcuffed to an extremely drunk heavyset man who dragged him around, making the handcuffs fit very tight. It would be two days before he would regain feeling in his hands. Taken to the Hall of Justice, he was released at 6:30am. Just before he was released, he found a public phone at the Hall of Justice (Continued on Page 4)

New Right Does Some Gay Housecleaning

National Liberty Lobby, 'Spotlight,' Conservative PAC Dish and Get Dished

by Paul-Francis Hartmann

The Washington Blade reported this week that a Gay man was fired from the ultra-right Liberty Lobby. What's more, he intends to file a complaint charging the Lobby with discrimination against him because he is homosexual.

J.P. Passinaut told the Blade he will file a complaint at Washington, DC's Office of Human Rights. He will charge that his bosses at the Liberty Lobby first tried to force him to resign from the group, then when that didn't work, fired him because they suspected him of being homosexual.

Passinaut was fired from the Lobby in late June, two months after being re-moved from his post as assistant editor of the Spotlight, a weekly right-wing newspaper.

After Passinaut was removed from the editorial position, he was assigned to "demeaning" tasks to force his resignation. He was as-

signed to the circulation and research/maintenance departments of the tabloid. He was made to deliver papers to newsstands, type labels, and deliver inter-office mail.

Personnel manager William Redgate, Jr. claimed that Passinaut was fired because he was incompetent. He wrote, "The Managing Editor

has reported to me that you (Passinaut) were not able to acquire the skills necessary for a writer... Your spelling was chronically and extremely poor and your writing and organizational skills were correspondingly inferior."

The Gay employee insists his competence was never

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Letters to Buckingham Palace

Silver Goes to Bat for Gays

Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver once again struck a note on an international event affecting Gay liberation. This week Supervisor Silver wrote a letter to Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II. Silver deplored the resignation of the Queen's police bodyguard, Michael Treastal, when it was revealed he had a liaison with a known homosexual.

Silver asked why a homosexual relationship should end a man's career and why Elizabeth has allowed it to happen.

Supervisor Silver's letter was met with some derision in City Hall circles. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, Supervisor Quentin Kopp reacted strongly with, "Oh, God Almighty, I'm glad she didn't bring it before the Board. If this is how she wants to use her time, let the voters judge."

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Ex-Monterey Deputy Fights On

by Wayne April



Don Tombe, former Gay Monterey Deputy Sheriff, who is suing the county for \$1 million, has had a trial date set for October. (Photo: Rink)

Tombe won't be the only one soliciting funds at the fair, no doubt, but he will be the only one who has taken it upon himself to liberate an entire city and its bigoted police department.

Tombe's saga started on January 15, 1981, when he was employed as a police officer with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department. He was off duty and tripping a few at Monterey's sole Gay bar, the After Dark. He was a liberated Gay cop in a not very liberated environment.

According to Tombe, three sailors entered the practically empty bar and picked a fight with the faggots who were there. Tombe and one other man were beaten. Tombe's jaw was fractured and he lost several teeth. During the melee the Monterey City Police were called.

They arrived just as Tombe was chasing the two main attackers outside. When the policemen questioned Tombe and discovered what the facts of the situation were, they "found the whole thing to be quite humorous and refused

to conduct an investigation that had even the slightest semblance to routine police procedure." They declined to press charges against the sailors.

Needless to say, Tombe was upset, but it wasn't something he should have been surprised at. Other Monterey Gays told him of previous incidents in which Gays were assaulted, robbed, and what-have-you, and no investigation or serious attempt at arresting the guilty was pursued.

A year earlier, Tombe himself had been the subject of an in-house investigation at the county sheriff's department, after a freak incident led to the knowledge that he was Gay. It was finally resolved when he promised never to be "public" about it, but only after he had endured six months of never knowing when and how the other shoe was going to fall.

"It was during that time that I came out," said Tombe. "I finally decided that when and if I was asked, I would admit being Gay." It turned out that

his superiors had a lot more trouble asking him whether he was Gay than he did telling them he was.

The bar bashing convinced Tombe that if anything was to be done about the state of affairs in Monterey, he was going to have to do it. In April 1981, he filed a claim with the city council, but it was rejected. He enlisted the help of the Monterey County District Attorney's office, which filed felony charges against two of the sailors. And on November 5, 1981, Tombe and his lawyer filed a suit in the state Superior Court, County of Monterey.

The 30-count suit against the city and the police department charges "assault, deprivation of civil rights, and the intentional infliction of emotional distress." The suit asks for more than \$1 million in damages.

The City of Monterey recently responded to the lawsuit and denied any wrongdoing. A jury trial has been set for October 18, 1982. Tombe said the fight has run up \$5,000 so far, and now that depositions are being filed, the costs will skyrocket.

Tombe is not totally alone in his struggle. The Gay Rights Advocates has cooperated with his lawyer and is acting as a clearinghouse for money received for the Don Tombe Legal Defense Fund. But right now, Tombe is the main fundraiser for the fund.

All this exposure didn't make Tombe's job with the county very pleasant. He became the subject of "harassment, rumormongering, threats, and what I believe was a witch-hunt by certain persons to end my career in Monterey County."

Tombe would like to hear from anyone else who has had negative dealings with the Monterey police. If enough witnesses can be found to testify against them, then Gay Rights Advocates can file a class action suit, which would be more comprehensive and effective than the current one. Tombe can be reached at 431-9802. ■

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New Right Does Some Gay Housecleaning

questioned until the chain of events which ultimately led to his dismissal began in April.

Liberty Lobby, says the *Blade*, was founded in 1957 by Willis A. Carto and several associates. Far Right watchers say the Lobby is anti-Semitic and racist. In recent years it has grown more homophobic. Since 1980 homosexuality has become a common target in *Spotlight* with such titles as, "Homosexuals Pervert Sanas," "Establishment Backing Homosexuals in Battle for Control of Capitol City" and "Pervert-Linked Murder Rocks Capital."

Passinault, who described himself as "a Reagan conservative," said he had never heard of the Liberty Lobby when he went to work for the group, to whom he had been referred by an employment agency.

He said he found its view "rather extreme" and said he was "almost embarrassed to show the publication *The Spotlight* to anyone," but remained with the Lobby because he needed a job. Passinault said he was never asked to write an anti-Gay article himself. Such articles, he said, normally went to "the veteran writers."

Meanwhile, closeted and out of the closet conservative Gays have been in the spotlight locally — much to their annoyance.

Several weeks ago New Right architect, Washington, DC's Terry Dolan of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, was in town and one night was guest of honor for cocktails at the home of Bruce Decker.

Dolan created the television commercial that helped defeat several liberal senators in 1980. He was recently the subject of an interview by Washington, DC's Gay writer, Larry Bush. Dolan complained that he didn't want government to take action against Gays. The question immediately arose if Dolan were Gay himself. He has denied the label, but Gay politicians say it is merely a case of asking the wrong question.

Some of the guests found Dolan's rationale unacceptable (Dolan is opposed to any law protecting Gay rights) and went immediately to *Bay Area Reporter* columnist Wayne Friday. The story appeared in the next issue of the *Bay Area Reporter*, on the front page.

This week *San Francisco Chronicle* political columnist Larry Liebert carried the story as a piece of his political notebook. Liebert referred to the Dolan/Gay Republican get-together as a "top secret" meeting and that the deeply closeted conservative met with a "mixed reception."

In turn, host Decker, who works as a sometime political consultant, wrote to the *Bay Area Reporter* complaining about columnist Friday and editor Paul Lorch. Said Decker, "I feel it inappropriate to 'publicize' private activities in my home."

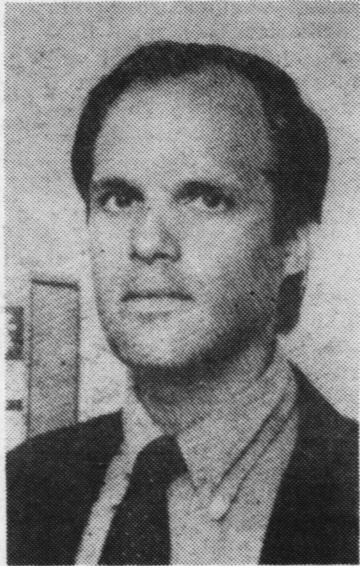
His letter concluded, "Perhaps this will give you some guidance as to why I thought it was inappropriate to invite you to the party. Your article is a perfect articulation of my inability to take you seri-

ously."

Commented B.A.R. editor Paul Lorch, "We agree; every man's home is his closet. However, when it comes to politics, even when it's no one's business to be somewhere, it's everyone's business what goes on there. My only puzzlement is why the New Right Republicans feel they need to be so protective of Terry Dolan."

"What's to be kept under the basket," Lorch quipped, "his political philosophy or his sexual orientation... or both?"

All in all it was a busy week for Dolan, who along with other arch-conservatives had met and concluded that Ronald Reagan was not proving himself sufficiently Reaganite.



J.P. Passinault, who calls himself "a Reagan conservative," was fired last month by the Liberty Lobby. (Photo: Leigh Mosley)

A week before Alexander Haig's resignation as Secretary of State, two dozen Reaganites got together in Washington, DC. As described by *Time* editor Thomas Griffith, "Some were writers and polemicists of standing, including Michael Novak, Irving Kristol and Norman Podhoretz; some edit obscure, cranky magazines that posture as if they had armies of followers; others have enough name recognition to get themselves onto talk shows on an off night."

After five hours in a Washington, DC restaurant, the group issued conflicting statements on their consensus.

One thing the neoconservatives agreed upon was that Reagan was not sufficiently Reaganite. John Lofton of the *Conservative Digest* reported, "Reagan without Reaganism is the worst of both worlds."

Time magazine concludes that the right-wing polemicists think that their ideas are sounder or more steadfast than Reagan's and that the President's tactics don't serve the strategy "he professes to believe in."

That Terry Dolan and Norman Podhoretz (a homophobe of national reputation) can calmly break bread is a hand job that remains to be resolved. ■

Paul-Francis Hartmann

Neighbors Organize

Suspects Surface in Glen Park Homophobia Case

by George Mendenhall

Six suspects have now been identified by the police in the continuing probe of violent incidents against Gay men in the Glen Park area. It appears that the suspects are in their late teens and early 20's, with some identifying themselves as "White Punks on Dope." Residents were able to trace the young men after several recorded the license plate number of a gold, 1967 Chevrolet Malibu which has been either parked or cruising the area where the incidents have taken place.

Glen Park is a normally quiet neighborhood south of 30th and Castro streets. It has been disrupted in recent months by verbal insults to Gay men who have moved into the area plus specific acts of broken home windows, smashed auto windows, homophobic graffiti and threatening letters. One letter said "FAGGOT... THIS IS NOT YOUR PROMISED LAND. GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM OR ELSE" and another "GAYS HAVE BEEN TAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. MOVE IT OUT OR GET BURNED OUT."

The incidents have occurred near Chenery and Diamond streets, where many restless, unemployed youth congregate. Gay men fear going into the intersection because of the abuse—physical and verbal—they have received. (One bar near the intersection, Glen Park Station, once had a FAGS STAY OUT sign in its front window.)

Two Gay sheriff deputies, Gil Lemelin and John Abney, recently bought a home near this corner. B.A.R. readers have read of what happened next—broken front windows and a letter threatening their lives. Lemelin, a former San Francisco police officer, has reacted by taking an aggressive role in determining who the culprits are.

Lemelin held a meeting of 22 Gay and straight neighbors at his home last week. The license plate number of the suspected car came from several sources. It was also learned that the driver of the car had dumped the contents of his trunk on a lawn. The refuse included several Lowenbrau beer bottles. Bottles that had been thrown through some area windows were labeled Lowenbrau.

Police Officer Peter Maloney of Ingleside station has involved himself in the Glen Park homophobia incidents. He attended Lemelin's block meeting but later was reluctant when B.A.R. asked him if he was going to confront the owner of the vehicle. He said, "Probably the guy will give me the finger and slam the door on me." B.A.R. urged that narcotics investigations are often based on less information and he replied, "I will go out there and talk with him today. Put him on notice."

Later, Maloney reported that he had been told by the car owner's parents that the vehicle had been sold to another neighborhood male, a friend of the first John Doe. However, no formal automobile registration transfer is recorded.

The block meeting at Lemelin's home revealed that some straight neighbors had also had their property damaged. The host urged that something had to be done about Buddy's, a liquor store at Chenery and Diamond that allegedly sells liquor to minors. Maloney replied that the store had been reported to the state Alcoholic Beverage Control. The police had made no arrests there. (The ABC told B.A.R. that it had only 12 investigators to handle 5,000

liquor licenses, stressing that the police could more aggressively check out such businesses. Lemelin observed sales at the store and believes the sales to minors are obvious.) Neighbors are now attempting to have a pay telephone and a bench removed from the front of Buddy's to discourage youth from gathering there.

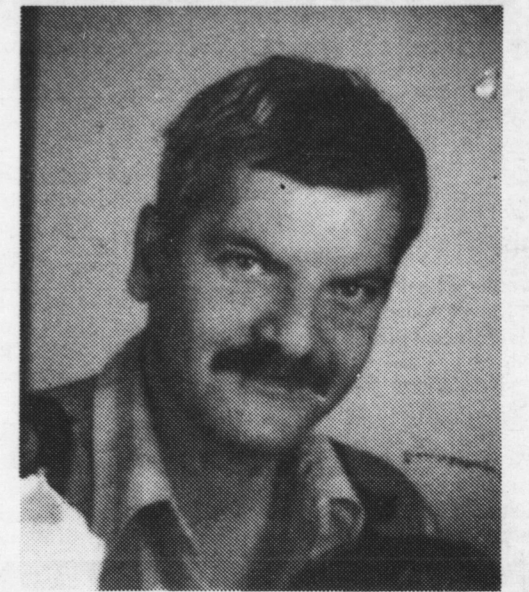
Numerous Gay people in the area have called Lemelin and Abney since the B.A.R. articles appeared. There is a strong indication that no one is moving away because of the difficulties. The Glen Park Merchant Association is willing to help, and a second block meeting is planned.

Lemelin hopes that the major problems can be resolved through cooperating neighbors, police and community groups. He believes that Maloney is correct in that young people can not be ar-

rested unless they are specifically charged. The goal now is to let the trouble-makers know that they are under surveillance.

Evidently the effect was quick, as the new owner and a male companion appeared at the Lemelin/Abney home this Wednesday night. He said he was being forced to sell the car because the police had put it on a "check" list and that it was being repeatedly stopped by the police. The suspect said his fun-loving buddies would no longer ride in the car. When he inquired how Lemelin had discovered his identity with the help of the police, the two deputies presented their badges. "He nearly fainted," Lemelin told B.A.R. Now defensive, the teenager pleaded, "We might drink a little beer and piss in the street, but we didn't break your windows."

MISSING PERSON



Rick Emerson has asked the community to help him find his roommate, Jan Ostrum.

Ostrum has not been heard from since July 4 when he went out for a night on the town. Ostrum is 5' 11", 35 years old, weighing 155 pounds. He has green eyes and short, graying blond hair.

The night he disappeared he was wearing levis, black boots, an Arena vest, and a lightweight black leather jacket. Ostrum frequented South of Market bars, particularly the Watering Hole.

Ostrum was from Sweden and any address on his person would indicate Langton Street.

His Missing Person case number is 821767215 or call Emerson at 621-0328 or this paper.

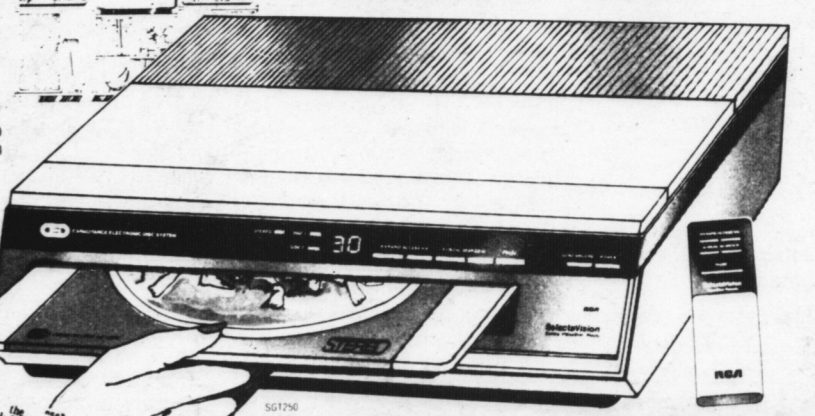
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and finally made a phone call. All of this for simply being in a park which is open to the public, yet has signs stating the park is closed.

MAYOR'S AIDE

Two weeks later Peter Nardoza, Gregory Williams, and Robert Gender were taken into custody. The experienced a similar nightmare at Mission Station. Nardoza and Williams were stopped on Diamond Street between 18th and 19th Streets after the bars closed. There was no conversation between them

inside except for Gender. Still handcuffed in the station parking lot, Gender reports that he was beaten in the stomach and in the face. Gender said the police told him this was his lesson for running from them. He told Gregory Williams later, "I didn't know how I would be able to make it into the station," as he described the pain of his beating.

While they were in Mission Station, Gregory Williams said (in a statement he has released) that a Latino who was drunk and in custody urinated

been informed of charges. Never, he testifies, was he given a chance to make a phone call nor ever told his rights. After Gender was beaten, he didn't want to cause any problems. He had been, in his words, "totally intimidated."

Gregory Williams and Peter Nardoza were never given a test to ascertain how much alcohol they had consumed or whether they were legally drunk.

Peter Nardoza has filed a complaint with the Internal Affairs Bureau. His boss, Mayor Dianne Feinstein was one of the first people to learn of the incident. He said, "The Mayor is aware and concerned." Other sources have said the Mayor is, in fact, furious

head trial lawyer in the San Francisco Public Defender's office. Armstrong is outraged. For the first time since Con Murphy has been Chief of Police, Armstrong has written him to complain.

The highly respected attorney told the Chief that he has inquired into the allegations of William Wilson. Gordon Armstrong told Murphy that police officers he interviewed who are assigned to Mission Station said there is no reason not to believe Wilson's story. Gordon Armstrong also charged Captain Don Taylor of Mission Station of "tacitly approving of the conduct by not aggressively discouraging it." He requests the Chief of Police to aggressively investigate the matter.

Gordon Armstrong told the *Bay Area Reporter* that he, a former California Highway Patrolman, and "most cops are fed up with this crap." He said that of a police force of approximately 1800 officers, there are less than 25 who are "a dangerous group."

Equally as angered and outraged is Lesbian Police Commissioner Jo Daly. In the last year she has seen many reports of violence. Over 25 at the 1981 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade. Over 30 complaints filed during a riot at the Jack Tar Hotel when the President of El Salvador was in San Francisco. She has watched as dozens of complaints have poured in as a result of Super Bowl hysteria where the police appeared at times to charge into crowds like mad dogs. She is one of five commissioners on the Police Commission who are responsible for the service provided by the San Francisco Police Department. Police violence is not a new story for Jo Daly. She wants to see it stop. Her comment is that she hopes as these incidents are fully investigated "this will be the final straw."

at the conduct of the police officers. She has requested a full report. Nardoza says, "I am not going to let the matter drop." He said that it is his understanding that the police in San Francisco have the power to detain any person on the street without giving any tests. When all is said and done, Nardoza noted that it is his word against the police officer.

Last week Police Captain Don Taylor, who commands Mission Station, told the *San Francisco Examiner* that his officers make about 30 public drunkenness arrests each evening in the district. That totals to over 200 a week. Taylor told the *Examiner*, "The arrest of a couple of people for public drunkenness doesn't sound like harassment to me. When Black people are arrested, they say it's because they are Black. When Gays are arrested, they say they are getting picked on because they are Gay."

Several people do not dismiss the situation with the ease of Captain Taylor. One person is Gordon Armstrong,

Station still continues. In the past week two more unrelated reports were received by the Community United Against Violence. So severe was the damage inflicted by the police that, according to the reports, the victims of the police violence required medical attention by their private physicians.

Sunday night following his arrest, Gregory Williams was walking down Castro. Sitting on the steps adjacent to the Patio Restaurant were two police officers. As Williams walked by, they were friendly and said, "Hello." He turned around and asked the officers, "How come you're friendly?" He then related the arrest incident. The officers asked when he was picked up. When told it was around two in the morning, the officers were not surprised. The Mission Station police officers told Gregory Williams, "That's the night crew; anything can happen then!"

The events were not lost on the city's Supervisors. Richard Hongisto, one of the first and ongoing allies of Gays in San Francisco and a law enforcement professional, expressed his concern. At this week's Board meeting he called for a letter to be drafted to SFPD Chief Con Murphy.

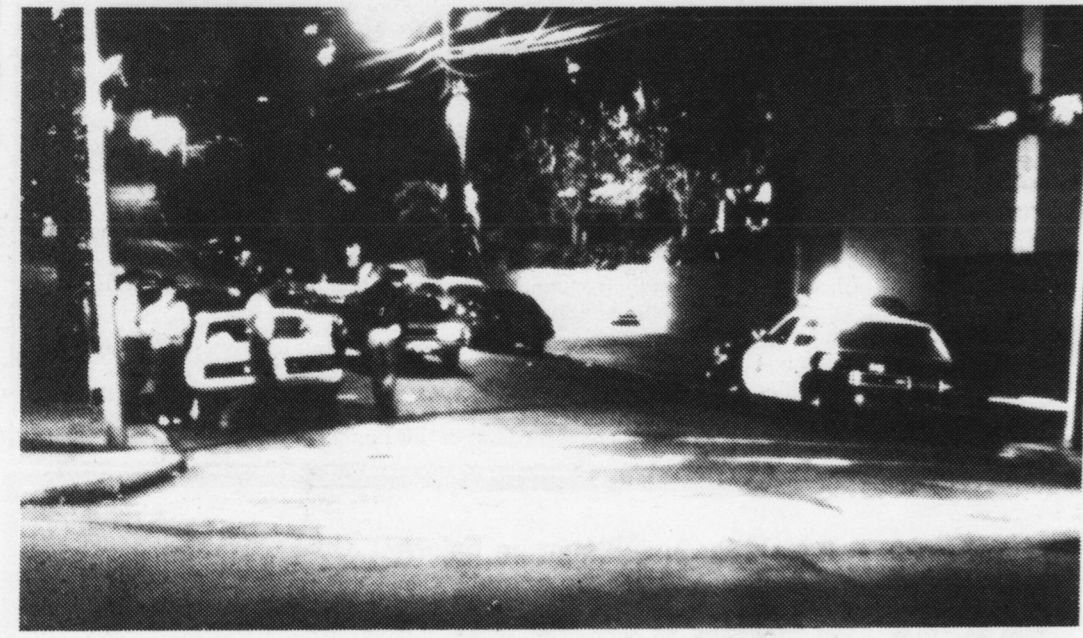
Hongisto wanted to know if the Chief had a new policy (or even an old one) of rounding up Gays off the street the way police used to pick up winos.

He also questioned whether Murphy condoned Captain Taylor's remarks on what all Gays, all Blacks, etc. said when they were arrested that the arrest was because they were Black, Gay, etc. Hongisto wondered if the Chief had in mind any remedial counseling about any of his captains generalizing on minority communities.

The violence inside Mission Allen White



Castro & 18th bench, another hot spot of vulnerability. (Photo: Rink)



Squad car does its duty at 18th and Collingwood, scene of after hours arrests. The question is for what reason? Being in the park? Being on the street? Being drunk? Or just being...? (Photo: Rink)

and the arresting officers. They were to be held for being drunk. Both individuals emphatically maintain they were not drunk.

Peter Nardoza told the *Bay Area Reporter* that there was no conversation, thus his speech wasn't slurred. He was standing and was not in a staggered position. Nardoza claims there was no way, in fact, the officers could know or not know if he was sober. Because there was no conversation, it would not be until they searched his wallet at the station house that they would find out that they had arrested an administrative aide to the Mayor of San Francisco.

Nardoza, 34, has been an aide to Dianne Feinstein for close to a decade.

Just before Nardoza was taken into custody, Robert Gender, 24, was walking in the park. He saw a police car parked in the area and he ran. The police chased him and he was caught. Another person was to be arrested — a Black man who was seated on the bench at 18th and Castro — and the four would find their way to Mission Station. All would be taken

Another Latino man called for his lawyer. Williams stated that the police officers took this man and beat him in the groin. He said the pain appeared incredible, as the man doubled up in terrible physical condition. Robert Gender also said the incident was "horrible."

At 6:00 in the morning all four were released from jail. To this day, Robert Gender has never been told why he was held in jail. Never has he

Right Wing Profiteering

A study of the Moral Majority's constituency and the MM's impact on the public mind published by *Psychology Today* stated, "Not far below the surface of Americans' consciousness there lingers the conviction that today's inflation and other economic ills can be traced to the nation's moral looseness."

Aiming to ride the crest of recession terror, a new smear tabloid named *The Deep Background* has appeared in the nation's capital, claiming to tell the truth about homosexuality in Washing-

ton, especially as it exists among high public officials. Suggesting that homosexuals threaten the nation's security interests because of their vulnerability to blackmail, the articles imply that more than a dozen public officials are Gay or have been spotted in "homosexual haunts." The articles are rarely bylined and the publication included descriptions and photos of many Gay bars and businesses. Members of Washington's Gay community told *The Blade's* Steve Martz "It's a scurrilous piece of journal-

ism," suggesting that *The Deep Background* reeked of the worst forms of McCarthyism.

The paper is published out of the Maryland home of Martin Price who, along with Victor Marchetti (a former CIA official) has ties to the extreme right Liberty Lobby and its weekly newspaper, *The Spotlight*. Price also claimed credit for the raid by Arlington police on a male escort service on May 25. Claiming that he hoped his publication would inspire the Gay community and Gay press to

"clean up their acts" Price stated, "I'm a Jew and if I knew a rabbi who was living with other people's secrets, I'd have him arrested."

Lest one think that blackmail is being affected by the recession, one need only remember that while Jerry Falwell was describing his Moral Majority campaign as tottering on the brink of bankruptcy in 1981, he was in fact increasing its income by almost \$16 million. Moral Majority forces expect their 1982 income to be three times that of 1980.

KS Forum at MCC

A Free Community Forum on the current outbreak of immune deficiency diseases, such as Kaposi's sarcoma, will be held in the Metropolitan Community Church at 150 Eureka Street (between 18th and 19th) Tuesday, August 3, at 7:30 pm.

Dr. Marcus Conant, co-director of the Kaposi's Sarcoma Clinic at U.C. Medical Center, will lead a panel of speakers on the subject. A question and answer session will follow. For more information call 864-4376.

Rev. Richard Kerr

New Life for Gay Episcopalians

by Wayne April

While many heterosexuals, and many more Gays, are abandoning their churches and temples, or paying only token attention to organized religion, some dedicated individuals labor on in the fields of the Lord.

One of these people is the Reverend Richard Kerr, a tall, ruggedly good-looking man in his forties, who is currently trying to raise the local Integrity chapter "out of the mud." He is also organizing what will be "the Gay presence" at the triannual general convention of the Episcopal Church in New Orleans in September.

Integrity is the Lesbian/Gay caucus of the Episcopal Church. It serves the same purpose as the other Gay affirmation groups that cling precariously to the edges of their respective denominations. Groups like the Catholics' Dignity, the Jews' Sha'ar Zahav, and the Mormons' Affirmation are attempting to provide a shelter for Gays who want to continue practicing their faith, but not at the expense of their self-esteem.

Richard Kerr can tell you about self-esteem and how many years it took for him to realize it as a Gay man. He had always been aware of his attraction to his own sex. He'd had "lovers" in elementary school and intense long-

doggedly to the needs of urban and mostly Black congregations. He felt a special calling to the poor and minorities, a calling that eventually landed him back in his hometown of Denver, Colorado.

There he successfully rebuilt, physically and spiritually, a church and its predominantly Black congregation. It was also there that the winds of change blew his closet door off its hinges.

"After ten years of marriage I began seeing men," said Kerr. "I just couldn't deny that fundamental element of myself anymore."

He began to associate with the local Integrity people and gradually became more comfortable around other Gays. Unfortunately, the more adjusted Kerr became to his new-found sexuality, the more "anxious and difficult" his wife became. It led to their eventual separation and divorce. Each retained custody of one son.

Kerr continued to minister to the Denver congregation.

phasing how the church was open to all groups of people, including Gays, "of which I am one," Kerr told the astonished listeners.

"Afterwards, it was strange, everyone wanted to come up and touch me," Kerr recalled. Except for the bishop, who told Kerr that he could never place him as a rector of a church in his diocese again, because an "active homosexual cannot be a priestly model."

Like other rejected Gays before him, Kerr made his way to San Francisco to find support. Unlike many, however, he did not abandon his religion.

"If Gay people abandon the church, then the Falwells will take over," said Kerr. "I'm passionately involved in changing the church so that it can become less evil and demonic and more of an agent of love towards us. My business with the church is converting it."

Kerr took over as convener of the local Integrity chapter in January. Although the group is small, with about 70 members currently, it has pledged \$2,500 towards the Episcopal Church's upcoming New Orleans convention. Kerr is hoping part of the money will be raised from a musical performance the group is sponsoring at Trinity Episcopal Church (at Gough and Bush) on August 1 at 5pm; \$5.

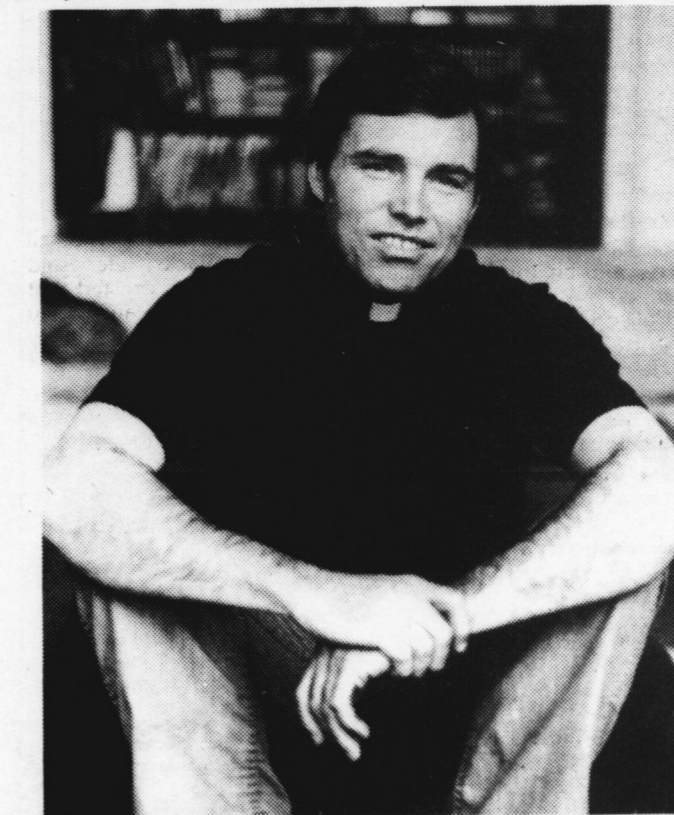
The effect that the money and the group has on other church representatives at this triannual affair is very important to Kerr, who has been appointed manager of the Integrity presence at the convention.

"We'll be doing a number of things there," said Kerr. "We'll testify on bills we feel are important, lobby during budgetary matters, and try to get the church to reaffirm its 1976 commitment of outreach to Gay people. We're especially interested in working on a cooperative, but forceful way on funding for Gay concerns."

Integrity will also have a hospitality suite at the convention hotel, as well as a visitor's booth and a book stall on the convention floor.

"We're basically interested in presenting the wide variety and diversity of Gays, which is important, especially since the convention is being held in the South," said Kerr.

Kerr is firmly committed to Integrity and its role within the Episcopal Church. He intends to remain in San Francisco, which he now sees as his permanent home, a home from which he can continue to "make being Gay an issue" within the church.



Integrity's Rev. Richard Kerr (Photo: Rink)

ings during his teenage years, but he was scared of what he felt and so were the others with whom he came closest.

Kerr was woefully ignorant about what being Gay was all about. "I really believed that all Gays eventually became child molesters," he said.

So, after one especially scary incident in which the love that dare not speak its name was actually consummated, Kerr ran off and married the woman everyone expected him to, in order to cleanse himself.

For the next ten years Kerr played the role of husband and father while ministering

with which he was popular, but he was changed. He knew he couldn't stay without making a statement, so he resigned, and then he made his statement.

"I came out at the church dedication," said Kerr. In the years that Kerr worked with the Denver congregation, he managed to raise enough money to completely renovate and enlarge all the church buildings. This was no mean feat in that parish, so when it came time to lay the cornerstone the bishop and everyone else was in attendance.

Kerr gave a speech, em-

Center Fund Threat

The Pacific Center for Human Growth is the only mental health agency serving sexual minorities in the East Bay. Yet the Center's own mental health and ability to offer its services to the community is once again under consideration for a total cut in funding by Alameda County.

A similar review of County funding occurred last August, and Pacific Center was only able to weather that storm because of huge community support.

The center is working with organizations and committees of the County and other

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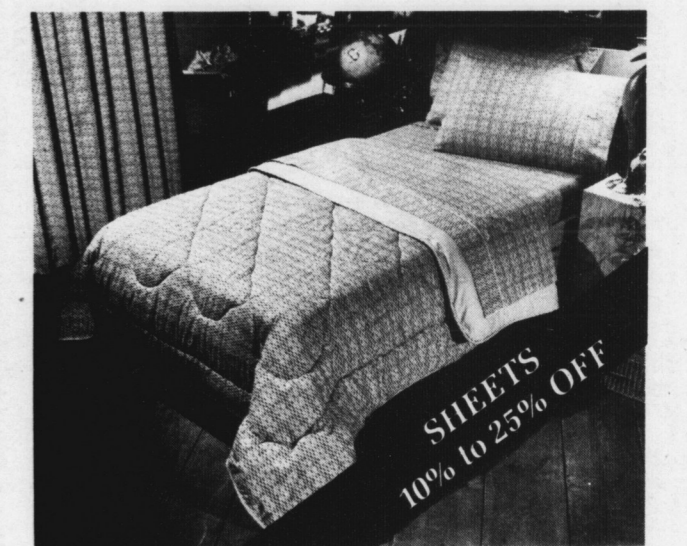
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LETTERS

It's Not the Water; It's the Pits

We've all been reared close to the axiom of the "best laid plans, etc., etc." and the realities that carry them awry...

How perversely delicious to watch this year's high-social minded parade committee fall afoul of one of human nature's sleazier vices — cupidity. Which comes down to this: while the nobler spirits were waving the flags of liberation, another crowd had their multiple claws in the cookie jar.

One of the first post-parade boasts was that 24,000 cans of beer (no Coors, of course) had been sold. It was hailed as a bonanza of consumption and swollen receipts.

Last year, after the parade when beer concessions were assigned or assumed, months of acrimony followed of who should not have sold beer and who did so with satisfactory indemnification to the parade committee. The political clubs were the '81 culprits; this season's committee decided to exploit their monopoly. They alone would peddle the booze. The parade committee alone would be in control; they would reap the foamy profits. The volunteers snatched at the challenge, and we learn subsequently that receipts are \$8,000 short of what should have been banked.

It seems that a lot of beer was either walked away with, given away, or dollar bills stuffed in pockets when they should have been dropping in the till. Not the treasury of Anheuser-Busch took the beating, but our community coffers.

Now we will be ragged — one shouldn't complain because fiscal responsibility is, after all, a bourgeoisie vice, and the real name of the game is to fleece the rich. Moreover, "mopping" the inventory is the poor man's prerogative.

This year the parade's priorities were on the speechifying and investing energies that no policeman pestered a single pouff. The eyes were on the eagle, and because nobody had the balls to mind the store, the pilferers had a gay day.

And we will be reminded that the overall success of policies and production far outweigh petty theft on the periphery. It would be peevish of us, we will be reminded, for us to spotlight the matter. But we do.

What profit us to demand saintlike integrity from the wide world when we can excuse us stealing from ourselves?

It tells us we are no better than our oppressors, when someone pockets a dollar bill or five hundred that was counted on to pay for a service or a cost we pledged ourselves to honor.

Theft even from oppressors is bothersome to us, but when we steal from ourselves, we reveal the poverty of our proffered significance.

And what is the bottom line? After ten years of having been involved in the grand design of Gay liberation, I await the day someone apologizes for a monumental fuck-up. And I consider an \$8,000 skimming of little consequence when it's one's own business — but bottom line butchery when it's your purported brother's and sister's.

And how do the parade people hang their heads? They become masters of turning the worm. In the words of current co-chair Konstantin Berlandt, "The Committee voted a thank you for Jim Kerley's efforts in organizing the beer booths."

In the Parade Program Kerley was listed as chair of the beer committee. The man in charge of the '82 beer operation.

Will wonders ever cease?

P. Lorch

SOUTHERN CROSS

* Once again, the B.A.R. managed to print erroneous information about the South. In the July 8 issue on page 4, "GM" states that Houston and New Orleans are being boycotted as Democratic convention sites because they are in anti-ERA states. This is incorrect. Houston happens to be in Texas, which ratified the ERA and did not rescind its ratification. Texas is also one of the few states which passed its own state ERA (California did not), so that women there are guaranteed equal rights, despite the failure of the national ERA. It was also the first state to have a woman mayor of a large city (Lila Cockrell of San Antonio, 1974, two years before Janet Wilson of San Jose). Therefore, from a feminist standpoint it would seem like a good place to have the Democratic convention.

Since moving here, I have become aware that Northern Californians have a tremendous amount of bigotry, prejudice, and negative stereotyping regarding Southerners. Obviously, misinformation from the staff of B.A.R. does not help matters any. It would be a nice gesture for the B.A.R. to become committed to the idea of eradicating regional stereotypes rather than perpetuating them. If nothing else, "GM" could at least learn how to look up information correctly.

Name Withheld by Request
San Francisco

ED NOTE: Our apologies San Franciscans are notoriously parochial. For the "looking up" record, it's Janet Gray Hayes from San Jose and Lionel Wilson from Oakland.

P. Lorch

FOND MEMORIES

* I am very sorry to learn upon return from my vacation that Mister Marcus is no longer on the staff of your fine paper. It was the one column I read religiously.

I hope he will emerge again soon and I hope the parting was an amicable one.

Joseph Ebbing
San Francisco

HERE AND WHERE

* I was delighted to see the article in the July 1st issue about the gay cyclists touring the world. Is it possible to send a letter of encouragement to any stop over place on their itinerary?

Being an avid cyclist myself, I was disappointed that they held the Breakfast on the same day as the Lesbian Gay Freedom Parade. Although the former began early enough in the day to take in both events, I don't think very many gays were interested in their bicycles that day.

Jonathan James
San Francisco

ED NOTE: We have no information on their itinerary. Perhaps someone who does will respond to your request.

P. Lorch

SIS, BOOM, BLA

* A.P.S. to my letter on the Sisters.
Sr. Boom Boom's candidacy for the S.F. Board of Supervisors reinforces the wisdom of the founding fathers concerning the separation of church and state.

Tom Youngblood
San Francisco

THE 13 COMMANDMENTS FOR GAYS

1. You shall not drink liquor, coffee, tea, nor soda pop.
2. You shall not eat meat nor fish.
3. You shall not consume large quantities of sugar.
4. You shall not smoke tobacco.
5. You shall not utilize drugs.
6. You shall not cut your hair short nor dye it.
7. You shall not wear jewelry.
8. You shall not wear makeup.
9. You shall not change your sex.
10. You shall not be religious.
11. You shall not be political.
12. You shall not be intellectual.
13. You shall be kind to one another.

Anonymous
San Francisco

ON CALIFORNIA GAY ADOPTION

* Your article in the July 15 issue of B.A.R. concerning the New York State Supreme Court ruling on Gays adopting lovers caught us by surprise. You stated that Leonard Graff of the Gay Rights Advocates was cautious in over-dramatizing the decision that Gays could adopt their lovers and the effects it could have in San Francisco. If either of you would have taken the time to check the California laws governing adult adoptions you would have found the only stipulation is that one person, the adoptor, must be at least 10 years older than the adoptee.

In August of 1981 we decided to investigate the adoption process in California and found that it was not only legal, but quite simple. For a small fee of \$11.00 for filing with the County Clerk, and a little research on our part at the Mills Law Library on Montgomery Street, which is open to the public, we handled the entire adoption ourselves without the services, or expense, of an attorney. The entire process took exactly one week from the time of filing right through the 10 minute court appearance, and was quite painless. It was optional as to whether one of us wanted to change his name or not.

Dale Roberts
Richard Roberts
San Francisco

P.S. One thing of importance to consider: if anyone goes through this process he forfeits the right to inherit from his natural parents.

GAY/LESBIAN OR LESBIAN/GAY

* "OUT OF MANY TWO" That should have been the title of this year's Parade and Celebration, as long as the women who evidently run this show insist that the term "Gay" applies only to men. It is they, and not the gay males, who are being sexist and discriminatory.

But if they do continue to insist, then let's really be fair — last year when I questioned this curious terminology, a button-and-T-shirt pusher for the Parade Committee explained that the sensitive women who prompted its adoption magnanimously would allow the term to be reversed on alternate years! But was it called the "Gay Lesbian" etc. this year? Of course not! So I guess our official spokespersons will just continue to pay lip service to liberation — whether women's, gay, or any other kind.

Excuse me — Ladies First!

B. Fox
San Francisco

LETTERS

PORN SCORN

* Re: Karr's Porn Corner
Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but surely your taste for the hirsute and homely middle-aged leather queen, i.e. Al Parker, Richard Locke, George Payne, et al. is out of sync with the preferences, as diverse as they may be, of the majority of gay men. You gurgled over J.W. King and Scorpio who may not fit the foregoing proto-type but who, nevertheless, would be hard put to rate a "5."

The production values of all the pornographic films I have seen to date are a celebration of the ugly. Actors, action, and cinematography, the only significant pornographic values, conspire to reduce sex to skeazes. You perversely reconstitute the abominable into the recommendable.

Joe
San Francisco

ED NOTE: Gurgling is in the eye of the beholder. The only group I've ever purported to represent is this majority of one.

Karr

POLK STREET CHANGES

* As I view the changing Castro I am saddened the changes that were made and continue to be made in the interest of profit and without concern to the community.

Recently, I heard that the small card store on Polk Street, named Friends, is closing. I have enjoyed shopping there often because they offer things the community uses. The staff and management were always smiling and helpful. I will miss them.

The biggest hurt is that they are closing because our friend Kim and partners own the shop area, and I understand they wish to turn it into something they can profit more from. The store is being left homeless at our expense. I shiver when I hear the rumor that a Sushi bar will fill the slot. Can this be: has Kim spent too much time away from Polk Street for the beaches of Maui? Maybe a Lei is cutting off circulation!

I hope that all of us that frequent Friends and Kim's will make it a point to express their distaste at this FISHY situation and swim past.

R. King
Manager, Liberty Baths
San Francisco

LIBERTY FOR ALL

* In your July 8 issue you printed a letter entitled "Bath House Heist" and signed by "Name Withheld on Request." In this letter Mr. "Name Withheld" claims that he is a "victim" of a "possibly dishonest" act in which he lost his wallet and \$86 in cash while a patron of Liberty Baths. He says the attendant "put" his valuables in locked box 339. When Mr. Name Withheld returned he discovered to his "horror" the box was completely empty. When he questioned my "rude attendant," knowledge of the wallet was "sarcastically" denied. When he phoned me I couldn't explain his loss or the "negligence" of my attendant. Mr. Name Withheld concludes his poison-pen letter by proclaiming that he is the victim of a "most appalling, most unfair, and a great injustice and disservice." And then in the service of his "gay brothers" he warns against trusting Liberty employees when checking their money and valuables in our bath.

Naturally, I and my co-workers are hurt and insulted by being labeled a den of rude, sarcastic thieves to thousands of B.A.R. readers. But what really bothers us is what have we done to deserve to have a major smear to our reputations and the financial interests of our employers without anyone on the B.A.R. taking time to make a two-minute phone call to get our side of the story? Isn't it a cardinal rule of journalism to check the facts? You print Mr. Name Withheld's complaint of "injustice," yet you care so little for justice that you slander our names and reputation totally on the say-so of a man who hides behind anonymity — and you wouldn't even phone us to see if we deserve it! We at Liberty Baths are disappointed in your unprofessional and irresponsible journalism.

Mr. Name Withheld is well known to us at the Liberty, but we won't name him out of respect for his desire for anonymity. He's been coming here for several years and has always behaved himself with the exception of a fondness for flashing a pistol from time to time, and once was asked to remove the weapon from the premises and to stop bringing it in. When Mr. Name Withheld phoned me accusing Gary, the attendant on duty, of stealing his wallet, he seemed to believe we had some kind of insurance or bond that would pay for his loss. I explained to him that we've never needed it because we get less than one claim of theft for every 50,000 patrons who come in here, and second, that even those few who do make such complaints have never pushed it when I informed them that employees have no way to open a lock-box except with the key that is given to the patron when he checks in. There is a second key to all safes, but for an employee to get to it he would have to get into my locked office and then into a steel locked strongbox — the key to which is always in my own possession. When Mr. Name Withheld says the attendant "put" his wallet in the locked metal box, he implies that the attendant handles the patron's valuables during transactions. This is not the case: the attendant never touches a patron's property at any time. Anyone who cares to observe our procedure by walking up to our

check-in window and watching the guy ahead of him check in can plainly see that when the customer puts his valuables in the security container the attendant is on one side of the wall and the customer is on the other. When the metal security box is withdrawn the lid automatically snaps shut as the customer observes through the window. The closed security box is then inserted into the safety-deposit type safe where a 1" thick hardened steel door is locked and the key is handed to the customer along with his towel. When the customer checks out, he hands the key to the attendant who then unlocks the little steel door, pulls the closed metal container out of the receptacle, checks the sign-out signature against the membership card, places the box in front of the customer, and then, in front of his eyes, opens the lid and tilts the container to allow the contents to slide to the open end where the customer reaches in and removes his valuables. The attendant's hand is seldom within a foot of the valuables when the lid is open, and never, never is supposed to touch anything. This is how we get only one complaint of employee theft for each 50,000 customers, and we've worked hard to build a reputation for protecting our members' property.

This is not to say that you can't get ripped-off at the Liberty the same as you can at any other bath or bar. About once every 10,000 customers we get a complaint that property is stolen while a patron is sleeping in his room with the door open, or while he is with someone in a room. Against this kind of loss we can do little except to put up signs asking everyone to check their valuables in our safe. Some victims of such thefts have tried to claim employee theft from a lock-box in the belief that they can collect from our insurance company. About a year ago I had to show a customer's insurance investigator how foolproof our system is. The man who carelessly accused us of theft never collected from his own insurance company or ours.

As for Mr. Name Withheld's complaint that we are "rude" and "sarcastic," Gary, the attendant on duty, has been with us for three years, and this is the only complaint of rudeness or dishonesty we have had. My men know that I don't tolerate rudeness, and the last man I terminated last June 15 was for the second complaint of rudeness to customers.

In conclusion, we urge you to try to be more fair and check the facts before you publish such poisonous letters which hurt people and businesses for no just cause.

R. King
Manager, Liberty Baths
San Francisco

ED NOTE: A letter to the editor is not a news story. The purpose of the Open Forum is what its name suggests, a place for readers to air their views, their complaints, their applause. We accept on the surface that their views have validity. That they have signed their name to a document and given their address tells us that they stand behind their opinions.

Obviously, you disagree with the writer's version, and we accept the fact that you are sure that your version is the accurate one. Fairness to us is in printing both versions. No one asked us to be judge and jury, unless that is what you wish.

P. Lorch

AN HONORABLE MENTION

* Whether it be routine check-up, medication, crowded or slow I feel public recognition should be given to a most sincere and understanding man: George Dutras (aka "blond man") from the 4th Street VD Clinic. At moments of great despair George has always had that extra moment to listen and give consoling words.

The clinic needs more George Dutras as role models. Thank you for all your kindness!

C. Rodger Morales
San Francisco

A STITCH IN TIME

* In his article on the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Allen White gave credit to Gilbert Baker for both the flags and banners at the Gay Freedom Day Celebration. I admire Mr. Baker's flags; however, the long banners which opened the parade both this year and last were created by Daniel Yelen.

Let's give three cheers (and perhaps some sewing business) to our local Betsy Ross, who worked through the night in order to finish our banners on time.

Gordon Rowe
San Francisco

ANY ANGELS?

* I am an inmate here at Fishhill Correctional Facility. I have no money. But I am Gay and would like to receive your San Francisco Gay publication, the Bay Area Reporter. I receive free the Gay Community News. I will be here for 26 months. Please mail to the address below.

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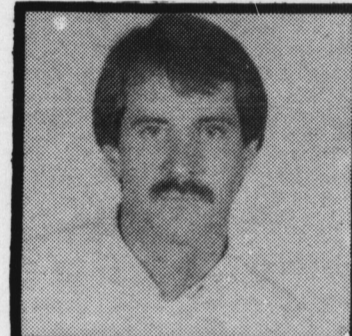
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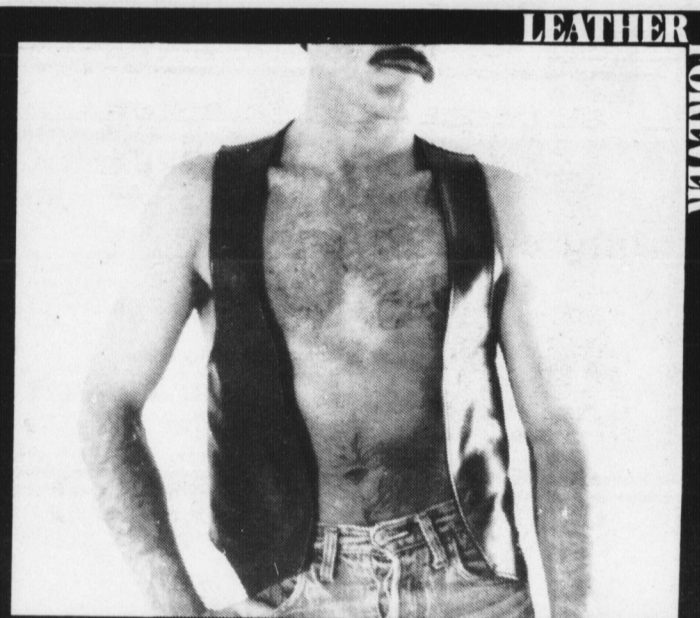
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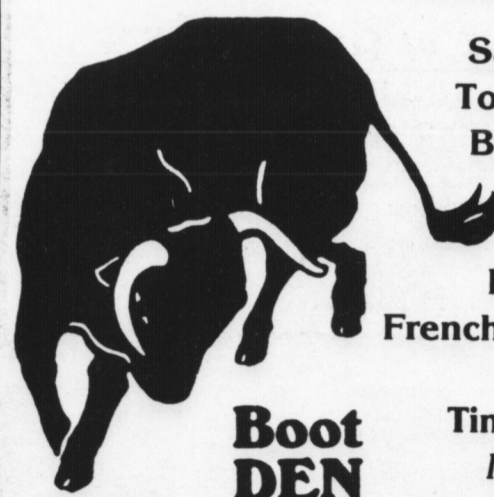
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LETTERS

VOTING RECORD

★ In criticizing me Herb Levy writes that in one of my letters I left him, and perhaps others, with the impression that I feel "it is burdensome to vote." (B.A.R., 22 July 1982). Nothing could be farther from the truth!

Consistently, conscientiously, and conservatively, I have voted in every election — national, state, and local — since 1952 when I attained the legal voting age (at that time) of 21. Prior to that time, in order to participate in the election process, as best I could, I volunteered my time and energies as a precinct worker or assisted the causes of candidates and/or ballot issues consistent with my Republican-Conservative Philosophy.

So strongly do I feel regarding the duty of each eligible citizen to exercise his right of franchise, that I have long maintained that failure to vote ought to be considered an infraction, citable as such, and a fine levied.

The only other modifications I would recommend as to the present electoral process would be to restrict the franchise to those who can pass a basic civics test and to remove the odium of bilingual voting.

Thomas M. Edwards
San Francisco

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Alan E. McGuire
Assistant Bar Manager
San Francisco

HALLMARK HELPER

★ It occurred to me passing the empty Hallmark Card Shop that what would improve their business and be a courtly jester to the Castro mentality would be a back room. After all, the Jaguar is the only business in the area that does not have direct indoor competition within blocks.

Mother Rose of Purgatory
Lay Mothers for Terminal Cancer
(Ventus Gayitas Incarnate Est)

THE FIRST STEP

★ This letter is being written by a 25 year old San Franciscan male who has an affectional and sexual preference for the same gender. It is addressed primarily to Mr. Richard Meyerson (Turning Point, July 22 issue) of Guerneville and all those "gay males" who care to listen.

I cried for many years over the way things "were out there." I've also sucked as many cocks, eaten as many drugs, drunk as much liquor, and suffered all of those "normal" vices and much more. "Are we all following the same path?" No, Mr. Meyerson, "we" are not. True, there are great numbers of us who still succumb to the poor-me syndrome out there, and simply won't seek help, thus adding to the "typical" gay populace. There are those, however, who have at one time in our lives (a turning point, as it were) decided to step out and change our immediate surroundings, and disqualify ourselves as statistics.

I think when I speak for the many other clean and sober, productive, life fulfilling individuals of this fine city, I am 100% sure that there is a solution. Yes, awareness is certainly the first step of many, but faith without action is dead.

What is the point of this letter? The point is that I couldn't make this crucial and desperately needed change in my lifestyle alone, and most certainly not overnight. There are many rehabilitation groups out there and help is available for the asking. Reach out and you will find life as you've never seen it before.

True, San Francisco is our home and our way of life, but let's not ever forget — we create our own reality. Mr. Meyerson, let's walk the way we talk. Love and support are there, if you look in the right places.

Mark W. Olsen
San Francisco

BRITT BUNGLES

★ Once again we witness the stupidity of Supervisor Harry Britt, who himself lives in a pig pen, and who has just polluted the esthetic integrity of the Gay community in the Castro by watering down a proposed law that would have prohibited posting any sign on utility poles in San Francisco.

This issue is basically not one of minority groups' abilities to express themselves. Contrary to the warped perceptions of our imbecile Gay supervisor, this law is not against the people of our community but just the reverse. My own personal political philosophy resides in a place that most would consider to be on the far left. Much of what goes on these poles (about 80%) is the handwork of individuals who are part of the business sector. I know because I take them down.

You will seldom see any of this garbage on Castro Street in the area between 19th Street and Alvarado Street. That is because for the last couple of years I personally patrol that neighborhood, which is where I live, and remove them. And I will continue to do so. I have received many compliments and encouragement from both Gay and straight members of our community for my heroic efforts.

On occasions I try to give people who advertise garage sales a break and let them do their own thing. But the distressing factor of this situation is that never, NEVER, NEVER, do these lazy people who put up their signs remove them after the sale is over. Many times I support and, indeed, have much sympathy with the cause that is being advertised, such as the suppression of human rights in El Salvador, or some Gay related issue. But that still does not justify their presence. There are many other ways and channels to get your message to the world such as the one that I am using now.

There are two exceptions that we must allow. One is for lost animals because in that case a true emergency is present. And, of course, the other is official notices that are posted by the city.

And so, Harry, regardless of your lamebrain efforts, I will now be even more diligent in performing my civic duties to make our town even better. If you cannot appreciate the beauty of this incredible city, then you do not deserve to live here. You have just got to understand, sweetheart, that this is not the pits of East Texas.

In conclusion, I encourage others to give me help with this crusade. We do not need laws to regulate this filth. All that is necessary is that the good citizens of our city rip them down as soon as they go up.

Glenn-Allen McKeever
San Francisco

GET S & M IN THE OPEN

★ Unaccustomed as I am to writing letters to the editor, I somehow felt drawn to comment on the Rick Leathers' Sado-masochistic art controversy. For one thing, I know Rick and have always found him to be a sane, objective, intuitive, clear, nonjudgmental, caring, sensitive man. As a 42-year old heterosexual woman, with a background of 12 years in psychiatric social work, and more recently, 13 years as a psychic reader-counselor, I would be especially sensitive to anything "weird" or "sick" or "dark" about Rick. Instead, I have found him to be a loyal friend, able to express love and affection openly, and I have learned a lot from him, including patience and to avoid judging others. In fact, he is helping to heal me of my fear of men. I, too, believe in freedom of artistic expression, and when once asked to comment on a sculpture by a feminist on the subject of rape (which some people found brutal), I could only feel that as long as there is rape, artists will portray it. Why don't we concern ourselves with eliminating rape, not the artist? Artists are the eyes of our society; they don't let us get away with anything!

Censoring the photographer of this sado-masochistic exhibit or censoring Rick for commenting on the quality of the art, will not lessen the incidence of extreme sado-masochism in our society. However, Rick, himself, may have some ideas on the subject, which I have pieced together from different conversations with him. I. He once told me that certain high power executive type men sometimes pay to get beaten up, as a balance to the tremendous tension and responsibility they experience in their work; it is as if they need to abdicate responsibility in the sex act. Rick believes that if people led more balanced lifestyles they wouldn't need to go to such extremes in sexual expression. He has long felt the need for a magazine or vehicle of expression to explore such ideas. 2. Rick more recently shared with me information about a man who had brutally beaten up another man at an S&M party in another city, but that through the nationwide network, responsibility was taken for spreading the word not to invite this man to further parties. Therefore, it occurs to me that what might be indicated (in all this interest being shown in the subject of S&M and S&M art) is the need for a forum or magazine in the gay community to explore such questions as: What is healthy sex? What are personal experiences with S&M? Why the need for S&M? What is healthy aggression? etc. It may be time to take S&M out of the closet, out of the darkness, and shed light on it.

Serena
San Francisco

FBI Revelations

Let A Hoover Suck On It

Pittsburgh's *OUT* spotted an interesting revelation in John Ehrlichman's book *Witness to Power* (recently published by Simon and Schuster). The chapter alleges that in May 1969 J. Edgar Hoover passed word to Richard Nixon through John Mitchell and Rose Mary Woods that he knew about a coterie of homosexuals within the highest levels of the White House staff. Hoover claimed that an FBI source had names, dates, and places backing up charges that H.R. Haldeman, Dwight Chapin, and Ehrlichman were lovers.

When the charges proved false, Ehrlichman couldn't help but wonder about the

FBI director's motives. You would, too, if you knew about Hoover's private life (living with the same man for 30 years). "There is no doubt that by granting us his clearance in that episode Hoover won the gratitude of the President's Chief of Staff, Appointments Secretary and Counsel," stated Ehrlichman. He probably also kept the spotlight off himself, too.

The FBI is still at it, however, and a recent analysis of its activities in *The Advocate* has given rise to some frayed nerves in the nation's capital. Steve Endean, Executive Director of Gay Rights National Lobby, expressed his shock

and dismay at Larry Bush's revelations of FBI, CIA and military surveillance programs which investigated thousands of Gay Americans. "If the matter weren't so serious, raising the spectre of witch hunts from the McCarthy period, I would recommend these surveillance programs for Senator Proxmire's 'Golden Fleece' Award, given by the senator to that government program which best exemplifies waste of taxpayer money," stated Endean. "Now, perhaps, people will understand why we have to fight for our own civil rights and privacy so vigorously. The ridiculous fundraising appeals of Moral Majority," Endean went on, "around the so-called 'Gay conspiracy' become less amusing when we learn that it is the government that is violating our privacy."

Gay Cash Flow

Hennepin County District Court Judge Crane Winton pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors charging him with paying for sex with a 17-year old boy. The right honorable judge was fined \$300 according to the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Judge Winton (who has been on the bench since 1967) maintained that his homosexuality did not interfere with his work. "The painful fact is that I have violated a law I took an oath to uphold. I believe that my sexuality played no part in the discharge of my judicial duties," he told the court in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In Los Angeles, some more money was flowing into Gay pockets. The Grants, Hous-

ing and Community Development Committee recently approved a grant of \$206,000 by a vote of 10 to 2 for funds which will go to the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center to own and operate a foster home for Gay adolescents. City Councillor Hal Bernson resigned as chair of the committee following the vote, claiming that although he did not object to the nature of the foster home, he did object to violation of council policy which would give dwindling funds to a new project. Since the GCSC has received grants in the past, however, supporters of the grant say the foster home funding constituted part of an ongoing project.

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Silver Writes to Queen

Silver's letter read:



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CAROL RUTH SILVER

22 July 1982

Her Most Gracious Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II
Buckingham Palace
London, England

May it please Your Majesty:

I beg you to reconsider your decision to accept the resignation of your bodyguard, Commander Michael Trestrail.

Why should the mere fact of disclosure of a homosexual liaison constitute the end of a man's career? I need not recite to you the pillars of our shared culture whose memoirs are replete with such experiences.

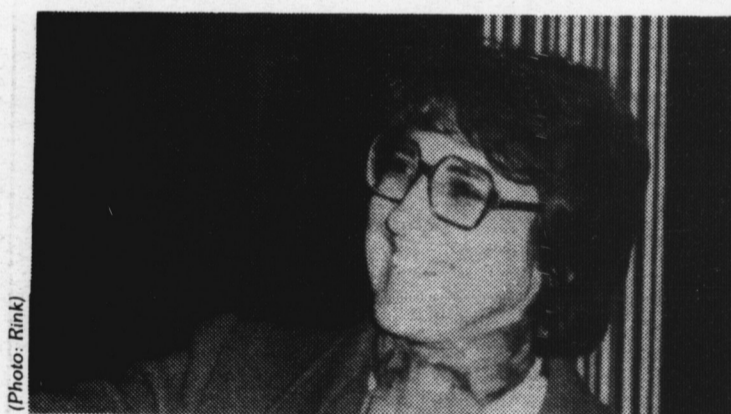
It is your public acceptance of the commonality and unthreatening nature of such conduct — consenting sexual activity in private between adults — that is necessary to give reality to laws which have removed criminal penalties and to medical opinion which has sought to remove the stigma of pathology.

It is the fear of just such circumstances of exposure as has been experienced by your Commander Michael Trestrail that continues to imprison substantial numbers of citizens of both our nations in an iron closet of shame and fear. Exclusion of gays from public service is based on their exposure to blackmail. Blackmail is based on shame and fear, which is based on the reaction of you, Your Majesty, and the rest of us who are not gay.

You are given a great opportunity here to strike a major blow for freedom and personal liberty, humanity and decency. Few of us are given such a chance in a whole life of public service. I pray, Madame, that you may be brave enough to accept it.

Sincerely,

Carol Ruth Silver
CAROL RUTH SILVER



(Photo: Rink)

According to the *Chronicle*, Gay Supervisor Harry Britt "just grinned" at the news and told their reporter, "I'm for the Irish myself."

Britt's remarks took on a macabre irony when the Silver press release surfaced. Her office enclosed with her letter clippings from the July 21 *San Francisco Chronicle*. One had to do with Scotland Yard Commander Michael Trestrail as the third security scandal of London's week.

Juxtaposed to the "scandal" piece was a United Press dispatch from Ireland titled "Police Find Weapons at IRA Camp." The article reported that a major IRA training camp "equipped with rockets, and a half-ton of explosives was uncovered." A police spokesman said, "In the camp, we found all the equipment necessary to launch homemade mortars from the back of a truck."

In the light of recent events in London, both the Queen's problems (her security and her front yard bombings) Britt's remarks fell short of the mark as Silver (without backup) ran with the Gay rights ball.

Several months ago the Supervisor took it upon herself to write publicly to Mississippi Congressman Jon Hinson, who had been entrapped in a Washington, D.C., restroom and was forced to resign from Congress in disgrace. Her letter was one of sympathy and outrage of the effects of victimless crimes.

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MARY MORGAN — Ten Months Later

"Not That Difficult" Being A Lesbian Judge

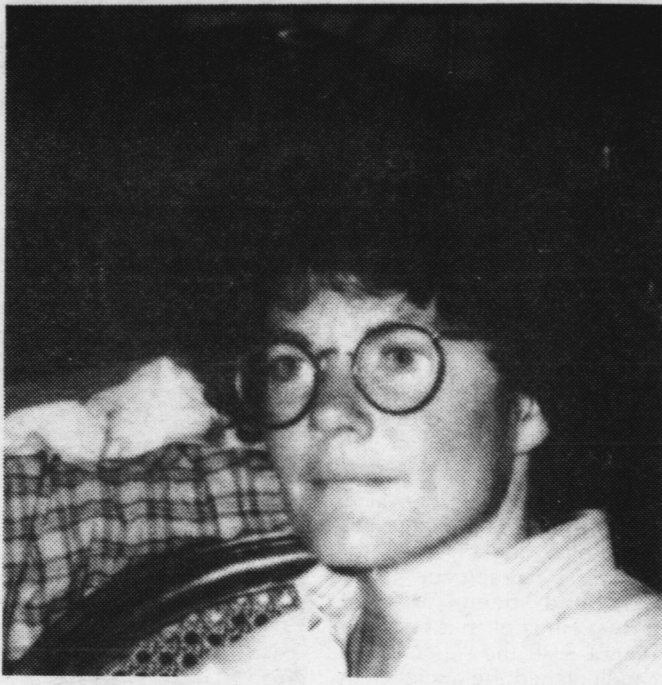
"I found it more difficult being a woman lawyer ten years ago than to be the first Lesbian judge. I have not encountered anywhere near as much difficulty as people expected."

This is the reflection of Municipal Judge Mary Morgan ten months after her controversial swearing in as the state's first upfront Gay woman in the judiciary.

Morgan came from a traditional Southern family, born in New Orleans and raised near Washington, D.C. Her father was a military man and her mother a "homemaker." Later, Morgan moved to San Francisco where she became an attorney identified with family law and feminist causes.

She told Pamela Wilson of Plexus, "I was ready for a change" when Governor Jerry Brown appointed her. The judge now hears misdemeanor cases involving prostitution, petty theft, and vandalism. Morgan said, "I see all kinds of people — the regular everyday kind of person who has problems. Evictions and consumer problems are common."

The activist received strong support before her appointment from feminist, liberal, and Gay organizations. They gave considerable support for Morgan's philosophy: "I think it's very important that people



Judge Mary Morgan after ten months on the Municipal bench. (Photo: Rink)

are treated fairly, treated as individuals... with as much dignity as this system allows anybody, which isn't a lot."

Judge Morgan sees the constant injustice from her position in Department 15 of the Municipal Court: "Basically, the people who are arrested are poor. You can see this in the tremendous number of people who are arrested for marijuana-related charges as opposed to cocaine arrests. The vast majority of marijuana arrests are on

the street. People who can afford cocaine can afford to do it in their homes. It's a matter of class."

Today, Morgan believes that it may be easier for society to accept oppressive legislation than the Equal Rights Amendment but "it is not hopeless." She is encouraged that "now, as Lesbians and Gays feel that their rights are becoming protected, they are more willing to be identified, to stand up and defend themselves — leading to change."

Study on Aged Lesbians

Monika Kehoe has recently been appointed Associate in CERES (Center for Research and Education in Sexuality) at San Francisco State University where she will continue her efforts to collect material for her study of Lesbians-over-65.

Dr. Kehoe hopes to survey the status of this triply invisible group — invisible as women, as Gays, and as the elderly. Since the majority of those who fall into this category tend to be closeted, it is very difficult to contact them, and Dr. Kehoe would appreciate any referrals from those acquainted with Lesbians over 65 years of age, anywhere in the U.S., who might be willing to respond to an anonymous questionnaire. (Information may be left by phone at (415) 469-1137 or sent by mail to Dr. M. Kehoe, CERES, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA 94132.)

The project is designed to gather information on the social, psychological, physical, and economic condition of a sample group from all regions of the continental U.S. Although there has been some speculation on the status of Gay women over 65, almost nothing is known about their lives or outlook. The present survey hopes not only to collect data on their situation but also to discover something about their thinking in the area of sexual politics, their most pressing needs in all areas, and the kind of social assistance which could alleviate some of the most serious problems faced by this generally neglected and voiceless group of older Americans.

Police Uniforms and Penal Codes

Word has passed around the community these past weeks that South of Market revelers have been arrested for wearing police-like uniforms. One report was after leaving a party, another, bar patrons walking to their cars.

We reprint below relevant sections of the Vehicle Code, the California State Penal Code, and the San Francisco Police Code.

I. California Vehicle Code, Section 2261. Wearing of Uniforms:

A uniform substantially similar to the official uniform of members of the California Highway Patrol shall not be worn by any other law enforcement officer or by any other person except duly appointed members of the California Highway Patrol and persons authorized by the commissioner to wear such a uniform in connection with a program of entertainment. A uniform shall be deemed substantially similar to the uniform of the California Highway Patrol if it so resembles such official uniform as to cause an ordinary reasonable person to believe that the person wearing the uniform is a member of the California Highway Patrol.

II. California Penal Code, Section 538d. Fraudulent Personation of Peace Officer: Wearing, etc., Badge, etc.:

Any person other than one who by law is given the authority of a peace officer, who wilfully wears, exhibits, or uses the authorized badge, insignia, emblem, device, label, certificate, card, or writing, of a peace officer, with the intent of fraudulently personating a peace officer, or of fraudulently inducing the belief that he is a peace officer is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Any person who wilfully wears, exhibits, or uses, or who wilfully makes, sells, loans, gives, or transfers to another, any badge, insignia, emblem, device, or any label, certificate, card, or writing, which falsely purports to be authorized for the use of one who by law is given the authority of a peace officer, or which so resembles the authorized badge, insignia, emblem, device, label, certificate, card, or writing of a peace officer as would deceive an ordinary reasonable person into believing that it is authorized for the use of one who by law is given the authority of a peace officer is guilty of a misdemeanor.

III. San Francisco Police Code, Section 451. False Impersonation Prohibited:

It shall be unlawful for any person to falsely impersonate, or represent himself to be a police officer, deputy sheriff, deputy coroner, or member of the Fire Department; or to wear the badge of a police officer, deputy sheriff, deputy coroner, or of a member of the Fire Department or to use any signs, badges or devices used by the Police Department, Sheriff's or Coroner's offices, or by the Fire Department, unless he is authorized so to do, and is a member of either of said departments or offices.

Rotunda Cocktails for INS Rollback

by Konstantin Berlandt

The tone was set by Gilbert Baker's arranged rainbow flags about the austere gray granite under the City Hall dome, converting the rotunda to the haze of color Dorothy discovers Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

And Boom Boom's entrance as Ms. Liberty was pure Alice in Wonderland, sweeping down the grand marble staircase under the arched salute not of bayonets but clarinets and other instruments the Gay Freedom Day Marching Band tilted her way.

In red dress with blue and white trim, still holding her torch high, looking as patriotic as a recruitment poster that had been dragged through the trenches of World Wars I & II, the supervisory candidate led the audience in several rousing choruses of "San Francisco, Open Your Golden Gate."

It was the theme of the evening celebrating the now open borders of the nation that formerly forbade Lesbian and Gay male foreign visitors.

Some 500 people gathered into City Hall Tuesday evening to mark the first day of Federal District Judge Robert P. Aguilar's permanent, national injunction. The injunction bars the U.S. Attorney General and the Immigration and Naturalization Service under him from enforcing their anti-Gay ban on foreign homosexuals.

Supervisor Richard Hongisto, as Acting Mayor while Mayor DiAnne Feinstein is in Washington, D.C., presented to winning attorney Mary Dunlap the Mayor's proclamation declaring July 27 Immigration Rights Day.

In the name of the Parade Committee, Dunlap conceived and pursued the winning strategy against the anti-Gay INS policy on grounds of U.S. citizens' Constitutional rights of speech and association. She will represent both the Parade Committee and Carl Hill against the INS appeal of both cases.

Hill, a visitor from England stopped at San Francisco Airport three years ago, also won a victory from Judge Aguilar on defense by Gay Rights Advocates recruited attorneys Jeff Appleman, Bill Rosenberg, and Don Knutson. Both victories were honored at the celebration, and a net \$200 was made for the continued legal costs of the appeals.



Australian author Dennis Altman spoke at the hastily arranged Rotunda party. (Photo: Rink)

Supervisor Harry Britt presented awards voted by the Board of Supervisors to "two great women" — first, to '82 Parade Co-Chair Glenne McElhinney a certificate of commendation, and a certificate of honor to Dunlap. Parade Co-Chair Rick Turner, also voted a Supervisors' commendation, did not attend the party.

L/GFDC Board of Directors President Greg Day, a plaintiff in the winning case, presented Mary with a dozen roses, donated by Church Street Petal Pushers. Day and Board member Barbara Cameron, another plaintiff in the suit, spoke after Dunlap. Cameron read a statement from the third plaintiff, Dr. Tim Wolfred, also on the Parade Board as well as Community College Board.

Other speakers included Craig Seybold of Mark Tours, Filipino Gay immigrant Stanley Rebutan, and Australian sociologist and author Dennis Altman.

Rebutan has been struggling since 1977 to have his Lesbian sister visit from the Philippines. He has received some unsuccessful assistance from Senator Alan Cranston. A letter of support from Cranston was received along with similar messages from Con-

gressmen John and Phillip Burton and Congressional hopeful Milton Marks. Marks' son, Milton Marks III, was in the audience, unresistant to hugs from some of the more forward drag queens.

Among the politicians present were Supervisor John Molinari, BART Board candidate Robert Barnes, Community College Board candidates Carole Migden and Sal Rosselli, and Judge hopeful Pat Lucey.

M.C. Robin Tyler interspersed her jokes with her own story of harassment when in the early 60's INS officials tried to coerce her into signing a statement she was a Lesbian. Tyler was not then publicly out and politely demurred.

An edgy audience after the long parade of speakers was well-rewarded when the Gay Band came marching in from the top of the rotunda's grand staircase. Coverage was given on KTVU Channel 2, whose kleig lights had lit up the red panties of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence in their opening cheer.

The Sisters came dancing down the stairs to the tune of "Let Me In, Wee-ooo" and then spelled out with their rumps the word F-R-I-S-C-O, to the repeated benediction, "Open your Golden Gate."

'Gayellow Pages' Available to Blind

Gayellow Pages #12, a directory of U.S. and Canadian Gay/Lesbian businesses and organizations, now is available for blind and physically handicapped persons, according to Terry Gorman, Director, Lambda Resource Center for the Blind, 3225 N. Sheffield, Chicago, IL 60657. LRC for the Blind provides access to the Gay/Lesbian print media through cassette recordings playable on talking book cassette machines.

Gayellow Pages #12 is available complete on 7 NLS standard cassettes, at cost, for \$10.50 (labeled in braille or

large print, upon request). Recording was done through permission of Frances Green, Editor, Gayellow Pages, N.Y.C. Persons ordering from LRC for the Blind should state that they are eligible to receive the special format edition; cassettes are not playable on commercial cassette machines.

A team of twenty Chicago sighted women and men spent four months reading the 256 double-column pages. The recording was master-taped reel-to-reel, then converted to cassette form for duplication and sale. Ninety-

three hours were spent just taping the directory.

The taped edition of Gayellow Pages #12 is "tone indexed," a feature that enables users to locate any state or city easily. "For the first time," says Director Gorman, "information on North American Gay/Lesbian businesses and organizations is accessible to the blind, at home or traveling."

For those who qualify, Gayellow Pages #12 is available on cassettes for \$10.50 from LRC for the Blind, 3225 N. Sheffield, Chicago, IL 60657.

"Dear Darlene"

Dear Darlene: I'm afraid that I may be gay. It started with a few late Sunday breakfasts, but before I knew it I was "brunching" every weekend. Saturday's too! You see I found this delightful place on 24th Street off Castro called MAGGIE'S. I kidded myself at first. I thought I went there to sit in the sun on their redwood deck or to sit by the fire on a cold foggy day. Eventually I had to face up to it—I went to Maggie's because I was hooked on brunch. Darlene, isn't that the first sign of homosexuality?
Bye Bye Bisexual

Dear Bye: The latest research shows that brunch is not an exclusively homosexual practice. As you know, I am not a homosexual, and I brunch regularly at MAGGIE'S. If, however, excessive brunching worries you, may I suggest dinner at MAGGIE'S. After all, everyone dines, and the fireplace at MAGGIE'S is even more inviting at night. So whatever you may be, get over it, get into it, and I'll see you at Maggie's, 4138—24th Street off Castro, 285-4443. ADVERTISEMENT

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Can't Tell A Book By Its Cover

"Hey faggot, get off this block!" was the challenge heard by a Gay man recently as he left New York's City Limits bar, a non-Gay country-western bar at West 10th and Seventh Avenue South. Informing his harasser that the neighborhood belonged to them both, the Gay man soon got into a heated exchange of words. When the harasser threw a punch, the

Gay man deftly avoided it by ducking out of range. "You are making a big mistake," he warned; "I'm a professional boxer." *New York Native* reports that when the attacker threw a second punch, the Gay man proved his credentials by knocking his assailant to the ground, fighting off two other attackers from the City Limits and then walking off into the night.

Funny Money in Florida

Born-again Christians took a loss in June when Senator Alan Trask bowed out of the political scene, announcing he would not seek re-election to the Senate seat he held since 1968. *The Weekly News* reports that a State Senate investigating committee unanimously accused the debt-ridden senator of seven counts of violating senate ethics rules, including numerous felony violations of federal banking laws.

Trask has been in the forefront of anti-Gay legislation in Florida, most of which was struck down by various courts and government bodies as unconstitutional. The born-again Christian swears by God's will he was charged with improper and false statements on his financial disclosures. The manner in which Trask obtained numerous loans also came under scrutiny.

Ronnie Sanlo, Executive Director of the Florida Task Force rejoiced at the news, saying, "Such legislators will no longer be allowed to further their political careers by taking cheap shots at the Gay community — the last frontier of legal bigotry. Trask and legislators like him must be made accountable to their constituents — which include Lesbians and Gay men."

Meanwhile, Gay moviegoers have found a new way to make their dollar felt. Rather than boycott the movie *Partners*, those who wished to see the film were urged by the movie critic of *The Weekly News* to take a bold initiative. "If you must see the film," urged Jack Sturdy, "see it at one of the suburban style movie complexes which sell tickets for five, six or more screens in a common lobby. Buy a ticket to any other film being shown and then use it to enter the auditorium where *Partners* is being shown." By doing so, accounting procedures won't give a dime of the money to the producers of *Partners* and Gays surreptitiously entering the theatre won't be counted in attendance figures.

Stonewall Searches Poverty

"Gay Poverty/Gay Politics" will be the theme of Stonewall Gay Democratic Club's next meeting on Monday, August 2. The focus of the discussion will be on the condition of Lesbian/Gay poor people in S.F. with an emphasis on Gay youth and seniors.

Panelists include Edwin Scarsfield, manager of S.F.'s Dept. of Social Services; Carole Migden, director of Operation Concern; Don Catalano, convener of the National Association of Lesbian & Gay Gerontologists; Jon Herzstam, Program Coordinator of Sexual Minority Youth Program at Center for Special Problems; Barbara Arms, director of Hospitality House, and Margaret Bruodkin, director of Coleman Youth Services. Rev. Cecil Williams is also invited but not confirmed.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club meetings are held at the Women's Building, 3543 18th Street (near Valencia). For more information, phone 626-1245.

Mommie Dearest & J. Edgar Hoover

Writing a venomous attack on Momism among Gay men in Philadelphia's *Gay News*, columnist Mitzel went on the rag against J. Edgar Hoover, who lived with his mother for many years. "Alva Bessie (one of the Hollywood 10) said that Hoover swished when he walked and always wore perfumes."

My guess is that all his libido went into snooping, collecting tidbits, gossiping on the phone and being a good son to Mommy. Then she finally crapped out. That's when J. Edgar Hoover took up his serious relation with Clyde Tolson, who was, I suspect, another sexless wonder (and secret perfume queen)."

Likening the way old couples begin to look like each

other (where did we hear that men start to look like the dogs they keep as pets?) Mitzel charged:

"If you've ever seen snaps of J. Edgar and Clyde together in their declining years they, too, came to resemble each other. They became another Mother-Son closed universe and Mrs. Hoover's face got passed on again—like a bad cold. Then Hoover himself went six feet underground in May 1972. She got a full state funeral on America TV. The cortege was shlepped down Pennsylvania Avenue and Miss Tolson sat in the spot Jackie had at her tragedy. Clyde got flashed on the screens as the bereaved widow of the Chief Spy. It was one of the last great pieces of public camp. It was also a fucking scream."

JABBERFOCKY

by Glenn, long after Lewis Carroll

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Did guise and seek their brotherhood —
All bissy were the flower queens,
And the card hocks upstood.

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The glans that drips, the sores that eat!
Beware the spirochete, and shun
The festering piece of meat!"

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Long time the cleanly fruck to seek
Among that sanitary band
That would not make his member leak!

And, as in tumid thought he stood,
The Jabberfock, with eyes aflame,
Came thrusting through the smeasy wood,
All kaywide for the game.

One, two! One, two! And in and out
His rigid tool went forth and back,
Its swelling head a purpley red
That spasmy grew a creamy spout.

"And hast thou spent a spermy day?
Come to my arms, my juicy boy!
O frabjous lay, and let us play!"
He gargled in his joy.

'Twas mutid, and the smarmy steens
Did grooze and wumble on the stoop,
All hissy were the flower queens,
And the spent rocks did droop.

Composer Attends Local Party

Leonard Bernstein was the honored guest at a late night party Saturday at 415 Belvedere in the Upper Haight. Guests included Sisters Missionary Position and Reverend Mother, who wore a many-tiered dress with musical notes running about the borders. Other guests were more casual in sweaters or sports jackets, slacks, and

loafers. Dark tanned and handsome face under white hair, the famous conductor and music writer, whose credits included *West Side Story*, seemed very amused by the Sisters and was quite friendly with several of the other guests, lauding San Francisco's famous hospitality.



Hepatitis Vaccine on the Way

Doctors Urge Immediate Testing for All Gays

by Richard Pearce

Merck, Sharpe, and Dohme, makers of the first and only vaccine directed against hepatitis B, announced earlier this month that 300,000 doses of the human-derived vaccine have been shipped to doctors across the country.

Receiving the first inoculations will be the doctors themselves who, because they are exposed to infected patients, are most in need of protection. Subsequent batches of the vaccine will soon be available to other high-risk populations Merck officials say. Groups targeted to receive the vaccine include Asian immigrants, American Indians, and homosexual men for whom this form of hepatitis has become epidemic.

Richard Smith, director of the Resource Foundation, a local nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify both carriers of hepatitis virus and those most susceptible to getting it, told *B.A.R.*, "The vaccine should hit the San Francisco market sometime in September."

The vaccine — a solution of chemically inactivated viral fragments that takes 65 weeks to produce by a process described by its developer as a "technological nightmare" — is administered as a series of three intramuscular injections. The harmless viral particles stimulate the body's own immune system to manufacture antibodies against whole and active viruses, helping to ward off future viral onslaughts. Public health officials see dissemination of the vaccine as the first step toward the permanent eradication of hepatitis B worldwide. The disease currently afflicts 200,000 Americans a year and turns 20,000 of them into infectious carriers who unwittingly spread the disease.

Preliminary trials have shown the vaccine to be nearly 100 percent effective and without side effects. Developers of the new vaccine were surprised to find that it had the added advantage of conferring protection to those already exposed to the virus. Normally, to be effective, vaccines must be given well in

advance of the viral assault.

But the relevant question for most Gays is: Do I need the vaccine? Close to 80 percent of all male homosexuals living in urban areas have already contracted hepatitis and are now immune. So many have acquired immunity that scientists testing the vaccine had to screen over 10,000 Gay men before obtaining the required 3,000 candidates still susceptible to the disease.

Blood tests are the only sure way of determining one's hepatitis status.

Most Gays are infected with hepatitis soon after they move to a large city or increase the level of their sexual activity. Hepatitis B is spread by intimate sexual contact, often between a susceptible person and a partner in the initial or middle stages of the disease or one who is a carrier yet may not be showing symptoms.

For most, a bout with hepatitis B resembles the flu: loss of appetite, fatigue, and joint soreness are common com-

plaints. Occasionally, however, the virus takes up permanent residence in the body, ultimately causing irreparable liver damage. Some researchers believe that a significant number of liver cancer cases also can be attributed to chronic hepatitis B infections. They are quick to add that only a tiny minority of carriers ever get liver cancer.

Blood tests are the only sure way of determining whether a person is a carrier and possibly infectious, has antibody and is already immune, or has neither and is susceptible to hepatitis B virus. Free blood screening for hepatitis B markers is currently being offered by the Resource Foundation at 130 Church Street.

The sexually naive, newcomers to the city, or the closeted suburbanite whose sexual escapades take him only infrequently into the urban arena have the most to gain by being vaccinated. Those long established in the Gay community should not think themselves necessarily immune, however. Demographics show that the typical hepatitis B susceptible Gay is a white male, 32 years old, with twelve years' homosexual activity and showing — with an average of 38 sex partners a year — a "slight inclination towards promiscuity."

The Art is Selling

Not every public service ad you see on TV is going to make your life change for the better. Artist Vinnie Cavarra (a former computer programmer from Hollywood, Florida) was hoping to start a business as a greeting card entrepreneur when he responded to a PSA for S.C.O.R.E. (Service Core of Retired Executives), a program administered through the Federal government's Small Business Administration.

According to *The Weekly News*, the S.C.O.R.E. volunteer was all gung-ho for the project until Cavarra unveiled his portfolio containing a half dozen black on ivory greeting cards depicting same-sex relationships and aimed for a discriminating high-class Gay and Lesbian market. The volunteer, David Kaplan, panicked. "I was shocked. My personal reaction is I don't think I would care to handle it."

When Kaplan tried to put aside his personal feelings, he looked at the Gay cards as a business venture and advised Cavarra that the cards (priced at \$1.25 each) were overpriced and that the art was poor quality. Kaplan further advised the artist that Cavarra had wasted his time and money, lacked adequate capital for the venture, and was

inexperienced in handling his own business. "It doesn't sound wholesome for anyone to make a living out of capitalizing on two homosexuals making love," stated Kaplan. "There are too many things like that in life that contribute to the use of drugs and crime. I'm tired of it and I don't want any part of it."

Cavarra and other Gay entrepreneurs know the success of Gay greeting cards issued by Rock Shots, Fantasy Graphics, and TNT which line the shelves of many stores (even if they are not in the Hallmark tradition). Cavarra's company, Tomi's Originals, had no recourse against S.C.O.R.E., since the organization's workers are all volunteers and cannot be forced to take on clients. Needless to say, Cavarra was just about as impressed with the volunteer help he received as Kaplan was impressed with his artwork.

In a lighter vein, syndicated columnist Liz Smith reports that Rudolf Nureyev's new Parisian apartment overlooking the Quai Voltaire has become an item of hot gossip. Rudy has decorated the apartment in what Smith calls "a smashing manner" (full of paintings of young boys by early 19th-century artist Gericault). Smashing, indeed!

KGO Talk Show

Gay Radio Live

On Friday, July 16, Federal Judge Robert Aguilar issued a permanent injunction barring the U.S. government from enforcing a ban on Lesbian and Gay foreign visitors. This Sunday evening (August 1) attorney Mary Dunlap will explain the legal directions the immigration case may take with KGO-FM's David Lamble. Dunlap, who represented the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee in successfully obtaining the injunction, will appear on KGO-FM's *David Lamble Talk Show* (FM 104) between 8 and 10pm. Listeners may call Dunlap on the air at 928-0104.

Between 7 and 8pm Gerry Parker, president of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, will be David's guest. Gerry Parker, a former congressional page, will discuss the implications of recent allegations of a sex/drug scandal involving members of Congress and Congressional pages. The *David Lamble Talk Show* is heard every Sunday evening from 7 to 10pm on KGO-FM (FM 104).

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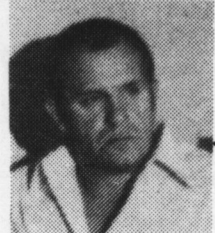
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POLITICS AND POKER



Maureen Reagan on Jerry Falwell

WAYNE FRIDAY

In a taped interview held in March of this year at Mama's Restaurant on Nob Hill, Maureen Reagan, eldest daughter of President Ronald Reagan, said that, among other things, she thought Moral Majority

leader Jerry Falwell was a "pompous jackass." Further slamming the fundamentalist religious leader, the President's daughter said that Falwell "is doctrinaire; he has his particular philosophy of



Maureen Reagan never thought much of the Moral Majority — even as a candidate. (Photo: Rink)

which he is, of course, entitled, but I don't think he has the right to use his affiliation with the Almighty to lead people in a direction that does not encourage their independent thought."

Reagan, accompanied by five Secret Service bodyguards, was having lunch with some of her Gay Northern California political supporters and was, at the time, a candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate from California.

I purposely held the quote about the Moral Majority leader until the primary election was over last month because, although I am a Democrat, I like Maureen Reagan and had hoped she would win the nomination; I had concerns that such a controversial quote from Ronald Reagan's daughter might infuriate some of the President's Right Wing supporters in California who could retaliate against the candidate by voting against her in the June primary; the presidential daughter finished fourth in a large Republican field. Incidentally, I still think she would make a good Senator and, needless to say, I also agree with her opinion on Jerry Falwell.

and rally in support of the initiative will be held Wednesday, August 4, at 7 pm in the Women's Building on 18th Street . . . Jim McGowan took office last week as new President of the San Francisco Tavern Guild . . . 6th Congressional District nominee Dennis McQuaid reportedly will have a respectable war chest to spend, while his Demo opponent, Barbara Boxer, struggles with a huge \$90,000 debt left over from her primary fight with Louise Renne . . . and in the 4th District, incumbent Phil Burton has close to a quarter million reserve to do battle with his Republican opponent, Milton Marks, who is reportedly having trouble raising campaign funds.

Anyone who has received a parking ticket recently (and that takes in nearly all of us) will understand Supervisor Dick Hongisto's plight when he called to find out what the fee was. I recently called two numbers because the fine was not listed on the ticket, only to get two different recordings, neither of which told me what the fine was, and still ended up having to go to the Hall of Justice to find out the damned fine. (Con, are you reading this?) If they can make a recording telling us to make another phone call, why the hell can't that recording tell us what the parking fees are?

Incidentally, Marcia Smolens will run Supervisor Hongisto's re-election campaign, and I keep hearing rumors that Gay activist Greg Day is thinking about running for Supe this year (how's that for the week's trial balloon?) . . . I don't think she votes here, but Jane Fonda has endorsed Carole Migden's candidacy for a seat on the Community College Board.

Remember Russ McCraw, the reverend who said he "ministers to Gays" who was photographed a few weeks ago boogying with Anita Bryant in an Atlanta disco? Well, it seems that the good minister now admits that he himself "followed" a Gay lifestyle a few years back in Beverly Hills but that God helped him see the light and he is now hetero. McCraw, now one of the founders of Be Whole, an evangelistic movement aimed at Gays, says that "homosexual relationships are founded on lust — not love," and "that's why, through my ministry, I hope to show oth-

ers that they must be whole first, and learn to enjoy people first without physical desires." From his headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama, McCraw says that he has devoted himself to helping Gays through Christianity and says that "becoming straight is a gradual process; just now, I'm beginning to enjoy the company of women, like Anita." (Hell, he wasn't fooling me for a minute.)

San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson, the GOP nominee for Senator, in town last week-end announcing that Fire Chief Andy Casper (now, really, who cares?) has endorsed him against Jerry Brown. And although most



GOP's Pete Wilson still leads Jerry Brown in the polls. This week Wilson changed his mind the third time on the nuclear freeze issue.

polls still show Wilson with a substantial lead over the Gov. Brown reportedly has close to \$3 million in the bank with more rolling in. Meanwhile, some of the Gay activists in San Diego who should know are telling me they are taking no chances and are going all out for Brown.

The San Francisco Democratic Socialists of America (formerly NAM/DSOC) is having a fundraiser party for Supervisors Doris Ward and Nancy Walker tomorrow night, July 30, 5:30-7:30 in Suite 131 of the Ferry Building (Market at the Bay); no host cocktails; admission \$5, \$15, \$25 or whatever you want to donate (550-1849 for info) . . . Congressman Phil Burton went direct from his plane from Detroit, where he received an award as Congressman of the Year from the National Council of Senior Citizens, to the Gay Rights National Lobby party at the home of Jim Foster here. Burton has impressed Gay activists here and in Washington by getting nine new co-sponsors for the National Gay Rights Bill, bring-

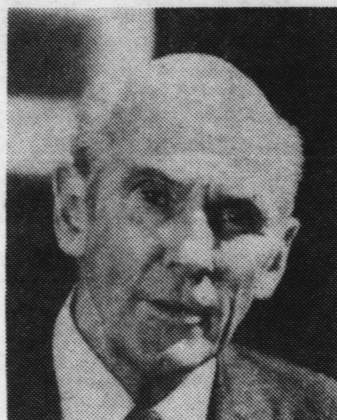
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POLITICS/POKER

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ing co-sponsorship to a new record and giving a real kick in the ass to the Moral Majority supporters who thought they had scared members of Congress away from supporting a Gay Rights Bill.

Someone sent me a jar of Golitz Candy Co. jellybeans from Oakland; this is the company that supplies Ronnie Wonderful with his favorite candy — free of charge — but also supplies the White House with hundreds of jars of jellybeans etched with the presidential seal that are paid for by the GOP National Committee for the Prez to hand out to White House visitors. Now don't you feel better knowing all of this? . . .



Senator Alan Cranston has a touch of presidential fever — a weak case at best.

Paul Ziffren, a veteran Southern California Democratic leader, and Lew Wasserman, Board Chairman of the MCA entertainment conglomerate, are the two main movers trying to persuade Alan Cranston to get serious about a 1984 presidential bid. Cranston has raised \$68,000 so far for his "advisory committee."

And don't look now, but our state legislators want another pay raise. San Jose Senator Al Alquist, chair of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, says he will seek a 10% pay raise effective next year for our (sic) hard-working legislators. If the raise goes through, lawmakers' salaries will go from \$28,110 to \$30,921 a year. They are also provided state-leased cars, free gas, etc., plus a \$50-a-day living allowance for each of the more than 200 days a year they are in session . . . the California Federation of Labor has endorsed Democrats Tom Bradley for Governor, Jerry Brown for U.S. Senator, Leo McCarthy for Lt. Governor, John Van de Kamp for Attorney General, March Fong Eu for Secretary of State, and Tom Hayden for the 44th Assembly District.

John Vernon, Libertarian Gay nominee for Lt. Governor, plans an active campaign in Northern California as well as the vote-heavy southern part of the state . . . the California Democratic Council is sponsoring a "Celebration of Civil Rights" and reception honoring Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young on Thursday, August 5, at Harbor Point Racquet in Mill Valley (5:30-7:30 pm; admission \$15); mailers have been sent to members of Northern California Gay Demo clubs requesting participation. Maybe one of you who attend might ask the Mayor why he refused to sign a resolution, passed by the Atlanta City Council, honoring Atlanta's Gay Pride Week (Gays in Atlanta worked hard in the election of their supposed "friend" Young and are more than a



Dave Wharton, a fresh young face in the Supervisorial race who has been making contacts in the Gay community.

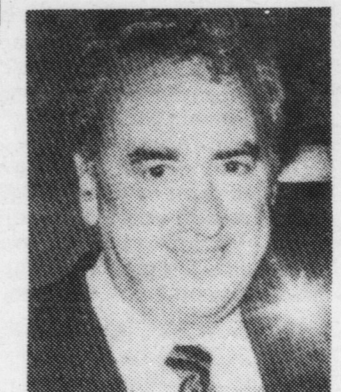
little miffed) . . . the first Black Gay Demo club has been formed in Washington, D.C., called the Langston Hughes/Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club . . . and also in Washington, the recent International Gay Association convention passed a resolution asking that San Francisco dissolve its present Sister City relationship with Sydney, Australia, because for the fourth time the government in New South Wales recently defeated legislation that would reform that country's present



Barbara Boxer still faces large primary debt while opponent Dennis McQuaid has quarter-million war chest. Boxer counts on the gerrymandered Demo registration.

sodomy laws; the IGA convention also called for a march on the United Nations next year with the theme being "1983 — The International Year for Lesbian and Gay Rights." Incidentally, over 100 delegates from 23 coun-

tries attended the recent IGA convention; next year's convention will be held in July in Vienna, Austria, with the '84 convention scheduled for Helsinki, Finland . . . Peninsula Congressman Tom Lantos, elected two years ago with strong Gay support, only to turn his back and vote against Washington, D.C.'s, sexual reform act, is now in a tough re-election battle with Republican Bill Royer, but Lantos appears to be headed for re-election because of a large political war chest nearing a million bucks (but don't call us, Congressman Lantos; we'll call you).



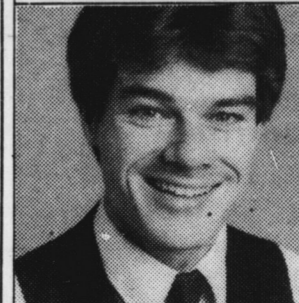
Phil Burton has yet to announce a campaign director. All the same, he has pursued the Gay vote with a passion.

The next meeting of the Stonewall Gay Demo Club (Monday, Aug. 2, 7:30, at Women's Building) features a panel discussion with a number of organizations delivering services to poor Gays and Lesbians.

Representatives from Stonewall, Milk, and Toklas Demo clubs had a breakfast meeting last Friday with Assemblyman Art Agnos and his staff to discuss strategy for the upcoming Legislative session, particularly on the possibility of passing Agnos' AB1 . . . a political powwow was held last Saturday at D.A. Arlo Smith's home with representatives of various San Francisco Democratic clubs dealing with Smith's current political and personal problems; there was a general consensus that Chief Deputy District Attorney Don Jacobson should be relieved of duties as Arlo's top aide, and, as one of those attending put it, "the sooner, the better."

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Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell



Gay Rights National Lobby threw a local fundraiser last Friday at cocktails. Steve Edean, GRNL's executive director (lower left) was on hand. (L to R) Greg Day, this week's rumored Supe candidate, Congressman Phil Burton, who had just gotten off a plane from Detroit, attorney Jerry Berg of Governor Brown's Privacy Commission, and SFPD attorney Law Wilson. (Photo: Rink)

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Supe's Stand on Abortion

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In 1973 the United States Supreme Court ruled that the right to control one's own body is absolute; that neither Congress or the states had the right to tamper with the right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy.

This decision dealt a devastating blow to the religious right, which insists that no one has any rights except those affirmed by their narrow theological notions. Since 1973, there has been a mounting drive by these people to overthrow the Supreme Court decision in order to force their sexist prejudices on America's women.

The most chilling of these attacks is the so-called Human Life Amendment, sponsored by that great friend of humanity, Senator Orin Hatch. This is a direct attack on the Bill of Rights, essentially saying that the absolute guarantee of control over our bodies recognized by the courts doesn't apply to women. Given his record of similarly believing that Gays and racial minorities should also be excluded from basic rights, this position should come as no surprise.

Before the Senate is another measure sponsored by Senator Jesse Helms (S2148) which defines the moment of conception as the moment when life begins. Abortion is thus murder, and like murder, should only be done in self-defense. Under Helms' definition, a woman loses all her value at the moment of conception, except as the

place in which the child lives. Her only value is that of the fertilized ovum, whose absolute rights are to be protected regardless of consequences to the mother. That is to say, women have no humanness apart from their reproductive function.

Equally deadly is a more moderate appearing proposal by Mark Hatfield, Oregon's born-again moralist. His bill (S2372) would simply eliminate abortion by taking away the funding to provide safe services, by making it impossible for medical schools to teach the relevant skills, and by changing the judicial review process to force a reconsideration of the 1973 Supreme Court decision. The Hatfield Bill would not end safe abortions. Its result would be an increase in the widespread mutilation of women by unethical and unskilled abortionists and the proliferation of unwanted children, with the attendant social costs.

Finally, the Reagan administration is using a familiar tactic of achieving right-wing goals outside of the legislative process by pursuing changes in the guidelines for compulsory sterilization used by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Compulsory sterilization is a shockingly widespread practice. If abortion is immoral because fetuses have absolute rights, sterilization is all right, since it only assaults the woman's (non-existent)

rights. As a result, the practice of sterilization has been used with 20-40 percent of all women who are poor, or from minority races. Reagan's people are now trying to remove guidelines which require informed consent, requiring a waiting period, and protect young girls against sterilization.

Advocates of these brutal measures inevitably invoke God and morality. It is notable, however, that their leaders are only the moral neanderthals — the Hatches and Strom Thurmonds. These are the people who in many cases got into office by attacking the rights of Blacks, and have stayed there by grandstanding against Gays and others who don't conform to their pathetic moral codes.

This issue is being fought not only in Congress, but at every level of government. The City Council of Akron, Ohio, has passed strong anti-abortion language which is being used as a model for local right-wing organizing around the country.

This Monday our Board of Supervisors voted on two resolutions I had prepared, expressing our opposition to all these efforts to deny the rights of women and encourage sterilization. The resolution opposing various anti-abortion bills passed on a vote of 9 to 2, with only Supervisors Kopp and Dolson in opposition. The resolution dealing with sterilization passed on a vote of 8 to 3 with Supervisor Nelder joining Kopp and Dolson.

This vote was an important test of where our local leaders stand on a very basic human rights issue. I hope many of you will let Supervisors Kopp, Dolson, and Nelder know how you feel about their refusal to stand up to our enemies in Congress.

Post Aguilar Decision

Congressmembers Blast Exclusion of Gay Foreigners

According to Gay Rights National Lobby press release a standing room only crowd in the Rayburn House Office Building applauded vigorously last week as they heard a stream of witnesses from across the country and around the world call for speedy Congressional repeal of the sections of the immigration law used to exclude foreign Lesbians and Gays from the United States.

The special briefing was chaired by Representative Julian Dixon (D-CA), author of a bill (H.R. 3524) to end that discriminatory policy. Five other Members of Congress also attended the briefing as co-sponsors of Rep. Dixon's legislation: Representatives Phillip Burton (D-CA), Mervyn Dymally (D-CA), Bill Green (R-NY), Henry Waxman (D-CA), and Ted Weiss (D-NY). All six Representatives made strong remarks in opposition to the anti-Gay provisions of American immigration laws.

The former General Counsel of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Mr. Charles Gordon, provided a summary history of the anti-Gay provisions of our immigration laws. He declared that "Thirty years' experience... have conclusively demonstrated the error of attempting to bar homosexual aliens

from our country. The attempt has proved by and large to be unenforceable; and where it has been successful, the result... is only individual cases of injustice and family grief."

Four of the witnesses appeared as delegates to the annual conference of the International Gay Association, which was being held the week of July 12 at the George Washington University in Washington. The briefing was timed specifically so that their statements could be heard in the halls of Congress.

One of these invited foreign guests was Ms. Wenche Lowzow, an openly Lesbian Member of the Norwegian Parliament. Recounting her problems in obtaining a visa to enter the United States, Ms. Lowzow termed the exclusionary law "irreconcilable with the principle of free travel, freedom and human rights."

Ms. Lowzow also read a July 6 letter from the Norwegian Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Svønn Stray, pointing out that the Norwegian delegation had objected to this policy at the meetings of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Testifying on behalf of her husband and herself, Mrs. Margaret Capron of Arling-

ton, Massachusetts, told the moving story of how her son, Bear Capron — born an American citizen but now a naturalized citizen of the Netherlands — could not get a visa to be reunited with them in 1980 solely because he is Gay.

She said that Bear has recently been allowed back into the country so he could join the rest of his family for his parents' 40th wedding anniversary, but only after he had reluctantly agreed to accept a "second-class, finger-pointing visa" that labeled him a homosexual.

Other witnesses appearing at the special briefing included Ms. Kim Friele, a long time activist for Gay rights in Norway; Mr. Rob Pistor, a leader of the Dutch Gay liberation movement; Ms. Sylvia Borren, a Lesbian citizen of both the Netherlands and New Zealand.

Phil Burton, speaking on the crippled law entered a statement in the Congressional record. He said the INS statute "was originally a product of the hysteria of the McCarthy era. It has since been reaffirmed in the name of science, in the name of the public good and in the name of morality. But its real origins lie in fear and ignorance and in that ancient scourge of humankind — prejudice."

"We in Congress must repeal this law, must wipe it off the books and with this action we must end forever the time when this country closes its borders to Lesbians and Gay men."

BAY AREA REPORTER GREATER BAY NEWS

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On the Isles in Oakland

NEZ PAS

KAMAHA'O!
(The Nose Got Lei'd!)

Usually a trip to Hawaii takes several hours and plenty kala, brah! But Sunday, the 11th of July, the Lake Merritt Hotel was transformed into the Paradise Isle for an Evening in Hawaii... the Third Year Anniversary Celebration of Chuck and Carlos.

Accompanied by their mothers, the two renewed their vows in a brief ceremony led by Keppa. After the short service their party really began! Chee, dey get some plenny peoples dere, what? The 300 plus in attendance were never without champagne, and dancing and merriment were the order of the day. The lavish buffet luau must have caused many me'ai a pono ai ke kino (diets) to start the next day!

If the abundant food didn't make one body conscious, the entertainers certainly did! "Hawaiian Fantasy" presented one of the most outstanding pieces of entertainment these old eyes have seen in many a moon! I would have thought it impossible for the human body to move in so many directions all at the same time, but the dance team certainly proved me wrong! The 'oiwi and haole females provided shimmies and shakes which delighted the enthusiastic and receptive audience. Their dancing was truly fantastic! Then — oh my goodness! — the male dancers took over center stage and literally brought down the house with their sultry and spicy gyrations (including a fire dance!) which demanded an encore, and ENCORE they did! Chuck and Carlos certainly picked the cream of the crop for this year's celebration. To a person, everyone who was there just has to say, "Me ke aloha, Mahalo

PRYTANEUM!!!
(The Nose Waited, Too!)

At long last, the change-over is complete and Cole and Nick are officially in charge of Lancers. As of now, the hours are 6pm to 2am daily. I was told that they want to bring back the disco, and they plan on trying it without a door charge! Both of them seem eager, willing, and able to bring Lancers back up to the prominence it once had. Welcome to the bar circuit, guys. I have a feeling that you WILL make it!



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Kevan's, Crowns, and Chorus

Kevan's Grand Opening July 21 was a jam-packed pleasure. Had a ball. (None of the foregoing was a pun. I've never touched the man.

I'm talking about the new bar in Cupertino.)

Sorry to hear that Mr. San Jose Leather is leaving us for

Tom Rogers



Emperor VI Dennis and Empress XV Darlene greeted the crowd. (Photo: Carol of Toyon)

a job and life in San Francisco August 1. Good luck, Eric.

We understand that Billy is to take Eric's place on the turntable in the Bootrack. Billy's space is up, and hot, and, well, for those of you who are sweating under those tight levis, go check it out.

Emperor Dennis and may be also Empress Darlene are going to be judging a "tight levi contest" in Stockton this weekend. Sort of makes all that campaigning worth it, to be able to blatantly sit back and say which crotch and which set of buns look the best. They get to keep the winner, don't they?

The coronation this year was one of the highest-energy coronations we've seen. I was out of town, but my spies brought glowing reports and pictures. The audience of nearly six hundred was predominantly female. It looks like Casa has achieved full community representation. Congratulations to Dennis and Darlene! And thank you, Cherie, for proving your good sportsmanship by donating your time and energy to the Victory celebration thrown by Dennis the night after the coronation. He invited the ever-more-popular Choral Majority down from San Francisco to perform at the Toyon.

Several weeks ago I announced that Larry Marcus was forming a San Jose Gay Chorus. Plans proceed, and you may contact Larry directly at (408) 288-8440. His immediate interest is in gathering together local people who would be interested in forming a steering group for a chorus. Said group would set out the plans for the future and also be the foundation for the



Outgoing Emperor Mark and Empress Lulu make a final promenade. (Photo: T. Sahl)

governing body of the chorus. From there, Larry says he "would envision recruiting a musical director and, of course, after that the actual auditioning process for the new chorus members. What the future responses are," he says, "will dictate the type of chorus it will be." He notes that "what the San Francisco Men's Chorus started in motion in their area spread over our entire nation. Their efforts have created an atmosphere of 'Gay IS' from a former position of 'Gay ISN'T,' and, of course, I say why not make that statement here too?" Those words are (so to speak) music to my ears. Larry. Thanks for writing.

Another follow-up report concerns the leather rap group at the Billy DeFrank Community Center (located at 86 Keyes Street in San

Jose). Bob Contano called the other night to say that the first session of the group is set for Saturday, August 14, at 7 pm. According to Contano, the group will initially concern itself with a general discussion of the fantasies and/or fears associated with leather and S&M. "There will be an exploration of feelings about all of that," he says. (He went on, but I think he was reading a press release and I couldn't write fast enough to keep up.) He suggests that you come dressed in leather or uniforms and bring a dollar or two to donate for refreshments. (This meeting, incidentally, is for men.) Sounds like a good way to work yourself up into a frenzy by checking out all those fears and fantasies and then going out and putting them to work. No after-discussion orgy was mentioned.

South Bay Bowlers Play B.A.A.L.

by Lou Grosso

The South Bay bowling leagues in Palo Alto (Mid-Pins) and San Jose (Just Friends), have formed 7 teams to participate in the '82 Gay Olympic Games. San Jose will be very well represented as they will have two bowling teams, one each for men and women, a volleyball team and a wrestler. Other bowling teams will represent the following cities: Belmont, East Palo Alto, Mountain View, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale.

The Bay Area Athletic League (B.A.A.L.) has come to the aid of our Olympians by undertaking a major fund raising effort within the community. To date B.A.A.L. has raised enough money to purchase uniform bowling shirts for all seven teams.

According to David A. De Long, president of the organization, "Our current goal is to raise enough funds to pay for all the uniforms and registration fees needed for those athletes representing the South Bay as well as appropriate dress for the opening and closing ceremonies." He adds, "We are fortunate to have this premier event held so close to home. It should prove to be an excellent opportunity to gain support for all Gay sports in the Greater Bay Area—which is exactly what B.A.A.L. is all about."

Anyone wishing to help support a specific team or the overall Olympic effort may send their contributions to: Bay Area Athletic League, P.O. Box 514, Milpitas, Calif. 95035.



The staff of **B Street** — Tim, Steve, Glenn, Tony and Russ — are all set to celebrate the festive club's first anniversary with a monster bash! The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will be there to assure a loose and crazy evening. An "Arabian Nights" theme shapes the party, with a costume parade its highlight. Prizes totaling \$200 will be awarded to the Best Drag, Best Arab and Best Mata Hari. A special award will go to the Best Belly Dancer, so closet abdomen aspirants better start those stomachs rolling! The party is Wednesday, August 4, from 7:30pm, with a \$5 cover. **B Street** is at 236 South B Street in San Mateo.

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Close Shaving with Rita

Author Rita Mae Brown has been the target of much criticism. She isn't much bothered by it, insisting that it's easy to criticize the successful. She told Chicago's *GayLife* magazine interviewer Sarah Craig that she'd grown up cutting pain with humor. Now she delivers concise one-liners that are deft in both politics and humor.

"If you wear a flannel shirt, an earring in one ear, and close-cropped hair, you're not a part of Gay culture, you're just part of the pack,"

said Ms. Brown.

"A couple of restaurants on Castro Street do not constitute a culture," she added, explaining that she's unhappy when "homogenous" behavior — people acting and thinking alike — is rewarded. This is not the purpose of Gay politics. "The purpose is to awaken you to choices."

On coming out? "It is immoral not to tell. You are as sick as you are secret."

On her Gay critics? The rednecks of the South are less a problem to her than the fringe-group radicals of San Francisco. "When people



Rita Mae Brown

start criticizing you because you shave your legs, you know they've just gone over the line into true silliness and absurdity."

Yikes! It's Dykes!

Colette will be there. So will Sappho, Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Ma Rainey will sing and Pirates Anne Bonney and Mary Reed will display their own brand of washbuckling.

This unlikely group of women are just a few famous characters who appear in **Dykes on Parade**, "an Heretical, Herstorical Theatrical Revue of Lesbian Fashions." Performed by Le Theatre Lesbien, the show plays August 6 and 7 at 8pm at the Victoria Theatre. Admission is \$6. Advance tickets are at Old Wives Tales Bookstore.

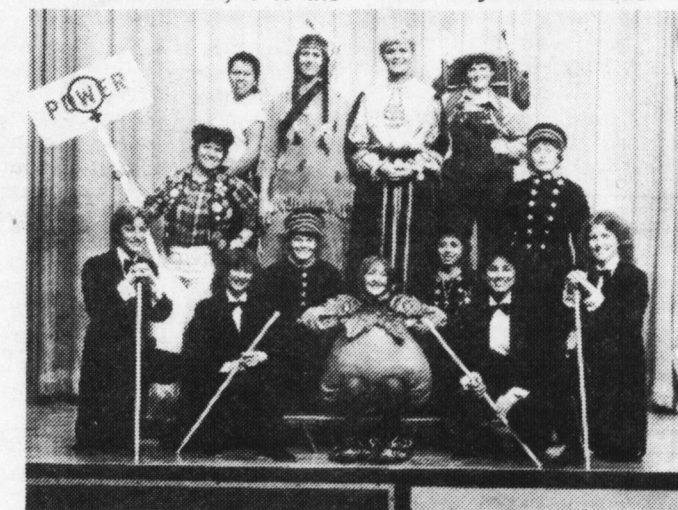
Le Theatre Lesbien is one of the few theatrical troupes dedicated solely to Lesbian theatre, affirming on stage the intrinsic value of Lesbian lifestyles. With ten years of productions already completed, the troupe is a lifestyle itself.

Dykes on Parade has already played for two months in Berkeley and Sacramento.

and proceeds soon to Los Angeles. Its fresh, self-mocking political humor has been enthusiastically received, not only for its parade of styles but of lifestyles. The full array of archetypes and stereotypes is represented, ranging from hypothetical Amazon foresters through the 1950's Bar Dyke to the

modern woman, torn between the need for love and the desire to be politically correct. The latest in fashion and lifestyle will be demonstrated by the 1980's Punk Dyke.

Le Theatre Lesbien portrays the famous and infamous in a comic, irreverent salute. **Dykes on Parade**.



The cast of **DYKES ON PARADE** includes every type of woman. Hope the tomato's hot!

Tinseltown Bust for Boom Boom

That careening collector of publicity, Sister of Perpetual Indulgence Boom Boom found some where she wasn't looking and landed in the clink as a result.

The Sisters were vacationing in Hollywood, and on Saturday, July 17, were on their way *sur la plage*, in suitable attire. For Sr. Boom

Boom this means a white polka dot one-piece bathing suit habit, "with my usual fishnet, eyelashes, wimple and veil."

Passing a star in the Hollywood sidewalk that bore no name. Sr. BB stopped to inscribe hers in it with a lipstick.

"We posed for photographs

at my star, and some tourists gathered to take pictures," explained BB. "The police felt this glamor attack was illegal, and I was arrested for 'malicious mischief and lewd conduct.' I was chained to a bench at the police station for hours. Worst of all, nobody took advantage of me all that time!"

The police claim that somebody saw Sr. BB's testicles while he was posing. While this might have ended a debate that has waged in some circles for weeks, Sr. BB declares his exposure was impossible and did not occur. "The police were frightened of us and just wanted to stop the event," he said.

At present, Sr. BB is out on bail, the humiliatingly cheap bond of \$50 being posted by Sr. BB's lawyer, Al Gordon. Mr. Gordon expects the case to be thrown out of court, but if it is not, Sr. BB declares he will fight it.

The B.A.R. questions whether such a morals charge against the Sister would not ruin his chances for the Supervisor's seat he seeks in the next election.

"No!" Sr. BB answered with a flourish. "People love a Hollywood scandal."



Lawyer Al Gordon counsels the hapless Boom Boom after the Sister was released from the Hollywood Station on bail.



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B.A.R. INTERVIEW

Berliners Move to China

Ken Vega's 'Marco Polo' Returns to Town

by John F. Karr

For most of us a jump between Berlin in 1932 and China in 1930 is impossible. For composer Ken Vega, though, who has written shows about each, the periods can be bridged in the flip of a page of music. The journey is a bit bumpy for the shared casts of the two shows, but they jump at the chance to take it.

The first musical is **Berlin 1932**, so successful that it has appeared in various incarnations in San Francisco since 1979. The other is **Marco Polo**, a new show which enjoyed an initial success last year and is now finding a new home and production. **Berlin** closed last weekend; **Marco Polo** opens at the Chi-Chi Theatre Club on Broadway this weekend.

Berlin 1932 is nearly an institution and it will be sad to see the production finally close. Its romantic and hard-edged view of life was an unusual combination, and the unusual wealth of original German material made it unforgettable. "I had people poring through original material," explained Vega when asked where he managed to find the poems and speeches which linked the songs in that show. "They made patchwork translations." Once the material was gathered, the show was written in a week and a half, although it was juggled and played with during the show's long run.

George Quick, who portrayed a Brecht-like poet in **Berlin** and assayed the title role in **Marco Polo**, was a little bereft. "We've been doing **Berlin** so long that it's sad to see it go. But doing something new helps. It's exciting."

Marco Polo started as a homage to the North Beach area itself, with its mixture of Chinese and Italians. To Vega, it became a joke, but it struck friends as a good idea and they pressed at Vega. Finally, with two friends, he wrote the script.

"We had to do something with the idea so that it would not be another **King and I**."



George Quick resembles the young Alfred Drake in **MARCO POLO**.

he said. "That is what led to it being a play within a play."

The play is set at the marriage celebrations of Lucrezia Borgia, and the **Marco Polo** segments are performed by a *commedia del arte* troupe. It's not done in true *commedia* style, though. "Stylized is more the word," Vega said.

As a wedding entertainment, there is little plot in the story of **Polo's** transcontinental wanderings. Instead, the musical relates the many rich and unusual incidents in the explorer's life. "We devised a

The backstage antics for Berlin inspired the structure of Polo.

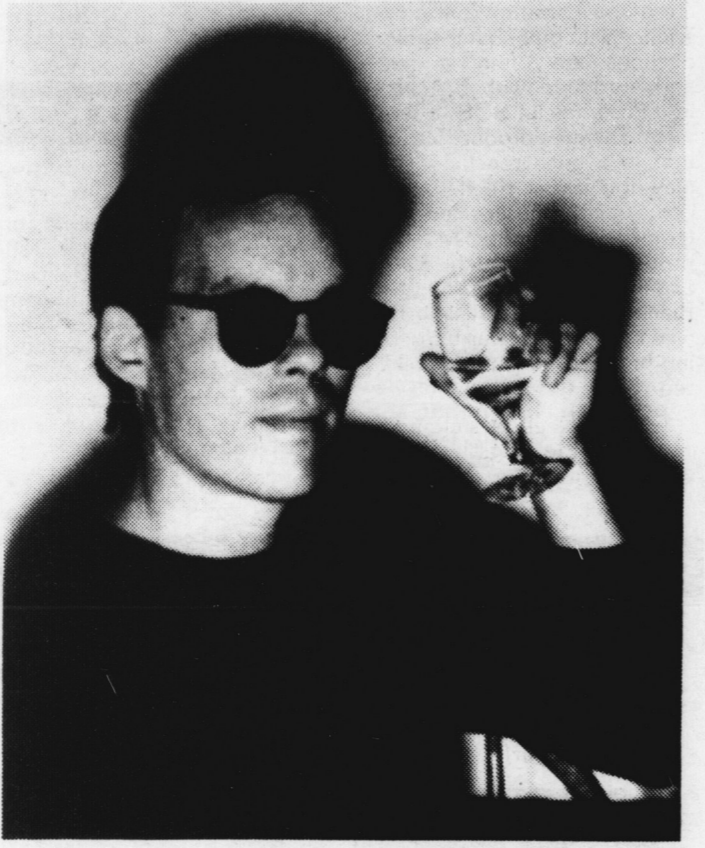
continually thwarted romance between **Marco Polo** and the Empress of China," said Vega, "which is complicated by the romance of the two players who are playing the **Polo** story in our play within a play. Actually, I wrote **Polo** out of my experiences in putting on **Berlin**. The dynamics and backstage activities of the actors becomes the life of the troupe in **Polo**, who perform at Lucrezia Borgia's wedding."

So **Marco Polo** is more than just a period piece, but a backstage story as well.

Composer Vega dreams of furthering his composing and writing career by "getting something taken to New York. Ideally," he said, "it would be nice to have a company that originated things here and trucked them to New York."

That's not too unlikely a dream, for in the close-knit group of performers and technicians who have put together these two shows, Vega has his company. "And there are some people in New York who are currently interested in **Berlin**," Vega told.

Perhaps to the detriment of his plans, the composer is an unnaturally modest



Elusive composer/lyricist Ken Vega, finally caught for the camera. Twenty-seven new songs by the prolific composer will be exposed when **MARCO POLO** opens this weekend at the Chi-Chi Theatre. (Photo: C. Colin)

fellow. Usually found slouching in corners as if hiding, Vega affects darkly tinted glasses which mask his eyes. He has to be dragged into an interview while he protests he has nothing witty or of import to say, and, should a publicist ask, there doesn't seem to be a picture of him in existence. It's strange for a show business person to not want to blow his own horn at least a little. Vega is fortunate that his songs can do that for him.

Several Vega originals stood out in **Berlin 1932**, and that among Kurt Weill classics! Much more Vega will be heard in **Marco Polo**, which has an incredible 27 songs.

"The show is 90% music," Vega said. "Most of the plot occurs in the songs. And despite the wide range of musical styles in the show, it all sounds unified, perhaps by the comic operetta approach we take to the material."

After performing the musical originally in the larger Savoy, cast members Sandra Church and George Quick find the Chi-Chi tight. "It's a little chaotic at first," but those watching report that it actually has a more focused look as a result. It took awhile to relearn **Polo's** choreography, partly due to nightly performances of **Berlin**, which scrambled the two. "But the moods and styles are so different," said Sandra. "**Polo** is more lyric, easy to sing. And we don't have to work into it, having done it before. We have to recall it."

Sort of like putting on a favorite old piece of clothing. It fits, once you get it on.

If the Vega tunes in **Berlin 1932** were intriguing, imagine hearing 27 of them in the new show, as well as revisiting cast members Sandra Church, George Quick, and Jae Ross in a strikingly different setting. **Marco Polo** opens Friday, July 30, for a strictly limited one month run at the Chi-Chi Club. Reservations: 392-6213.

STAGE

Gut Wrencher Hardballs Injustice

by Bartlett Naylor

Political theatre is usually a pain in the ass: Not only do the themes swamp your conscience with guilt, but the productions are often strident and burdened with bad acting. Fortunately, **SUS**, a Red Flag Theatre production, is merely a gut-wrencher. The play, by Barrie Keeffe, concerns racial injustice in contemporary London. It takes place during one night while two investigators interrogate a Black suspected of killing his wife because she was burdening him with too many children.

Girding Keeffe's statement regarding the English accent on racial injustice is a comment on the Thatcher government. The night of the interrogation coincides with the eve of the Tory election. As Karn himself explains — in exultation — there will be a new fabric in the way the police handle themselves. "I might get an order from the top tonight to toughen up, you know," he tells Delroy, a man who will soon feel this toughening up physically.

Actors Terry Lamb, Leon Johnson, and Darold Ross stand as three strong legs in this production, complementing Keeffe's fine writing.

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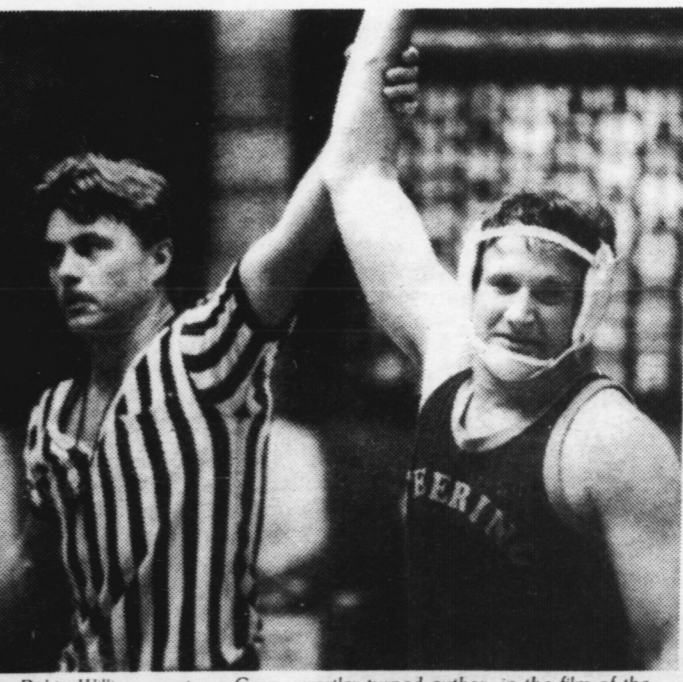
Naturally they fall in love and their courting is matched with a significant subplot concerning Gere's chummy, bit of a schnook classmate David Keith and Winger's predatory girlfriend Lisa Blount. How each tries to control the other reveals much about human character — how it is built, how it gets us through life, how it shapes our lives.

All of this is so effortlessly executed on screen that we are easily hooked. With fleshed out performances, these are real people. The dashing, perceptive script and intuitive direction by Taylor Hackford combine to produce a revelatory film that is engaging on many levels.

An Officer and a Gentleman is also the first picture in years to have a sweep-her-off-her-feet, carry-her-into-the-sunset ending which alone is worth the price of admission.
 (Regency I)

The World According to Garp
 A Garp Carp

Director George Roy Hill and writer Steve Tesich have ever so faithfully translated to screen John Irving's inventive

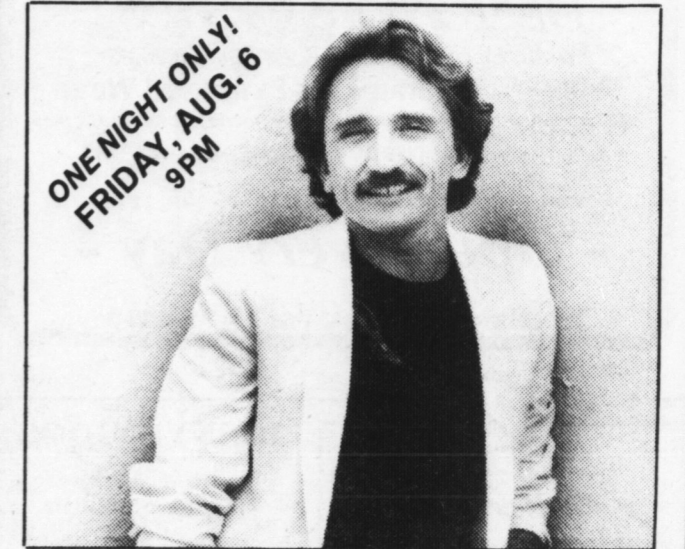


Robin Williams portrays Garp, wrestler turned author, in the film of the book written by John Irving, wrestler turned author, who performs a cameo in the film as a referee.

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FROM FIFTH POSITION

Killer Variations, Lovely Fille

KEITH WHITE

San Francisco Ballet certainly performs a lot. And that's good for everyone, particularly the dancers in the company. A very traditional program was chosen for the four summer festival performances at the Opera House: master teacher Anatole Vilzak's tribute to Petipa, *Vilzak Variations*, and *La Fille Mal Gardée*, supposedly the oldest ballet still being performed anywhere in the world — this revised edition by Sir Frederick Ashton of England's Royal Ballet.

Vilzak Variations is a real killer — all virtuoso dancing of the sort that dancers usually approach with clenched teeth and lots of prayers. The San Francisco Ballet dancers still can't handle it, but then there are precious few other ballets in their repertory to prepare them for it. The most obvious transgression is their inaccurate timing in unison passages. Two girls who are dancing in unison should, it seems to me, mirror each other exactly, as though they are clones. Unison ensembles for four boys or four couples should read as a unit. This rarely happens all the time, but in the performance I saw, it never happened.

An equally serious problem is that the dancers are so concerned about the difficult



The winsomeness and bravura of David McNaughton was impressive as he partnered Linda Montaner, whose fine technique and absorption in her role give her characters a total presence.

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Theatre Rhino Auditions

Theatre Rhinoceros announces auditions for Charles Henrich's *Torne Tulle* and Robert Graham's *Sins of the Father*. Both shows will open Theatre Rhinoceros' 1982-83 Performance Season on the main stage and at Studio Rhino.

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preme. This is not my favorite kind of thing to see on the ballet stage, but it was well done and the company can handle it. Vane Vest was truly a hoot as the widow Simone (always danced by a man). John McFall gave us a good, spastic, unthoughtful Albin, son of the landowner (Val Caniparoli) — a doddering old fool. Finally, as the two lovers, we had (the first night) that winning partnership, David McNaughton and Linda Montaner.

McNaughton created a cute, boyish Colas, impressing Lise with his winsomeness and bravura. Linda Montaner didn't let me down. She has a rare capacity to forget about technique and be totally present in the role, relying on her training and investing herself in her character so totally that she almost looks as though she isn't dancing. She doesn't overreach for flashy effects, and as a result may fail to impress the hard-core thrill seekers in the audience. But she never looks overextended, or badly angled in a series of pirouettes, never falls off point or fails to hold a balance for the fully allotted time; axiomatically her dancing is fine and delicate — when she lands from a jump, you never hear the block of her toe shoe hit the floor.

La Fille Mal Gardée is a comedy concerning the problems arising out of the widow Simone's desire to have her daughter, Lise, marry the son of a wealthy landowner (the son is a real loser) while Lise is in love with Colas, a young farmer. The mother tries everything to keep Lise away from Colas, even to the point of locking her in a closet, but ensuing comical circumstances put things right. Simone relents and gives her blessing, and love reigns su-

Fille is a lovely visual production, with extensive sets and costumes (even a live pony pulls them around in a little cart). The marvelous costumes were built by Grace Costumes, one of New York's two finest costume houses for ballet, Broadway and Vegas. Grace and Maria don't mind constructing from measurements — without having the dancers there for fittings — and the expertise of these two old Italian ladies is such that a producer can give them virtually no instructions, and they will build a wardrobe as beautiful as this one for *Fille Mal Gardée*. I wish they'd made the costumes for Vilzak.

Some S.F. Ballet fans may remember former dancer Mark Lanham. He's rejoining the company after winning a bronze medal at the International Ballet Competition. I haven't seen him, but can't wait, since his press notices suggest that he's star quality. A fifteen-year-old French girl, Sandrine Marache, just won a Prix de Lausanne to come and study at the San Francisco ballet school. The photo of her in *Dancemagazine* was to die. Who knows, maybe S.F.B. will be the next company to get in on the baby ballerina craze.

3, from 7-10pm. Needed are a racially mixed cast of four drag queens ages 20-35 and two men ages 35-50. Charles Solomon directs. *Sins of the Father*, directed by Artistic Director Allan Estes, will hold auditions on Monday, August 16, and Tuesday, August 17, from 7-10pm. Six men and three women ages 18-60 are needed.

Actors are asked to prepare a short audition monologue and bring their picture and resume. Make an appointment to audition by calling 552-4100.

Resistance Reading

Components of Resistance, a reading of new works by Canyon Sam and Johnny Nieto, will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 7:30pm, at the Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia; \$2.

BOOK RACK

Book Reviews by Frank J. Howell

"My Brother's A Fag!"

A Brother's Touch
by Owen Levy
Pinnacle Books, paperback; \$2.75

"Once more he went over what the cop at the city morgue had told him. What stuck out repeatedly was the news that Earl was queer; not only that, but that he'd sold his body as well... This revelation hit him hard. His own brother a faggot: that was worse than death."

We cannot help but be amused by the public reaction and ignorance whenever the subject of youthful prostitution is under discussion. The heterosexual majority often assumes that these poor young men are the unwilling victims of evil adults who prey upon their virgin bodies. In some cases this is true. But all too often the hustler performs his function because he wants to. He is earning essential money. In some instances he even likes it. The citizen in the streets does not enjoy believing this. He would prefer to cling to a conspiracy theory. The concept shields them from facing facts. Some of the young really enjoy sexual contact with their elders.

Angus, the older brother of a seventeen-year old hustler named Earl (nickname "Chicken") reveals these stirrings of anxiety and contempt for the Gay underworld. He is determined to find out who is responsible for the death of his kid brother, who died of a drug overdose.

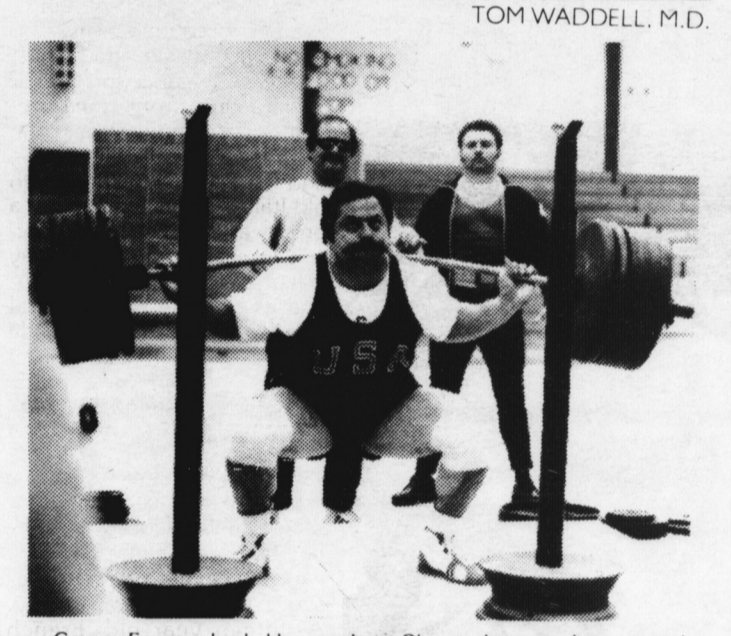
Angus travels to New York City to claim the body and personal possessions of Earl.

GAY OLYMPIC GAMES

UPDATE '82 OLYMPICS

Spotlight: George Frenn

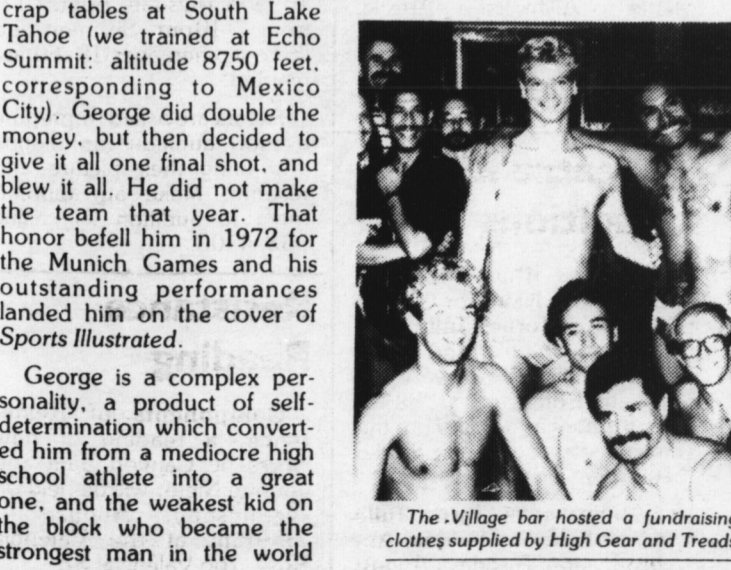
TOM WADDELL, M.D.



George Frenn, who holds records in Olympic hammer throwing and powerlifting, will compete in the Gay Olympic Games next month.

I first met George Frenn in 1968 when I was trying to make the Olympic Team. George at the time was a world class hammer thrower/school teacher from Los Angeles. We talked a few times, but the conversations were superficial and mostly concerned health and nutrition. The one departure from that routine was an occasion when George collected \$2 from every team member to use on a "foolproof scheme" to double the money at the crap tables at South Lake Tahoe (we trained at Echo Summit: altitude 8750 feet, corresponding to Mexico City). George did double the money, but then decided to give it all one final shot, and blew it all. He did not make the team that year. That honor befell him in 1972 for the Munich Games and his outstanding performances landed him on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

George is a complex personality, a product of self-determination which converted him from a mediocre high school athlete into a great one, and the weakest kid on the block who became the strongest man in the world



The Village bar hosted a fundraising fashion show and auction, with clothes supplied by High Gear and Trends & Threads. (Photo: Rink)

He discovers a list of customers hidden in one of Earl's boots. Angus tracks each of them down. He wants to learn what caused Earl to become Chicken. He meets other hustlers and the older johns who were involved with Earl. We are introduced to people from all across New York City, Tyler and Stan are Gay liberation leaders who are attempting to get a homosexual civil rights bill passed by the city council. His group is aroused by a series of muggings and murders that have occurred in the wharf area of the city. They want to convert this dangerous eyesore into a recreation center.

Owen Levy spins a tale that pulls us effortlessly from page to page, but his plot runs out of steam toward the end. If Chicken had been murdered we could understand why Angus would seek out his killers. But he simply dies from a self-inflicted drug overdose. Even the melodrama at the climax fails to enliven the ending.

A Brother's Touch tries for meat and potatoes but finally drains into a thin broth.

CRUISE TIME:
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When asked about his phenomenal improvement, George says, "A lot of people can't understand why I perform at the level I do. People will tell you that I don't look like I should be able to do what I can do. The answer is motivation." Those of us who know George and have seen his colorful warm-up ritual at track meets would agree that George is certainly motivated. His warm-up and performance are psychologically intimidating to other performers.

He is now training on a daily basis for the Gay Olympic Games. He will throw the hammer, discus, shot put, and compete in powerlifting, all for San Francisco where he will be in residence beginning mid-August.

So, let's welcome George Frenn to San Francisco. You will be able to see him set some of the first world-class records in the Gay Olympic Games. We will let you know well in advance when and where George will be competing.

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SPORTS SECTION

G.T.F. TEAM TENNIS

Community Rentals Wins Crown

LES BALMAIN

The Community Rentals Tennis Team, known as the "Rainbows," defeated the Kelly green-clad players of The Bear by a set score of 4-2. Sunday, July 25. Spectacular play and hard-fought rallies were the keynotes of these playoffs in the second year of Team Tennis for the Gay Tennis Federation.

In the 9am semi-final match, The Bear team tied the Leticia's team 3-3 in sets, but won by a game score of 34-31. In the 11am semi-final match, Community Rentals dominated Bluestone Video by a set score of 6-0.

The results of the finals, played at 2pm, were as follows:

Event	Community Rentals	The Bear	Score
A Singles	Sean O'Neil	David Lewis	4-6
B Singles	Tom Kelly	Terry Chang	2-6
C Singles	Patrick Murray	Robert Huebner	6-1
A Doubles	O'Neil/Ongie	Lewis/Davenport	7-6
B Doubles	Ongie/Reyes	Davenport/Chang	6-4
C Doubles	Reyes/Murray	Huebner/Barilleaux	6-4

A Potluck party was held that evening at David Davenport's apartment to celebrate Community Rentals' Championship! and much wine and champagne flowed in the merry-making!

The next G.T.F. event will be the Grand Prix Tournament to be held August 7 & 8, 1982. The top 8 players with the most Grand Prix points from the Challenge Ladder will qualify for the tournament.

ON THE MARK

Olympic Teams Win!

MARK BROWN

In a night filled with sport, S.F.'s Gay Olympic Basketball Teams came from behind to win two thrilling victories over the Sheriff's Department.

In the first game the Olympic Women, trailing by seven points late in the second half, rallied for a 39-38 win when the Sheriff's Department stalled for a last shot that missed at the buzzer.

The Olympic Men played a sloppy first half and trailed 42-33 at intermission. In the second half the Olympic team started to jell and with two minutes to play took the lead and hung on for a 75-72 victory.

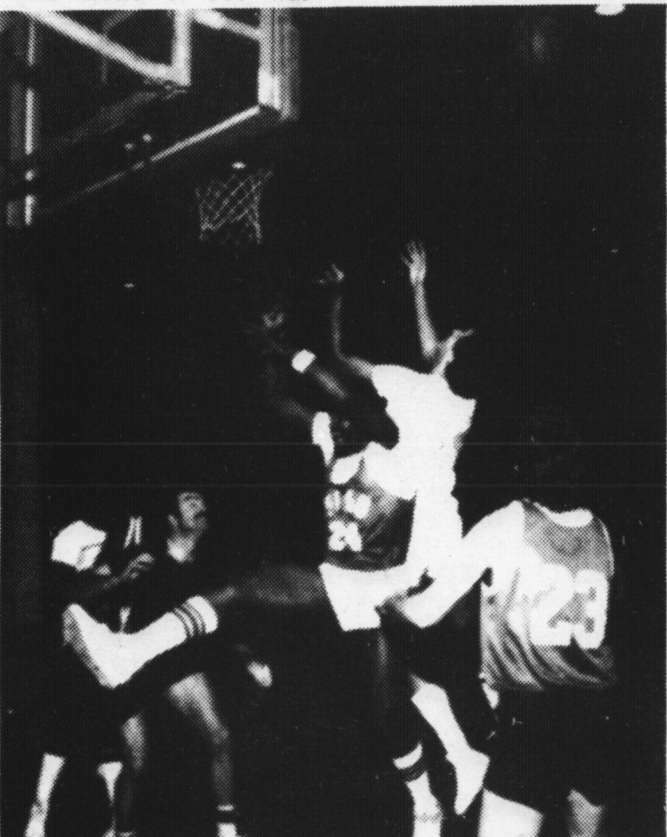
Leading scorer for the Olympic team was Mike Gray with 25 points, 18 in the second half, followed by Tony Collins with 14 points.

The crowd of 500 was

treated to several activities during both half times. The first game half time included the Hayward Rah Rahs cheerleading group in a smart choreographic routine, followed by a physique demonstration by two of the S.F. Women Olympic Bodybuilders and ended with a volleyball demonstration by the Women's Olympic Volleyball Team.

The second game half time saw the Oakland Pom Poms in an exhibition-styled routine, followed by the Olympic Men's Wrestling Team in a brief display of technique and showmanship.

It was a grand night for the Olympians of S.F. to show themselves off to the Gay community and gave San Francisco an idea of what to look for when the Olympic Games begin August 28.



A fierce and close-scored battle ensued at the game between the Deputy Sheriff's team and the Men's Olympic Team. (Photo: Rink)

G.S.L. UPDATE

Stables Stampeded

TOM VINDEED

The coaching debut of Mark Brown and Les Balmain received a rude jolt by John Larissa's Moby Dick team as the Whalers romped to an easy 11-0 victory. Larissa held OTM/Stables to two meaningless hits, while Moby Dick raked Brown for 16.

In Sacramento, the Cafe San Marcos had their playoff hopes dashed as they lost a nail-biter to The Parking Lot 14-13. The next day the Wreck Room took advantage of their guests and shut out the Cafe 20-0. The Fickle Fox trekked up to the Capital

City and they also lost to the Parking Lot, 19-9.

In other league play, the scores read this way: Stallion 27, Kokpit 5; Vagabond 7, Phone booth 0; Pendulum 20, Tara/Devils 0; Pilsner Inn 23, Tara/Devils 1.

All games this week will be played at Balboa Park. The featured game this week will be Tara/Devils vs Fickle Fox. Will Bob Docca's team come up with their first win?

Balboa #1: 10am, Tara/Devils vs Fickle Fox; 11:45am, Kokpit vs On The

Mark/Stables; 1:30pm, Vagabond vs. Cafe San Marcos.

Balboa #2: 10am, Moby Dick vs Pendulum; 11:45am, Pilsner Inn vs Parking Lot; 1:30pm, Stallion vs Phone Booth.

STANDINGS

Golden Gate Division	
Pilsner Inn	7-3
On The Mark/Stables	6-4
Vagabond	5-5
Cafe San Marcos	3-7
Kokpit	3-7
Tara/Devils	0-11

Barbary Coast Division	
Pendulum	10-0
Stallion	8-2
Wreck Room	7-2
Parking Lot	6-4
Moby Dick	4-5
Fickle Fox	3-7
Phone Booth	2-8

* Clinched Playoff spot.

TGMONDAYNBL

Rolling to the End

DAVID ROSS

The Monday Night Tavern Guild Bowling League has but a few weeks to go, so each and every game takes on more importance. It's not even too soon to begin forming and entering teams for the winter league, which will begin around September 1. For information contact me at 621-3152 or Mal Garcia in care of Park Bowl (Haight at Stanyan Streets).

When last we checked the league standings, the race was as tight as... well, tight. With but two or three games separating five teams, it's going to be a very close race.

In first place as of July 19 at 24 games won is Pilsner I, but by a single game because right behind them at 23

games are two teams, The Eagle Creekettes and Main-tain. In third place, tied at 22 games, are Stagecoach and Pilsner III. At 21 games is The Mint. Tied at 20 games are Pilsner II and team number five, which finally has selected a name - The Twirleediggers! Bottoms Up and The Pendulum are tied at 19 games each, followed by Trax at 17½. S.F. Fixers at 16. Another Country at 14½, and The Foghorn at 13.

Various individuals to be congratulated this week include: Rod Hilacion for a nice 202 game and Eddie Carmick for two games at 212 and 202, respectively, giving him the high weekly series of 617.

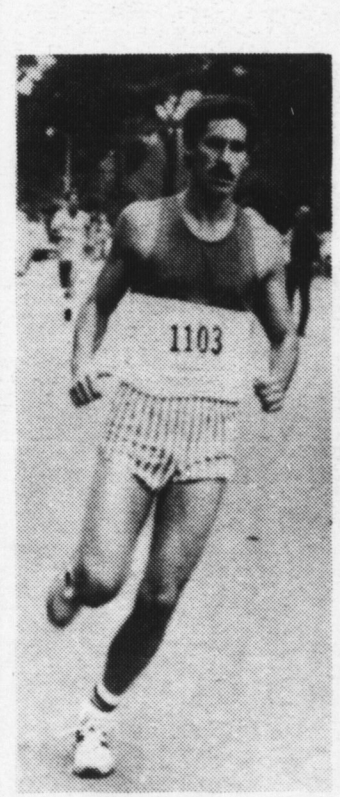
Bowling for the Twirleediggers, Les Gundel had a fine 550 series and Tim Hagerman turned in another fine night at 530. Pendulum bowlers Wally Dennis and Ron Cliver (one of the Pendulum's most popular "inn-keepers") rolled their way to a fine 536 and 521, respectively.

Rounding out the top bowlers for the week were Dennis O'Neill, a Pilsner bowler, at 501; Tom Dungey, a member of the Pilsner I team, at 508, and Darrell Thomas of the S.F. Fixers at 535.

The league wants to invite everyone to stop by and enjoy the fun any night and to remind you that the bowling teams for the Gay Olympic Games are putting on a Celebrity Bowling evening on July 31 at 8pm. Supervisors, Sisters, and other celebs will be battling while bowling. Come down for the benefit of the teams and for just plain fun.

Gay Run '82

Gay sweat drips on the streets of San Francisco as thousands of Gays run with their brothers and sisters.



Milk Club Membership Chairman Mark Cloutier comes in for the finish at GayRun '82. (Photo: Rink)



Runners wait for the gun to signal the start of GayRun '82, which started in Golden Gate Park last weekend. (Photo: Rink)



At GayRun '82, event coordinator Scott Anderson (right) recorded the time of Kevin Cruikshank, the 5 Kilometer winner. (Photo: Rink)

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MY KNIGHTS IN LEATHER

Tits, Titles and Titillation

KARL STEWART



To continue expanding its coverage of the Leather, Folsom, Motorcycle Club, and Royal Court scenes, the B.A.R. introduces in this issue new writer Karl Stewart. Karl is likely to be seen in every club in town on any given evening, sporting the double eagle Emperor's Royal Court pin on his cap, greeting everyone in sight. He'll keep us posted on the names and places we need to know, as well as the secrets, the stories, and the juices that make South of Market flow.

(Photo: Rink)

"How'd ya like to write a column on South of Market and the Bike Clubs?" "Love to," I said, after picking my c/ring up off the floor! The years I spent at Drummer Magazine and the fact that my "Buddy," Michael, is Road Captain of the SFGDI/MC put me in a position close to South of Market activity and the folks that populate the Leather community. It's gonna be fun chronicling people and events close to my heart and home, much unlike assignments I've had earlier. Once I was sent to New Mexico to report on FFA among armadillos and other such sex crazes.

I feel there is a special camaraderie among those who wear leather, wherever it's worn and whether it's black or brown. I'm interested in reporting not only "Who's doing what to whom and where" as Rink would say, but how you feel and why. I'll talk with you about our concerns and our community.

And Humor... it is my belief that while the Leather Fraternity is a serious commitment it should never preclude a good laugh at ourselves once in a while. Like the time that Jack of the BC's, Larry W. and Toro were doing a back-up to Thad in a BC run show and all three fell off the back of the stage while doing a spectacular kick. Covered in dust, they managed to crawl up on the stage again and finish the number to tremendous cheers from the crowd. It was not 'til days later that Thad

found out that the thunderous applause wasn't for him!

EARLY KNIGHTS

Lots of titles have been given in the Gay community and the Leather community is no exception. We have Mr. Leather and Mr. Drummer; the Emperor title began South of Market, and finally the biggie, Mr. International Leather. Yet the first title for a man in this city was for brown leather. It was Mr. Cowboy in 1969. In those days the event was held at Seaman's Hall... you remember that place... the CMC Carnivals were held there... crisco for days.

I recently had the pleasure of talking with the first Mr. Cowboy, Lee Burnside. This is every daddy's boy's idea of heaven... what a hunk! Lee recalled that he got up on stage after the thrill of having won and was asked to make a statement. These were the days when, as Lee put it, "the bars were dark and black and the intrigue of coming into a Gay bar was a dangerous thing, including the possibility of losing your job" if you were caught. He told the crowd that day, "If we all stick together, there are no heights that we can't reach."

Thirteen years later Lee told me, "As Gay men we are all promiscuous and our trips lead us through a lot. We find ourselves wearing a lot of costumes - Leather. Uniforms, even dresses - South of Market. Yes, even dresses. But it should lead us to find-

ing comfort with ourselves as Gay men. The male image is what we're all striving for. Being around other MEN makes me feel good." Lee went on, "Now I feel we have received those heights. We have an affluent society, and we respect ourselves as people, as a minority, and are able to live with our fellow man, as people." We've come a long way.

HOT KNIGHTS

RICHARD LOCKE romped through SF this last week. The seething stud spent some time visiting Pilsner Inn, where Guy Healey is serving your favorite libation, and raised hell at Jimmy Gilman's Caldron. (Happy birthday, Jimmy!) I was in the Men's Room sipping one of bartender David's brews when Richard came in to use the phone. The whole SFGDI club dropped their collective cookies. I loved it!

Also seen sleazing through the Caldron were Lou Rudolph and Peter Hartman of 544 Natoma... You should stop in to see Randy West's new stuff at The Brig. This man never stops growing. His latest efforts are in neon. Larry Glover and Jim Ed were wearing matched Sam Browns and bronzed pecs at the opening. Larry's been working out and he looks great.

Bob Green has been moving among the skins on his hot bike... and Jim Imbt has been availing himself of Rimgold Alley... Steven Brown and Jason Falk, the Flip and Flop of the entrepreneurial world, who own Numbers in PacHeights (known for Tony and his famous blender drinks and my favorite john), have opened Oasis at 11th and Folsom. Talk about a change! The transformation is miraculous. It's HIGH Tech and is perfect for a musical version of Mr. Roberts. Robert Uvari was at the opening, presenting his painting which will become their four-color poster. I predict this will bring out a whole new class of So. of Market men. (You know the type... if you've ever been to the Caldron on Tuesday for JO Nite... you know they're always in T-shirt and 501's, are 6'4", perfectly muscled, have short dark hair, and the biggest dick you have ever seen.) The Oasis is a refreshing change of pace for the Frat. Tim Rivers is spinning discs and he's got to be the best DJ we've heard in a bar in years. He knows how to move ya. John Heđu and Ted are keeping the men happy at the bar. Good job, guys!

KNIGHT TO COME

Mark Abramson is now first officer at THE WOODS in Russian River. He tells me the gang has a big weekend, August 6-9, called The Folsom Party, A South of Market Weekend on the River. It includes a Champagne Party on Saturday. Cocktail hour by THE ARENA & STABLES. Two Tons will do the

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Lady, of Pink Flamingos fame, will do a special show on Monday for you B-tenders.

You have, no doubt, heard about the FLU. That's the First Ladies Union. These are the Lovers and Friends of the Presidents of the MC's. As is the trend, they have united and are planning a BBQ and Beer Bust at the SF Eagle on

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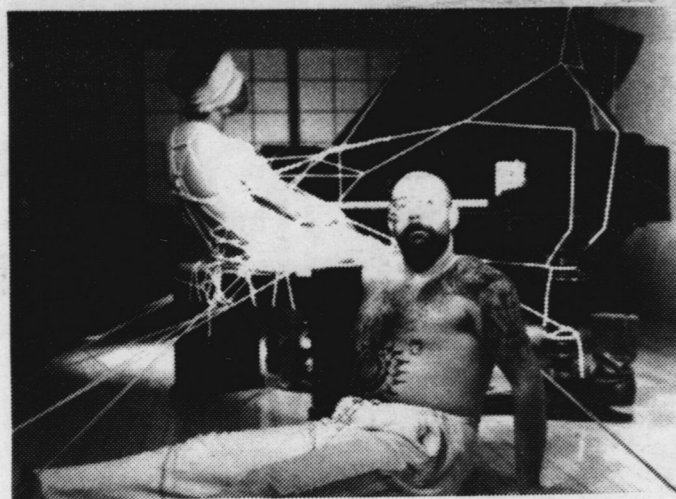
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Mark Chester poses in front of his handiwork. (Photo: Mick Hicks)

Sunday, August 8, 3-6pm. Much festiveness is expected. Say howdy to Dennis Yount while you're there; he's the tall blond hunk who just finished a successful run in 544 Natoma's Delivery. He'll take care of your drinks and your Fantasies.

Mary Grung, our Lady in Leather, is having a Champagne Opening of her one-woman show at The Stables August 7. She is becoming well-known for her charcoal and conte' interpretations of Gay nudes, including some of your favorite So/M characters... Lou Rudolph is having a show of his renowned Punk/New Wave performance pieces at The Stud. How appropriate.

Among our community's greatest supporters have been Don and John of Febe's, who will be celebrating their 37 years together on August 7. Stop by and congratulate them and say hello to Steve behind the bar. Myra has become the darling of Febe's. You remember Myra — she is an auxiliary Warlock. Great woman!

Jessica Smith will be weaving tunes for you, so if you're up for an evening of music and good food, drop in at Little Michelle's, 64 Rausch St. at Folsom... Chez Mollet at 527 Bryant is displaying recent movies on the big screen in the rear each Sunday and Monday. We've seen Making Love, Ragtime, and The Rose. It makes for a perfect and very relaxing night when you don't feel like any more partying but don't want to stay home and knit a new sling.

The Barbary Coasters' Gold Rush Run XVI, held last weekend, was the hit of the run season. Fred Reeves said, "It was the best run I've been to in ten years." The theme of the truly fraternal event was "49er Fever, Sutter's Mill to Super Bowl," and it was accomplished with the aid of the entire bike community.

David O'Brien of the NYC Mineshaft budded up on a bike with Lou Rudolph. David and John of the Argonaut MC in L.A. made use of the woods' cover. Bob Ross provided food, his famous Six Foot crudites dazzling, and a yummy liquor trifle rivaling Michael Gill's. John Blythe conceived a clever show which included a Busby Berkeley-style production number and a football rally routine with Jonni atop a pyramid of football players.

Top bike event awards went to Steve Gills of Sacramento's Valley Knights and Lou Rudolph and Charlie M. of the Warlocks. The Warlocks also ran away — as has become traditional — with the Campsite award, and hot Ken McCormack heated everyone up and won the jockstrap

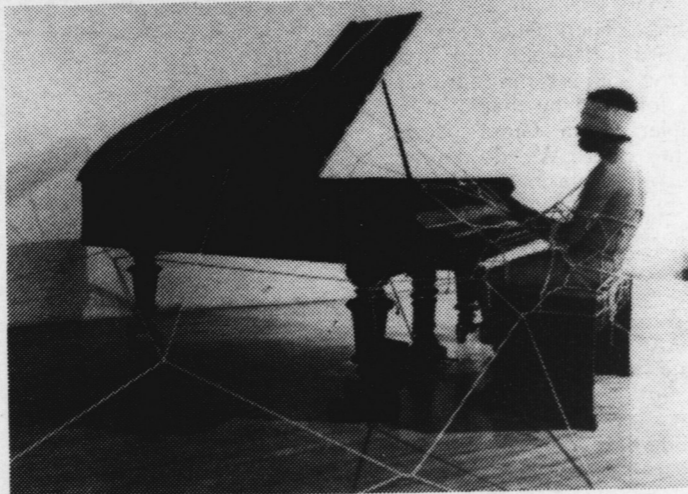
Thompson covered the event for The Advocate. Tom Rogers, B.A.R.'s South Bay columnist, covered me, while Mick Hicks (Blueboy), Greg Day and Danny Nicoletta captured the event on film.

We were called into the theatre, where Mark, in his comfortable and welcoming style, set the audience free to converse, comment and move about at will. That was the only thing he set free for the remainder of the evening. The ensuing bondage

The ensuing bondage performance piece Mark gave was captivating and extremely clever. Peter Hartman, owner of 544, who has played his piano with the Boston Pops, sat on his bench and began to weave his classical improvisations while Mark unraveled several hundred feet of pure white cotton rope. He began with the piano and quickly had it subdued, then moved on to the bench and Peter. At first Mark defined the architecture of his subject with his ropes — the rectangular bench, the sensu-

contest.

There are few times when "The Fraternity" in all of its multi-faceted manifestations comes together at a genuine South of Market cultural event. But Mark Chester's Fire in the Fast Lane at 544 Natoma Gallery Sunday night achieved just that. Chester told us, "My art comes from my sexuality." His photos



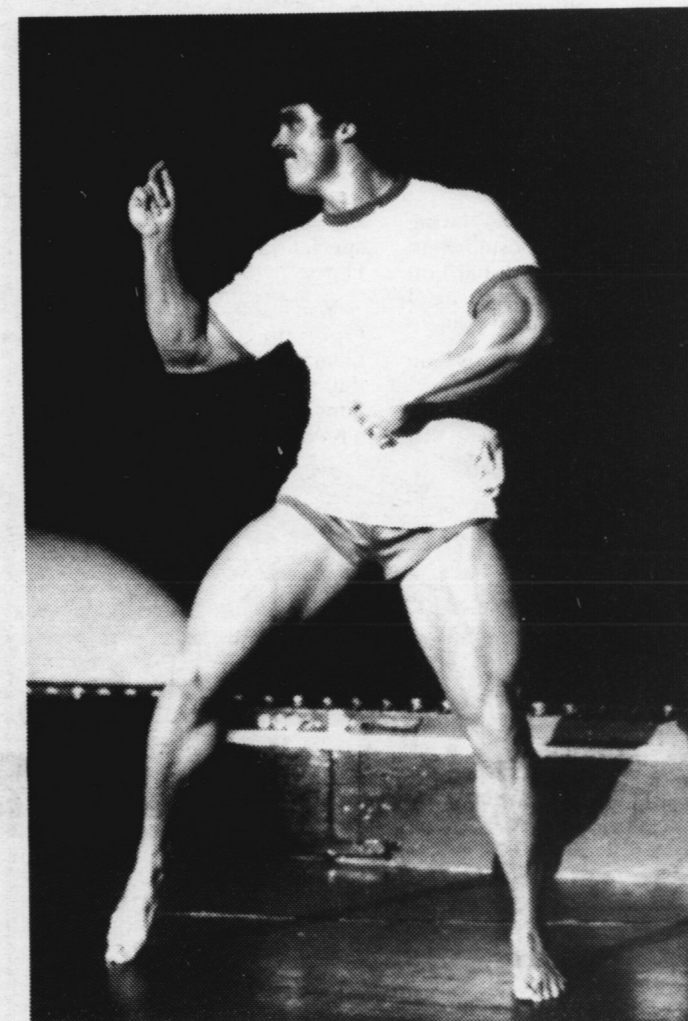
They all laughed when he sat down to play, but Peter Hartman had no idea he'd be bound to stay there when he finished. (Photo: Mick Hicks)

give us the run of our S/M imaginations.

The photo exhibit led to a performance by Chester and Peter Hartman. The evening began with Sr. Missionary Position ministering over cocktails. Bill Dubilier, an owner of the Folsom Street Hotel, and members of his entourage (Rick Booth, Nials (Neles) of Amsterdam, and John Chubs) said that they were exposing Nials to what South of Market has to offer. Mark

curves of the piano and Peter's hot, jockstrap-clad body. Then Mark began to encompass the entire stage, creating a three-dimensional, spacial relationship between the plane of the stage and the pianist and his craft. Bob Ehrenberg and Jack Fritscher, publisher of Man to Man, asked, "Is this Baldwins in Bondage?" Mark responded with another knot.

Karl Stewart



Hit bodybuilder of them all at MUSCLE '82, this hot man strutted his stuff and danced up a storm. (Photo: P. Cyr)

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Time Waits for No One

DICK WALTERS

The NEW Googie's on Geary... Geary and Leavenworth... is having their Grand Opening on Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1. This bar has been completely done over in a grand manner. Music will be by the popular Bill Ward, with a host of other guest entertainers and food by John & Roger. Of course, Sunday is their popular bartender's birthday. That's Nooch, commonly known as Sweet Baby Annette. Come on down for the fun. How old are you now, Nooch? By the way, Nooch works days, Thursday thru Sunday, at Googie's.

Talking about birthdays, Saturday the 31st is ageless Henri Leleu's birthday and he won't admit his age either. But The Shadow knows, as someone sneaked a look at Henri's driver's license — the one made back in the 19th century. Then August 8 is Howard's (Kokpit) birthday and the 15th is Kenny's (Kokpit), followed by that of the popular Greta Grass (New Yacht Club). We do know how old Greta is: don't we, dear? I hear you are going to Mexico again for your birthday. Have you ever made it there in all of your birthday trips?

Would like to welcome home Grif (Starlight Room) and his Patrick from their Hawaiian vacation. They both look marvelous but wish they were back there, what with our cold weather.

Darlene, you see what happens when a femme like you hits a butch queen like Michael: a broken finger! Now you can't go to the office and do your typing... mend soon!

The popular Seth (Devil's Herd) is taking a two-week vacation to Florida to visit his family. You'll be missed, Seth; but I am sure that your roommate Michael will be having a real ball whilst you're gone... have a good time!

Congratulations to Mildred Pierce's on getting their liquor license and for now being open in the evening. If you haven't lunched there, you do not know what you have been missing, as the food is great and it has a truly funky decor.

Carol Ruth Silver is on the right track in opposing Dan White's parole. Work hard on this one. Carol, as the city, I would hope, is behind you.

Have you bought your Gay Olympics pin as yet? If not, get out to the Castro Street office and purchase one. It's

for a worthy cause and they are great looking pins.

The New Red Eye Saloon on Jones Street will soon be having a great Western band on Saturday nights for your entertainment. If you haven't tried the food there yet, they are open for dinner nightly and for brunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. Hi, Bob Dunn and Woody!

Don't get stiffed... pack a whistle.

The Video Mart, 279 9th St. at Folsom, now has a special on RCA Video Discs. Drop down and see and hear this marvelous machine... hi, Eric.

Have you been to the Screening Room lately? They have done a great job on remodeling and the features are first rate; right, Karr? A good time is always had by the people who frequent this theatre... I know!

Thank you, Talven, for the nice thoughts.

Yes, Empress Tessie is still holding forth at the 222 Club, doing a good job, and feeling in good health these days. I don't know how you can control that crowd some of the time, Tessie.

The Grand Duke and Duchess Ball is coming up shortly, so watch for it... you'll see the posters in most bars.

Have you tried Budweiser Light yet? It's going over well, especially in the Castro area. Bob Patterson got a gold (plated) watch for getting the most accounts.

Yes, Dolly Dale is back in town and looking for employment if you are interested in hiring a good bartender. You can usually find him at the White Swallow or at the Cinch.

San Francesca (Railway Express), where have you been? You have been promising forever and still haven't... but you sure do have a nice hunk working there. No, not Big Bird. I mean Bob Hix. Send him back up to me for another visit please.

Welcome home, Metz of Sutter's Mill: I hope you had a nice vacation... your card to me was thoughtful; you are a special person... suffer, Harry.

You'll see me at the Grand Opening of Googie's on Geary this Saturday and Sunday. I'm still on the wagon after seven weeks... almost a record!



It's Archival! Char's Coronation made television news. Singing versions of "Hello, Dolly!" were (l. to r.) Archduchess Anastasia, Empress IX Frieda (Pearl Bailey), Grand Duchess Tanya (Streisand), and the First Empress, Jose, who sang in Spanish! (Photo: Rink)

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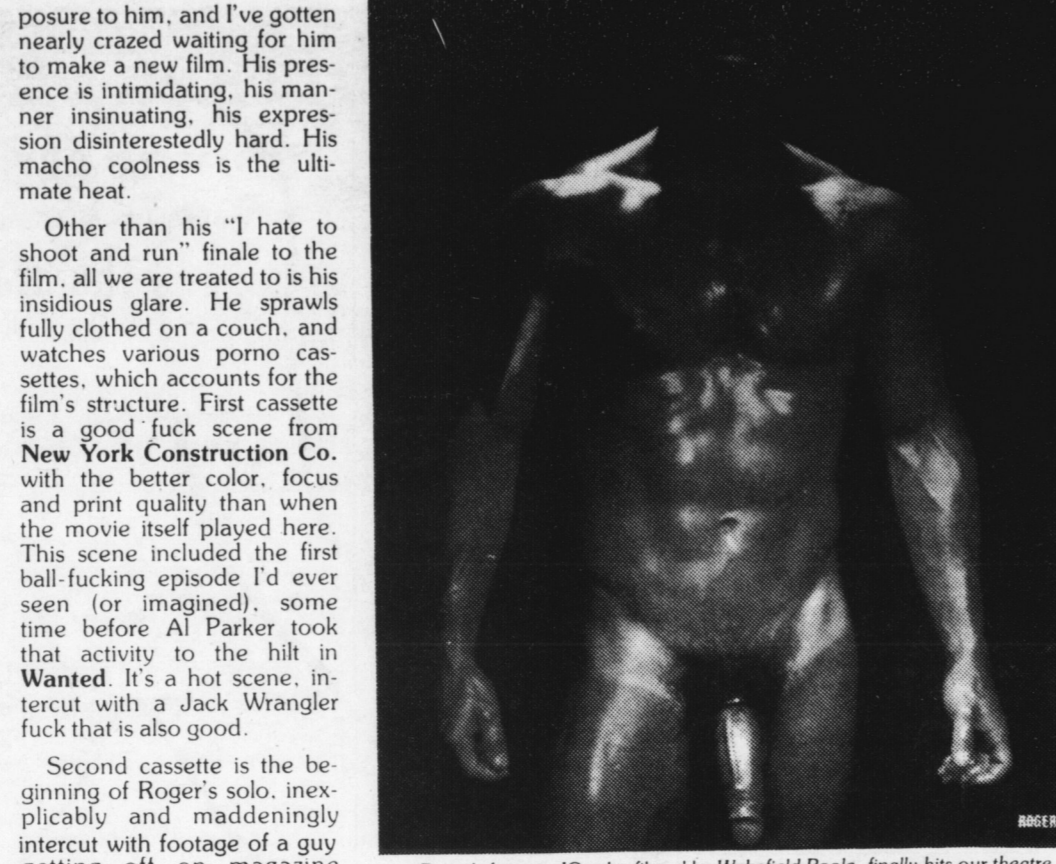
Screening Room Theatre

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PORN CORNER
A Farewell to the Absent

Hunk is top-banned as Roger's farewell to films. Actually, Roger said "bye-bye" to films some time ago, and I wonder if he even knows he's in this film. The story goes that wanting to finance his higher education, and assessing his inherent assets, Roger chose appealing to Gay boys for funds as the means towards enabling him to deposit a healthy wad in the bank. (He made enough. I'm sure, that if I started laying it end to end along his cock...) Richer and retired, Roger presumably now spends his days pounding manuscripts instead of his meat, his nights are more concerned with lubrication than lubrication.

Despite his top-billing, his is nearly the smallest part in the movie. He just drops by in a guest cameo, and this is not even new footage. It's the jack-off solo filmed by Wakefield Poole that accompanied Roger's on-stage solo act at the Nob Hill some years ago. It's never been commercially released before, so the producers aren't cheating by using it here: and it's a beautiful piece of work. Roger is caught at his absolute best and Poole's lighting and cinematography are of the highest standard. It's a warm and sensuous piece of film, in which Roger's honey-toned body stands out against a velvety black background. It's so well filmed it made my fingers itch for Touchorama. Arch Brown, well-known New York pornographer and playwright, hasn't treated the relatively brief (12 minutes or so) solo very kindly, and has cut it into two segments. It's an ill-conceived attempt to make Roger appear more than once



Roger's famous JO solo, filmed by Wakefield Poole, finally hits our theatre screens - in two pieces!

posure to him, and I've gotten nearly crazed waiting for him to make a new film. His presence is intimidating, his manner insinuating, his expression disinterestedly hard. His macho coolness is the ultimate heat.

Other than his "I hate to shoot and run" finale to the film, all we are treated to is his insidious glare. He sprawls fully clothed on a couch, and watches various porno cassettes, which accounts for the film's structure. First cassette is a good fuck scene from **New York Construction Co.**, with the better color, focus and print quality than when the movie itself played here. This scene included the first ball-fucking episode I'd ever seen (or imagined), some time before Al Parker took that activity to the hilt in **Wanted**. It's a hot scene, intercut with a Jack Wrangler fuck that is also good.

Second cassette is the beginning of Roger's solo, inexplicably and maddeningly intercut with footage of a guy getting off on magazine photos. But the Roger footage is classic. I hope the Smithsonian has a copy stored next to Dolly Madison's wig. We see Roger first from the rear, pushing his cock back between his muscular legs, pressing his balls tightly against his ass cheeks. It's a sight that will get the juices flowing.

Cassette three begins with a rooftop tryst from a French film that was shot in New York. This has some intense cocksucking. Moving indoors, the men have a moving fuck on a swing. There's a fab shot of the fuckee cumming from the intensity of the fuck, his cum oozing up out of his cock from an internal pump.

The next cassette is the burglary scene from **Bad Bad Boys**, in which the burglars overtake the cop, handcuff

him to a pole, and mistreat him. **Bad Bad Boys** was one of those films in which Gays who can hardly speak English are asked to improvise lines. We are spared that indignity here because of a new musical soundtrack. The cop will be remembered for the size of his balls, which must be twisted in several complete circles before the skin tightens.

Two other guys enter for this final JO, adding their own juices. Seems to me that if all three were together in a room, J.D. could have led a three-way and provided some new material of worth and given the movie a more arousing finish.

Anyway, it's still acceptable. Roger is gone. Farewell, Roger. J.D. Slater is here; may he be presented with starring roles and mail me 8x10 glossies.

The next reason to be at the Screening Room, however, may be the co-feature, **Face to Face**. With Jim King and a succulent supporting cast, it's a movie that holds up well. It held me up for most of its unspooling. And the Jim King finale - well, I was unspooled.

E.A.T.*

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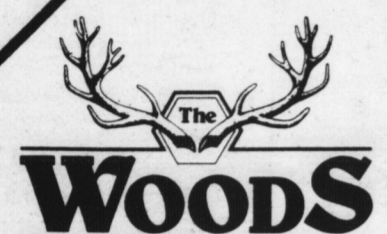
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Another Epidemic Acquired Immune Deficiency

Behind the mystery of the unaccountable appearance of KS (Kaposi's sarcoma) another of equal perplexity has surfaced. The latest acronym is AID which stands for an immune system gone haywire. This breakdown is occurring for some reason other than by defect of birth or deliberately induced by a physician, such as in organ-transplant patients. Victims of famine also are often subject to suppressed immunity. AID, on the other hand, arising mainly among Gay men in U.S. cities, is now recognized as a totally new syndrome with no precedent in history.

WHO IS AT RISK?

Despite the growing body of informed speculation about such potential risk factors as frequent sexual encounters with many partners, whatever it is that causes AID remains unproved and unknown. This speculation includes the possible involvement of sexually transmitted diseases such as hepatitis, herpes in several forms, gonorrhea, syphilis, and amebiasis. It also includes the use of such drugs as poppers (amyl and butyl nitrites) and marijuana. However, as the Gay Men's Health Crisis Committee stated in a recent letter to the Gay community: "Unsettling though it is, no evidence exists to incriminate any activity, drug, place of residence or any other factor, conclusively, in the outbreak facing us."

AM I ALREADY IMMUNE-DEFICIENT?

The findings of several ongoing, hospital-based studies tentatively suggest that as many as 80 to 85 percent of sexually active gay men in some major cities may already be immune-deficient.

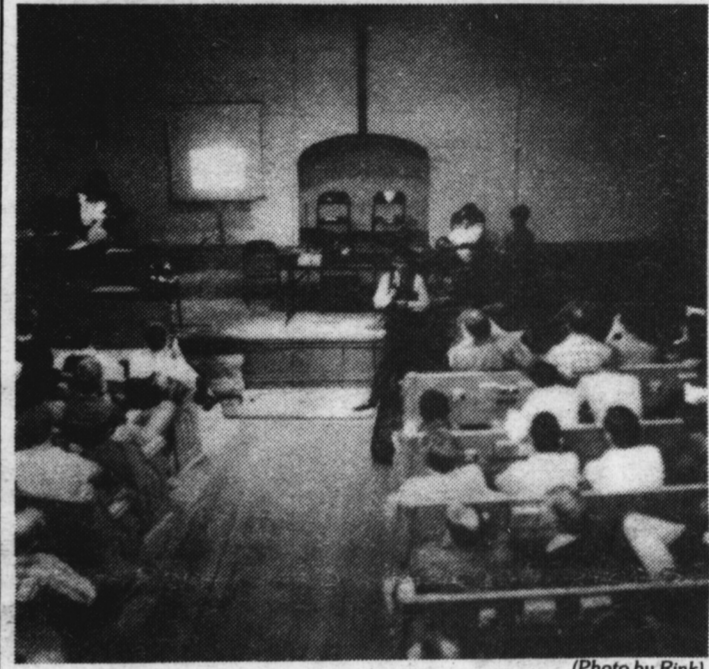
In recent public statements, federal health officers (in branches of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services) have speculated that "tens of thousands of homosexual men may have the acquired immune dysfunction" and be "at risk" for developing complications. But leading observers of the epidemic are not yet able to answer some of the most important questions now facing us. Most urgent is the question facing those individuals who appear to be in good general health but who may have laboratory evidence of immune deficiency: Which individuals are most likely to eventually develop such major AID diseases as Kaposi's sarcoma, *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia, *Toxoplasma gondii* infections, and other life-threatening "opportunistic" infections?

In other words, you may be immune-deficient even if you have no specific disease symptoms and seem to be in generally good health.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

AID symptoms are the symptoms of the rapidly proliferating number of diseases to which AID disposes its victims. Why these particular diseases, medical authorities do not really know. Because the defect as it is thus far characterized is a dysfunction of the so-called cellular branch

KS Forum Overflows



(Photo by Rink)

Cut down on sex contacts, limit your recreational drugs, get a good night's sleep, and eat a well-balanced diet. That was the advice from Dr. Marc Conant at the Kaposi sarcoma forum held in front of an overflow crowd at the MCC Church Tuesday night.

The forum is the second in a monthly series sponsored by the Kaposi Sarcoma Foundation, which was set up to spread information on the new epidemic of diseases that has struck a large number of Gay men in urban areas. So far, 452 cases of immune deficiency-related cases have been reported, with 177 deaths recorded.

The main point of Conant's talk was the fact that the diseases are the result of immune systems that have hit rock bottom. When the body's natural defense system has sunk too low for too long a time, it leaves itself open to "opportunistic" diseases, in this case Kaposi's and pneumocystis pneumonia.

The gist of Conant's talk was this: The doctors don't know what causes certain Gay men to have lower than normal immune levels; they don't know how Gay men catch the diseases, and they don't know how to cure them. Conant said the "best guess" on Kaposi's is that it's caused by "some transmissible agent," but researchers have been hampered by the lack of funds to investigate it.

If you have unexplained spots on your body or other signs that your health isn't what it was, see a doctor immediately. Conant stressed that it is important that patients tell their doctors they are Gay, so the doctors will know what they're looking for. He said if you don't feel comfortable telling your doctor, find a new one.

of the immune system, anticipated diseases include those associated with or caused by viruses, fungi, protozoa, and parasites — as opposed to those that are caused by bacteria or that are linked with allergies that would involve the humoral branch of immunity.

The most often observed diseases in the AID outbreak have been Kaposi's sarcoma and *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia, which have been the two primary causes of death so far. But many others, sometimes occurring in combination with KS, PCP,

Collingwood Park Arouses Supes

by Allen White

Supervisor Harry Britt in cooperation with Vaughn Taylor of the Eureka Valley Promotion Association announced a community meeting tonight on SFPD abuse of Gays in the Castro. The meeting, beginning at 7:30pm, is at the Women's Building.

At the same time, a number of Supervisors have registered their dismay over allegations of police overreaction stemming from an arrest of mayor aide Peter Nardoza. Nardoza and three others were arrested two weeks ago on Castro for drunkenness. Nardoza has insisted it was not so.

In addition to Britt, Supervisors Doris Ward, John Molinari, Lee Dolson, Richard Hongisto, Carol Ruth Silver, and Nancy Walker have stated they would attend. Many community organizations will be represented and Commissioners from the Human Rights Commission and the Police Commission are also expected to be there.

Supervisor Britt said, "In recent weeks the police have provoked, cited, and arrested Gay people who are in Collingwood Park, and sometimes who are only on their way home or to their cars. There appears no other reason for the harassment other than that the victims are Gay and happen to be in the wrong place when certain officers decide to hassle them."

Britt continued, "This is not the first time this kind of anti-

Gay activity has taken place. These incidents come and go. Each time, the police feel community pressure and back off. But each time they come back to harass innocent people. I don't think the community will allow it to continue."

Relating to this issue, Harry Britt last Monday at the Board of Supervisors' meeting requested information from the District Attorney to determine whether there are particular police officers who have been responsible for arrests and citations in Collingwood Park. He has asked for the number and exact nature of all arrests and citations in city parks this year. He also asked the General Manager of the Parks & Recreation Department for

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Supervisor Richard Hongisto, along with colleagues Britt, Ward, and Molinari speak out against Collingwood Park harassment. (Photo: Rink)

DA Beefs Up Response on Civilian Complaints

by Allen White

Reacting swiftly to Collingwood Park incidents, SF District Attorney Arlo Smith this week pointed to the California Penal Code, the section on Peace Officers' Inhumanity to Prisoners.

Section 147 says that inhumanity to anyone under a peace officer's care or in his custody is a punishable offense. The section goes on to say that peace officers guilty of brutality or any other kind of willful inhumanity or oppression will be prosecuted by the District Attorney's office. If found guilty they will be removed from the force, subject to a fine of up to \$2,000 and face the possibility of being charged with other charges such as assault.

Putting teeth in his displeasure, District Attorney Smith has directed his staff to forward any complaint involving allegations against an employee of the City and County of San Francisco to an in-

vestigator in the Special Prosecution Unit.

Smith told the B.A.R. that a police officer is subject to the law just as any other person. He stated, "I made a campaign promise when I ran for office to call them as I see them." He continued, "I intend to do just that."

The District Attorney said there was no question in his mind that the overwhelming majority of San Francisco Police Officers are very professional, hardworking and dedicated. At the same time he noted that there are "bad apples" who continually use excessive force, show personal bias, and succumb to various illegal temptations. "Most officers don't condone misconduct by their fellow officers," Smith said, "because it reflects on all officers."

With his power as District Attorney, Arlo Smith intends

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