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Gays/Strikers Ignored

Coors Defended by '60 Minutes' CBS-News Does It Again!

A News Analysis by George Mendenhall

CBS-News, whose earlier program on "Gay Power" brought it a censure from a national press association, presented an anti-boycott slant to a "60 Minutes" segment on Coors last Sunday. While CBS did mention the Gay bar boycott of Coors, the reason for it was distorted. Coors owners, William and Joe Coors, were given considerable time to explain themselves but were never asked the pertinent questions.

Mike Wallace said, "Coors used to be third, now it is sixth. Sales have dropped sharply. Why? Because there are stories that Coors is anti-Black, anti-women, anti-homosexual." Any casual reader of the daily financial pages could refute that simple explanation. Coors has primarily been the victim of the corporate buy-outs in which large breweries have been buying other breweries and using the increased revenue to expand advertising. Coors only spent \$6 million on advertising in 1976 while in 1981 it spent \$85 million — and it still dropped from fifth to sixth place. The boycott has hurt Coors but is not its major problem, as Wallace stated.

The boycott of Coors by Gay establishments — particularly in California — was emphasized by Wallace in a segment which portrayed customers at Trax (formerly The

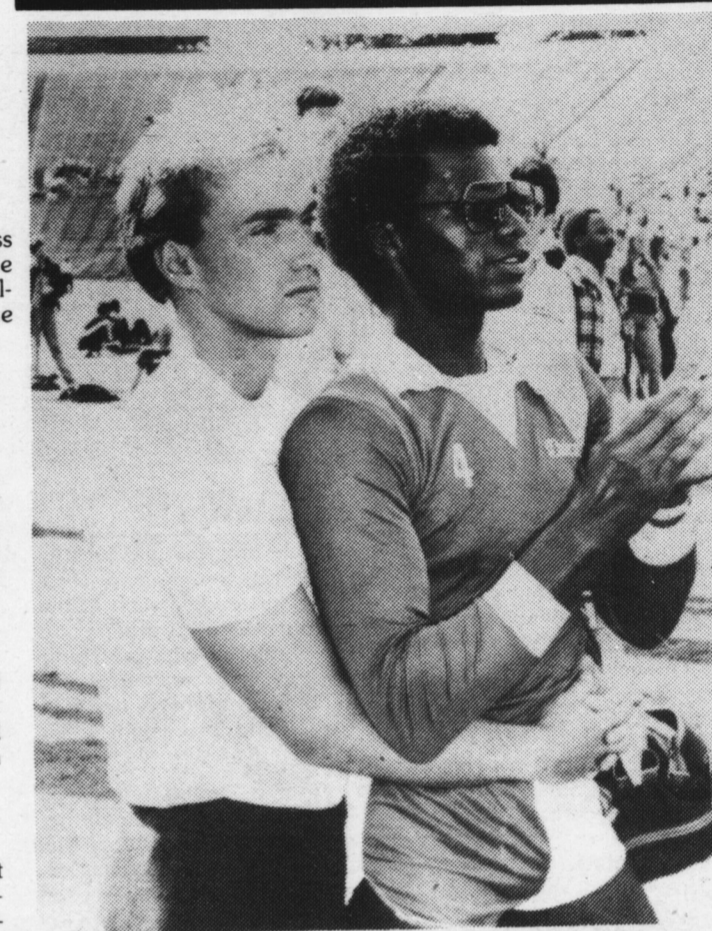
Question Mark) on Haight Street. The bartender, Paul Ferraro, said to a CBS reporter, "I cannot serve you a bottle of Coors." When he was asked, "Why not?" Ferraro replied, "Because Coors has been a big advocate of supporting the Moral Majority and other anti-Gay organizations so we do not sell their product." What viewers did not know was that the "60 Minutes" crew went on to interview nine San Francisco Gay people and union activists for 2½ hours on videotape. They had explained in detail what the Gay boycott was about — but this entire segment, including an interview with boycott leader and Gay activist Howard Wallace, was dumped. Instead, CBS concentrated on the lie detector tests that Coors still gives.

David Sickler, who heads the national boycott against Coors, was on the program. He said he had been asked

about his sex life with his wife, if he had ever had sex with more than one person at the same time and if he was a homosexual. Joseph Coors replied that he did not know what questions were being asked in the first years the lie detector was used. An official of Fact Finder, that directed the testing, said no such questions were ever asked. CBS, however, added that several former employees had testified that they had been asked personal questions when employed.

ANTI-GAY SUPPORT

Mike Wallace insisted that the issue was that many people — Blacks, women, Hispanics, Gays, unionists, etc. — objected to Joe and Bill Coors' "conservative views." Howard Wallace said he repeatedly told CBS that this was never the issue — that the real issue was that the



Black and White men together at the Gay Olympics with their spirits rising. (Photo: Rink)

Beer Scandal

DA Gives Parade Clean Bill of Health

by Paul Lorch

District Attorney Arlo Smith reported this week that his office can identify no criminal activity in the '82 Parade's "beer bust."

The '82 Parade Committee learned that some \$9,000 in potential revenue had not been earned in the June event. This year parade officials ran the beer concession themselves rather than contract them out. From approximately 23,000 cans that were dispensed, only \$13,628 was realized. Beer was sold at \$1 a can to benefit the Parade Committee.

At the time the Bay Area Reporter labeled the event as a scandal and called for a thorough investigation. The committee dragged its feet in getting to the heart of the matter and some members leaned to sweeping the business under the rug.

Smith agreed that his investigators would look into the mess and either file charges or issue a clean bill of

health. His office interviewed both committee chairpersons and the beer sub-committee chairperson and have concluded that no criminal activity could be established. Smith said in a letter dated September 21, "As a result of an apparent lack of sufficient controls on volunteer workers, money handling procedures, storage of beer, or validity of beer tickets, it is unlikely this office can determine specific culpability for losses."

In short, his office has no case and is laying the matter to rest. For Parade officials the DA's decision means they can proceed with their preparations for the '83 parade without menacing skeletons in their closet.

Konstantin Berlandt, interim Parade Co-chair, expressed great relief and pleasure with the DA's findings. As he left to attend a national Gay/Lesbian Parade meeting in Boston, he told the Bay Area Reporter, "I'm glad that one's behind us."

Supes Seek 1/3 mil. for Gay Health

Walker, Britt, Hongisto, Dolson Take Lead

Supervisors Nancy Walker and Harry Britt have requested \$375,000 from the city to firmly establish Gay health programs that are now primarily run by volunteers. Most of the funds would go to provide professional, paid staff coordinators, directors and counselors plus a microbiologist and lab assistant.

Specifically funded would be five established groups: SF General Hospital's Acquired Immune Deficiency Syn-

drome (AIDS) Clinic, \$132,000; Amebiasis Diagnosis (Public Health Dept.), \$106,927; Shanti Project (Counseling), \$59,000; Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation, \$48,000; and Gay Seniors (Operation Concern), \$27,830.

Assemblyman Art Agnos and activist Pat Norman assisted Britt and Walker. They were joined by Supervisor Richard Hongisto (who called for a public hearing on Gay health needs) and Supervisor Lee Dolson.

The federal government has allocated \$2.5 million for research into the causes and treatment of KS and AIDS, but the money has not "trickled down" to meet local needs. Hopefully, additional local funding will increase immediate medical care plus provide informational and referral services.

"This city has historically underfunded the health needs of Gay people," Walker told the Board of Supervisors. "We are calling attention to that fact and saying that Gay people have to receive more, as fast as possible." Britt added, "This package is a strong one and I will do everything that I can to see that the money comes through."

Hongisto issued a press re-



Supervisor Lee Dolson supports funds for Gay health.



Supervisor Nancy Walker aids Gay health.

lease calling for a full evaluation of Gay health needs and how they might better be coordinated — and possibly funded by public and/or private means.

There are currently over 600 known KS and related "immune deficiency" cases in the nation with 100 of these in the Bay Area.

Walker chairs the Board's Health Committee which will have a public hearing on Gay health needs and the Walker/Britt proposal in November. The other members of the Health Committee are Doris Ward and Louise Renne.

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New York's Koch Fails

Cuomo Could be a Gay-Plus

by George Mendenhall

Mario Cuomo, the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York could become as vehemently pro-Gay as California's Jerry Brown — if elected. Cuomo won the gubernatorial primary election, delayed because of a redistricting squabble, over New York's Mayor Ed Koch in a 54% upset. All opinion polls had given the race to Koch — one had Cuomo down by 18%.

Cuomo could be a plus for Gay activists. The *New York Times* concludes that Cuomo is the stronger candidate to beat the GOP's multi-millionaire candidate, Lewis Lehrman. Lehrman spent \$7 million just in the primary. Koch had lost considerable labor and minority support to Cuomo who is also stronger outside of the Big Apple than Koch.

House "Family" conference, and promised that as governor he would issue an executive order barring discrimination against Gay people in



Winner as Demo's choice for Governor's race Mario Cuomo.

state hiring. He gained the support of some Gay political clubs and people such as the executive director of the Fund for Human Dignity, Virginia Apuzzo, and creative people such as author/critic Vito Russo and playwright Doric Wilson.

Apuzzo, intently involved in Brooklyn's Lambda Independent Democrats, told *Bay Area Reporter*. "Koch has lost his conscience. He has been dragging his ass on Gay

rights. He has been moving to the political Right. This race was a bellwether to other Democrats who think they can win by moving in that direction."

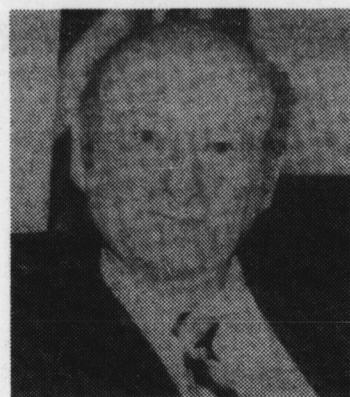
Koch had troubles elsewhere as he tried to "save" the city from financial crisis by supporting cuts in services and benefits that hurt labor. Labor moved to Cuomo... He also convinced New Yorkers that he was not seeking higher office when he ran for mayor a year ago and won. Some people voted for Cuomo, to keep Koch in office for the balance (2½ years) of his term... Koch also irritated feminists and liberals with attacks on public women — such as activists Bella Abzug and Jane Fonda — because of their Left politics... In a *Playboy* interview Koch joked about rural people's habits, which did not help him outside of the city when he sought state-wide office.

There is no question that Koch's critics in the New York Gay community had to give pause and recognize the mayor's accomplishments. When in Congress he was the first to co-author Gay rights legislation and later as mayor he personally demanded a marching permit for the Christopher Street Parade and ordered his police department to hire openly Gay peo-

ple. He condemned the Air Force's treatment of Sgt. Leonard Matlovich and the campaign of Anita Bryant. His most pronounced accomplishment was his issuing of an executive order banning Gay discrimination in city employment.

On the other hand, probably the most singular act that ired NYC's Gays was Koch's recent public endorsement of Tom Cuite in his re-election bid to the NYC city council. Cuite, the mayor's leader of the council, has been the most consistent block to Gay jobs/housing/accommodations legislation. He has vigorously opposed the proposed ordinance for five years. Apuzzo said Koch claims that he would not oppose someone because of a position on just a single issue. She angrily replied to this logic by telling B.A.R., "I'll bet if Cuite was anti-Semitic Koch would be speaking out against him."

How Cuomo will fare in November is questionable because his opponent will have considerable personal wealth



Loser NYC Mayor Ed Koch

to spend on the race. One plus is that Cuomo was able to deliver bodies — 10,000 of them — to walk the streets and staff the telephones of his campaign (while Koch followed advisor David Garth's suggestion and used television extensively). If minorities, labor, Gays, Italians and Democrats vote in large numbers, Mario Cuomo could win. His victory could be a major victory for Gay rights... Meanwhile, Ed Koch possibly has learned a lesson: Even your friends want to know, "What have you done for us lately?"

Wall Street Journal Spotlights Burton/Marks Contest

Master Politician Seen as Vulnerable

The *Wall Street Journal* this week gave front-page coverage to the Burton/Marks congressional race. The article's thrust lay in its title which asked if Burton had cut one too many political deals.

The *Journal's* staff reporter, Dennis Farney, concluded that voter anger over Burton's architecting of California redistricting gives the Republicans a good chance to take the seat Burton has held for 18 years.

"Defeat of Rep. Burton," wrote Farney, "would deprive the House of one of its master legislators — and the man whose relentless drive for power has roiled the Democratic leadership pot for years."

It is Burton's arrogance of power that challenger Marks will seek to use for his advantage. The Marks strategy is based on Burton's unpopular redistricting of his younger



Challenger Milton Marks

Burton meanwhile "is trying to turn the race into a referendum — not on himself but on Ronald Reagan and Interior Secretary James Watt." To this charge Marks counters that "Burton is no more running against Ronald Reagan than I am running against Teddy Kennedy. This is a race between him and me."

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brother John's seat (to give him safe votes) and John's abrupt decision not to run. These two things says the *Wall Street Journal* "left Phil Burton where he is today — with a weakened district, restive voters, and Republicans out for revenge."

Marks' other charge that he hammers away at is that Phil Burton has paid more attention "to power-seeking in Washington than the needs of his own district."

The *Wall Street Journal* on September 28, 1982, finds a different Phil Burton on view — different from the intense, abrasive Burton of legend. "He is more accessible and more humble too," ends reporter Farney.

But it was the old Burton who had the last word. "And I've got the support of the Gays and cops as well. Ain't that a bitch!"

Neither the local Burton nor Marks campaign people found any fault with the piece. Mike Novelli of the Burton campaign said, "The article is a fair analysis of political problems surrounding the race. We consider this a tough race."

John Van Heusden, Milton Marks' liaison with the Gay community, spoke for himself and headquarters. "We both think the article is fair." Van Heusden added a personal note. "I was happy to see the quote that Burton has both the Gays and police... when it comes to November 2 the Gays won't forget it."



Incumbent Phil Burton

Using the PD and the FD

Putting Down A Party

by Allen White

Last July, the San Francisco Fire Department and the Police Department were used as pawns in an effort to close down the Phoenix Uniform Club's annual party held at 375 11th Street. Attorney Michael Evans (representing a client he refuses to name) is the person who carried out this work. This week he spoke to the *Bay Area Reporter*.

According to Evans, his services were used by his client because his client felt the premises were unsafe and he felt it in the public interest that the party be cancelled. To that end, according to Evans, his client had him meet with members of the Fire Department and the Police to create a situation that would stop the party from being conducted.

Evans told the *Bay Area Reporter* that it was his understanding that the party was being thrown by "operators who only wanted to make a fast buck." In fact, the sponsors of the event, the Phoenix Uniform Club have been around San Francisco for many years and each year they throw a private party. They give the bulk of any money they make to charity. Last year the profits were donated to the victims of the Folsom Street Fire. This year, a check for several hundred dollars was given to the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation. The party is actually not planned with the intent of making money. It is planned to have a good time. This year they served free drinks and free food the entire evening which made it a cost-free event once inside.

The primary safety problem is the entrance to the facility at 375 11th Street. Currently there is one main entrance to the old warehouse. The fire department would like to see two separate entrances. There are several other modern fire prevention modifications, one of which is a sprinkler system.

Knowledge of the fire department requirements comes from Charles Slayton who with a partner are in the process of opening the site as a bar called "Chaps of San Francisco." Many of the requirements must be passed through the channels of the planning commission. Once this is done and the remodeling is complete, "Chaps of San Francisco" will be opening.

Slayton told the B.A.R. that the funds for this construction work were coming from private investment. Evans stated that he believed that the money came from the profits of the private parties. Slayton responded that his financing is through very standard methods and he is not planning to remodel a building by throwing a party.

Last week the B.A.R. stated in a related story that the producers of the event were given notice at the last minute of a problem with the fire department. The implication was that by serving notice at the last minute it would be impossible for the producers to comply with fire department requests and thus it would be possible for a person to close down the event. With information supplied to the B.A.R. from several sources, including Michael Evans, it would appear that the heavy effort to close the event began on the Thursday before the party on Saturday night. Michael Evans stated that the closing of the party would have been successful if it had not been for a move which he was to

call "creative." That move was to hire off-duty law enforcement officers. According to one report a total of nine off-duty firemen and police were hired.

Fire Chief personally was reported to have shown up at the party. It was reported by a reliable source that he found the party to be a safe event and suggested that two of the firemen were not needed and could leave.

A persistent puzzle throughout this entire affair is why one person who wishes to remain unidentified would go to such trouble to stop a party. Retaining a lawyer for several days usually is costly, and it doesn't make that much sense that a person would go to all of this trouble and cost in the interest of safety for people who, for the most part, he probably doesn't even know. Michael Evans would not reveal the motives of his client and further stated that it was confidential.

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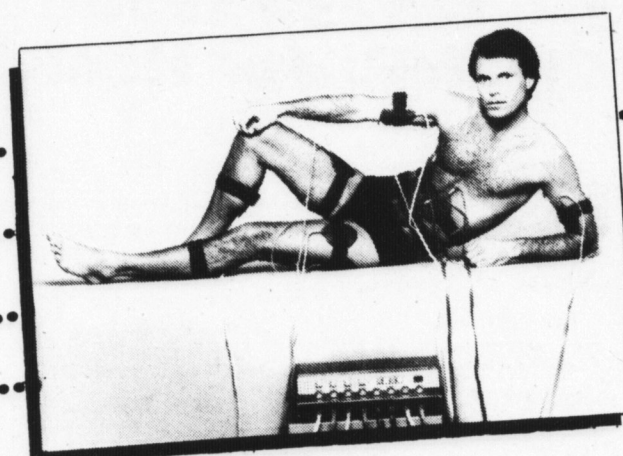
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Juan Corona: A Closeted Gay

Did 25 Murders Cover Up Sex Acts?

A Personal View by George Mendenhall

Two juries have determined that Juan Corona, a farm labor contractor, murdered 25 transient alcoholics and farm workers in the Marysville/Yuba City area early in 1971. Many had been hacked to death with a large machete knife and buried in shallow graves in the ranches under Corona's jurisdiction. The cost of the two trials, paid by California taxpayers, could be over \$6 million.

This reporter attended the first Corona trial for *The Advocate* newspaper but never publicly revealed his personal view of what really transpired in 1971 before Corona was arrested. The motive has never been determined. This is what might have transpired in this reporter's analysis (fantasy?) in 1971:

Juan Corona was from Mexico and a Catholic — with the usual strong macho feelings about masculinity coupled with the guilt about sexuality from his religious training. He was a closet homosexual who married and had three daughters — a decidedly female home life in which he had little opportunity for male relations.

Juan decided in 1971, in his mid-30's, to give way to his homosexual inclinations. The opportunity was great because part of his job as a labor contractor was to pick up transient farm workers in the poor section of Marysville in the pre-dawn darkness and drive them to the farms to work the fields. Many people saw him do this regularly so there was nothing unusual about it. In fact, some witnesses testified in the second trial that they had seen four specific men on four separate occasions picked up by Juan — who were never seen alive again but were later discovered dead in graves on the ranches.

Evidently, Juan either made sexual advances or actually had sex with his victims. He discovered that his first encounter and murder was not that difficult, so it was tried again — and again. It became a pattern. By burying those who might have talked he protected his "other" world — the straight, married, religious, hard-working Juan Corona that society

knew. As he buried the bodies around the banks of the Feather River away from the picking areas, he felt his system was safe. Unfortunately for him, his graves were shallow. When the first body was discovered in May 1971, the body had only been buried a few hours before.

Corona was apprehended after several items with his name on them were discovered in the grave sites — evidently having dropped out of his pockets during the encounters. At Juan's home his car, machete knives, boots, and clothes were discovered to have dried blood deposits on them — of seven different blood types.

The most damning evidence discovered was a small ledger, locked in a drawer in Juan's bedroom. It listed the actual names of seven of the dead men and the dates that it is estimated that they were last seen. Handwriting experts testified that the handwriting was Juan's. Jury Foreman Brian Hast said that this single piece of evidence was what convinced the jury that Juan was guilty.

This reporter spent an evening at the home of attorney Richard Hawk, who defended Juan in the first trial, in 1973. Hawk was disturbed that anal smears had not been taken of the victims to determine if they had been "sodomized" by the abductor. The attorney also brought out that

He allegedly died later on a street in Mexico. Hallinan said Natividad was partly driven by his deteriorating mental state, brought on by the advanced stages of syphilis. The jury rejected the Natividad involvement in one of its first jury room votes.

While both attorneys — and all newspaper accounts — allowed for the possibility of the murders being homosexual in nature, not one pointed to Corona as being involved in homosexual activity. The contention by all was that since Juan was married, Catholic, the father of three children, and very "masculine" in appearance, he could not have been the "maniacal homosexual."

Ironically, Hallinan contended during the trial that this case was another example of "homosexual mass murders" that had followed in Chicago and Texas. This was ironic because in all three cases what was involved was men who had every reason to conceal their homosexual activities — even by murder — to prevent the world from knowing their sexual activities. Hallinan's client had everything to lose by such a revelation.

THE CONFESSIONS

Following Corona's conviction in the second trial it was revealed that he had confessed the murders to a priest. The prosecution wanted to produce the guard who heard the confession but such evidence is not admissible under California law.

Corona also wrote the judge in an offer to plead guilty in 1978. The letter was rejected because it was taken to be an offer to plea bargain for immediate release and not as an actual admission of guilt. The letter was never released to the public until the trial concluded.

One witness did hear from Juan directly that he had killed

ed the men. Jesus Rodriguez-Navarro, a former Mexican consular official, did testify at the trial that Juan confessed to him in 1978. However, the jury foreman revealed it was the discovery of the ledger with seven names — and not this testimony — that persuaded the jurors.

There will be a move for a new trial on October 21 when Juan Corona is sentenced. If there is no new trial, it is unlikely that Corona will ever be released from jail.

This reporter can recall seeing a photo some years ago of Juan riding atop a horse in a rather regal manner. He was dressed in a military-type uniform he had purchased and it flashed across my mind, "Is this Juan's butch drag outfit that he parades for the public to see?" Later, a witness testified that she saw Juan frequently washing out the interior of his pickup in the morning with a hose and I wondered what catatonic thoughts Juan had at that time as he concealed the sex and the bloody acts that followed. They later said he was such a "nice" man — a good Catholic who went to mass and his daughters were always dressed so neatly.

The fascination of the Corona case is that it might be another classic example of how distorted and tragic the results can be of a person's attempt to remain closeted. The 25 dead men discovered in shallow graves in Sutter County might be the result of one man's inability to cope with his concept of masculinity, the guilt given him by his church, the desperate desire to maintain family and societal relations — and still give full vent to his homosexual needs. The double-tragedy is that society has already determined flippantly that the Corona murders are just another bizarre, unexplained case in the annals of criminal justice.

Milk Club Endorses Walker, Ward, Tom

Bob Barnes, Jr. Only Gay Man Endorsed

by Wayne Friday

The Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club held their endorsement meeting Tuesday night and overwhelmingly endorsed incumbent Supervisors Nancy Walker and Doris Ward. Ben Tom, a member of the Board of Education now running for Supervisor, was the only other supervisory candidate to receive the Milk Club endorsement. In the Supervisors contest a total of 175 votes were cast with 105 needed for endorsement. Walker received 155 votes; Ward received 154, and Tom polled 111 votes.

Gay activist Greg Day received 95 votes, 10 short of the necessary 105, while Bill Maher and Supervisor Richard Hongisto followed with 69 and 60 votes, respectively.

Walker, Ward, and Tom were the only candidates in the Supervisors race to carry the recommendation of the club's endorsement committee, and their names were printed in caps on the club ballot.

In the bitterly contested race for seats on the Community College Board, Carole Migden, the Lesbian activist who is the favorite of the Milk Club leadership, and who carries the strong endorsement of Supervisor Harry Britt as well as incumbent Gay College Board member Tim Wolfred, easily won the club's endorsement. Migden re-

ceived 150 votes of 173 cast and was followed by incumbent Board member Alan Wong, who received 124 to also win the Milk endorsement. There are three seats on the Community College Board up in the November election and the inter-club fight between the Milk Club and the Alice Toklas Club flamed up again Tuesday night when the Milk Club denied endorsement to Toklas' vice president Sal Rosselli, who received 74 votes, far short of the 104 needed.

The bitter turf war between the two clubs, centered around the Community College fight, has been going on for months; only last week Toklas denied endorsement to the Milk-backed Migden, and most saw Tuesday's denial of a Milk endorsement to Rosselli as nothing more than a "political payback." In remarks to Milk members Tuesday night Migden claimed she had been the victim of "rude and barbaric treatment" from her opponents and left little doubt that she was referring to Rosselli supporters. Rosselli, in kind, said he had been lied about by "certain members of the Milk Club leadership" and the battle between the Lesbian and Gay man for two relatively unimportant offices continued. Under Toklas Club rules, a second vote may be taken next month to attempt to endorse other candidates for College Board. Toklas president Connie O'Connor told the *Reporter*

Reflections on the Milk Endorsement Night

by Claude Wynne

As a member of the Endorsement Committee of the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club, I got to witness the narrow-minded and sectarian thinking which went into the recommendations of the committee. One of the reasons for rejecting Greg Day was he had "trashed the Milk Club." No one questioned his positions on issues. A bare majority voted to recommend endorsement of Robert Barnes after someone said, "We have to endorse one Gay candidate" other than Carole Migden. Sal Rosselli was called "more dangerous than Kevin Wadsworth."

It appears that in between the endorsement meeting and the general meeting the leadership decided to speak for Greg Day and avoid an ugly public scene. However, I believe that they secretly urged Milk loyalists not to vote for him, thereby denying him the endorsement.

Two founders of the Milk Club, Jim Gordon and David Goldman, both Rosselli supporters, were told that there was no record of their membership, despite the fact that both had paid their dues earlier in the year. Gordon was only allowed to vote after going home and getting a receipt for his dues.

Gwenn Craig, who was responsible for picking names of speakers at the general meeting out of a box, was seen by a member to pick the name of Howard Wallace but Wallace was never called. Wallace opposes endorsement of Propositions I and J, the police initiatives. No one spoke against their endorsement. The last three speakers — Russ Fields, Gwenn Craig and Catherine Cusic — all attacked Sal Rosselli with no chance for anyone to reply to their charges.

The Milk Club has betrayed the Gay liberationist principles it was founded upon. It has become a machine dedicated to protect its influence within the Democratic Party by keeping independent Gays out of public office. The leadership's politics are "progressive," but their methods of operation are totalitarian and undemocratic. It was not the credibility of Greg Day and Sal Rosselli that was on the line, it was the credibility of the Milk Club. I'm afraid they failed the test.

I call upon all those who believe in the original goals of the club to join me in forming a new Gay liberation organization, independent of the Democratic Party, which will combine mass mobilization of the community with principled electoral action. One which will be guided by a vision of an egalitarian future and a practical program for immediate change. The first priorities of the new organization will be to get Gov. Brown to veto S.B. 1025 and working for all the major progressive Gay candidates.

Those interested in the new organization should call me at 431-1522.

last week that she doubted a second Toklas vote would produce an endorsement for Migden because she had expected that Milk Club would deny its endorsement to the Toklas-backed Rosselli. Migden told the *Reporter* that based on the fact that she received 55% of the votes cast last time, she thinks that she can now get the necessary 60% needed for an endorsement from Alice.

In other votes Tuesday night, the Milk Club formally endorsed L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley for Governor and L.A. District Attorney John Van de Kamp, the Democrat, for Attorney General. The Milk Club had previously endorsed most of the other Democrats running for statewide and local partisan offices. Bob Barnes, Jr. was the only Gay activist to be endorsed and was overwhelmingly so for a seat on the BART District Board.

Milk Club members also voted Tuesday night on the controversial police-sponsored Propositions I (retirement benefits) and J (over-time for police). This part of the ballot had hand-inked in dots on how to vote. All one had to do was follow the dots. Supervisor Harry Britt spoke strongly in favor of both propositions, and in addition to Britt, both a Lesbian and a Gay police officer spoke in favor of Propositions I and J. With 131 votes cast, Prop I received 100 yes, 21 no, and 10 no endorsements, to win the endorsement of the club. Proposition J received 98 yes, 22 no, and 10 no endorsements, to also win endorsement. Ron Huberman, political vice president of the Milk Club, told the *Bay Area Reporter* this week that the club plans to distribute 40,000 slate cards between now and the November election, and he has hopes that the Club will also buy billboards in Muni stations to promote their endorsed candidates. On the continued political in-fighting between the Migden and Rosselli camps, Huberman expressed hope that "Alice will now consider Carole on her merits" and hopefully endorse her at their October meeting.

Meanwhile, Toklas' political vice president, Randy Stallings, told the *Reporter* yesterday that "Migden's performance last night (Tuesday) virtually assures that she will not get the endorsement of Alice at next month's meeting." Stallings was also critical of the Milk Club's failure to endorse Gay supervisorial candidate Greg Day, commenting that he found it strange that a Gay club "says 'no' to Gay candidates like Rosselli and Day but says 'yes' to the cops." "Hardly what we would expect of a club that calls itself progressive," Stallings added.



Gay supervisorial candidate Greg Day put in his impression of the Britt people's performance. "Considering that most of the leadership of the club did everything it could to stop me, I am proud of the large number of votes I received."

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Signs Taken Down at Collingwood Park

by Allen White

It is now official — the Eureka Valley Playground at 19th and Collingwood is open 24 hours a day. At a meeting of the Park & Recreation Department on September 8, a resolution was passed which provides that the signs come down stating any hours the park would be closed. The signs, except for one which was overlooked, have now all been taken down. The last remaining sign, according to the Park & Rec. Dept. should be down by the end of the week.

The police will no longer be citing people for being in the park. Earlier this year controversy developed over citations, arrests and alleged police brutality regarding a park department ordinance which closed the park from 10 p.m. until 6 in the morning. People were cited who claimed they were merely using the park as a short-cut to get home. Others claimed public sex was taking place in the park.

The removal of the signs reflects the belief of the Park & Recreation Department that there are specific laws in the Park Code which deal with any illegal activity which might take place in any park. For this reason, there is no reason to just close down the park.

Captain Taylor of Mission Station discussed the new situation relating to the park. In an interview earlier this week with the *Bay Area Reporter*, it was his comment that the park would be given low priority by his officers. The area covered by Mission Station is a high crime area. He said that there are many areas of the district which need a higher priority of enforcement.

Taylor also noted that Eureka Valley Playground (or Collingwood Park) is a park. Being a park, it like many others can be a hazard at night. Taylor stated that late at night there is a need for caution to be shown by people who choose to be in parks. Taylor said he believes Dolores Park and Golden Gate Park are two examples of parks that are not safe at night. He noted that the Eureka Valley Playground area is a place that can be dangerous for a person who is not alert. He strongly suggested that people be careful and be aware.

His advice stressed the point that being alone in a park makes a person an easy target for getting mugged. He noted that they are most likely not a victim because they are Gay. They are a victim be-

cause they are an easy target.

As in any community, Captain Taylor noted that there are parasites of society in the Gay community. He finds out this fact in the most basic of ways. The victims, when they call the police, get a response in the Castro area from the police officers of Mission Station.

These changes mean that any person may now enter the Eureka Valley Playground at any hour of the day or night. The laws of the Park Code are very specific. Though it is the stated position of the head of Mission Station to give low priority to the area, he never said he would discourage his officers from enforcing the laws which pertain to the park. Simply stated, people who are in the park should get no hassle from the cops unless they engage in an illegal activity. From my talks with officials of both the Police Department and Park & Rec. Department it is not in a person's best interest to do anything in that park which is against the law. The message the SFPD sends is clear: The park is open but watch out if you break a law, especially one relating to sex or drugs.



BUST ALERT

Local Gay attorneys are reporting a rash of arrests in Lafayette Park during daylight hours.

The park, which runs between Sacramento and Washington and Gough and Octavia Streets, is the scene of many Gay trysts.

Men solo or in pairs are being cited by plainclothes officers and charged with 647a or 653, loitering in and around a schoolyard. There have also been charges of police harassment.

If cited, contact an attorney and, above all, plead not guilty; 647a is an offense for which — if guilty — one must register as a sex offender. All Gay attorneys will work to get the charges dismissed.

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VIEWPOINT

Autumn Leaves

This Monday afternoon the Italian consulate called (not an everyday occurrence). A consular official had on her hands two visiting Italian congressmen who wanted to know something more about the San Francisco Gay rights movement. That wasn't the reason they were continent-hopping, but two of their delegation had put Gay on their druthers list. And their person in charge (also their translator) was obliging. Their early afternoon was a visit to Berkeley and UC's institute of industrial relations. They booked themselves into a 5:30p.m. pit stop at the B.A.R.

For the next hour and a half, I engaged in one of the more unusual conversations on the subject of Gay rights. They questioned in Italian translated by their host; I responded in English translated back. The key to the successful dialogue was the consular official, and there were moments of gabbling for air as she wrestled with such items as "drag queen," "AIDS" and whatever is the Italian equivalent for "camp."

One of the men was from Bolzano (the mountainous regions below Austria); the second was from Naples. Both took pains to identify themselves, their political interests, and to put a safe distance between themselves and Gaydom. The former's interests were the rights of minorities in general. He represented a German-speaking district perennially toying with detaching themselves from the motherland. The Neapolitan, more urbane and polished than his mountain man counterpart, had a radical left constituency. He had run into problems with state-financed operations for transsexuals. It seemed that even after the operations the state insisted the changelings be male in identification matters and all that had been achieved was an outcast caste of neither-nors.

Out of the closet Italian Gay rights movement is a new phenomenon, and these two legislators wanted to know how we achieved what we did and where we were going next. On the first I found myself waxing eloquent — halting only when signaled by the interpreter that she had a headful. We talked about the Willie Brown bill, Governor Brown's executive order, the languishing AB 1. Then to local issues and ordinances. They wanted to know all about the Gay ghetto — the Castro. (No Italian counterpart exists.) How Gays lived together. The mountain man wanted to know if Gay marriage was a legislative goal and how would we handle divorce. He didn't seem relieved when I suggested that to many the state of wedded bliss was a nonissue.

Then they wanted to know how the Gay rights movement was doing under Reagan which meant the interpreter and I had to quick sketch the phenomenon of the moral majority and the power of the fundamentalist right. One tends to forget that Jerry Falwell isn't an international household word.

They wanted to know about disease and promiscuity (and the translator had to wrestle with "one-night stands"). From there I tried to get across that as Latin men they could understand — that to many Gay men the vast array of numbers was like heaven on earth. The two Italians seemed to go for that idea.

At about 90 minutes the vivacious interlocutor began to show signs of mental fatigue. For the four of us it had been a taxing endeavor. At best we had glossed over dozens of issues.

After the trio left amid a profusion of grazie I began to think of how I had handled the query on "Where were we going in San Francisco?"

I had sidestepped with lines like, "We were at our best when facing a common enemy — but that few if any now existed overtly in San Francisco."

"Quo Vadis?" And the question lingers a day later. For the older warriors, the battle-scarred, perhaps it is merely a question of holding on to what we've got. For the next wave perhaps it's our pressing business to open the doors, to pave the first cobblestones, and set tomorrow's crop on its way.

There exists sad evidence that such is not the case here with a few who toil in the vestibule of power. New faces (unless rubber stamped) are a threat. And require squashing. No banana republic ever did it differently, yet herein lie the seeds of revolution. Which was what it took in the first place . . . and should it be any different in the second place.

P. Lorch

LETTERS

FOR THE RECORD

★ Wayne Friday's August 12 column listed some political endorsements supposedly by the California State Employees' Association. Instead, these endorsements were by the California SCHOOL Employees Association, another union which is often mistaken for our union because of the same initials.

Like the school union, our CSEA did indeed endorse Tom Bradley for governor, Leo McCarthy for lieutenant governor and Ken Cory for controller. But unlike them, we endorsed March Fong Eu for secretary of state and Jesse Unruh for treasurer.

We made no endorsement for state attorney general. And neither we nor the school union made any endorsement in the U.S. Senate race.

Keith Hearn
Communications Manager
California State Employees' Association
Sacramento, CA

SISTERS A SIGHT . . .

★ I personally think the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are the "eyesore of life." Every time I see them, I can't imagine what they are out to prove, except to draw undue attention to the gay community. I would hate to think that people everywhere think that we (I use the royal we) are turning the direction of our lives to follow these "eyesores"?

I have yet to be asked by anyone what they are all about, and if I were asked, I would have to protect us by stating that I don't agree with their offensive costuming and I don't agree with their spectacle-ism . . .

I was walking down Castro Street when I was approached by someone soliciting signatures for (cough) Boom-Boom's campaign for Supervisor. I said to the person when asked, "I will have to think about it . . ." That person came back with, "Well, you just go ahead and think about it" in a tone of voice that said, "You should be grateful that you were chosen to be asked to sign, and, I should be willing to exploit the gay community by putting this circus in the public eye."

Well, isn't there enough negative thinking about our community to "frost the cake" with this example of (and representing us all), what???. This is how our life is . . .

Sisters, I have been in San Francisco long before you came "out of your closets" and have done my share of partying, but not at the whole community's expense. If I were not living in San Francisco, and had a different lifestyle and saw you "doing your thing" I would judge the whole community on your behavior. Also, the question — "Do all gay people follow those ideals?" and, "wear those outfits?"

If you want to do things for the community, come back to earth, and let the public see you for what you are, concerned brothers and sisters, who look like regular people.

Rick Sullivan
San Francisco

READY TO LEAVE

★ I haven't been able to get a copy of the B.A.R. for awhile, so I have been out of touch. I am a prisoner at San Quentin. I will be released soon and would like information about groups, organizations or individuals offering assistance to prisoners returning to the community. I have been down for five years and am very concerned about making it out there as a self-supporting member of the community. Any information anyone can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Jerry Kelly
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BURTON AD MISLEADS

★ In the September 9, 1982, issue of B.A.R. there is an advertisement promoting the re-election of Phil Burton to the U.S. Congress. I think that it is fine and dandy that those individuals took the time, energy, and money to endorse Burton. But there are several misconceptions in that ad that ought to be pointed out.

Just because Milton Marks is a Republican does not mean that he will vote a straight Reagan line. When Reagan was Governor of California Marks took the opportunity many times to vote against Reagan policies. By the way, it was a group of moderate and liberal Republicans in the House of Representatives that not so long ago prevented the Reagan Administration from massively cutting Federal funding for needed social programs. Marks demonstrates his absolute independence by his support of the Nuclear Freeze proposition, in direct opposition to the Reagan policy.

And where are all these big bucks that Reagan and the GOP National Committee have allegedly spent on the Marks campaign? Anyone who is politically aware and up-front about that awareness knows that the Marks campaign is on a shoe-string budget.

Another misconception — Secretary of the Interior (it really should be Secretary of the Posterior) James Watt was not a "featured guest" at the Marks fundraiser in Washington, D.C.; in fact, Milton Marks was taken aback that Watts showed up at all.

So when you guys support Phil Burton, support him with everything positive that you can find, but do not denigrate one of the finest and most effective public officials San Francisco has ever had — Milton Marks.

And, finally, when it comes down to which of the two candidates has done more for Lesbian and Gay rights — Milton Marks has more going for him on the tip of his pinky finger than Phil Burton does in his entire career.

On November 2, when I cast my ballot, I am going to remember the man who has always been for us — long before it was kosher. The man who was there when we needed him the most — Milton Marks.

Frederick Hobson
San Francisco

ON A DIFFERENT BENT

★ It was nice to find out that I'm not the only gay in San Francisco who loves rock and roll (B.A.R. entertainment no. 37).

Don't get me wrong. Disco is nice too, but it does get tired.

Besides the Sun, I don't know of any bar around who mixes the music. There should be a little bit of something for everyone. Long live Rock!

Dave Zoellner
San Francisco

BAD DEAL

★ The Bay Area Reporter is to be commended for standing up to Supervisor Harry Britt and opposing his crackpot attempt to sell the gay community down the river. Obviously, Harry has been taking arrogance lessons from his good buddy, Congressman Phil Burton.

Britt and Burton have made their bed with the Police Officers' Association so let them lie in it. We are not going to. Our vote is not for sale.

Albert Martino
San Francisco

LETTERS

SHAFTS OF LIGHT

★ Thanks for allotting front-page coverage to the controversy over an alleged "police-gay alliance." George Mendenhall's article on this hot topic was useful and balanced.

I'm a little concerned, though, over the general impression that Harry Britt acted alone in engineering a "pact" between gay people and the police. This is the impression left by your coverage and by other press reports — mainly because leaders in various political camps have done all they can to disassociate themselves from Britt's actions in this matter.

My own impression is that there was initial support for the concept of a gay-police alliance, from various segments of the community, and that Harry has been left high-and-dry by those who've had an opportunity to reconsider their initial position — or who subsequently found fault with the specifics of the final "deal."

The day after the Chronicle broke the story, two prominent gay labor activists (friends of mine, and neither of them particularly fond of Britt) spoke favorably of the pact. Associates went so far as to credit one of these activists with having originally promoted the concept — saying, in effect, that the idea wasn't Britt's idea at all. I hear that in the course of a week these two have reversed their position and no longer choose to be associated with the police-gay coalition effort.

Similarly, the president of a local gay Democratic club suggested that the trade-off was an acceptable political package immediately after it became public. He said that his club wasn't part of any negotiations, but he had no criticisms of the arrangement or of Britt's role in its formulation. Only a few days later did this political club denounce the package.

A gay political reporter told me that he suspected the gay community stood to gain more than it was giving up as a result of the trade-off; and, while he was not gung-ho on the announced deal, he offered no criticism of the deal.

I'm not an avid Britt supporter, and I disapprove of his effort to negotiate any kind of deal with the Police Officers' Association; but I don't think he pursued this alliance without some indication of support from others. That support may have fallen through in some cases. Or Britt may have misread the nature and extent of that support in other cases. Still, my own limited discussions with gay leaders immediately following announcement of the deal revealed some support for the concept and — among those deeply involved in the electoral process — no criticism of the deal. The criticisms came later, after it became apparent that the rank-and-file gay community denounced such an alliance.

It seems Harry Britt is getting the shaft . . .

Bill Hartman
San Francisco

ED. NOTE: Your points are well taken. The challenge then to unearth why the massive backpedaling. You give one possible answer. Another is that Britt's camp leaking the story to the Chronicle was not a tiny mistake but a massive blunder. It was seen as an attempt to seal into a bus a number of passengers, with the bus being driven by Harry Britt. The backpedaling backfired and just about everybody jumped off the bus. At issue now is no longer the POA deal but the issue of a Britt grab for total leadership of the local gay community. This no one would buy, save the Milk Club executive. The left, the center, and the right refused to be corralled and refused to play. What we have now is disarray, the propositions involved twisted out of proper focus, and a major setback for Harry Britt. When he put his reputation to the test, it didn't draw and didn't hold. I agree Harry got shafted but much of the prick is from his own shaft.

P. Lorch

SAVE BROWN

★ Your strong support for Jerry Brown for Senator, in view of his stand on gay rights, this reader could not agree with more.

A word of caution: Those who consider themselves "human beings first and gay second" (i.e. Marxist gays in the one hand and "Terry Dolan gays" on the other) will probably vote for Pete Wilson.

Look what just happened in New York to Mayor Koch, who lost to homophobic Mario Cuomo. The "Marxoleptic" gays in the city I used to call home will no doubt be chortling in triumph. Politics does make strange bedfellows. doesn't it?

Reed Vernon
San Francisco

WHO SHOULD LOOK AT WHOM

★ The reports that a man with Kaposi's sarcoma was seen at the baths was rumored by several sources. I know of no KS client currently served by the Shanti Project who attends the baths. However, I am very aware of the hardship that these men face when diagnosed with an illness which radically and painfully alters their sexual expression.

Many physicians have advised them not to engage

in sexual activity (kissing included) with anyone unless they are already involved. This is recommended as a protection to them from contracting other infections which may further suppress their immune systems. There is also the speculation that acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome (not Kaposi's sarcoma) may be caused from a transmissible agent. The clusters of men who have this syndrome lends support to this speculation.

The issue for me as a gay man who has been working intimately with men with these diseases has become not what I am going to catch from them but what am I doing in my own life that puts my health at risk. Having once ascribed to the rationalization, "Well it's only another case of V.D.; I'll get a shot and be fine," I have come to understand that repeated exposure to such infections is detrimental. For me it's not as simple as getting known carriers of possibly infectious diseases out of the baths but in examining my own sexual patterns and in realizing the full implications of the risks I take.

As for the men I know with Kaposi's sarcoma, I have the deepest respect and admiration. They are among the most strong, caring and socially conscious persons I know. Mr. Claremont suggests "an open letter to persons with KS addressing their sexuality." I feel it is far more necessary to address such a letter to ourselves and to await our own answers.

Jim Geary
Executive Director
Shanti Project
San Francisco

MORE MONEY IS ONLY FAIR

★ Contrary to your headline, Harry Britt is not solo on the three police ballot measures this fall.

I, along with nearly every City official and a broad coalition in the community, enthusiastically support Proposition A — Civilian Investigators — Proposition I — Pension benefits — and Proposition J — time-and-a-half for overtime.

Harry deserves commendation, not criticism, for his principled stand. I believe that the passage of Prop. A is critical for the Gay community and other minority communities. With the P.O.A.'s opposition, Prop. A would probably never have passed. Now, it very well might.

I also believe that Props. I & J are fair proposals, and I urge that the Gay community and should support them. Younger police officers, among them all of the gay and female officers, and many of the minority officers, deserve pension benefits equal to those of older officers. And police officers, like all workers, deserve time-and-a-half for overtime.

There are good cops — most of them — and there are some bad cops. Prop. A is the first concrete opportunity we have had to deal with bad cops — to get them out of the police department.

Supporting Props. I & J is only fair to the good cops — the majority of our police officers who do a hard job well, and who just plain should get time-and-a-half for overtime, who just plain should have equal pension benefits.

The pension benefits of all cops should not be held for blackmail to try to punish the bad apples. The Gay community's support of these proposals can only help ease police-Gay tensions, and I hope that you will support them.

Carol Ruth Silver
San Francisco

P. Lorch

VALLEJOANS FOR McQUAID

★ One of the first fatalities in any contested political race is truth. And here in Vallejo — a suzerainty of the Burton inspired Congressional Sixth District — the Boxer campaign has inspired the rumor that Dennis McQuaid is anti-gay. Rumors of this nature usually indicate desperation, and this is obviously no exception.

As the only known officials in Vallejo and Solano County who happen to be homosexual — members-elect of the Solano Republican County Central Committee — we pointedly, honestly and emphatically state that we personally know Dennis McQuaid and are cognizant of his views towards homosexuals. The truth is that Dennis is a caring person who treats all people as individuals — not as computer generated ethnic/social categorizations for the purpose of direct-mail propaganda.

We would hope that the candidates would debate jobs and the future of our economy; as we here in Vallejo are just a little worried about the Naval Installation at Mare Island given Ms. Boxer's historical opposition to military appropriations and nuclear development.

Paul Johnson
Kevin Wadsworth
Vallejo, CA

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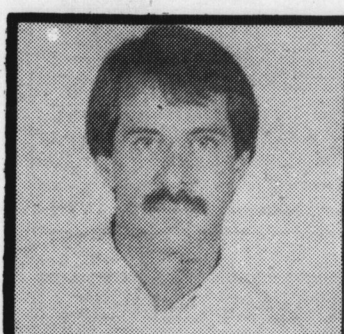
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LETTERS

SISTERLY PROMOTION

★ Unable to spend another sleepless night in the Convent, I hasten to make public confession. Chastened by my sisters in part for our recent debacle at the Nob Hill Sinema, I desire to CUM CLEAN and PLAY FAIR with you all. Long have you indulged us on the streets, the stages, the bars, and backrooms of this saintly city; and far be it from us to suggest you stop. After all, PERPETUAL INDULGENCE is what we are all about. For some inexplicable reason our detractors seem to think it shouldn't be had both ways — or all ways for that matter!

But back to my confession. I fear that Mr. Karr's premature burial of the Order in the PORN pages of your paper has more to do with my devious machinations than any fall from grace on the sisterhood's part. And so I confess that for months I have been leading a duplicitous life. In public I was that sweet, feisty, if half-crazed, nun many of you have come to love and admire; but in private I have been living the life of another. Repeatedly young studs I encountered in the sleaze holes and t-rooms of this fair city, little suspecting I was the saintly Missionary Position and thinking me a more expected habitue of such an iniquitous den, mistook me for one Porn Corn Star, Mr. John Karr.

I admit that in lay attire we do bear a strong brotherly resemblance. And to speak in my behalf, at first I resisted; but as such mistaken identifications became more frequent, I yielded to temptation.

Perhaps one could excuse my behavior by saying that playing around with gender and identity is what we sisterly brothers are wont to do. And it does lead to confusions. Maybe for the times I was in those holes of glory I indeed took on the persona of Mr. Karr — at least my tricks thought so. And not even my psychiatrist knows for sure.

Admittedly, some of these hunky studlings were surprised when back at the Convent I played them video scenes from our Red Party or SCORE — you do remember that wonderfully successful Olympic fundraiser with the Gay Men's Chorus, Gay Band, Choral Majority, and 3,500 indulgent fans. The Sisters' slide show, even the ones of us naked in the wilderness were not quite what they expected from Mr. Karr's bountiful collection. But usually, John, they left our hallowed halls sated, if not satisfied. Yes, I admit I'm a rather ordinary chap out of habit; and surely some of these tricklings were hoping and performing for career advancement. Actually, I've recruited a novice or two in this manner — but that is a matter for some other sister's public confession.

My mission here is more an attempt to make some sense of Karr's recent hit-and-run on our behalf at the Nob Hill. His criticisms were well-founded. The Sisters, while visually interesting, were ill-rehearsed and Leo Ford gave a nonperformance by any respectable porn standards. But Karr's particularly vituperative quality in his review has puzzled and stunned us. His description of our fall from grace, his wishing us ill — actually his metaphors were burial and death — these must have other and deeper motivations.

So here I am, another sleepless night in the Convent made so by this hopeful studlet beside me, performing his heart out, probably imagining his performance will inspire the rhapsodic phallic prose that Karr's PORN CORN is noted for. (How many of us have seen the same movies as John, only to return to reading his reviews to find in his descriptive language and imagination the titillation we missed in the film itself?)

And it comes to me as I comfort my guest for the night that perhaps John knows of my deception. Perhaps this is what has inspired his invective and venom. If so and even if not, to John, to my fellow sisters, and to all with whom I've delightfully tricked, I make humble confession of these grievous offenses.

A THANK YOU to John is also in order. For despite his many failings, he truly is the B.A.R.'s best writer. And as Sr. Kaye Sera says, his review won't be believed by those who have been at our numerous successes; and those who were there and possibly felt cheated by the event will feel vindicated. Yes, there is justice in the world. I too will now be able to sleep better and probably more as I shed yet another identity.

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LET'S MOVE ON

★ Supervisor Harry Britt clearly blundered by the way he tried to cut a deal with the Police Officers Association. He would do us all a favor by candidly fessing up to his mistake and then getting on with the duties of his office.

On the other hand, some (although not all) of Harry Britt's critics have blundered in the way they have criticized him. Supervisor Britt did not sell us out to the cops. On the contrary, he has consistently been our most outspoken champion in the face of police harassment, and his present efforts are aimed (albeit clumsily) at protecting us from the worst elements in the Police Department.

All sides in this dispute should remember that it's in the cops' interest to see us trash each other to smithereens while we move toward the coming election. Let's express our differences on this issue — but not in a way that plays into the cops' hands!

**Arthur Evans
San Francisco**

BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER

★ The language in "D. Jackson's" letter ("Uppity," Sept. 9) is clearly inconsistent. That someone would write such a letter, pretending to be a narrow-minded Black person, is sad. Sadder, though, is the fact that you published this race-baiting material without so much as a phone call to verify its authenticity. (We asked, remember? You 'didn't' have the time.) We find it offensive too that you continue to run "Job Wanted" ads with racial designations. In a community where people of color are dramatically under-employed, just what kind of message do you think this conveys?

B.W.M.T. (Black and White Men Together) would like to think these policies are unconscious on your part — God knows, we're still dealing with "unconscious" problems within our own group. But we wonder how long their analysis is going to be left to the vagaries of your "Letters" section.

Don't you think it's time you paid some serious attention to the issue of racism in our community? How about it?

Jim Ivory
Black and White Men Together
ED. NOTE: No evidence exists that the letter was a pretense. And to suggest suggests a lot more. Anyone is entitled to a narrow mind and the space to express it.
P. Lorch

BRAVE NEW WORLD

★ Political leadership requires the courage to be on the cutting edge of controversial issues. It is an easy accomplishment to be a leader on an issue that has no opposition, but it takes a special kind of courage to stand up alone on a tough issue where there is no consensus. It takes courage to break new ground in the search for a solution to a long-standing and often bitterly divisive problem.

During his career Harry Britt has fought hard for the rights of many disadvantaged people in the face of opposition that would have overwhelmed the less dedicated. We have all seen it in many different situations: Harry Britt organizing precinct walkers during the campaign to defeat the Briggs Initiative; Harry Britt taking on Quentin Kopp and the downtown interests in the fight for affordable housing; Harry Britt leading the fight for a police department accountable to the public.

Harry Britt has reached beyond his own narrow constituency to educate a new one. When Harvey Milk reached out to the Teamsters and supported the boycott of Coors beer, there were many in the gay community who said Harvey had gone too far. There were many who often said Harvey had gone too far yet we can see clearly now that Harvey's vision paved the way for enormously significant alliances between organized labor and the gay and lesbian movement.

I believe that the future will write the same about Harry Britt's historic bridge building with the P.O.A. Harry's position is quite clear: Gay people and police officers, regardless of their history and their conflicts, both can legitimately claim a place in the Democratic/labor coalition of San Francisco. Gay people, through Harry Britt, have made the first step in that direction. The Police Officers Association has met them halfway.

Gay people have every reason to be mistrustful. Too many gay people have suffered or seen friends and loved ones suffer at the hands of the police. But when we go beyond our emotional reactions to this problem, it is not so hard to see that Propositions 1 and J make sense for us.

Many elected officials like myself, Supervisors Hongisto, Ward, Silver and Walker, have lent our support to the pioneering efforts of Les Morgan and his Gay Outreach Program. Les Morgan and many others have been working for years to open up the Police Department to minorities, women, lesbians and gay men.

Just last week, news reports showed 2,000 minority and women candidates applying for positions with the police force. What a tragic, ironic contradiction it would be for a community that was integral in first opening the Police Department doors and then finding the people to walk through those doors to consider denying these legitimate requests:

- Time-and-a-half for overtime work (Proposition J).
- Parity in pension plans for all police officers (Proposition I).

Who benefits from Propositions I and J? The new, young ranks of police men and women, many of whom are ethnic and racial minorities, women, and gay people.

We need to keep these people in the department.

Let's also look at what has already happened due to Harry Britt's initiative:

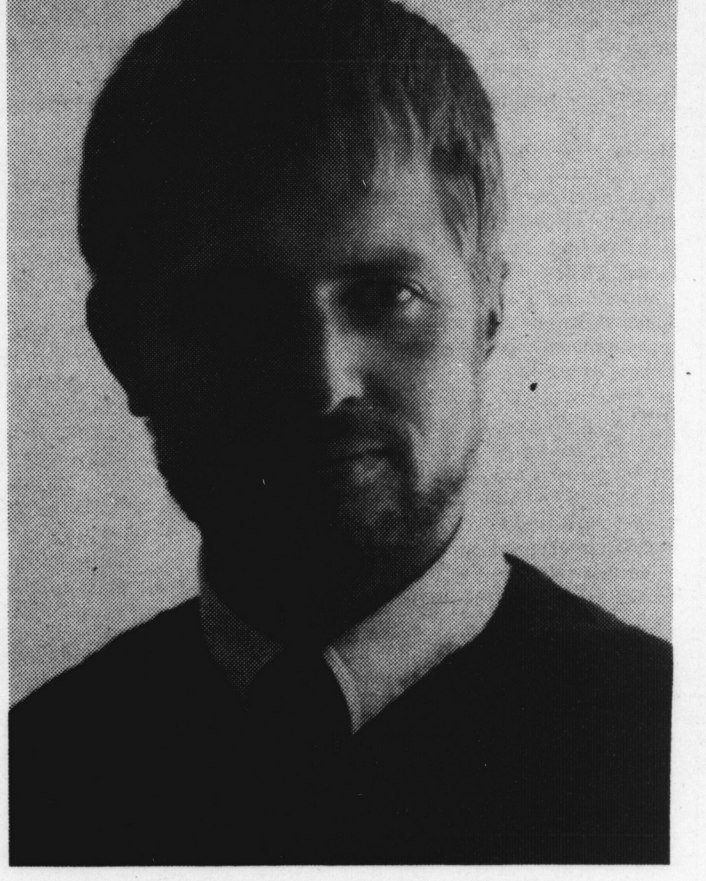
- Quentin Kopp removed his ballot argument against Proposition A, the Office of Civilian Complaints.
- Wendy Nelder removed her ballot argument against Proposition A.
- The Police Officers Association will not spend \$50-100,000 to defeat Proposition A.

Art Agnos

MCC-East Bay Installs New Pastor

Pacific School of Religion's Chapel of the Great Commission will be the site Sunday, September 26, of the installation of the Rev. Rick Weatherly as Pastor of MCC-East Bay. In a rite which will blend the ancient with the contemporary and solemnity with celebration, the Rev. Claudia Vierra of MCC's Northwest District and the pastors of MCC's Bay Area churches will join in marking this occasion. The Rev. Michael England of MCC-San Francisco will preach the sermon. The public is invited to the installation which will begin at 2 p.m. The Chapel has wheelchair access and is located near the Berkeley BART station. Phone 533-4848 for details and directions.

Rick Weatherly has been involved in MCC since 1971. He did his undergraduate work at the George Washington University and received his M.Div. degree this June from the Pacific School of Religion. He has served the last three years on the staff of MCC-SF. Of his move from the Castro to the East Bay Weatherly comments: "The East Bay represents a challenge to me. In the Castro's rather gilded cage atmosphere, I had forgotten much of the difficulty of trying to live a decent life as a Lesbian or Gay man. Just across the Bay the reality returns. There is a great deal of work to do here. Folks have been struggling long before my arrival to promote our community. I look forward to joining them in their efforts."



Rick Weatherly takes on new ministry in East Bay.

Local Gay Library

Starting October 6, the San Francisco Gay/Lesbian Library will have phone reference service every Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. The phone number is 621-8166.

★ ★ ★

Initial proposals by the Gay/Lesbian community called for establishing a collection of homosexual-related materials in a public library. In 1978, Supervisor Harvey Milk revived the idea. Discussions were held with representatives of the Gay/Lesbian community and the S.F. Public Library which did expand its services to our community, but could not develop such a comprehensive collection. Supervisor Milk was pursuing the matter with the S.F. Library Commission when Dan White's actions interrupted this project. Participants in those early efforts have continued and the "S.F. Gay/Lesbian Library" project has been formed, under the fiscal sponsorship of the Castro Street Fair Foundation, to establish such a collection.

COMMUNITY SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

- Use of books, journals and audio-visual equipment.
 - Resources to assist Gays and Lesbians in the "coming out" process.
 - A repository for private collections of Gay literature.
 - Developing new tools in library science.
 - Referral and information services.
 - Sponsoring lectures, workshops, and special events.
 - Helping Gays and Lesbians develop a sense of community.
 - An advisory board of nine Bay Area professional librarians is organizing the collection.
 - Negotiations continue with the S.F. Library Commission and other groups for housing the collection.
 - Funds are being sought through grant applications to public and private agencies.
- The Library needs volunteer workers to assist in several areas. If you can contribute money, talent and labor or for more detailed information about the Library, please call us at (415) 621-8166. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Sacramento Legislative Panel at Stonewall

State law-making will be the focus of Stonewall Gay Democratic Club's October 4 meeting, with Assemblyman Art Agnos and Senator John Foran due to speak and respond to questions. There will also be election for a new President to replace retiring Gerry Parker, who is now at law school, and to fill a vacancy for Recording Secretary.

Paul Boneberg is Acting President and the only nominee to date, as is Gerry Panzica for Recording Secretary.

Stonewall has given high priority to Sacramento legislation for recording secretary.

New Services for Gay Seniors

An estimated 20,000 Lesbians and Gay men over the age of 60 reside in San Francisco. Many of them suffer from social isolation and loneliness because they have had to hide their homosexuality for many years. Consequently, there are no specialized services to meet the needs of older Lesbians and Gay men within traditional senior settings. In fact, there are even specific legal sanctions which victimize older Gays.

In response to these problems, the San Francisco Commission on the Aging awarded a \$25,000 grant to Operation Concern this fiscal year to develop a range of unique services for older Lesbians and Gay men. Operation Concern, an outpatient mental health clinic for Lesbians and Gay men, will offer its current programs for senior clients as well as specialized support and peer groups. A writing group, social events and information and referral services to link older Gays with senior and Gay agencies is in the works. Additionally, Operation Concern's staff will conduct Gay sensitivity trainings with a variety of agencies serving older people, with the hope of sensitizing traditional service groups to the needs of older Gays.

Project Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE) is now recruiting a corps of volunteers to work with the program. The kinds of involvement include visiting shut-in, frail or institutionalized seniors and assisting those who may need help in getting out, or to work in administration, outreach or conducting support groups. If you want to participate in this program, if you need services or know someone who does, call project coordinators Natalie Zarchin or Stafford Buckley at Operation Concern, 563-0202.

Alaska Court Ball Gassed

by Wayne April
The annual coronation ball of The Imperial Court of Alaska was brought to an abrupt halt Sunday, Sept. 5, by a tear gas bomb thrown into the hotel banquet room where it was being held. There were no major injuries, although several people went to local hospitals for treatment.

The gassing made the front page of the next day's Anchorage Daily News and again in an anti-violence editorial in the same paper two days later. Both pieces were factual and nonhomophobic.

Anchorage police are looking for a white male with black hair and a beard, who witnesses say entered the hotel at about 9:30 p.m. and went up the back stairs into the ballroom, where he casually tossed a canister of tear gas into the crowd.

It was the fifth tear-gassing in a week, according to Anchorage police, who said four bars featuring nude entertainment had also been gassed.

About 900 people were in the ballroom for the Court ceremonies. The lingering tear gas prevented guests from returning to the room, so the coronation organizers carried a white loveseat down to the lobby, rearranged some of the lobby furniture, and crowned the Imperial Court's new Emperor and Empress.

The Court of San Francisco's Emperor Gene Bettis and Empress Mae were in attendance.

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Advisory Committee of Prominent Americans Grows for Campaign Fund

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has announced the addition of four prominent Americans to its already impressive Advisory Committee. They are: Midge Costanza, a former Presidential Advisor to Jimmy Carter; Cesar Chavez, President of United Farm Workers; The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, a prominent religious leader long involved in the peace movement; and Paul E. Winfield, noted Black actor.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is a national political action committee (PAC) which contributes to Congressional candidates who support individual rights and personal privacy for Lesbians and Gay men. San Francisco's Jim Foster heads up the fund.

The Campaign Fund's Advisory Committee already includes several Episcopal bishops, mayors of major American cities, and national labor

leaders. Among other prominent public figures whose names appear on the growing list are: feminist Gloria Steinem, singer Joan Baez, and actor Mike Farrell of MASH. Noted playwright Tennessee Williams has signed a direct mail appeal for the Privacy Rights '82 project of The Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Those wishing to contribute to help Congressional supporters of Gay civil rights and defeat anti-Gay Congress-people may make checks or money orders payable to: The Human Rights Campaign Fund, P.O. Box 1396, Washington, D.C. 20013, or may call (202) 546-3442.

Gay Studies Needs

The Gay and Lesbian Union, The Office of the Student Advocate and the Office of Academic Affairs at the University of California at Berkeley are currently working together to develop and establish a multi-cultural Lesbian and Gay Studies Program. They are in need of bibliographies, syllabuses and course materials that have been developed and/or used in teaching Lesbian and Gay courses. They are also seeking Lesbian and Gay materials to be used in integrating already existing classes in many fields which render Lesbians and Gay men invisible. Additionally, they are seeking advice and suggestions from those who have worked on developing or teaching either a Lesbian and Gay Studies Program or individual classes.

Information, materials, suggestions and advice can be sent to: Margaret Krouskoff, The Office of the Student Advocate, 314 Eshleman Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Or you can call and speak with Margaret Krouskoff at (415) 642-6912 or you can leave a message on the Gay and Lesbian Union answering machine at (415) 642-6942.

CRIR to Endorse in Open Air

Next Monday, October 4, commencing at 6 p.m., Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights will hold its annual endorsement meeting where the membership will vote on the candidates for all the local nonpartisan offices, including San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, Community College Board, and BART Board. The meeting will be held in the open air in the heart of the Castro, on the patio of the Patio Cafe, 531 Castro Street. Drinks will be available with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

The meeting is free and open to the public, and members of the Gay community are invited to avail themselves of the opportunity to meet the candidates personally. "None of the candidates will actually be speaking at the meeting," said CRIR President Duke Armstrong, "although they will all be encouraged to attend, to circulate among the membership, distribute their literature, offer bribes, make extravagant promises, and otherwise solicit votes as politicians are wont to do." In the spirit of open-air democracy, each CRIR member will be given the opportunity to ad-

dress the meeting for one minute on behalf of any candidates or ballot propositions a member chooses. For endorsement by CRIR, a candidate must receive 60% of the votes cast.

Immediately following the meeting at approximately 9 p.m., a video tape of the first debate between Congressional candidates Milton Marks and Phillip Burton will be screened at the Marks' campaign district office located just one-half block from the Patio Cafe, at 4131 18th Street (between Castro and Collingwood). The debate, taped last week, was sponsored by the San Francisco Examiner and first shown last Saturday night on Cable Channel 6. The Marks campaign is offering the Gay community this opportunity to see the debate which is the first of three planned between Marks and Burton in the hotly contested Fifth Congressional District race.

According to sources inside the Marks campaign, the Marks people are delighted with their candidate's performance and are trying to have the debate aired for a wider audience wherever possible.

Women Celebrated in Rotunda

About 200 women gathered in the festively decorated rotunda of City Hall last Thursday evening to celebrate "The San Francisco Woman." Mayor Dianne Feinstein and the Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women sponsored this fundraising reception to benefit the Commission.



Women display their banner in City Hall rotunda. (Photo: janeen)

Among the special guests were Rita Mae Brown, Judy Chicago, Jessica Mitford, Jo Daly, and Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon. Mayor Feinstein was the first to sign a banner that will be displayed prominently throughout the city.

Proceeds from the reception will be used for the Commission's city-wide programs such as "Stop Rape" workshops and public forums on employment rights for women.

The Commission is a visible advocate for women's issues and organizations. This year they are focusing on women's employment rights and the enforcement of regulations prohibiting sexual harassment.

The San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women was created through city ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors in 1975. It is composed of eleven members appointed by the mayor who serve three-year terms and is currently chaired by Donna Hitchens.

For more information about the Commission, call 558-3653 or stop by their office at 1095 Market St., Suite 505.

Small Claims Suit Forces Pay Raise for Gay

by Joel Laski

A part-time word processor has won a suit in San Francisco Small Claims Court against his employer over a disputed pay increase.

Gay activist Arthur Evans was awarded a pay raise on September 7 by Pro-Tem Judge Ronald Larson. According to a statement issued by Evans, Judge Larson ordered Marsh and McLennan, a large local insurance company, to raise Evans' salary \$65 per month, decrease the hours per week he must work for that amount, and pay \$260 in back wages. Evans, who signs his satirical street leaflets "Red Queen," was pleased with the decision and with the availability of Small Claims Court to "abused workers."

Evans claims he "was promised a pay raise after three months employment," that "a specific figure was quoted to him for a subsequent raise when he was hired (in January, 1982) by the supervisor of the Word Processing Department, and that the company was bound by that quotation. James F. King, Vice President of the San Francisco office of Marsh and McLennan, originally granted the increase but was subsequently overruled by the company's corporate headquarters in New York," because, as Evans quotes the company, "of the present business conditions." Evans argued that "the New York headquarters... could not negate a monetary commitment previously made by the local firm's word processing supervisor."

Mr. King's office has denied that the Vice President "granted" the raise, asserting it was only "recommended" for approval by New York. Laura Higbie, the company's Personnel Manager, refused additional comment, as "we do not discuss our internal affairs."

Evans reports that representatives from the Personnel Department and Mr. King's office testified that the promise of a raise had never been made, which he views as one more instance of the company's "acting in bad faith throughout." "It seems a common practice," he added, "for many companies to make loose promises of salary increases to new employees and then forget about them later. In this case, thanks to Small Claims Court, they didn't get away with it."

"The reason I won was because I documented everything," Evans explained. "He has compiled a file of memorandums and related evidence 'an inch thick.' Justice was relatively swift (the case was heard and settled three weeks after suit was filed) and inexpensive (the filing fee in Small Claims Court is \$6.00). 'There is a risk,' cautions Evans, in taking one's employer to court. Relations with his bosses and department co-workers have become "tense and a bit uncomfortable." Also, there was no guarantee of success. Evans speculates Marsh and McLennan might appeal the decision in Superior Court.

Small Claims Court is located in Room 164 of City Hall. Detailed information about the Court may be obtained from a recorded message by dialing 558-3211.

Gay Paraders Meet

The First Annual Conference of National Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration Coordinators will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, October 9 through 11.

Endorsed by the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee and the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee and hosted by the Boston Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee, it will be the first national conference to entirely address all aspects of planning and organizing through workshops, panel discussions, and presentations.

For more information, please write to Pride Celebrations, Inc., P.O. Box 1253, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117. Details will be made available through ads, announcements, and mailings during the summer.

This conference will be open to organizations interested in developing their first parade and rally, improvement or restructuring of present celebrations, general information sharing, and creating a materials kit for distribution in the community.

NAMBLA Ass'n to Hold Conference

The Sixth National Conference of the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) will be held in Philadelphia on October 9-10. Members of the organization from throughout the United States and Canada will attend.

The theme of the conference, according to Bob Rhodes, a spokesperson for the group, will be how to advance sexual liberation in an increasingly repressive society. A public forum on the question will be held the evening of October 10.

Noting that five members of the 22-person national Steering Committee had been arrested in the past year, Rhodes said that the conference would consider various proposals for strengthening the structure of the four-year-old organization to withstand pressure from law enforcement agencies.

The NAMBLA conference will also debate proposals for various new activities put forth by some of the 500 members nationwide.

SF Pageantry Ensemble

The nation's first winter senior color guard, the San Francisco Pageantry Ensemble (SFPE), will be having rehearsals at the Women's Building on 18th Street Sep. 30, 7:30-10:30; Oct. 5, 7-10 and Oct. 7, 7:30-10:30. Anyone over 18 who is interested in learning how to drill with sabers, rifles and/or flags is welcome.

The SFPE is part of the Northern California Color Guard Circuit and plans to compete against other senior color guards from Seattle and Concord. They will be officially evaluated on Dec. 11 and are obligated to do seven shows from January to March culminating with the Western Dream Pageant in Los Angeles on March 26 and 27.

David Lamble's Guests

Gay and Jewish in San Francisco — That's the perspective David Lamble's guests will be talking from this Sunday evening from 7:05 to 10 p.m. on KGO-FM (FM 104).

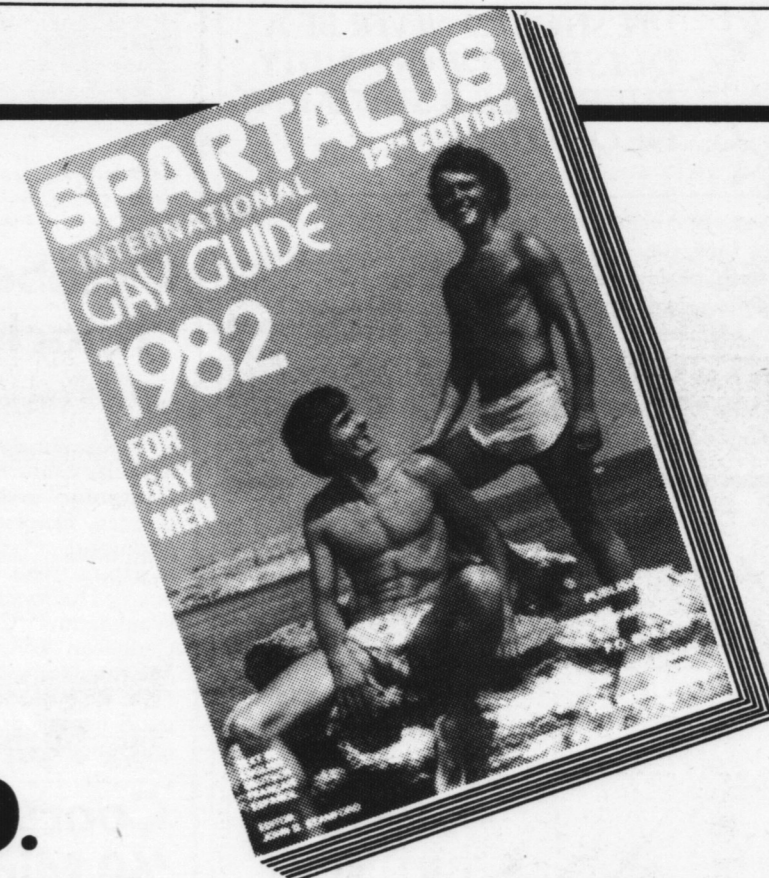
Jerry Geffner and Roger Kaplan of Lesbian/Gay Jewish Activists will join a radio panel discussing the newly

"Our ultimate goal is to get our people on the floor and competing," said Chula Camp, the director of SFPE and the former director of the Gay Olympic Games Flag Corps. "We plan to do exhibitions in the Bay Area to make people aware of our existence."

The Hotel Atherton, Artemis Cafe, Roxie Roadhouse and Flax's will be having fundraisers to benefit SFPE. Awards by Chris, Moby Dick Records, Sky Capucci and Jeff Young are also providing assistance to the group.

Anyone interested in joining or helping SFPE can contact Chula Camp at 826-4128 or Bob Erickson at 626-9096.

emerging Lesbian/Gay Jewish identity and the many different ways that Gay Jews view the war in the Middle East. The participants will also touch on the controversy surrounding a proposal to show Nazi filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl's film on the 1936 Olympics as a benefit for the Gay Olympics in San Francisco. Listener call-ins at 928-0104.



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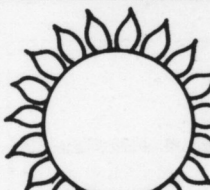
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Fundraiser Boasts Gay Support for Marks

The campaign to elect Milton Marks to Congress got a big boost this last Sunday when over 100 Gays and Lesbians packed the home of Duke Armstrong and Alphonso Sloop to attend a cocktail party supports Marks' candidacy. The event, which was priced at \$20, raised nearly \$2,000 and was probably the most heavily attended fundraiser ever held in the Gay community in support of

a non-Gay candidate.

Senator Marks, who has long identified himself with Gay rights causes, was obviously pleased with the turnout. He seemed relaxed and confident as he smiled and shook hands with his many well-wishers.

Marks is running in a much publicized race to unseat entrenched incumbent Phil Burton in the Fifth Congressional District which includes all but the eastern portion of San Francisco. The reception was the first Gay fundraiser to be held in support of either candidate in that race. The surprisingly large turn-out, according to CRIR sources, seems to confirm poll results which show Marks running well ahead of Burton among district voters.

With less than six weeks left until the November 2 election, Migden's candidacy for Community College Board is gaining momentum. On the campaign trail constantly, Migden, the first outcast Lesbian to launch a serious campaign for city-wide election, has impressed hundreds of San Franciscans with her knowledge of the issues facing the Community College system, as well as with her

cratic Club in the Excelsior, the Latino Democratic Club, the Chinese American Democratic Club, the Filipino Democratic Club, Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, the Feminist Democrats, and the San Francisco Chapter of N.O.W. have all endorsed her candidacy.

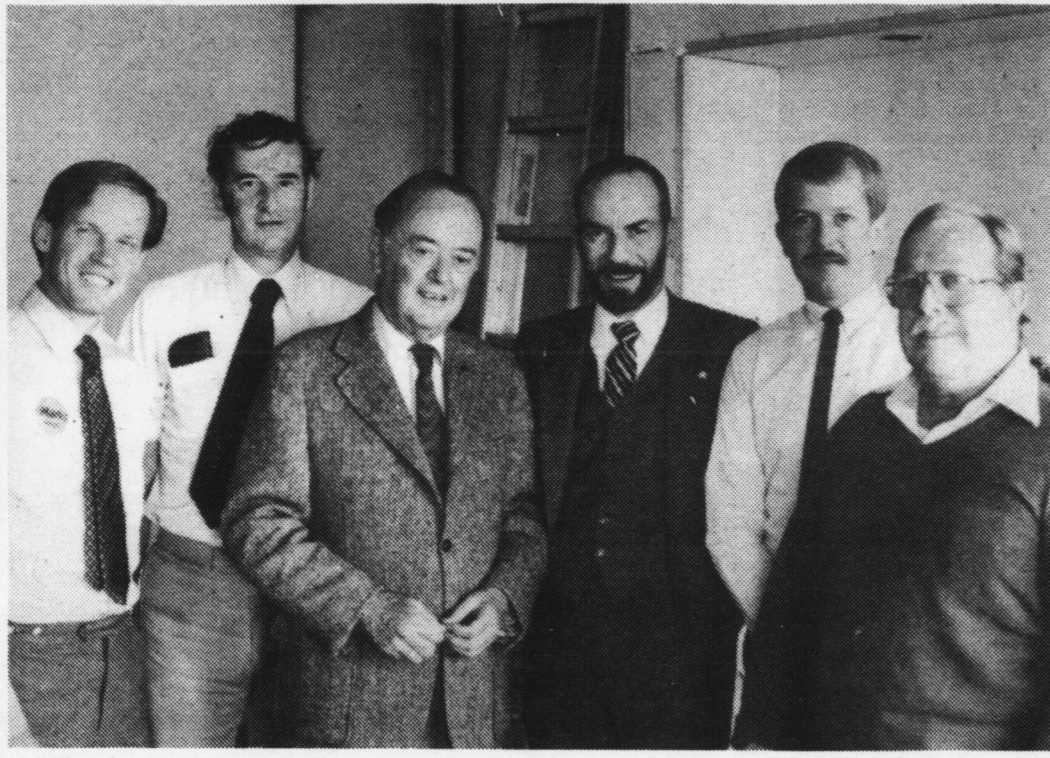
Local elected officials have endorsed Migden including: Supervisors Harry Britt and Nancy Walker, Public Defender Jeff Brown, Sheriff Michael Hennessey, City Assessor Sam Duca, School Board member Libby Denebeim, and Community College members Julie Tang and Tim Wolfred. Assembly mem-

Community College Race Migden Sees Women's Issue as Key to Victory

by Sue Zemel

Women turned out in large numbers for a recent fundraiser for Carole Migden's campaign for the Community College Board, adding to the growing support she is receiving throughout the city.

With less than six weeks left until the November 2 election, Migden's candidacy for Community College Board is gaining momentum. On the campaign trail constantly, Migden, the first outcast Lesbian to launch a serious campaign for city-wide election, has impressed hundreds of San Franciscans with her knowledge of the issues facing the Community College system, as well as with her



Milton Marks supporters (l. to r.) Al Sloop, Del Dawson, the Congressional candidate, Bobby Futch, Duke Armstrong, Paul Hardman. Said Marks, "In the Gay community Burton and I are going for different things. He'll be getting the endorsements, I'll be getting the votes." (Photo: Rink)

October Fundraiser to "Knock Out Hepatitis"

The Resource Foundation's first annual Run-Walk-Crawl-a-Thon to support its Knock Out Hepatitis B Campaign will take place Sunday, October 24, at Collingwood Park from 1-4:30 p.m. The winner of a Great Outdoors Adventures Windjammer Cruise to the Caribbean Windward Islands and many other valuable prizes in The Resource Foundation's benefit drawing will be announced.

"We encourage everyone in the community to participate in the Run-Walk-Crawl-a-Thon," says Foundation Executive Director Richard Smith. "It will take only an hour of your time as you make laps around Collingwood Park. Beforehand, you simply ask friends and family members to sponsor your participation."

A new hepatitis B vaccination program, which will provide the costly new Heptavax

to San Franciscans who need it but cannot afford it, is planned by The Resource Foundation. Proceeds from the Run-Walk-Crawl-a-Thon and benefit drawing will support this program as well as the Foundation's ongoing free screening, public education, and support services for persons with chronic hepatitis B.

Tickets are now available at The Resource Foundation and weekends at tables set up at 18th and Castro (near Hibernia Beach) and Castro and Market Streets, in front of the Muni Station entrance, for the benefit drawing offering scores of valuable prizes.

Coors Defended by '60 Minutes'

Coors company is family-owned and that its profits go into heavily bankrolling ultra-Right groups. It is the Coors brothers who put in much of the seed money that set up Washington, D.C.-based groups that today work vigorously to defeat candidates who co-author Gay rights legislation and who support the rights of women, Blacks, Hispanics, senior citizens, and poor people. The CBS program never mentioned any of this reasoning for the national boycott by minority and union groups.

CBS showed interviews with current nonunion workers in the factory and emphasized that they threw out the brewery workers union in 1977. The truth is that the union workers voted overwhelmingly to strike two years earlier and that after a long and bitter attempt to save what benefits they had, the union was rejected by the nonunion workers that Coors had hired to replace them. A major strike issue at the time was the lie detector test which the union insisted had to go.

Today there is no union — but there is a lie detector test.

Howard Wallace, who has been instrumental in making a success for the Gay bar boycott of Coors in Northern California, said, "They cut out everything that explained our position. They even cut the interviews with the strikers in Colorado that they had taped. It was a total whitewash. Many people will not be fooled, however. A lot of people know about Coors and I will work to get the message across."

Wallace and the Gay group Solidarity are being currently sued by Coors because of their involvement in KQED auction incident last year. Coors claims there were threats of auction violence if KQED did not drop Coors as an auction sponsor. Coors withdrew.

"Gay journalists have visited the plant and found that there was no foundation for continuing the boycott of Coors on the issue of homosexuality," CBS casually

reported. Two Gay journalists, Sasha Gregory Lewis and David Goodstein of The Advocate, had visited the Coors plant at Golden, Colorado, and later called for an end to the boycott. (The writer of this article also visited Golden but spent his time primarily with the strikers. This reporter's full account of that experience and an analysis of Coors' involvement with the anti-Gay political Right appeared in a series of articles in Bay Area Reporter in 1977.)

A recent example of Coors' attempt to end the boycott is its recent wooing of conservative Leonard Matlovich, the former Air Force sergeant who gained national publicity when he was ousted from the military over his homosexuality some years ago. Matlovich now owns a pizza parlor in Guerneville and has been concerned that Coors is not being sold in Gay businesses in the area. He flew to Golden at his expense recently, although Coors picked up the hotel bill. Matlovich still does not sell Coors, but he is trying to help the local distributor "improve the Coors image" in the Gay community.

George Mendenhall



College Board candidate Carole Migden and friends. "Sexism still prevails in the political arena," Migden said this week. (Photo: Rink)

commitment to representing the interests of the city's diverse population.

"Lesbians have been working for Gay candidates and for progressive candidates for the past twenty years," observed Human Rights Commissioner Phyllis Lyon. "But it's only now that we have a viable candidate. Carole Migden epitomizes the very best of all of us. She is a woman not caught up in internecine warfare, but who understands the problems not only of Lesbians and Gay men, but of other minorities."

Migden, a creative and highly skilled administrator, has doubled the budgets of two Gay social service agencies, the Pacific Center for Human Growth in Berkeley, and Operation Concern of the Pacific Medical Center, where she currently works as the Executive Director. She now intends to focus her energies on ensuring the financial solvency of the Community College system, which provides tuition-free education to one out of nine adults living in San Francisco.

"The Board needs a strong fiscal person," Migden told supporters who attended the Monday night fundraiser sponsored by her Women's Advisory Committee. "As state funding for education dries up, the College Board must increase local revenue production, as well as improve its lobbying efforts in Sacramento." In order to maintain the diversity of programs available through the College system, Migden urges the Board to develop a long-range fundraising strategy.

Migden has received more endorsements from organizations than any of the eight other candidates vying for three seats available on the Board. The District 8 Demo-

ber Art Agnos added his name to the list of Migden endorses this week.

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Political strategists suggest that the key to winning the race for Migden will be mobilizing the women's vote. The College Board presently is the most unequitable city commission in terms of gender parity, with only one woman, Julie Tang, serving on the 7-member board. Carole Migden is the only woman candidate in the November College Board race.

"I am assaulted by this fact when I line up with eight men at every endorsement meeting," Migden stated, adding that "sexism still prevails in the political arena."

In a roomful of predominantly straight white men, Migden recently was confronted with sexist attitudes at a Democratic club endorsement committee screening. After Migden expounded on the need for more women to be involved in the political process, and observed that they bring to their work a special sensitivity to people and a sense of caring, one man responded sarcastically, "And do you have rhythm too?"

"You make a choice," Migden reflected. "You either dance for them or you don't." In that situation Migden chose to call the man on his sexism, losing the club's endorsement while maintaining her integrity.

CRIR Endorses Proposition A

The Bay Area's largest volunteer Republican organization, Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights has formally endorsed Proposition A, the controversial ballot measure which would establish an Office of Citizen Complaints in the San Francisco Police Department. The endorsement came last week when the club's general membership voted overwhelmingly to support the ballot measure following a spirited debate on its merits.

Proposition A, which will appear on the November 2 general election ballot, reforms the process of investigation into complaints of police misconduct. The measure, if passed by the voters, would require that all such complaints be investigated by civilians rather than by uniformed police officers as is the case presently. The measure would not alter the ultimate disciplinary process which would remain entirely in the hands of the Police Chief and the Police Commission.

CRIR President Duke J. Armstrong, who also serves on the steering committee for Prop A, was pleased by the membership's decision. "The club endorsement," said Armstrong, "is a reflection of the broad range of support enjoyed by Proposition A in the community at large. CRIR members, like an increasing number of San Francisco voters, want to see charges of police misconduct investigated fully, fairly, and impartially."

Gay Religionists Set Up Congressional Candidates Night

Congressman Phillip Burton and State Senator Milton Marks will be joined by Barbara Boxer and Dennis McQuaid for a 5th and 6th Congressional District candidates night beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 10, in Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush and Gough Streets, San Francisco.

Arranged by Integrity/SF (the Gay and Lesbian ministry in the Episcopal Church), this event will be co-sponsored by these additional Gay religious organizations of the Bay Area: Affirmation/Gay and Lesbian Mormons, Catholics for Human Dignity/Bay Area, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Council on Religion & The Homosexual, Evangelicals Concerned, Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church, Lutherans Concerned/SF, Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, Orion Fellowship of Adventists, Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns - Pacific Region, Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns - SF, AND Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus.

Fifth District incumbent Democrat Burton and Republican Marks will share the stage from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Democrat Boxer and Republican McQuaid, contenders for the Sixth District seat being vacated by John Burton, will take part from 8:45 to 10:15 p.m.

This congressional candidates night is the first of two such forums scheduled by the co-sponsors. The second — for San Francisco Board of Supervisors candidates — will take place Sunday, October 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. also at Trinity Church.

The Experience Trax Benefit for Nuclear Freeze

Previously known as The Advocate Experience, this self-awareness workshop for Gay men and women will be offered in San Francisco the weekend of October 9-10. Tuition, at \$150, is payable in advance. The workshop deals with issues of love, sexuality, integrity, trust, support, and coming out. Facilitators will be David Goodstein and Rob Erchberg. To register, send checks to The Experience, 41 Mars St., SF 94114 or call Frank Graf at 864-2146.

On Saturday, October 9, from 4 'til 7 p.m., Solidarity-Gay/Lesbian Liberation will host a benefit at Haight Street's Trax in support of the nuclear freeze initiative, Proposition 12.

Over half of the proceeds from bottled beer will be used to print a leaflet in support of the freeze and directed toward the Gay community. Admission is free.

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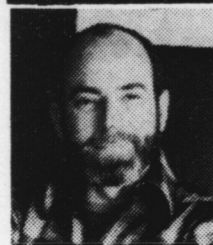
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Milwaukee Brewers

ARTHUR LAZERE, C.P.A.

Miller Brewing Company is headquartered in handsome and luxurious contemporary offices in Milwaukee. From the windows of executive suites, the huge old brewery can be seen sprawling in the rear. The strong visual contrast seems to highlight the separate worlds of plant and management.

Miller was once a small regional brewery. It was acquired by Philip Morris Incorporated in 1970. Philip Morris injected into Miller aggressive and innovative marketing techniques which they knew from the tobacco industry, but, until then, had not been used in the brewing business. The result was to propel Miller into the number two spot in the national beer market, just behind Anheuser Busch. Miller employs some 12,500 people.

I met recently with Alan G. Easton, Miller's Vice President - Consumer Affairs, to find out about Miller's policies covering Gay employees. In this company personnel policies are generally determined at the local level, but there is some oversight by Philip Morris. Local equal employment opportunity policies must conform to those of the parent company. Easton confirmed to me that what I had already read in Philip Morris' Call News, an in-house employee newspaper. The May, 1982 issue states that the EEO policy of the company includes "race, religion, color, sex, age, marital status, veteran status, and mental or physical handicap." Said Easton: "We have never had a policy that specifically articulates the matter of sexual orientation." What about Wisconsin's new statute (February, 1982) which adds sexual orientation to the state's non-discrimination law? "Because of the Wisconsin law, we feel a need to bring our policy in conformity with the new Wisconsin statute," Easton replied, "and we will probably redraft that policy and specifically include a phrase akin to whatever is in the Wisconsin law."

We talked about the pervasiveness of the closet syndrome among Gay corporate employees. Easton said: "It would seem to me that a good number of Gay people who choose not to come out of the closet fall in exactly the same category as, for example, an epileptic employee... someone who had cancer, or someone who is in the company's alcoholism program. They may no longer be afraid because they acknowledge the positive policy... of the company. But they don't want to be identified... because of what their neighbors down the street may think. There are more forces at work on them than just whether or not they have full acceptance in their employment." Easton's categorization of Gays with diseased people is unfortunate, but it is a significant glimpse of commonly held corporate attitudes. There is ample evidence to demonstrate that Gay corporate employees do not come leaping out of the closet when the law or corporate policies offer

protection. But rather than use the outside social stigmas as an excuse for a lack of corporate protection, one would hope that our corporate leaders would pioneer change by starting in the workplace with appropriate policies.

Easton again: "I would have to guess that the matter of equal opportunity at work in many instances is a tougher problem for Gays than it is for the religious or racial minorities. The fact of the matter is you have sex involved in the thing. People may not like the religious orientation of someone else, but they generally do not carry it to the extreme of having any feelings of revulsion about it. There are people who have a feeling of revulsion about Gay sexual orientation. That's a terrible burden for a Gay person to have..."

I talked with two Gay Miller employees, both closeted. One, in his mid 50's, is a middle management staff person with excellent professional credentials. This man knew he was Gay early in his life; because his career is of prime importance to him, he has kept his sexual preference deeply hidden. He went so far as to marry and father children to protect the straight image he felt was necessary to protect his position. (Only recently, when a Lesbian and Gay business group was organized in Milwaukee, did he come out to anyone other than his clandestine sex partners.) Even with the new Wis-

consin law, and even if Miller changed its policies to protect sexual orientation, he told me that he wouldn't come out at work. Discrimination takes subtle forms. One would not, perhaps, lose one's job, but what about competitive promotions, salary reviews, project assignments?

Some time having passed since my interviews in Milwaukee, I called Easton on September 9 to ask whether Miller policy had, indeed, been changed to conform with the new Wisconsin law. The answer was that no changes have been deemed necessary since the policy provides that nondiscrimination laws generally be obeyed by the company. Also, they want to wait to see what wording other states might legislate before they rewrite their policy.

I decided that while Miller is waiting, I will have trouble not choking on their brew. So I, for one, will pass on the High Life, Lite, and Lowenbrau.

Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company is perhaps one-third the size of Miller Brewing and has a five-year history of declining sales volume and erratic profitability. Locally owned until this year, Schlitz

Miller and Schlitz — one has an implicit policy, the other an explicit policy on sexual discrimination.

has been taken over by Stroh Brewing Co., a smaller Detroit operation. One might have expected the smaller local company to be less progressive than Miller in its personnel policies. Yet Schlitz has had a specifically articulated policy of nondiscrimination which includes sexual orientation since August, 1980. My impression from speaking with John A. Rourke, Vice President - Public Relations, is that the policy was adopted due to the forward-looking convictions of Frank J. Sellinger, President of the company. Rourke was also frank in pointing out that it is one thing to promulgate such a policy and quite another to convince line personnel that the company really means it.

The Schlitz hospitality facilities at their brewery in Memphis have been made available to Memphis Gay Switchboard for an event that the group held. A Schlitz wholesaler was a sponsor of Gay Pioneer Days, a major San Fernando Valley event.

Unfortunately, I was unable to locate any Gay employees of Schlitz willing to talk with the press. My letter to Pabst Brewing Co. seeking an interview was never answered. Pabst was, at the time, fighting its own battle against an unfriendly takeover attempt by G. Heileman Brewing Co.

Reversing Immune Suppression

"Thymus Factor" to be Tested Against AIDS

by Richard Pearce, Ph.D.

Researchers from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, and the Cancer Research Institute at the University of California here plan to treat immunodeficient Gay men with a new "immunological modulator." It was learned last week. CRI's Dr. Jay A. Levy confirmed that testing of the thymic humoral factor, or THF for short, should begin early in 1983.

Researchers hope that the substance will prove useful for the treatment of the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), which has become epidemic among Gay men, Haitian immigrants and others. The two most serious AIDS diseases, Kaposi's sarcoma and *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia have already claimed the lives of over 200 young men since the outbreak began in 1980. Most of the victims have been sexually active Gay males in their late twenties or early thirties.

THF, which is isolated from calf thymus, has been used to treat serious viral infections and *Pneumocystis pneumonia* in immunodeficient children. The natural substance acts by restoring the functional integrity of the body's immune system.

Addressing a small group attending a special CRI seminar last week, Israeli immunologist, Dr. Nathan Trainin said that, in his hands, THF has "consistently reversed cell-mediated immune suppression."

Dr. Trainin, who has been studying the function of the thymus gland in mice for the last two decades, has recently used purified preparations of THF to treat moribund children suffering from advanced herpes infections. In one study, five of six children given the THF showed a dramatic reversal in their immunological defects that resulted in "complete recovery."

"Within 72 hours the patient feels better and shows a dramatic improvement in the clinical signs of immunosuppression," reported Trainin. He added that special lymphocytic cells involved in the rejection of parasites, virally injured tissues and some types of cancer cells, increase in number and become more responsive following THF injections.

Of particular interest to local researchers is the increase in a subpopulation of lymphocytes called "helper" cells. Gay patients with AIDS diseases often have extremely depressed helper cell populations.

No one is sure that THF will be useful in treating AIDS diseases, but its demonstrated effectiveness against immunological disorders that are strikingly similar to AIDS leaves researchers optimistic that the hormone will work for the estimated thousands of Gay men who are currently at risk of developing a life-threatening disease.

"We are all looking for an alternative to chemotherapy as a treatment for immunological diseases," Trainin concluded. His concerns reflect those of cancer specialists across the country who are worried about the use of conventional chemotherapeutic drugs to treat AIDS diseases. According to one San Francisco cancer specialist, the drugs can take a faltering immune system and knock it down even further. THF rep-

resents our brightest prospect so far, said another.

Other researchers caution that, in the past, thymic hormones have produced highly variable clinical results. Dr. Trainin counters this objection by claiming that the extracts used were generally impure

and contained a host of potentially active substances, some with opposing effects.

"I am convinced that there is really only one thymic hormone involved in the regulation of cell-mediated immunity," asserted Trainin, who

compared his purification methods to those of Madame Curie. It was Curie who painstakingly isolated a few micrograms of pure radium from tons of coal tar.

Trainin and his colleagues in Israel have built a factory solely for the purpose of isolating and purifying THF. Dr. Levi cautions against early optimism, however, warning that, "So far the quantities of THF are limited and we have yet to get permission to bring the substance into California."

Gay Men's Group in the Avenues

A Gay men's group is being formed for residents of Richmond/Sunset, Oceanview, Ingleside and Merced. The group will meet at Richmond Maxi-Center, 3626 Balboa St., San Francisco, Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 for twelve weeks beginning October 14.

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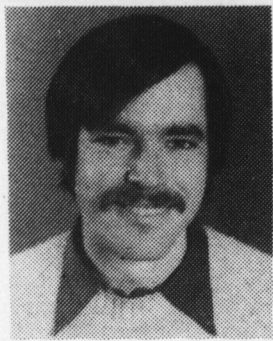
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Saturday night, September 18 was the fourth Coronation for Alameda County. The Hayward Rah Rabs and Oakland Pom Pon Team presented the Colors, and the invocation was given by Rev. Richard York.

Frumpy appeared in a sort of duck costume (which brought down the house), and Stephanie, frocked in stunning red feathers and ruffles, pantomimed a song. Their presentation was concluded by their pantomiming "United We Stand," and that brought many a tear to many an eye!

And now for the genteelities!

Best-in-theme awards went to: in-town group, Jim and Carmen; in-town female, LLarii; in-town male, Doug Odermatt (dressed as an octopus!); out-of-town group, San Francisco Grand Duke and Duchess; out-of-town female, Gladys Bumps; out-of-town male, Emperor Tom of San Bernardino. That was nice!

Other awards presented by the outgoing Emperor went to Chuck Monedero, Emperor Gene Bettis (S.F.), Lee Atkins, and Lee Ann Lawrence. That was nice!

The final bushel-of-booze raffle went to Sally Luce (a cat!). I guess that was nice!

Many of the drag costumes peed. That was nice!

The night before the Coronation, Dean Schmitz and Lady Carmen had a bus tour for all the candidates to all of the bars. That was nice!

Michael Hepburn (B&B) headed the Hospitality Room, and Fred Corella (Lake Lounge) headed the Hospitality Headquarters. That was nice.

A separate bar was set up (manned by Bob Streeter) to handle the orders from the cocktail waitresses and waiters. That was nice.

Presentation to Fat Fairy of the title Queen Mother of Alameda County, I, II, and III for life was nice.

Seeing Mikki and Jean back with us again... that was nice.

Though seemingly sparse, the decorations did carry out the theme of the Coronation. Special mention must be given to Doug and Jim, who personally did all the designs and constructions; and also David and Paul, who assisted in putting it all together.

Having some drinks bought for me... now, THAT WAS NICE!

HOWEVER (how does a typewriter clear its throat?)... there were some things that weren't too punctilious!

Court is certainly discouraging. That isn't nice, either!

I am positive that all candidates were well qualified, and sincerely had the interest of Alameda County in their hearts. But, in an election of this kind, only two people can win... there must, dear reader, be winners and losers. Just because one owns the ball and isn't chosen for the team, doesn't give that "one" the right to take the ball home so that no one can play. Agreed, there are upset, disappointed, and disgruntled people; but if Courts are Camp, sit back and have fun. If Courts aren't Camp, being immature about the outcome doesn't help ANY cause whatsoever! The attitude of



Stephanie, the new A.C.I.E. Empress. (Photo: Rink)

The obvious disappointment of many about the outcome of the voting, and who won, and the lack of politeness during the Victory March was plain bad manners. That wasn't nice!

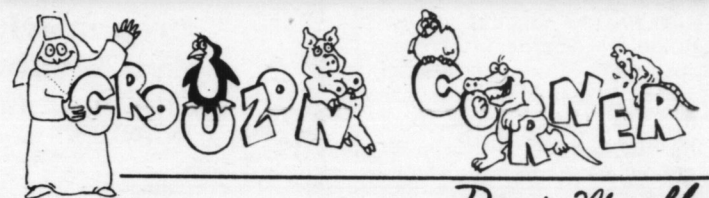
The ignoring of the Victory Brunch by a certain group was very noticeable. That wasn't nice at all!

The growth of rumors that Oakland may split from the A.C.I.E. and form its own

"my candidate didn't win so I'll be damned if I'll support the one who did" is, to say the least, ludicrous! My views and opinions on Courts and Royalty are well known... and the aftermath of THAT Saturday's reaction just adds that much more confidence to my beliefs!

I happen to like four of the candidates very much (the fifth is a newcomer whom I've met only once, and she

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Devin Morello



Frumpy, newly crowned Emperor of the A.C.I.E. (Photo: Rink)

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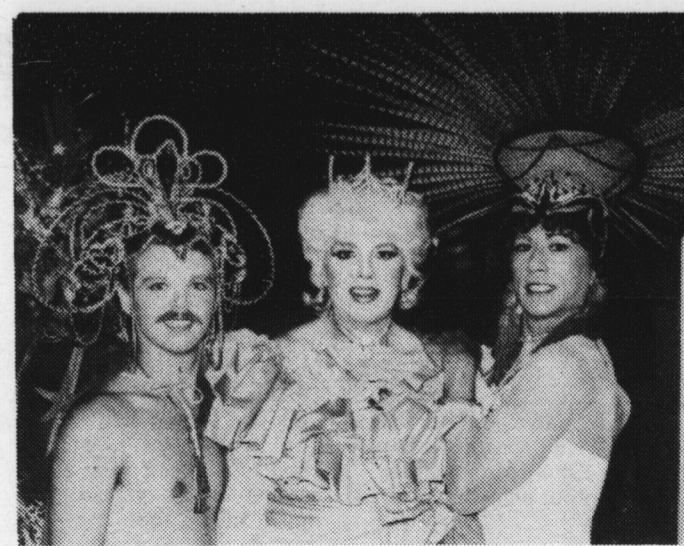
seems nice) and I had a very difficult time in deciding for whom I would cast my votes. But that is now in the past! The majority of the votes went to Frumpy, Emperor IV, and Stephanie, Empress IV. They were elected; they are the chosen; they will be invested... and they will be "picked to pieces" by this member of the Fourth Estate!

Here and now I must publicly thank the new Emperor and Empress for the recognition of being asked to accept a

title. Also publicly, I must graciously decline that title. To accept it would be phony and two-faced of me! I like it where I am... sitting at my typewriter giving what for to those who do what for.

STRATEGEM (A Game Nose?)

Bingo, Bango, Bongo, I don't want to leave... etc. Bingo Night comes to Oakland next Tuesday, Oct. 5. There is limited seating in the Crown Room, Lake Merritt Hotel, so it is suggested you get your tickets early (\$3) from Little Mother, Foxy



Waco, Fairy and Nova (l. to r.) lent their creative costumed allure to Oakland's Coronation. (Photo: Rink)



S.F. Royalty attended Oakland's Coronation. (L. to R.) Emperor Bobby Pace and Empress Ginger were joined by an Empress from Reno. (Photo: Rink)

Lady III: Little John, Mr. Gay III, or Chris, Miss Gay III. Tickets at the door will be \$4. Proceeds go to the preceding three for the next FL/MG/MG IV, and to Pacific Center.

Advance and door tickets

include two free games and there will be raffles, prizes, food, refreshments, and a no-host bar.

Love,
Nez

Cancer Carnival

October 2nd and 3rd are the dates set for the First Russian River Country Carnival, to be held at J's Amusement Park in Guerneville, Ca., on the Russian River. This year the Carnival, sponsored by the Russian River Gay Business Association, will benefit the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation's educational and research efforts.

The Carnival runs from 11 AM to 8 PM on Saturday October 2 and from 11 PM on Sunday October 3. Tickets are \$10 per person, of which \$4 will go directly to the KS Foundation. Each ticket is good for entry to the park and twenty-eight rides.

Santa Rosa Rolling

The Santa Rosa Inn will be the site of a 1950's-60's themed show on October 10. The show is for Lady Diane, the current Miss Gay Sonoma Country, and will feature prizes for the best theme costume, male and female.

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STAGE
Birthing, Born, Blooming
 by Mark Topkin
 The latest set of premieres at Playwright's Theater / One Act II is a lesson in theatrical development. The three one-acts in succession illustrate a play in germination, a play in the rough, and a play fully realized.
The Fastest Way is over as it just begins. Playwright Martin Russell has barely seeded us with the makings of a contemporary generation gap conflict between a punk-biker and his girlfriend's father when, poof, dad takes his dramatic stand, the kids leave, and the lights fade. What we are given is twenty minutes of interesting exposition and character development, but no play. Russell has certainly started something, and the cast draw clear characters so there's plenty of room for this seed of a play to grow.
The Rewrite is marvelous. The script is clever, and the acting, most notably by Blaine Anderson



C.J. Smith (l.) as the original Hamlet of 1598 argues with stage manager Blaine Anderson in the cleverly anachronistic THE REWRITE, part of a premiere evening at One Act Theatre Co.'s Playwrights Theatre.

as the stage manager. Is sharp. But scene two — Burbage's attempt to get through the soliloquy with concealed crib notes — is a jewel-in-the-rough in need of acting and directorial polish. With work, a moderately funny scene could become a comic tour de force.
 All the work has been completed in Frederic Hunter's **Fire-Crier**, and Playwright's Theater closes its evening with a powerful drama about rape. Played on Tom McDermott's unerringly executed New York subway station set, the play unfolds with an intellectual argument on sexual economics between a male and female college student. The interaction reaches its first peak when the woman reveals her recent rape, its second peak when she recognizes the rapist on the station platform, and the final peak when she takes her revenge.
 Playwright Hunter not only explores the subject of rape with dramatic impact, but, more importantly, from the point of view of a supposedly sensitive male suddenly confronted with his patriarchal bias toward the crime. C.J. Smith as the male student and Steve Cotten as the rapist both turn in convincing performances, but Maureen Coyne steals the show as the quietly raging, vengeful victim. Her performance plus the delicacy with which director Elizabeth Manne unfolds both the politics and the reality of the drama make **Fire-Crier** a fully realized play in every respect.

Playwright's Theater Premieres One Act II
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STAGE
Battle with No Escape
 by Bartlett Naylor
 Life has a price. Like a grocery item, it is marked up all the time. Slave owners did it, the mafia does it, insurance companies and lawyers make big bucks doing it, and some stalwart economists even talk about it. These are dollar prices; there is also an emotional price. When the emotional cost is greater than the benefit of a life, as in the case of "Joe," a hopeless, helpless spastic (the English term), then fathers such as hers opt for euthanasia.
 Tensions are drawn tautly, and a production, if flawed, can easily allow viewers to escape through cosmetic frailties, rather than facing the issue.
 The Unicorn production, while not perfect, permits no such escape. Richard Halford as the father is superb, well portraying a psyche that shields itself with morbid jokes that both vent and protect the person from his emotional crossfire. His smiles are dissonant with the context, reflecting the dark cognitive paths he is traveling.
 Marie Kazan as the mother is laudable, as is Anne Chase's Pam, the disgusted friend.
 The theatre — in the Golden Gate Avenue YM/WCA — is a cave, however, and the noblest efforts of set designer and director Kevin Meyer have done little to dampen the irritating reverberations.
 But there is no escape from the issue of Joe Egg, who in the eyes of some clerks, should be taken from the shelves and disposed of as rotten.
Joe Egg
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Entertaining Commercials
Hey CLIO, Flying Down TV-Oh
 by Steve Warren
 Watching as little commercial television as I do I look forward to one chance a year to catch up on what I've been missing. Not the programs, of course, but the commercials, the best of which are screened at the CLIO Awards.
 This compilation, which is becoming as eagerly awaited as the annual **Tournee of Animation**, this year features 77 films of 10 seconds (a KNX Radio blackout) to 2 1/2 minutes (ABC-TV in a spot as long and boring as their actual season). About half won in "International" categories and represent 14 other countries, so you know you haven't seen them before.
 Awards are arbitrarily given in what seem like as many categories as the Emmys or Grammys. The Levi's spot which won for "International Music with Lyrics" has a dumb jingle but is better edited than the "International Editing" winner which precedes it. The wonderful Don Novello ("Father Guido Sarducci") ad for the S.F. Art Institute, made for \$750, won in the "Public Service" but not "Low Budget" category.
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Aery Show Sets Down Too Soon
 by John F. Karr
 It was Mr. Gilbert himself who suggested that **Ruddy-gore**; or, **The Witch's Curse** should have been called **Ken-sington Gore**; or **Not So Good As The Mikado**. The **Mikado** was G&S's most successful piece, and any show following it (**Ruddy-gore's** dubious distinction) would have had a difficult time in comparison. Truth is, though, that Gilbert was right. Despite a good deal of fun and some lovely music, **Ruddy-gore** runs out of hi-jinx shortly into its second act.
 The audience at the world premiere in January of 1887 reportedly grew restless in the last twenty minutes, which paralleled my experience. The problem is that traditional bane of musicals, the script. The plot of **Ruddy-gore**, convoluted at best, disappears entirely and is replaced by a series of music hall turns. Some of them are entertaining, some not. But forward movement is lost, and when the deus ex machina arrives, as a trio asserts, "it really doesn't matter matter." The show ended some time earlier, as the audience a century ago sensed. The effort to wrap up the plot threads is a formality, dealt with by Mr. Gilbert unconvincingly, even by the lunatic standards of G&S logic.
 The current production, which opens **The Lamplighters'** thirtieth season, brings a good deal more to the material than its creators did, and a



Rosemary Bock is the adorable, kooky heroine of RUDDYGORE, appearing here with Rick Williams as lovesick Robin Oakapple.

Keyboard Concert
 The success of last year's **Keyboard Concert** has prompted the S.F. Council on Entertainment to present a second concert, in what seems destined to be an annual event.
 Room. Samantha Samuels will host the evening, and the pedal-pushing line up of musicians is (alphabetically) John Burr, Joan Edgar, Paul Ferris, Danny Levenstein, Doug Trantham and John Trowbridge.
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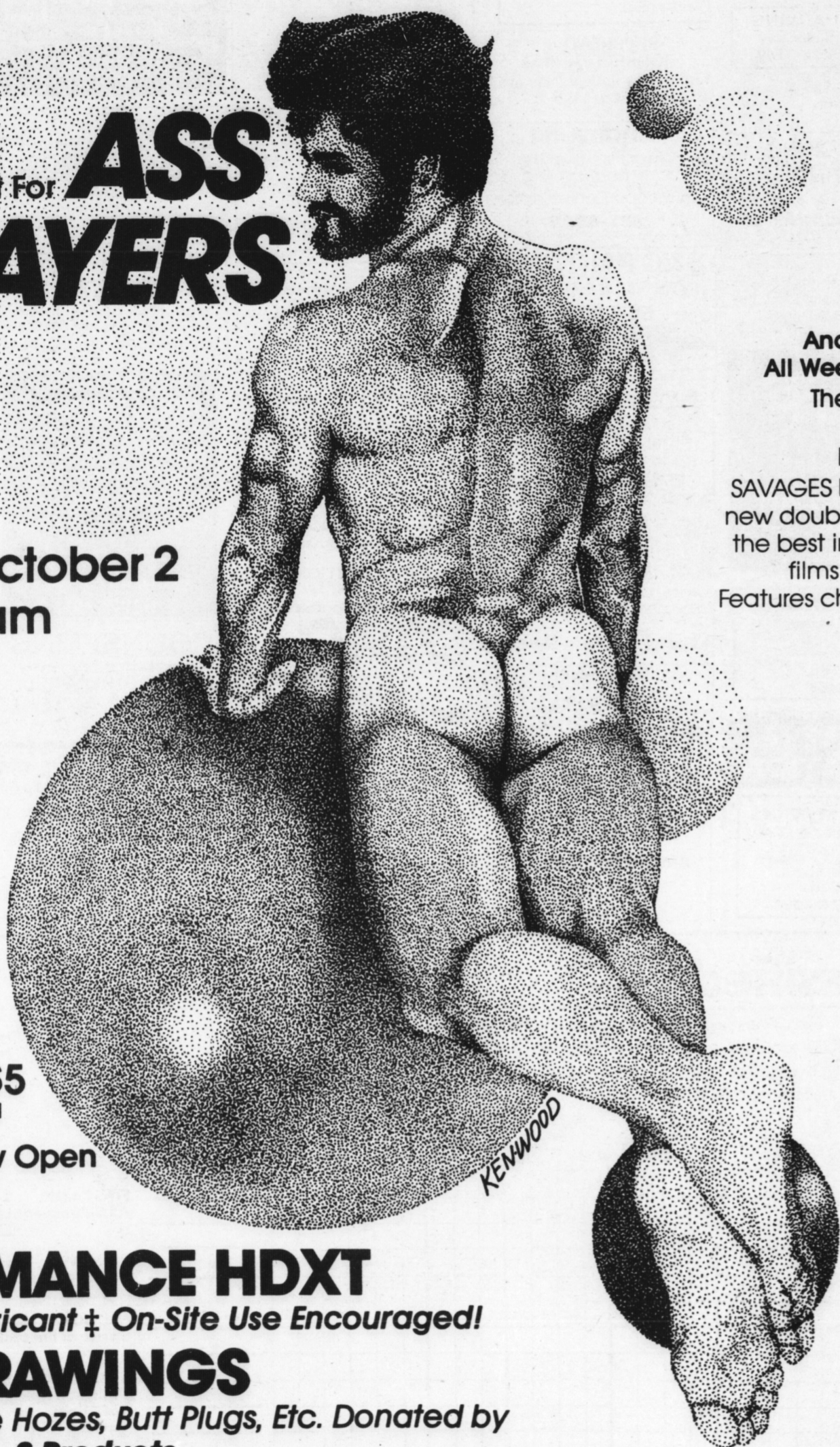
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POA Will Not Fight Against Homophobia

Britt's Version Repudiated by Bob Barry

by George Mendenhall

Supervisor Harry Britt recently said, "The Police Officers Association has expressed a new willingness to deal with homophobia in the police department." This has been emphatically denied by Bob Barry, president of the POA, in a Bay Area Reporter interview. Barry said, "I don't believe anyone here ever said that."

Would the POA talk to an officer about his homophobia, saying, "Hey, knock it off." Barry responded, "That is not our role at all. That is a department function. If there is counseling needed, it is up to the department to do that." He added that if an officer was ever formally charged, it would be the duty of the POA to defend him so it could not be put in a role of reprimanding an officer. However, Barry emphasized that on some occasions an officer might be talked to about his conduct on an informal basis.

Bob Barry is the president of almost all of the 1,900 police officers in San Francisco. His view of the role of the police in regard to homophobia and police disciplining is of vital concern to Lesbians and Gay men. For this reason, Bay Area Reporter is publishing his interview:

BAR: We have been told that the POA has committed itself to moving into the area of changing the attitudes within the police force of those officers who are homophobic. Is this true?

BARRY: That is not a POA function. That is a department function — absolutely, unequivocally. The POA Board of Directors is elected by our members. It has a role of insuring that their working conditions and rights are protected. We are advocates and our major function is providing representation to members.

We represent most of the 1,900 officers — Blacks, Whites, Women, Hispanics, Asians, Gays, whoever they are. We represent them all when they are in violation of any rules of the police department. We represent officers before the chief and the police commission.

We go to Internal Affairs to assure that officers are not badgered or bullied. We are primarily observers at Internal Affairs. We counsel our members as to how to handle themselves during those interviews. We object to Internal Affairs if our people are not treated right and that goes down in the record.

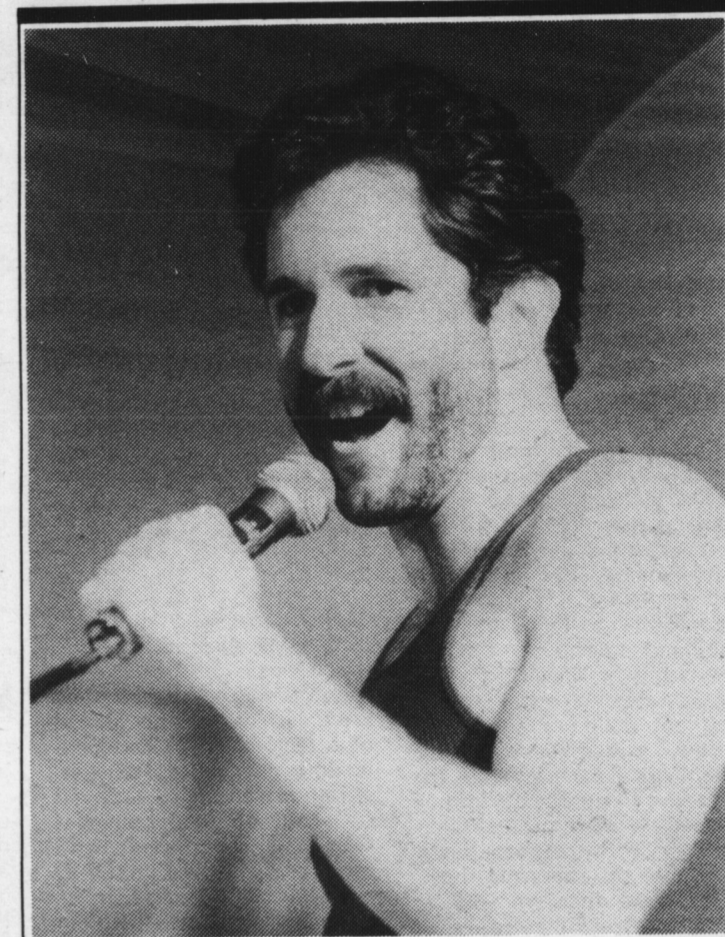
If an officer goes before the Chief because he has a sus-

tained complaint and the Chief decides to charge the officer with a disciplinary suspension, we appear before the Chief. We are then defense officers. We are very effective in defending our people.

We also go before the Police Commission in some cases. If it is a complicated, legal issue, then the member is provided free legal representation. That is our role.

With 1,900 cops, recruited from the human race with the same faults as others, some have real problems. When we feel that an officer has had too many problems that have come to our attention here at the POA, we may take that officer aside. We would then advise him to maybe handle problems one way rather than the other way that he has been handling them. That has

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Paul Parker will be featured Saturday, October 9, at the Galleria Design Center. Parker, an up-front Gay San Franciscan, is the star of the top of the charts dance hit "Right on Target." The event is Gary Roverana's first solo production. (Photo: Mick Hicks)

NGTF Head to Resign

Lucia Valeska has agreed to resign as executive director of the National Gay Task Force. Valeska has been under heavy pressure to step down since she bungled a major address in Dallas in August.

Valeska, 42, has been with NGTF for three years (first as co-executive director and then as sole head). She will give up her \$34,000 a year position effective December 1.

A move to oust Valeska failed over Labor Day weekend in New York City when four directors walked out, forcing the chair to declare a lack of a quorum. Directors who stayed on tried to work out an agreement with Valeska, and she laid down severe conditions for her transferring the reins of power.

Valeska had been criticized in many quarters for being a

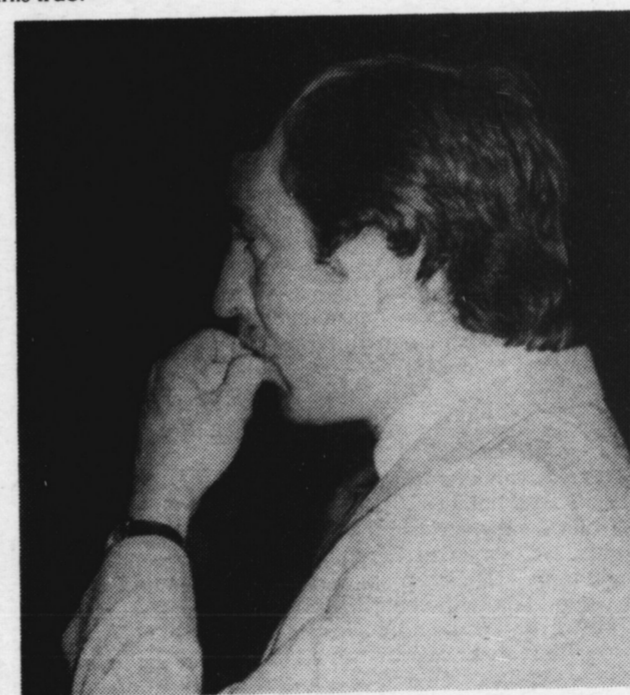
poor administrator. Board directors also accused Valeska of giving NGTF no direction or goals and that NGTF had lost touch with local Gay activist groups. NGTF was also reported to have financial problems.

Valeska's supporters (who grew fewer as the weeks passed) insisted that her resignation had been engineered by a "lynch mob" both inside

and outside the NGTF board. Director Frank Kameny according to the Washington Blade said that Valeska's attackers had a hidden agenda.

In return for Valeska's refusing to further block the drive to unseat her, the board agreed to a number of conditions. She will receive her full salary and benefits for six months (Valeska was reapp-

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POA President Bob Barry straightens out the record, yet he takes it on the chin from far-right cops. See story on Page 2. (Photo: Rink)

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Ripoff Artist Passes Through

It's a story all too common in the Gay community. Host opens house to "new" friend. New friend spends the night playing with host's jewels and leaves in the morning with host's jewelry.

The latest incident occurred last week. The thief's California Driver's License identified him as Willard Eugene Wareham. He called himself Bill. He's 34 years old, 5'10", 155 lbs. and has brown hair and eyes. His upper teeth are partially false, his denture wearing "the result of a trucking accident."

He claims to be a trucker and is knowledgeable about the occupation. He told his host, whom he met in a restaurant, that he was in town from Encinitas obtaining a



Bill Wareham, tourist, trucker, and alleged thief.

"He's just slick enough that he could melt in anywhere."

After staying with his host for five days, Bill drove off on the host's 1976 Goldwing Honda. The 1000cc bike is wine red with a grey storage box; the license is 2W8058. Bill also took some leather clothing and a large amount of jewelry, of which he displayed an advance knowledge. He left behind his Volkswagen, which proved to have been stolen in Sacramento three months previously.

Wareham has been charged with two counts of theft. Anyone with information should contact the Burglary Detail at the Hall of Justice.

contract for hauling produce. Although South of Market oriented, Bill's host said.