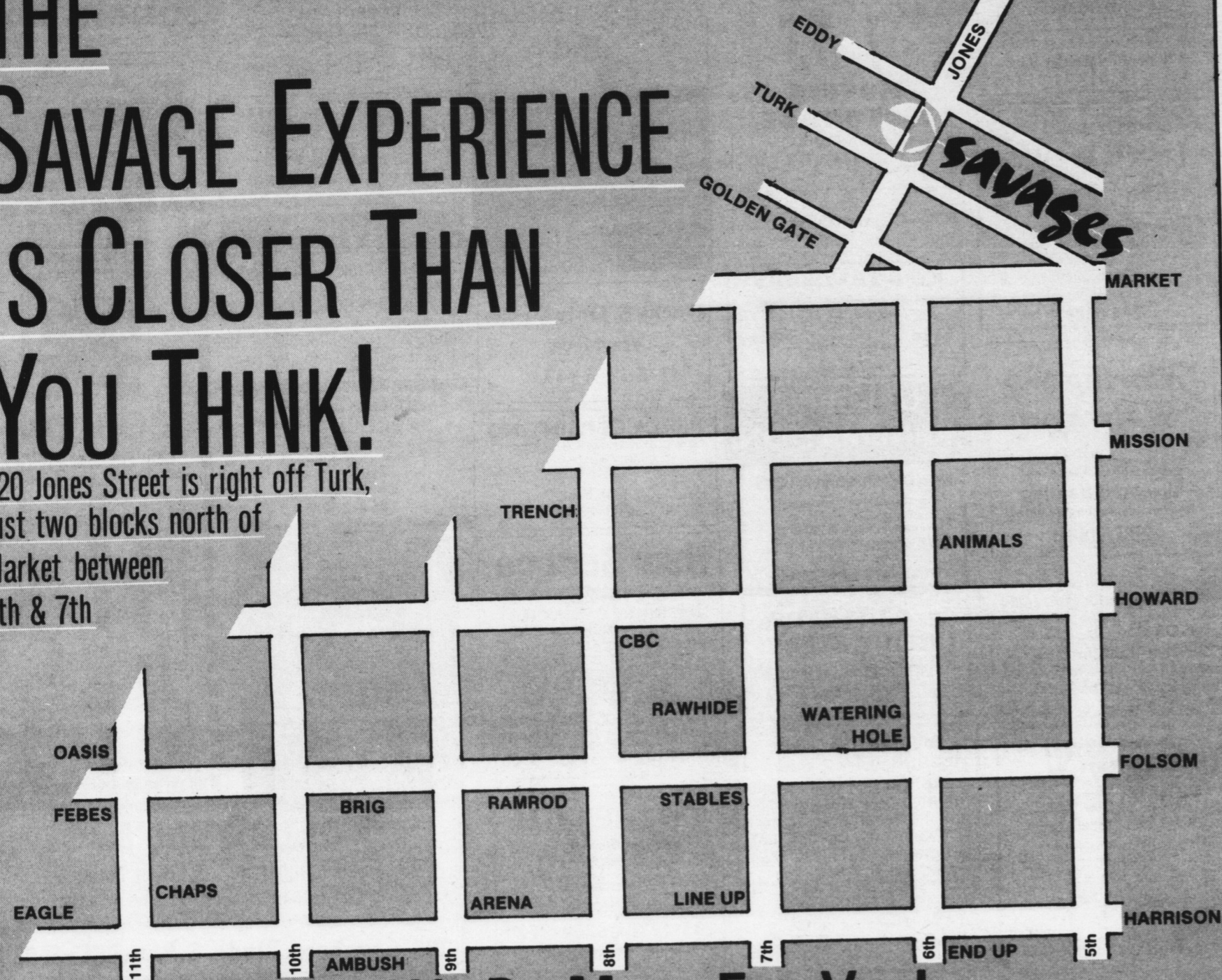


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## Gay Committee to Go? Publisher's Pique Reaches City Hall

by George Mendenhall

The most ethnic and racially balanced group of Gay activists in the city may be discarded soon by the city's Board of Supervisors if legislation proposed by Supervisor Lee Dolson is adopted. The idea was hatched by publisher Paul Hardman and authored by Dolson's Gay aide, Del Dawson. It would replace the current 13-member Gay Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Commission with a new Board-appointed group of 11 members. The Dolson legislation is before the Board's Rules Committee for consideration.



Phyllis Lyon (l.), chair of the Human Rights Commission, found herself under siege this week from an unexpected source. Jackie Winnou (r.) is the full-time Lesbian aide/Gay committee liaison for the Commission. (Photo: Rink)

Grant Mikens, the director of the commission, told *Bay Area Reporter*. "This Gay committee here is one of our best. It is well structured, and its 13 members represent a rich diversity of races, personalities, skills, and backgrounds." He explained that the committee chooses its own members by publicly calling for applicants and exten-

sively screening them before making selections. Mikens expressed hope that the Board would not adopt the legislation and allow the commission to do the administering of its business without Board interference.

Hardman states that he proposed the legislation because the committee is illegal-

ly structured. He may be partly correct, as the city set up the advisory committee in 1975 as a compromise when a SF Gay Commission was proposed by the late Rev. Ray Broshers. Officially it has "three members" but the HRC raised the stature of the group five years ago to "standing committee" status. Standing committees more directly advise the commission and are unlimited in size (one has 8 members, another 30). The final selection of members is made by the committee co-chairs who are commissioners.

### "THREE OR MORE"

Phyllis Lyon, the Lesbian activist who chairs the Human Rights Commission, and Mikens are both agreeable to having the ordinance changed to read "three or more" so that the commission can go about its business. This was not done earlier, Mikens contends, because the commission has been contemplating a request later for major changes in the Human Rights ordinance that would include the contemplated change. He also emphasizes that three of the current GAC are officially designated as the "three members" set forth in the

## AIDS Mortality Higher Than First Thought

by Wayne April

early 1981.

The number of people who die from diseases associated with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is actually much higher than is currently quoted, according to the September 24 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, which is published by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Between June 1, 1981, and September 15, 1982, the CDC received reports of 593 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Death occurred in 243 cases, or 41%. But if one counts only the cases diagnosed a year ago, the rate exceeds 60 percent.

That means the longer a person has the disease, the greater his chances of dying from it. Not an unusual phenomenon when it comes to diseases that have no cure.

The mortality rate for AIDS-related diseases has not been determined because the AIDS epidemic is new and there is no mortality history to go by. The 60 percent mortality rate is the one established for the earliest document cases, which are from late 1979 and

The number of cases of AIDS being diagnosed has roughly doubled every half year since the second half of 1979. An average of one to two cases are now diagnosed every day.

An analysis of reported AIDS cases shows that 51 percent had Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, 30 percent had Kaposi's sarcoma, 7 percent had both diseases, and 12 percent had other "opportunistic" infections.

The victims with both Pneumocystis pneumonia and KS had the highest death rate (68%). The ones with just Pneumocystis pneumonia had the second highest death rate (47%).

AIDS-related diseases have been reported from 27 states, the District of Columbia, and ten foreign countries. The greatest number of cases, however, have been reported from New York City and San Francisco.

Approximately 75 percent of AIDS cases occurred among homosexual or bisexual males.

ordinance. Lyon and Mikens said they could not understand why the current committee should be discarded for a new one appointed by the Board.

"They are violating the ordinance. It says three members. They have been operat-

ing at 7, 9, 11 — and now 13. Everyone is doing as they damn please over there. This has gotten entirely out of hand. It is no longer operative," was the response of City Hall aide Dawson, who authored the legislation for Hardman. He explained that

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## Cops Nab 17 in Castro Backyard

Seventeen men were arrested Saturday night/Sunday morning in the Castro. The charge was 602L of the Penal Code (trespassing).

At approximately 3:48 a.m. October 10 a squad car pulled up to 115 Diamond (at 18th), blocking a hole in the fence between Collingwood Park and the empty Holy Redeemer School property. Those who were present in the secluded courtyard were told they were under arrest, then told to line up and spread-eagle against the wall, searched and placed in a paddy wagon.

All seventeen were taken to Mission Station where they were issued citations. Those without identification were taken to the Hall of Justice (850 Bryant) where they were photographed and fingerprinted. The former group, according to the arrestees, were held to 7 a.m.; the latter group weren't released until noon.

The charge of trespassing, a misdemeanor, carries a fine

of \$250. Some of those who had to go to the Hall of Justice had to put up \$25 in bail before they were released. All must appear in court; some have a date of November 3, 8 a.m., Room 75.

One of those arrested told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the courtyard behind the school "seems to be a popular spot." Another said that "nobody was doing anything by the time the cops got into the courtyard." He chose not to describe what was going on before the police drove into the area. A third complained that his rights weren't read to him and that it must be election-time fervor that prompted the police action.

Captain Taylor of Mission Station said that the secluded courtyard has been a chronic problem. He said that private property does not concern the police. "It's not our business until somebody complains."

While the police do not release the names of those who place complaints, the infer-



A chronic problem for SFPD and the owners of Holy Redeemer Church and School has been late-night trespassers at 115 Diamond. The players frolic at their own risk, and Gay leaders find the antics impossible to defend! (Photo: Rink)

ence is left that in a private property issue the property owner is the logical complainant.

Collingwood Park and environs have been a continuing problem between the Gay community, residents, and

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## Police Trash Gay Bar

by Wayne April

New York City police raided a Black Gay bar September 29, roughing up the patrons and vandalizing the place, but made no arrests, according to the local chapter of the organization Black and White Men Together.

A demonstration is planned in Times Square on Friday, Oct. 15, to protest the incident and "to gain an honest accounting of what happened and why."

According to BWMT, 20 to 25 policemen charged into Blues on West 43rd Street with pistols and nightsticks

drawn. They pulled the doors shut and made everyone line up against the back wall of the bar. In the process, patrons were shoved from barstools, thrown to the floor, and beat with nightsticks.

Police searched the people, pocketing some things and scattering the rest on the floor. At the same time, they overturned the pool table and smashed the sound equipment, along with glasses and bottles.

During the entire proceedings, the police made numerous negative comments con-

cerning race and homosexuality. Nine people required hospital emergency room treatment.

Ironically, the raid took place the same night as the National Gay Task Force's Human Rights Campaign Fund dinner at the Sheraton. Former vice president Walter Mondale was addressing the black tie affair.

A coalition of Gay groups is sponsoring the Times Square demonstration, which begins at 8 p.m.

## NGRA Seeks Unemployment Rights for Gay Couples

The fight for equal rights for Gay couples went to the California Supreme Court this week. National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) petitioned the high court to require a state agency to treat Gay couples the same as married couples in awarding unemployment benefits. NGRA, the local-based Gay public interest law firm, filed its briefs in the case of *Norman v. California Unemployment Insurance Board* when a lower court opinion brought the possibility of Gay couples into the dispute.

NGRA is arguing that when a Gay person leaves their employment to follow a domestic partner to a new locale, the "significant other" has good cause to quit employment. That person, says NGRA, should be eligible for unemployment benefits. The current practice is to grant bene-

fits unemployed are equally severe, regardless of marital status.

The issue began when Mary Theresa Norman of Los Gatos left her job as a software control coordinator to follow her male lover to Seattle. He had gone there to seek a better job opportunity. Once there, Norman filed for unemployment benefits. The State of California denied her requests because she did not have good cause. What that amounted to was that she was not married.

Attorney Cynthia Rice of Legal Aid in San Jose took Norman's case to Superior Court. Norman won, and the state appealed the case. Norman won again at the appellate level in a 2 to 1 decision. The state then appealed to the Supreme Court of the state.



NGRA's Jean O'Leary (l.) and Leonard Graff (r.) announced this week that the Gay legal arm had joined a Cal Supreme Court case on unemployment for Gay "significant others." (Photo: Rink)

fits only to married persons who relocate. Thus, Lesbians and Gay men are disqualified from collecting benefits.

"Gay people are being denied their constitutional rights," said Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director. "Under the equal protection clause of the constitution, the state cannot grant unemployment benefits to a person in a heterosexual relationship while denying the same benefits to someone in a homosexual relationship."

The case is expected to have a significant impact because of the large number of Lesbians and Gay men residing in California. Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA, stated that "the current practice imposes an unreasonable and unfair penalty on the Gay work force. We are demanding that Gays be granted benefits on an equal basis with non-Gays."

The state's position is grounded in the theory that the current practice is necessary to promote the institution of marriage. However, NGRA asserts that based on the Marvin case, and the lack of statutory language distinguishing between married and unmarried employees, the state's position is unfounded. The economic burdens experienced by one who

In a dissenting opinion Appeals Judge Scott asked a series of rhetorical questions. Where, he wanted to know — if the marriage was dropped as an eligibility factor — would it all end? Would it not, he wondered, apply to same-sex relationships?

Enter Leonard Graff and NGRA who said, "Of course the benefits should apply to same-sex relationships. . . ." Graff said, "Even though this case rose in the context of a straight couple, there is no question that the outcome will affect Gay people." And Graff and his associates prepared an in-house brief.

Graff said NGRA wants to see how the Supreme Court will react to the issue of Gays now that it has been raised by the Appellate Court and pursued by NGRA.

Frederick Hertz, Esq. and Thomas Reilly have assisted NGRA's Legal Director, Leonard Graff, in presenting its case. The Court will probably hear oral arguments in December.

Also this week, NGRA announced a drive to raise additional funds for its ongoing legal work. NGRA's address is 540 Castro Street, San Francisco 94114. It is mounting the drive in conjunction with the Lesbian Rights Project.

## Alice Re-endorses; Soundly Rejects POA's I & J

Maher Gets Nod; Migden Loses Big in Second Try

by Margaret Frost

Proving once again that it is independent from other Lesbian/Gay clubs, the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club, after a lively discussion with POA representatives, took no position on Propositions I and J.

The Alice Executive Board had recommended no endorsement, stating that this

Doris Ward, Nancy Walker, Richard Hongisto, and Greg Day had been endorsed on the first ballot, taken at the September meeting.

However, the club reached no consensus on the second and third slots in the Community College Board race. (Alice Vice President Sal Roselli received a unanimous



Candidate Bill Maher picked up Alice's fifth endorsement in the Supervisorial race. Maher is given a good chance of making it to the Board, but whom he'll replace is the big question. (Photo: Rink)

would correspond with the POA's neutrality on Proposition A. The Board's statement stressed, "If future treatment of members of our community and other communities in

endorsement in May.) Carole Migden showed a substantial loss of support, down to 47 votes from 78 in September. The next closest challenger, Michael Bernick, gained a



POA Board members, including Gay PD'er Woody Tennant (center), made a pitch for I and J. Police Commissioner Jo Daly (r.) also pleaded for endorsing the POA benefits bonanza. (Photo: Rink)

San Francisco improves, then future consideration of police benefits will be more favorable."

Club members also followed the Board's recommendation of endorsement for supervisorial candidate Bill Maher. This fills the Alice slate for supervisors, since

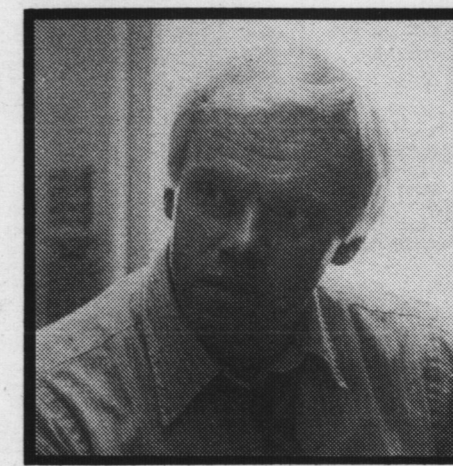
number of votes (from 28 up to 45), but still fell far short of the 72 needed for endorsement.

The Club voted "yes" on Propositions 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, B, C, D, E, F, H, and K; "no" on Props 9, L, and M, and "no position" on 2 and 10.

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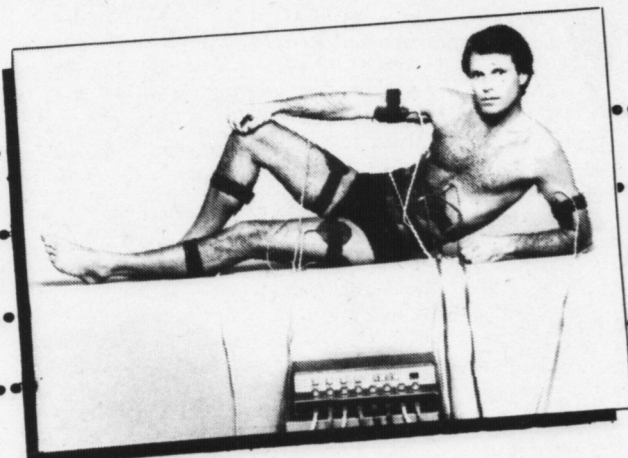


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## Gay Committee to Go?

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one of the reasons he wrote the legislation is so "every supervisor will have to deal with the Gay community in making the appointments." Under the plan each supervisor would make one appointment.

ic church because the city agency only has jurisdiction over city agencies and contracts.)

Dawson was asked why he had not contacted Lyon about his proposal, since it affects one of her committees.



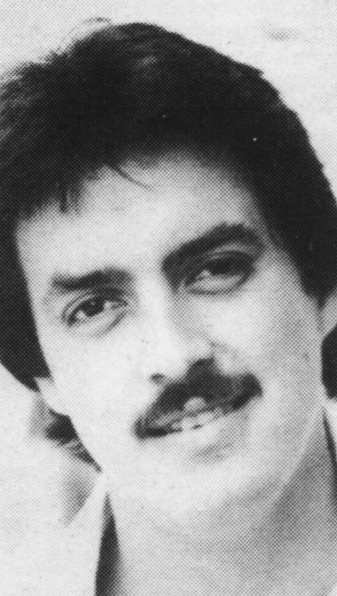
Paul Hardman renews his struggle with the city's Redevelopment Agency, which this month spilled over into a feud with the Human Rights Commission and its subsidiary Gay Advisory Committee. (Photo: Rink)

Publisher Hardman said one of his reasons for making the proposal to Dolson is that "Phyllis Lyon makes all the appointments. No one criticizes her either, because if they do they get fired. I have that from talking directly to people who fear they will get kicked off that committee if they talk." (Lyon laughed when told of Hardman's statement. She said he was evidently confused because she signs the "Congratulations" letters when people are appointed, as a routine duty of the HRC chair.)

Lyon said she was baffled as to why Hardman and Dawson did not come to her personally and discuss the idea of making the proposed changes. "Paul's way of doing things is to raise so much noise that people will do anything to get him off their backs," she claimed. She also said that Hardman has been angry with the Human Rights Commission because it does not involve itself with his continuing battles with the city's Redevelopment Agency.

In 1977 Hardman had insisted that the Gay Advisory Committee involve itself in supporting his attempt to retain a Gay Community Center he operated at 33 Grove Street. Lately, he has attempted to involve the full commission in his differences with Glad Tidings Church, which allegedly is supportive of a homophobic group called Save Our Souls. (The committee did not support Hardman's earlier effort because he had only a temporary tenancy from the state Redevelopment Agency, as the building was to be torn down for a city garage. It was "loaned" to Hardman on a temporary basis. . . . The City Attorney has recently ruled that the commission cannot involve itself with the state Redevelopment Agency's proposed land sale to an alleged homophob-

He replied, "That is not proper. We introduce legislation. She can come and comment later if she wishes, but I do not have to clear legislation with her." He expressed confidence in the Board's ability to appoint a new group of diverse people of varied backgrounds. He added that if Lyon would come to him with a written proposal of what



Human Rights Commissioner Richard Sevilla: "Some people like to play politics . . . but it's depressing." (Photo: Rink)

kind of diversity she wanted he might insert it into his legislation.

### DIVERSITY ESSENTIAL

Richard Sevilla, the Human Rights commissioner who co-chairs the Gay advisory group, told B.A.R.: "I wish Paul would just pick up the telephone and call me to discuss the things he does. He slaps it in his magazine (*The Voice*). He hits hard. He does this publicly. I then call him — after he has everyone stirred up. We would like to work with him to resolve whatever problems there are. He wastes so much of all of our time and energy.

"This move by Paul," continued Sevilla, "makes me question his interest in preserving a committee that has developed an effective cross-section from our Gay ethnic and minorities communities. If the supervisors did the selecting there would not be diversity. We could end up with primarily white males." Sevilla denied a charge by Hardman that Lesbian concerns are favored by the committee while Gay male problems are not given equal consideration. "That simply is not true. We deal with the issues — no matter where they come from."

Hardman urges that "there is nothing personal about this . . . We have to take this selection process out of the commission politics and have each supervisor choose one person." Sevilla responds, "We are a dedicated group of people working our butts off, trying to be fair and to reach a cross-section of the community and then someone like Paul comes along. I guess I should not let this get to me. Some people just like to play politics — but it is depressing."

## Gay Advisory Committee

### S.F. Human Rights Commission

Co-Chairs: Richard Sevilla and David Yamakawa.

Members: Barbara Cameron, Stan Palomares-Criollos, Ruth Hughes, Marty Kashuba, Jerel McCrary, Barbara Monty, Arthur Morris, Koriel Schreivogl, Marsha Seeley, Randy Stallings, Sue Zemel.

The committee includes people from various ethnic, cultural, political, religious and racial backgrounds who are associated with over 40 Lesbian/Gay organizations.

Lyon concluded, "We must work together. It doesn't make sense that one part is attacking another part. Paul doesn't seem to understand that we should be working together. We have too many people just running off on their own."

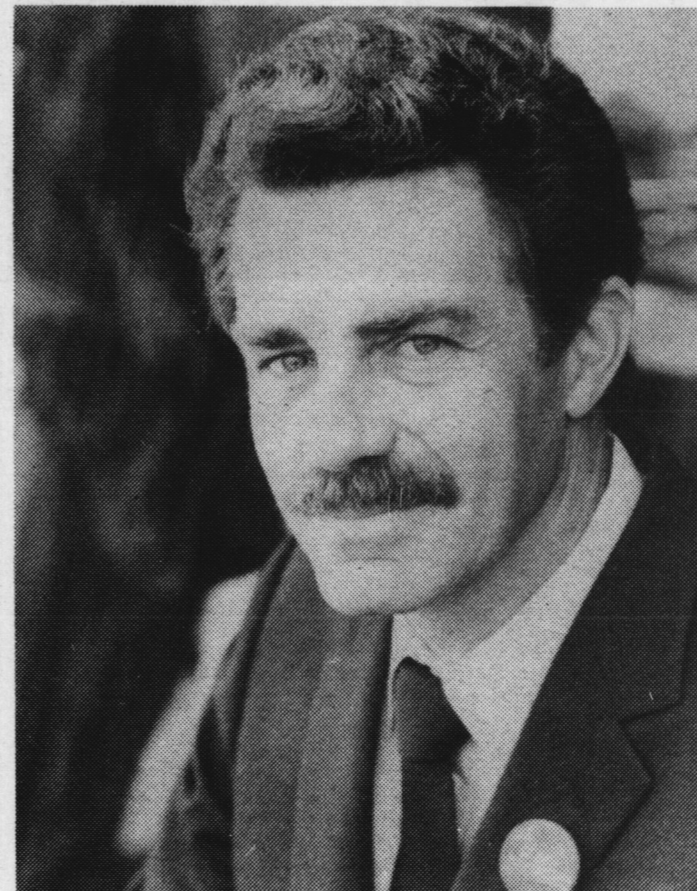
Jackie Winnow, who is the full-time Gay aide at the commission, stressed to B.A.R.: "This move would mean we would be starting at zero again. For the past two years we have developed a unique group in the history of this city — 7 men and 6 women who are from a varied ethnic and racial mix. The political appointments that are proposed would serve the political powers — not the Gay community."

Director Mikens concluded, "The commission frequently gets calls from across the country about how we do it — the Gay Advisory Community and working with the Gay community. We are frequently the center of such discussions at Human Rights conferences. Many people look to us . . . Human rights involves a very special kind of person. People of good will, with an open mind, with skills in interpersonal relations. This is not the kind of person that gets appointed for political reasons."

George Mendenhall

## Gay Lt. Governor Candidate Campaigns Here

by Wayne April



Gay John Vernon, Libertarian candidate for Lt. Governor. (Photo: Rink)

John Vernon, the only openly Gay man campaigning for state office, has been making the rounds of San Francisco Gay bars, where he hopes to pick up some of the vote for his bid for the lieutenant governor's post. He's the Libertarian Party candidate.

The Libertarian Party is one of those things you read about in the newspaper and wonder why they even bother. But Vernon is convinced his party has made great gains over the last ten years and boasts that 27 Libertarians were elected to various offices in the 1980 elections.

The Libertarian Party is not very old in California, but was successful in running one of the first Libertarian gubernatorial candidates, according to Vernon. This year's candidate for governor is Dan Dougherty, a Kentfield businessman with a wife and three kids. Dougherty apparently has no qualms about his Gay fellow Libertarian candidate.

Vernon credits himself for helping to bring out the Gays in the Libertarian Party. It seems Vernon was nominated for the vice-presidential candidacy at the Libertarian convention in New York City in 1975. He was asked if there might be anything about him that could cause trouble for the presidential candidate if it were found out.

Vernon told them he was Gay and his candidacy was reluctantly rejected, but the result of his coming out had a positive effect on the party platform and the party's acceptance of divergent lifestyles. Following a flurry of meetings and a five-minute speech by Vernon, the Libertarian Party passed a resolution in favor of freedom of expression and the abolition of the sodomy laws. The accomplishment was not all Vernon's, since it turned out quite a number of influential conventioners were Gay, also.

Today, the party has a Gay caucus called Libertarians for Gay Rights, and Gay Liber-

Vernon's campaign brochure makes it sound like the future of Gay liberation is in the hands of those with weapons. "We are each of us our own first and last line of defense, as many Gays and Lesbians well know," he says. ". . . we would be ill-advised to trust our defense against homophobes to the hands of police forces which have almost invariably been characterized by that same homophobia. We have the right to defend ourselves by whatever means necessary."

Although Vernon's love of guns might alienate the peace-loving, his support for the "abolition of all laws prohibiting sexual activity, prostitution, gambling and drug usage among consenting adults" should endear him to the free spirits.

Vernon believes that a lot of the services government currently provides could be put in the hands of private parties. Fire and police protection are two examples. "In colonial times," he says, "fire protection was provided by insurance companies. Why not now?"

Taxes are another bugaboo to Libertarians. "Taxation is the moral equivalent of armed robbery . . ." says Vernon, and "Gay people and other singles pay a disproportionately high share of taxes to support programs which primarily benefit those with large families." One wonders what Vernon tells the straights in Daly City.

arian clubs across the U.S., including Salt Lake City.

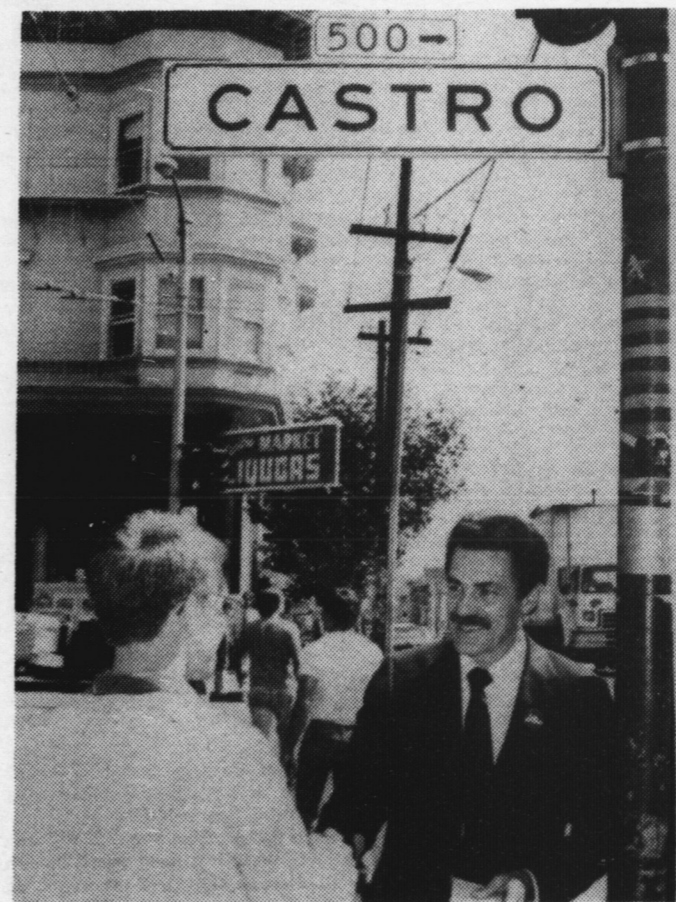
All in all, the Libertarian Party is a strange bird. It combines some of the most radical planks of both the Democrats and Republicans and has a pathological hatred for government of almost any kind.

"Gay people and other singles pay a disproportionately high share of taxes."

— John Vernon

What other party supports a nuclear freeze, saying our defense capability is more than adequate, but then comes out against the gun control initiative, saying it severely restricts the right of peaceable individuals to defend themselves.

Nevertheless, this Los Angeles caterer, known locally as "The Omelette King," hopes to get at least 7.5 percent of the vote in November, or 10 to 15 percent, he says, if he can "get the Gay vote behind him."



Southern Californian Vernon campaigns in the Castro. (Photo: Rink)

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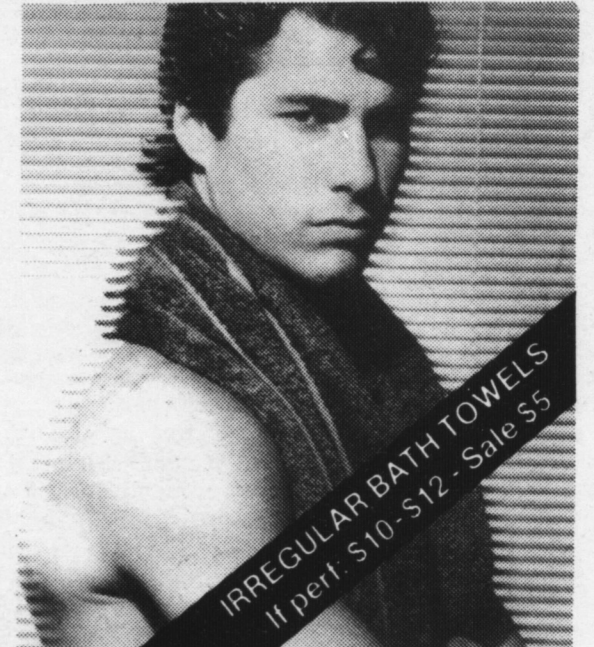
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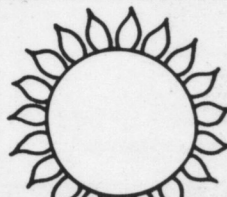
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**LETTERS**

**FRONT RUNNER**

★ I recently visited San Francisco and of course took in all the gay bars and shops in the Castro. I also made it a point to pick up a copy of different periodicals such as the *B.A.R.*, *Bay Guardian* and *The Voice*. I found that the *Bay Area Reporter* was more informative and made more of a point of dealing with the Gay Community than the other two papers.

Since I will not be going back to S.F. soon, I would like to know if it is at all possible to receive the *B.A.R.* at my home in New Orleans. That way I can keep up on what is going on in the Castro. Thanks.

Michael A. Rapp  
New Orleans, LA

**OPEN FORUM**

★ As someone who has always been treated fairly by the *B.A.R.* in printing my personal opinions, I am disappointed that your differences with Harry Britt over the P.O.A. issue would be sufficient reason to drop his column.

Patrick J. Vachon  
Houston, Texas

I would like to quote from a famous editor, Maxwell Perkins, on this subject: "The function of a publisher in society is to furnish a means by which anyone of a certain level of intelligence and abilities can express his views. A publisher should not be, as such, a partisan, however strongly partisan he may be as an individual... he is supposed to furnish a forum for the free play of the intellect, in so far as he possibly can. That is the whole American theory — that opinions can be given a means of full expression, and that the public, hearing all of them and considering them, will eventually approximate a right conclusion. Every profession has its own particular code of ethics, its own morality, that its members must adhere to or they betray it. And a primary element in the morality of the publisher is that he shall not let his personal views obstruct the way for the expression of counter-views."

Tom Youngblood  
San Francisco, CA

**NASTY**

★ If, as the customarily percipient Wayne Friday records, former Guv Pat Brown sounds "a bit pessimistic" regarding his namesake's race for Senator (B.A.R. 7 October, R2), it just might be that Governor Moonbeam's TV spots, imputing to his Republican opponent the inaccurate image of a "nuclear monster" have caused Brown Senior to be afflicted with *deja vu*.

In 1966, then Governor Pat "Bumbles" Brown, via the telly, attempted to smear his opponent, Ronald Reagan by implying that because it was an actor who assassinated President Lincoln, Reagan — actor/polician — might well have felonious, if not murderous, potentials. Obviously, and fortunately, this tact "backfired" and the elder Brown, together with Bernice, the Dragon Lady, retired.

That he ought to have warned his irresponsible flake of a son is obvious. But then, neither senile nor infantile deserts ever learn! With due consideration,

Thomas M. Edwards  
San Francisco, CA

**ON A CONCERT**

★ Thank you, Philip Campbell, for the review of the multiple-chorus GALA concert held September 4 at Nourse Auditorium. As the weeks passed, I had begun to conclude that no local reporter attended the event, and was considering writing such a review myself to fill the void.

I have one addition to make to Mr. Campbell's review (which this letter is not written to criticize). Gay performing arts events in San Francisco — especially the rehearsed indoor kind — almost always lack an important element: a bold, witty, animated announcer/MC to keep our spirits high during the interludes between acts.

Steve Zandt is that person. We are blessed with the most perfect gay version of Don Pardo we could ever wish for, and I for one am shocked that his skills are not recognized more fully and more publicly. Without him the GALA concert would have been considerably less magnificent than it was.

May he never leave us.

Mark Tangard  
San Francisco, CA

**HOUSTON ON OLYMPICS**

★ I'm writing this letter to you on behalf of myself, my lover, and many Houstonians who visited your fine city during the recent Gay World Series and Gay Athletic Games.

This letter is threefold, first to commend the *B.A.R.* on a fine job in supplying information, schedules, and follow up stories on the week's events.

Secondly to commend the city of San Francisco, both Gay and non-gay, for the hard work and support, which was needed from each other to make these events successful.

Thirdly I'd like to apologize to the Gay Athletics Games committee, and Gay men and Lesbians in general for the lack of participation from Gay Houstonians.

Several times during the course of the week, tears filled my eyes with a sense of joy, pride and accomplishment. During opening and closing ceremonies chills ran throughout my body. Once, however, during opening ceremonies, tears filled my eyes with pain and disgust as I realized that the city I live in, the fourth largest city in our country, a city of 350,000 Gay men and Lesbians, would not be represented in these, our first Gay Olympic Games.

The following week was filled with questions from many as to why we weren't represented, but I had no answers. Today when I show them photographs and try and relay my feelings from that week, I still have no answers.

I would like to say to the Gay Olympics Games Committee that I'm sure we weren't overlooked in the planning, but wherever the breakdown occurred, I hope it doesn't happen again.

Patrick J. Vachon  
Houston, Texas

**CUAV ON CASES**

★ The CUAV "Quick Hits" column printed in the 9/16 issue of the *B.A.R.* and other forums where we've announced the recent onslaught of police brutality/misconduct reports have brought on a rash of phone calls and questions to our office. Of special concern were the requests for particular details on reports and/or for actual xerox copies of certain reports. It has been our procedure for the past several years, and now our policy, as adopted at the CUAV Board of Directors meeting on 9/16, is that client confidentiality is our primary concern when such requests for information are presented to us. Therefore, actual incident reports are confidential and will remain so unless we have a signed release from the victim of the incident. In summarizing cases we take extreme care in leaving out details which could allow an individual to obtain further information regarding the incident. For instance, if someone has the date, time, and place of an incident it isn't out of the realm of possibility that they could find out who was involved in the incident. Therefore, when CUAV summarizes cases for the *B.A.R.* "Quick Hits" or in any other public forum, we consciously eliminate one of these key factors.

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Diana Zabarte-Christensen  
Director, CUAV  
San Francisco

**BILLY'S PECKER**

★ Knowing that I bare myself to the rhetorical fury of the Politically Correct, I'd like to ask if there's anyone else who feels that a classified ad consisting of a photo of Billy's pecker, which is for sale for \$50, might be an example of the ridiculous excess inherent in granting the Billeys of this world their "inalienable rights."

I know how much grief I'll probably get for wistfully expressing the untrendy, outmoded, tainted philosophy of wishing good taste might prevail now and then over an ideology that seems terrified of denying Billy the right to publish a picture of his weewee. But go ahead and lay it on me. I can't help myself — I'm getting tired of feeling my tendencies toward common sense, intelligence, and tact are something shameful. Having gone this far, I may as well confess I think I'm going to let my good taste out of the closet, and encourage those similarly inclined to form support groups and do the same. It won't be easy, but I know there must be many of us. And furthermore, I'll bet Billy speaks with his mouth full.

Brian Healey  
San Francisco

P.S. I beg any reader itching to write a scathing Politically Correct reply equating the adoption of a modicum of propriety with the inevitability of some leading straight to some evil Orwellian police state to kindly refrain. I'd buy Billy before I'd buy that crap.

ED. NOTE: Around here said photo has engendered similar psychic arousal. Up to now it has been the advertising people who have looked askance at the editorial department for the calibre of our articles and photos. This time it was the editorial department who raised eyebrows over the photo. The business of Billy's pitch and protrusion remains to be resolved. We note this issue Billy alters his pose. For the better or worse... perhaps lies in the eyes of the beholder. As we've said once too often, "caveat emptor."

P. Larch

**CORRECTION**

In our September 2, 1982, edition we printed a letter to the editor from Chris Simonetti concerning the Spartacist League. That organization, an avowedly Marxist group, has pointed out to us that the letter erroneously accuses SL of being an "FBI-sponsored outfit." The *Bay Area Reporter* does not subscribe to the claim that the Spartacist League or any of its members are in any way associated or sponsored by any American governmental agency.

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# QUICKIES

## Midge Costanza to Address Rosselli Benefit

Midge Costanza, colorful and outspoken former assistant to President Jimmy Carter, joins supporters of College Board candidate Sal Rosselli and The Women's Foundation at a wine and cheese party Thursday, Oct. 21, 5:30-7:30 at 18 Palm Avenue (near California — one block from S.F. Children's Hospital). The event will benefit the Rosselli campaign and The Women's Foundation, which is building an endowment to fund women's and girls' projects in the Bay Area.



Midge Costanza will star at Rosselli benefit. (Photo: Rink)

Costanza, who currently lives in Los Angeles, was Carter's Assistant for Public Liaison, the first woman ever to hold the title Assistant to the President. In the White House and all over the country, Midge met with ethnic

Rosselli's priority, according to his press agents, after election will be to keep the Community College District free from tuition and fees. Rosselli ran for the College Board in 1980 and just missed winning, placing fifth out of eleven candidates for four seats.

## Parade Meeting Changed

The October meeting of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee has been rescheduled from October 10 to October 17, 4-6 p.m., at the Women's Building, 3543 18th Street, S.F.

Nominations for officers will be opened at this meeting and will remain open through the November election.

Voting eligibility requires the attendance of at least one of the August, September, or October meetings.  
For more info, 861-5404.

## David Lamble Talks to 'Advocate,' Gay Playwright

The *Advocate* at 15. This Sunday evening from 7:05 to 9 p.m. on KGO-FM (FM 104) David Lamble examines the 15 year old history of the *Advocate's* evolution from a mimeographed newsletter to a nationally circulated Gay magazine claiming 400,000 readers around the world.

David will ask *Advocate* publisher Peter Frisch and editor Robert McQueen to elaborate on the image of the Gay community that emerges from their eclectic mixture of lifestyle features, up market ads, investigative reporting and sexual classifieds. Listeners curious about what David Goodstein is really like, how *Advocate* representatives

have been received on Capitol Hill and Madison Avenue, what's happened to the *Advocate* Experience or whatever became of the mischief maker who used to deface *Advocate* boxes in San Francisco with the slogan "Gay boredom" or anything else that has popped up over the last 354 issues can call in their questions at 928-0104.

From 9:05 to 10 p.m. San Francisco playwright Robert Chesley is David's guest. Robert Chesley will describe his reasons for forsaking the glamor of New York to return to mecca and will talk about the production of his play *Stray Dog Story* mounted this summer at Studio Rhino.

## All Gay Day on KPFA

Listener-sponsored KPFA radio will be all Gay all day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday, October 20. Gay Day on KPFA (94 FM) is being produced by the Fruit Punch Gay Men's Radio Collective in cooperation with the KPFA Women's Department.

Gay Day will kick off with a reading of the short story "An Uphill Lie" by Nancy Stockwell, depicting coming to sexual age in an isolated rural setting. At noon the program Punchy Fruits presents a lunch basket full of offbeat Lesbian/Gay comedy. At 1:30 a musical biography of composer Larry Hart, "Pal Larry." At 2:30 David Lamble hosts a discussion of the latest medical knowledge on the epidemic of immune deficiency diseases cropping up in the Gay male popula-

tion. Listener call-ins at 848-4425.

From 4:30 to 6 p.m. Fruit Punch will present recorded highlights of the 1982 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration. From 6 to 7 p.m. time out for the KPFA Evening News. At 7 the premiere of *Lavender News*, a news show about Gay men and women, soon to be a regular feature on Fruit Punch, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 p.m. All Gay Day will wrap up with a two-hour review of the Gay Olympic Games from 7:30 to 9:30 and then at 9:30 we go out with Fruit Punk, described by producer James McMullen as brand new semi-musical offerings from the decaying fringes of civilization, as well as your favorite nostalgia-drenched hits from 1981.

## Gay Senior Writer's Group Forming

Operation Concern's Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE) and nationally produced playwright George Birimisa are forming a writer's group for Lesbians and Gay men, 60 or over. George, whose play *Pogey Bait* was produced by San Francisco's Gay theatre company, Theatre Rhinoceros, offers this forum as a beginner's writing group, yet is quick to assert that more experienced writers are also welcome. All forms

of writing will be covered — poetry, journal writing, fiction, personal histories. In addition, prominent Gay and Lesbian writers will come to the group to discuss their work and experiences as Gay writers. The group will also attend plays together.

George would like people to be turned on to their creativity and get going with all those writing projects they've been putting off, and he

stresses that the group will be a supportive environment and that having fun is the key. Up to 15 men and women are welcome to participate in this group and observers will be permitted to attend.

The group will meet weekly, on Monday afternoons at 1 p.m., at the Valencia Rose Cafe. For more information about the group, call George any morning at 431-6254.

## Sentencing of Marijuana Santa Claus This Week

The sentencing of Robert "Stony" Gebert, "Merry Wanna" Santa Claus, for sale of 1/4 ounce (\$10 worth) of pot, is set for Friday, October 15, at 9 a.m. in Dept. 25 at the Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant. "Stony" was an organizer of the California Marijuana Reform Initiative and Editor of the Joint Effort newspaper at the time of the raid on the coalition headquarters, May 7, by a S.F. undercover narcotics squad.

has lived in San Francisco for ten years while working for various Marijuana Initiative efforts, looking for a chance to test the pot laws in court. "There's no way I would flee, throwing away everything I've politically worked for over all these years," says Stony. "The authorities would not have bothered to prosecute such a small amount of pot if it weren't for the initiative. We've been breaking the pot laws at our smoke-ins right out in the open for years and the cops looked the other way. Now that the initiative procedure threatens to change things, the heat comes down."

According to a press release of Joint Effort, "Stony" has been held without bail in S.F. County Jail since his conviction by a Superior Court jury on September 3. Judge Claude Perasso denied him bail, calling him a "flight risk and a vagabond, who leads a hand-to-mouth existence with no roots in the community." In fact, Stony

Sudi "Pebbles" Trippet, state-wide coordinator for the Marijuana Reform Initiative, states, "Stony's in jail because he goes around blatantly exercising his Constitutional right to change the pot laws.

## Cops Nab 17 in Castro Backyard

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the SFPD. The controversy has been fomenting since last spring when the mass arrests began. At issue then were arrests being made inside the park after dark. At first the Gay community complained there were no signs announcing the curfew. Signs were posted in prominent places.

The arrests continued until it was ruled that no grounds existed for putting a park off limits in the first place. Again it was hoped that the issues were resolved, and the signs came down.

Meanwhile, the nature of the arrests changed and late night strollers were being arrested for drunkenness. In

place brutality is an issue that hits all minority groups.

On hearing of the latest episode Vaughn Taylor said, "I don't condone public sex that will embarrass the public." Taylor, who represents the oldest civic organization in the Castro, continued, "We should begin sensitizing our own community that if we're going to make progress on police harassment, we've got to learn to clean up our own act."

To avoid such incidents, Taylor agreed with Bay Area Reporter editor Paul Lorch that is why the community fights to keep open places like the Jaguar and 1808 Club for



One of the paths of no return on the Holy Redeemer Church property which have been beckoning to certain Gay men and disturbing the owners/residents. (Photo: Rink)

August Mayor Feinstein's Gay aide, Peter Nardoza, was arrested along with a verger from Grace Cathedral. The pair denied the charge of drunkenness. At the same time others arrested ended up beaten and bruised.

Vaughn Taylor, president of the Eureka Valley Promotion Association, called a public meeting to protest the unwarranted arrests, the harassment and the beatings.

A week later several hundred Gay activists held a rally at Castro and Market protesting police brutality. The event was called "a successful media event." Supervisors Britt and Ward spoke to the crowd protesting harassment and urging the passage of Prop. A. Ward said that po-

the late night players. Said Lorch, "I might have wished the police had handled it otherwise — but we're talking about somebody's backyard now. If there was a 17-man gang bang going on in my backyard I'd probably do the same thing. On the other hand, it could have been worse," Lorch added, "the cops gave them enough time to get their pants on."

Gerry Parker, former Stonewall Demo president, was angered over the conduct of the Gay men. He said, "I feel that the people busted in this particular instance the Lesbian/Gay community, as a political movement, has no responsibility to defend. My feeling is stay out of the churchyard!"

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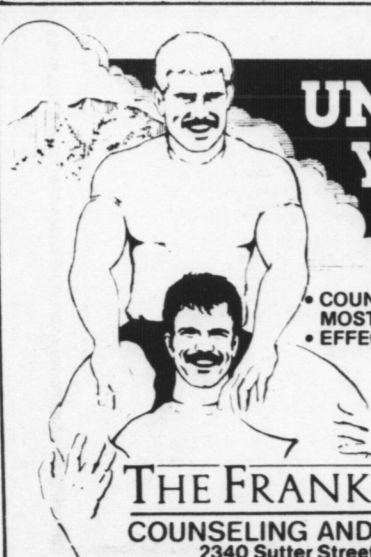


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## The Aides in City Hall BRANDY MOORE

Part One of a Six-Part Series

by Scott Treimel

The first thing that strikes you upon entering Brandy Moore's office is Natalie Wood wrapped in a what-becomes-a-legend-most Blackgama fur dramatically staring from an impromptu poster. Either Natalie Wood strikes you or the calamity of Brandy Moore's office does. It is ten feet by eight and hard-pressed to accommodate his two desks, two squat typing chairs, IBM Selectric III, and the welter of memorabilia loosed upon the walls: a poster from Theatre Rhinoceros' production of **Pogey Bait**, a poster from the Presidio Army Museum's exhibition "The Black Soldier from 1776 to Today," a Conserve Energy button, and a curiously cropped drawing of two men holding hands. It is an office that evokes the naive spirit of a college Gay alliance, and were it not in City Hall, Brandy Moore's office would merit little attention. But it is in City Hall and Moore receives \$22,000 a year to tend it and assist Supervisor Doris Ward.

Moore has been assisting Ward since December 1980, getting coffee for her, typing her letters, garnering information at meetings and in libraries and on the telephone and synthesizing it, and representing her at public forums and in private sessions.

be in more progressive politics, and I believe I was doing damage to myself being associated with the Chamber." It is tough to gauge what damage Moore perceived, for if it was the political damage of affiliating with the dollar mongers, it would be logically

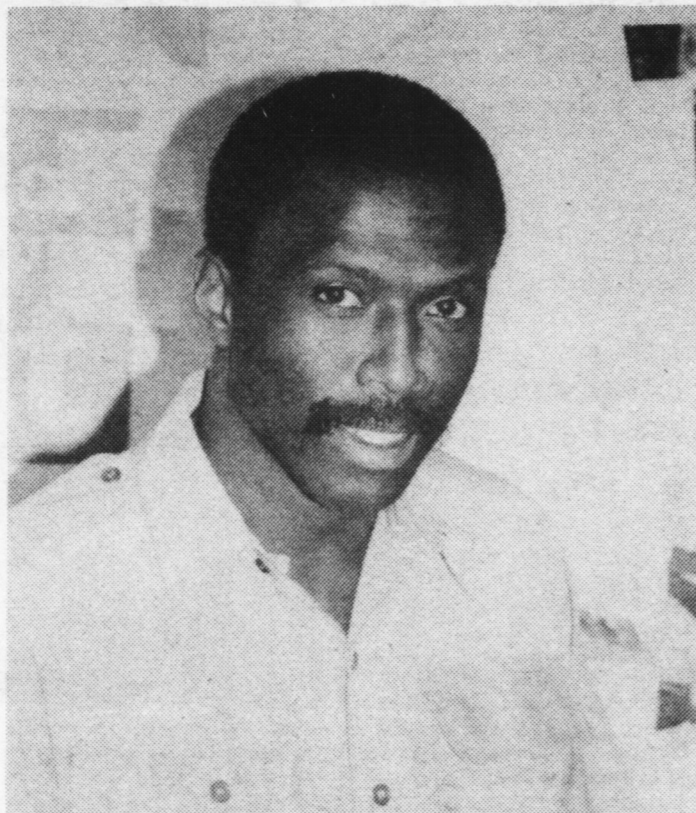
Fifth Avenue; he considers his politics "very left." He is a leather buff because leather is "a celebration of maleness," he says. "I live at the Am-bush." He believes Atlas Savings and Loan is "one positive step we've taken as a community in developing our own source of financing;" he banks at Bank of America.



It is amalgamations like Brandy Moore that really make meaningful such phrases as "Out of Many... One," and in this instance the one is a thirty-seven year old who was raised in East Los Angeles and would like to be a California senator. It is one who believes coalition equals political clout, and who belongs to the Stonewall Democratic Club and Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club and the California Democratic Club and Black Gay Men and Coleman Youth Services for juvenile offenders. It is one whose interpretation of City Hall reads, "You get right down to the compromise level," and whose experience has taught him "to look for objective situations, where if there's opposition, both sides

incongruous to announce that before venturing into San Francisco's business world, "I was out sailing my yacht." Incongruity, however, is a theme with Moore. Consider his resume.

At one time or another Brandy Moore has been a dancer with Martha Graham, a Persian rug trader in Paris,



City Hall aide Brandy Moore from Supervisor Doris Ward's office. (Photo: Rink)

the advertising director and an editor of a small Gay publication, the owner of a smoke shop in the Eureka Arcade on Castro, a data processor for American President Lines on Pier 80, the public relations officer of what is now the Human Rights Foundation of San Francisco, an anthropology student at U.C.L.A., a political science student at S.F.S.U. One detects alternately acquisitive, altruistic, and egotistical motives.

Similar incongruities make up Brandy Moore today. He jogs ten miles a day; he smokes ten cigarettes a day. He shops at I. Magnin, Wilkes Bashford, and Saks

### Chicago Banquet

## GAU Honors Nine at National Conference

The Gay Academic Union, Inc. will present special awards to nine individuals at an awards banquet in Chicago, October 9. The dinner, a fundraising effort for the National GAU Scholarship program, is part of **Discovery '82/GAU**, a joint conference of GAU and Gay Horizons, Inc. at the Conrad Hilton Hotel October 8-10.

This is the eighth national conference of the Gay Academic Union and the fourth presentation of annual awards by GAU, an organization of Lesbian and Gay academics and professionals with chapters and members nationwide. The awards are designed to recognize and honor the achievements of individuals in various fields who have made significant contributions to Gay scholarship and understanding and the enhancement of the Gay experience.

Previous recipients have included such individuals as Abigail Van Buren of "Dear Abby" fame, former presidential advisor Midge Costanza, writers Jane Rule, Dennis Altman and Christopher Isherwood, artist Paul Cadmus, attorney Donald Knutson, librarian Barbara Gittings, performer Meg Christian, researchers Anne Peplau, Barry Adams and Vivienne Cass, and California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

This year's recipients represent an equally wide spectrum.

The **Humanitarian Award** for demonstrating exceptional understanding, compassion, courage and commitment to human rights in work that had direct benefit to the Gay community this year will be presented to **Rep. David Clarenbach** of the Wisconsin state legislature for his successful effort to secure passage of a state law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

### Relationship Workshops for Gay Men

Two one-day workshops for Gay men on the subject of intimate personal relationships are currently being offered. The first, scheduled for Sunday, November 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. is for single Gay men. The second one, set for Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. is for established Gay male couples.

The singles workshop focuses on the ways in which Gay men who want to establish a primary or lover relationship can manage to remain single. Issues of commitment, homophobia, lack of role models and dealing with power are among those explored.

The couples workshop explores common issues Gay male couples deal with in their lives, such as fidelity, sharing of finances, who does which chores, homophobia, sexual matters and communication styles. The emphasis is on sharing information in a supportive way with other couples.

For more information call Dave Cooperberg, MA, MFCC, at 431-3220.

The **Evelyn C. Hooker Research Award** for Gay-related research that demonstrates in its design and implementation the standards of excellence that have characterized Dr. Hooker's own work will be presented to **Raymond M. Berger, Ph.D.** of the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for his exploration of Gay gerontology in a new book, *Gay and Gray*, just published by the University of Illinois Press. The citation of Berger states in part that he "achieves an unusual fusion of humanistic compassion with scholarly rigor, dispelling a number of myths in the process."

The **Theory Development Award** is for work-in-progress on the development of social theory promising to contribute significantly to an understanding of Gay-related issues. This year's recipient is **Stephen O. Murray, Ph.D.** for his exploration of techniques derived from linguis-

tics for the study of non-European societies to an examination of same-sex behavior in a cross-cultural perspective.

The **Performing Arts Award** salutes the unique contribution made by **John Glines** to the growing field of Gay theater. As the guiding spirit behind New York's theater company known as The Glines which he has sustained with his enthusiasm for many years, Glines organized a Month of Gay Theater in New York in 1980 that led to a breakthrough in recognition of Gay theater. He has also nurtured and nurtured a number of talented Lesbian and Gay playwrights.

This year's GAU Literature Award is being presented to **Lillian Faderman** of the Fresno State College English Department for her book, *Surpassing the Love of Men*, which makes a scholarly examination of the relationships between women as portrayed in literature.

A new award instituted this year is the **Journalism Award** designed to recognize the unique contribution reportage about Gay men and women and their lifestyles makes toward greater knowledge and understanding of the Gay condition. The first recipient is **Randy Shilts**, a working reporter in both print and broadcast media, who is currently on leave from a position as reporter for a San Francisco television station to write a screenplay based on his biography of murdered San Francisco County Supervisor Harvey Milk, *The Mayor of Castro Street*.

The **President's Award** for unusual diligence in overcoming anti-Gay prejudices and increasing understanding and acceptance of Gay people in the community at large will be presented to **Barbara Grier**, co-founder of Nalad Press which she serves as vice president and senior editor. Grier edited and published the early Lesbian magazine *The Ladder* and is the author of a number of works including *The Lesbian in Literature*, *Lesbian's Home Journal*, *Lesbian Lives* and *Laundress Herring*. Part of her citation states: "There could be no better role model than her record of incredible perseverance — without grants, without academic perquisites,

without reviews in the *New York Times*. She did it all on her own."

In addition to these honors two **Special Recognition Awards** will be given to **Teresa De Crescenzo** and **Wayne R. Dynes**.

De Crescenzo in addition to her services to the Lesbian and Gay Community Center in Los Angeles has worked tirelessly to raise money for the annual GAU National Scholarships which have helped more than two dozen Gay men and Lesbians further their education and research. She has also published in her field, notably *Homophobia: A Study of Attitudes of Mental Health Professionals Toward Homosexuality* (1980).

Dynes is one of the founders of the Gay Academic Union in New York in 1973 and has contributed his considerable energies to the Scholarship Committee of the New York Chapter of GAU. He is editor of the quarterly *Gay Books Bulletin* which surveys the current literature on Lesbians and Gay men and includes scholarly articles as well as book reviews. Dynes is also co-editor with W. Dorr Legg of the four-volume *Comprehensive Bibliography of Homosexuality*.

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## FISH OUT OF WATER

# Straight People in the Castro

by Mike Hippler

Although most Gay people on Castro Street are hardly aware of it, there are heterosexuals on America's most celebrated Gay thoroughfare. Some are little old ladies wrapped in scarves and overcoats who have lived in the neighborhood for years and come out mainly in the morning to do their shopping before the frenzied hordes arrive. Others are business and working people who must transfer buses at Market or 18th Streets and are unwilling captives, if only for a moment, of the homosexual neighborhood through which they must pass.

Others live in the Castro, isolated and nearly overwhelmed, a subculture within a subculture. Some even work there. For those Gays who spend their time in the Castro mostly in Gay bars or restaurants, partying or cruising on the street, these straight people are easy to miss. But those with a discerning eye and an inquiring mind will discover that the Gay Ghetto isn't exclusively Gay and is perhaps a better place for it.

Mona Anthony is the popular, exuberant hostess of Castro Gardens Restaurant, on Castro between 18th and 19th. She originally came to Castro Street to work because an old friend at the restaurant called her up in desperate need of a sub one night. That was fifteen months ago, and she has been greeting and seating people ever since.

No stranger to the Gay scene, she has known Gay people since she was 11, and her "oldest, dearest friend" and her ex-husband are both Gay men. In fact, about half her friends now are Gay, including 95% of her co-workers at Castro Gardens. With such a circle of acquaintances, has she ever been called a Fag Hag? "Too many times," says Mona, "and I absolutely resent it." She considers it a derogatory term and states, "In a society where you're looking to get away from judgment, you shouldn't label people according to who you associate with."

Mona sees several differences between her Gay and straight friends. For one thing, she says, being Gay sets you apart in a straight world, which is an obstacle to overcome. Overcoming this obstacle gives Gay people added strength and self-assurance, she believes. They often have an inner courage and resolve that straight people lack because they have had to look at themselves and come to grips with questions of self-identity.

However, she also notes that her Gay friends tend to be more oriented toward immediate concerns, devoting their lives to pleasurable pursuits such as drugs, disco, and fashion, whereas her straight friends lead less frenzied lives oriented more toward the future. Her straight friends also tend to be more stable in relationships because they are not such avid thrill-seekers.

Mona enjoys Castro Street, but occasionally she feels ignored and a little rejected, for in the midst of all the male-to-male and female-to-female cruising she gets little attention. Sometimes she feels as if she doesn't exist when walking down the street, for Gays, in their concern with each other, rarely acknowledge the presence of straights. She worries a little about this lack of communication, for she feels that separatism is a dangerous thing and that in the Castro ghetto Gays risk isolating themselves irreparably. The freedom of Castro is great, however, and Mona appreciates that as much as anyone.

Dan Breitbart is 20 years old and has the easy, gentle manners of a child of the Sixties. He is an employee of Cliff's Variety Store on Castro, where he has worked since May of this year. He got his job through a salesman he used to work with in a hardware store in the Fillmore who told him about the opening at Cliff's.

Although he is straight, he wasn't worried about working on a Gay street. In fact, he likes his new job more than his old one, for Cliff's is far busier than the other place and his day goes faster. Besides, he makes more money at Cliff's.

Although the staff of Cliff's is about two-thirds Gay, Dan doesn't party with them much outside of work, largely because he lives in a different neighborhood, the Haight, with his brother and his brother's girlfriend. Almost all of his close friends are straight, and occasionally they razz him about working on Castro Street.

It doesn't bother him, for he doesn't see any difference at all between Gay and straight people. He doesn't like to judge people, and neither do his friends, really. "It's no big thing," Dan says. "Besides, most of my friends have grown up in San Fran-

cisco, and they're used to it."

Dan probably gets more flack from Gay fellow employees than from his other friends. One has promised to convert him. Others are quick to point out the customers who think he's cute and have indicated some desire. Nobody has ever asked him for a date directly, but it wouldn't bother him if they did. "I'd just tell them I was straight."

Working in a Gay environment does have its own special flavor, says Dan. He gets a kick out of some of the outfits the guys wear, and he notes that Cliff's probably sells more shower diverters than any other hardware store in town. "You know — the douche attachments," he explains.

A long-time resident of San Francisco, Dan has seen the neighborhood change a great deal, and yet he isn't at all intimidated by those changes. He thinks it's certainly a lot better place than Placerville, where he lived for a while and where he went to high school.



Mona Anthony (Photo: Rink)



Dan Breitbart (Photo: Rink)

## POLITICS AND PEOPLE

# Supervisor Dick Hongisto

WAYNE FRIDAY



In less than three weeks San Francisco voters will be electing five members to the Board of Supervisors. While there are several candidates who deserve the support of the Gay/Lesbian community, certainly none deserves it more than Supervisor Richard Hongisto.

try to actively recruit Gays and Lesbians to serve in his department. Without the policies instituted while he was Sheriff, it is doubtful whether the two Lesbian presidents of San Francisco's two largest Gay political clubs, Deputy Glenn Craig and Lt. Connie O'Connor, would now be employed in the department.

In 1978, he traveled to Dade County, Florida, at his own expense, to fight Anita



Liz Colton Hongisto and Dick Hongisto.

Long before it was politically popular or expedient, Dick Hongisto was leading the fight for Gay rights. No elected official in San Francisco or anywhere in the country can claim a record of accomplishment in this area like Hongisto. Before being elected Sheriff in 1971, Hongisto was a beat patrolman in San Francisco; there he learned the sensitive and tenuous relationship between the Gay community and the police. He put this knowledge and compassion to work when he served as a member of the Police Community Relations Department in his final years with the SFPD.

In 1971, largely with the help of the Gay community, Hongisto was elected Sheriff, defeating a long-entrenched conservative incumbent. He was one of the first candidates for public office who acknowledged the existence of Gays, took the time to learn of their problems and concerns, and enlisted them in the electoral process. Once elected, Hongisto promptly went to work to change procedures within the Department and to reform conditions in the jails. Hongisto took steps to eliminate sexual assaults against Gay prisoners. He moved these prisoners from a dark, overcrowded area where they had been held to a new, upgraded area that provided them with protection while affording them the same access to services that other prisoners had.

Hongisto also established a policy against harassment of Gay inmates by deputies, gave outside support groups access to Gay prisoners, and formed a Gay Advisory Committee that he met with monthly to deal with management issues, and he created a Women's Service Unit. Within the Sheriff's Department, Hongisto was the first law enforcement official in the coun-

District Attorney Arlo Smith recuperating from brain surgery at Kaiser Hospital in Redwood City... the anti-Lantos ad being run on TV by the Bill Royer campaign is a classic; however, the ads saturating the tube in the Los Angeles area by Dukmejian attacking the Bradley record as Mayor down there border on being vicious. The GOP nominee is being criticized for the ads, much like those the Brown-for-Senator people are running against Pete Wilson suggesting a Wilson victory would somehow mean a nuclear disaster.

It's been 20 years since an ugly and violent demonstration followed James Meredith's forced admission to the University of Mississippi in Jackson, MI, once a hot-bed of racism; however, the area now stands a good chance of electing Robert Clark, a Black state representative, to Congress and Demo politicians, Black and white, attended a \$100 per person fundraiser last week for Clark, who would become the first Black Congressman from that Deep South state... Integrity, an organization of a number of Gay religious groups, sponsored a debate Sunday night at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church before 100 people between Milton Marks and Phil Burton. Organizers of the debate tell me they aren't amused that Marks pulled a no-show despite agreeing to appear... meanwhile, Advocate publisher David Goodstein took a half-page ad in his own paper to endorse Phil Burton for re-election in the bitterly fought 6th District race... Thelma Shelley to become the next managing director of the War Memoria?

Byrnt and her campaign of bigotry and hate, a move that subjected Hongisto to more than a little scorn and ridicule in some of the straight press around the country. Prior to that, Dick Hongisto had been the only Sheriff in California to endorse and work for AB 49, the "consenting adults" sex bill that eventually became state law. From the first Gay Freedom Day Parade, Hongisto has been a familiar face in that event, and for years has supported Gay-sponsored functions and events in this city. Long before many of the other politicians who have since become familiar to us, Hongisto was there.

After serving terms as Chief of Police of Cleveland and head of the New York State Department of Corrections, Hongisto returned to San Francisco and was elected Supervisor in 1979. During his term on the Board, he has consistently voted for every measure of concern to the Gay/Lesbian community, from the issues of the Jaguar Book Store and the parking lot in the Castro, to calling for hearings on the funding of research and treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma, Dick Hongisto has been there for us. Recently he amended the resolution for police affirmative action in hiring to include Gays and Lesbians.

The pollsters and pundits tell us that Dick Hongisto has a good shot at being the top vote-getter on November 2 and thereby becoming the President of the Board of Supervisors. The alternative to Dick Hongisto could very well be Wendy Nelder, whose record of caring about the Gay community is nonexistent. I strongly urge a vote on November 2 for a longtime trusted friend of our community, Supervisor Dick Hongisto.



Phil Burton and friends Harry Britt, Bill Kraus, and Allen White. This week the Burton for Congress Committee complained that Milton Marks was a no-show at a debate. Last week the Marks for Congress camp complained that Phil Burton canceled out on a scheduled debate. (Photo: Rink)

Capri Patterson working on the Bernick for Community College Board campaign... Mayor Dianne Feinstein coming out strongly against Prop. 1, the POA-sponsored police retirement and disability proposal on the November 2 ballot... charging, among other things, that Jerry Brown's "incredible indecision and stumbling during last year's Medfly emergency cost the state many millions," the Examiner this week endorsed San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson for the U.S. Senate.

In New York, Lt. Governor Mario Cuomo, now the Demo nominee for Governor, who had in the past accused NYC Mayor Ed Koch of guilt-by-association because of Koch's past support of Gay issues, now finds himself the victim of such attacks from his GOP opponent for Governor, Lew Lehrman; it seems the Republicans supporters are now attacking Cuomo for his pro-Gay

stands and his new-found Gay supporters... and in Los Angeles the Police-Gay community relations have soured even more with that city's homophobic Police Chief claiming once again that Gays are "unnatural," and his department has refused any request by the Gay community to even consider hiring Gay and Lesbian police officers.

Supporters of Supervisorial candidate Ben Tom holding a Chinese Celebration in honor of their candidate on Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Hall (1044 Stockton St., 5:30-8:30 p.m., \$35, 474-4654 for info)... Midge Costanza, former assistant to Jimmy Carter and a long-time supporter of Gay causes, will appear Thursday, October 21, from 8:30 to 10 at Amelia's on Valencia (\$2, 474-3086 for info). She'll be plugging Sal Rosselli. Dave Wharton's people have scheduled

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**POLITICS...**

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a wine and cheese fundraiser this Sunday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at 1815 Laguna. Rosselli will be cocktailled the same day by Allan Johnson, Jerry Berg, and Law Wilson. The site is Berg's home at 55 Twin Peaks Blvd. A big turnout is expected at \$25.

Supporters of BART candidate Bob Barnes, Jr. are mad as hell (and well they should be) that the Harvey Milk club left his name off the huge endorsement posters in the Muni stations. Barnes, a Gay Democrat with a real chance

of unseating the incompetent Republican incumbent, was overwhelmingly endorsed by the Milk Club. But, when asked about the oversight, Barnes' people were told by the club leadership that they felt the race was "insignificant."

Attorney Tom Horn is holding a \$35 champagne fundraiser at his home (950 Rockdale Drive) on Sunday, Oct. 24, 5-7 p.m. to benefit the Lesbian Rights Project and the National Gay Rights Advocates... a little late with this one but I wanted to give credit where credit is certainly due — Duke Armstrong's Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR) for

their fundraiser that raised over \$2,200 for the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation... More than 1,000 persons attended a dinner a couple of weeks ago in New York City, starring former Vice President Walter Mondale, that added nearly \$125,000 to the treasury of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Gay PAC. Jim Foster is the Fund's essential element... Mondale, incidentally, was in San Francisco this week campaigning for the re-election of Congressman Phil Burton... a poll taken by the *Washington Blade*, D.C.'s weekly paper, of Gays and Lesbians leaving the polls after that city's recent municipal elections, showed that 62% of those who voted considered a candidate's stand on Gay rights to be "the decisive factor" in their decision on whom to support.

Phyllis Schlafly's official mouthpiece, the *Eagle Forum*, has printed several hundred thousand pamphlets warning of the dangers of

contracting Herpes; Schlafly tells us the only way to be sure you never get the dreaded disease is to "avoid sexual relations, remain a virgin until you marry, marry only a virgin and remain faithful to each other." The pamphlet, distributed nationally, attacks

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Supporters of congressional candidate Milton Marks will hold a major fundraiser dinner at the St. Francis on October 26 (\$125 per, 777-9933 for info)... Sister Boom Boom for soup at Valencia Rose October 15 at \$2... publisher Bob Ross will be hosting a fundraiser for Phil Burton October 22, \$25 per... meanwhile, BACPAC hosts a pre-Halloween auction for Milton Marks, Sunday, October 17, at The Mint (5-8 p.m., no door charge).

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Milk Club poster minus Bob Barnes, Jr.'s name. Barnes people are furious. (Photo: Rink)

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**Straight People in the Castro**

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ly decided to hell with it, for nobody treated her any differently than before.

In time she grew to like her job at Star much better than her old one because people are politer on Castro Street and have "a hell of a sense of humor. You can joke with them," says Ivy, "and they don't take you seriously."

Also, she is much busier at Star, and like Dan, she enjoys a faster pace.

Ivy has never been to a Gay Parade or a Castro Street Fair, and she rarely socializes with Gay people because after work she always goes home to her husband in the Mission. She does have a few Gay friends, however, and quite a few regular Gay customers.

No Gay woman has ever asked her out, and she's glad of that, for she doesn't think she would like it very much. Her straight friends all know where she works, and none ever kid her about it.

Ivy, who has been married almost thirty years, has three sons, 18, 26, and 28 years old, who all live in the Bay Area. They don't come down to see her at work very often,

good-natured attitude that help Ivy to fit so easily into the Castro scene.

Unfortunately, not all heterosexuals who work in the Castro are so tolerant and rational. Not one of the male checkers at Cala Foods (and they are all straight, incidentally) would consent to be interviewed for this article because they didn't want "to get involved" with a Gay newspaper, even though the manager thought it was a good idea.

The night I was in the store to inquire, in fact, one of the checkers got into a fight with a customer who called him a "fat slob" when asked to put out his cigarette. "Well, at least I'm not gay," the checker shot back. With such an attitude it is difficult to see how he can survive in the Castro for long.

With any luck at all that attitude will change; straight people like him will learn they have nothing to fear through contact with Gays and more and more heterosexuals will feel at ease in a Gay society. Only then, perhaps, will ghetto Gays feel at ease in the larger straight world, and Mona Anthony's vision of a world without separatism will be a step closer to reality.

Mike Hippler



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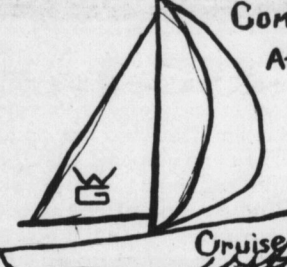
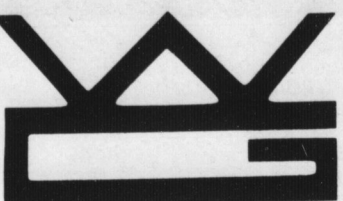
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The San Francisco Tap Troupe is back, with a revised edition of their hit show 5... 6... 7... 8. They've got 22 tappers, 44 feet, 12 choreographers, 15 dances and a song in their collective heart just waiting to be tapped.

The B.A.R. talked with tapper Wayne Fleisher about the show.

"This new edition of 5... 6... 7... 8 is a new streamlined edition of the show we did last July," he said. "We've relied on audience and critical feedback of our last show to build this one. We removed things that seemed out of place, like comedienne and singers in solo spots. Audiences wanted more dance, so this show concentrates on what we do best — tap dance!

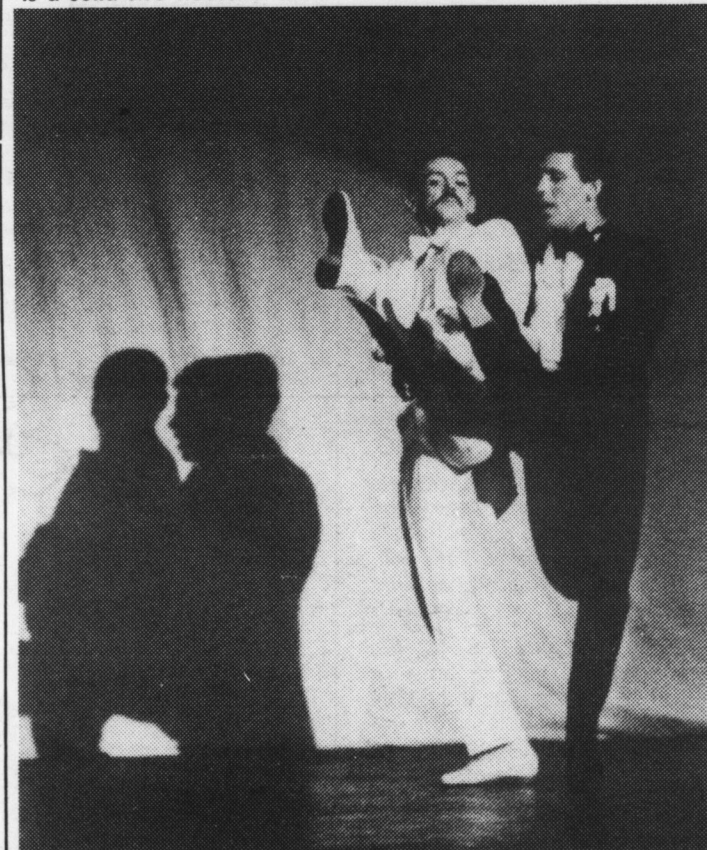
"We have four new numbers added, and we've re-choreographed some of the others for maximum effect. We're using more live music, played by a 10 piece band, and our only guests are Ed and Mary Lee Chambers, who also tap. The new show is a solid two hours in which

everything is dance.

"People wanted a 'white tie, top hat and cane' number, and we're giving one to them as our finale. Our Chorus Line number has evolved into a very Bob Fosse-style jazz routine, and '42nd Street' is now a production number with a vocal. So you can see there's a lot of new dances along with the best of the old.

"Our show is definitely Gay, but we've been reaching every different community in San Francisco. This pleases us since education through entertainment has always been a guiding force behind the Troupe. That's also why we're glad the Theater Guild of San Francisco is producing our appearance at the Victoria Theater, since the theater itself is known to different communities. If all goes well, we'll appear here on a regular basis along with three or four other groups also produced by the Theater Guild.

"5... 6... 7... 8 opens Thursday, October 14 and plays Thursdays through Sundays until November 14. Reservations can be made at 863-7576.



Wayne Fleisher (l.) in the "Fred and Ginger" routine that had been a fantasy of his for years. It was the hit of "5... 6... 7... 8" last July and is a welcome holdover in the show's current edition. (Photo: T. Plewik)

Harmonic Harvest

The West Coast choral debut of Ernest L. Veniegas, Jr. as the new director of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus highlights **Harmonic Harvest**, the fall concert series sponsored by Golden Gate Performing Arts. The series also includes performances by the San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Men's Chorus in November and concludes with a combined holiday concert by the choruses.

The Men's Chorus kicks off the season on October 22 and 23, with 8 p.m. performances in Nourse Auditorium. The 125-voice ensemble has dedicated the program to the memory of Maestro Calvin Simmons and will sing Schubert's "Song of the Spirit Over the Waters" in his memory. The song's text is by Goethe and begins, "Man's soul is like water. It comes from heaven; it ascends to heaven..."

"Frostiana," composed by Randall Thompson on poems of Robert Frost, is on the pro-

gram, as well as Handel, Rachmaninoff, and selections from *Annie* and *The Muppet Movie*.

The Chamber Group will perform, and Sixties tunes of The Mamas and The Papas will be presented by The Men About Town. Pop nonsense from The Lollipop Guild fills out a wide spectrum of music.



Ernest Veniegas

STAGE

Fascinating Tune-In

by Mark Topkin

In psychological parlance, "object relations" refers to the way we perceive and communicate with people and things we encounter in our lives. Most people are not tuned in to communication process though our interaction patterns are often as personally identifying as finger prints. It is an important process to be aware of when viewing *Sand Castles*, the Magic Theater's season premiere, because object relations is what the play is all about.

Adele Edling Shank wrote *Sand Castles* as part of her *California Plays* — which include *Winterplay* and *Stuck* previously performed at the Magic — a group of works in what she calls a hyperreal form that microscopically examines how individuals relate to one another. The style requires a script of simple language: interesting, but free of artful ambiguities, heavy symbolism or other distractions that might keep the audience attending to content (language) rather than process (relationships). Ms. Shank delivers just such a lean script populated by a score or more of characters, but the play is only half the thing.

If ever the director is the master key to a successful production it couldn't be more so than in a hyperreal play. He must construct the



Leather wear is so unsuited to the stage, but then who wants to take off their identity? Robin Calvert and Mary McKeon in *SAND CASTLES*, the Magic Theatre's world premiere success. (Photo: A. Nomura)

object relation patterns of the characters with a clarity that will make the process as transparent as possible to the audience. Careful attention needs to be paid to details in body language, vocal intonation and blocking, every element that delves beneath the words to the feelings and attitudes that constitute relationships.

The director of *Sand Castles* is the playwright's husband, Theodore Shank, and he does a superb job of orchestrating his cast in their display of relationships new and old. The old involve two long-married couples, a mother and daughter, and a woman and her servant. The new relationships are those created by the interaction

Diminutive Deal Delivers

by Paul-Francis Hartmann

ACT's opening production of their 1982-83 season curtain up last week with D.L. Coburn's *The Gin Game*. And our resident players amply demonstrated that all that talk about deficits and belt-tightening was a lot more than idle chatter.

The local audience has grown accustomed to lavish ACT sets, opulent costumes, large casts in large productions. That same audience might well have grown spoiled with such a cornucopia, but leaner times were rolled out with the season's first two-actor show, a diminutive unit set. As if that wasn't enough, *The Gin Game* calls for a shabbiness and a dreariness that seems to echo the end of good times.

*The Gin Game* is set in a down on its heels old people's home. We are restricted, however, to its back porch/patio replete with barely serviceable furniture and flower pots filled with withered foliage. Into this world of decay ACT brings two of its veteran performers, Marrian Walters and William Paterson (who share over 70 years in the acting profession).

amongst the inhabitants of the California beach on which the play is set.

Shank illustrates how easily communication amongst strangers is hampered or enhanced by people's immediate objectification of one another. Classifications such as fear object, sex object, curio-

The plot revolves around the pair sitting down over a period of time and playing gin rummy. Paterson is the male expert and Walters is the female novice. With her beginner's luck, she beats the old gent's pants off. Between the hands their lives, past and present, are drawn across the card table.

A comedy on geriatrics skates on the thinnest of ice — for unlike the other stages of the human condition there is little room left for "they lived happily ever after."

Walters and Paterson deftly skate the ice and avoid the pitfalls of sentimentality and slapstick. The pair — in a tribute to their consummate skills — play as close a hand of acting as cards in a deck. They arrest their audience from the first deal and don't let go until the last round has been tallied up.

ACT has gone smaller this year on its opening production, yet the quality remains. For in the diminutive so much more is demanded: happily Walters and Paterson deliver.

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## Selection NGTF May Want Apuzzo But Does Apuzzo Want the NGTF?

by Paul Lorch

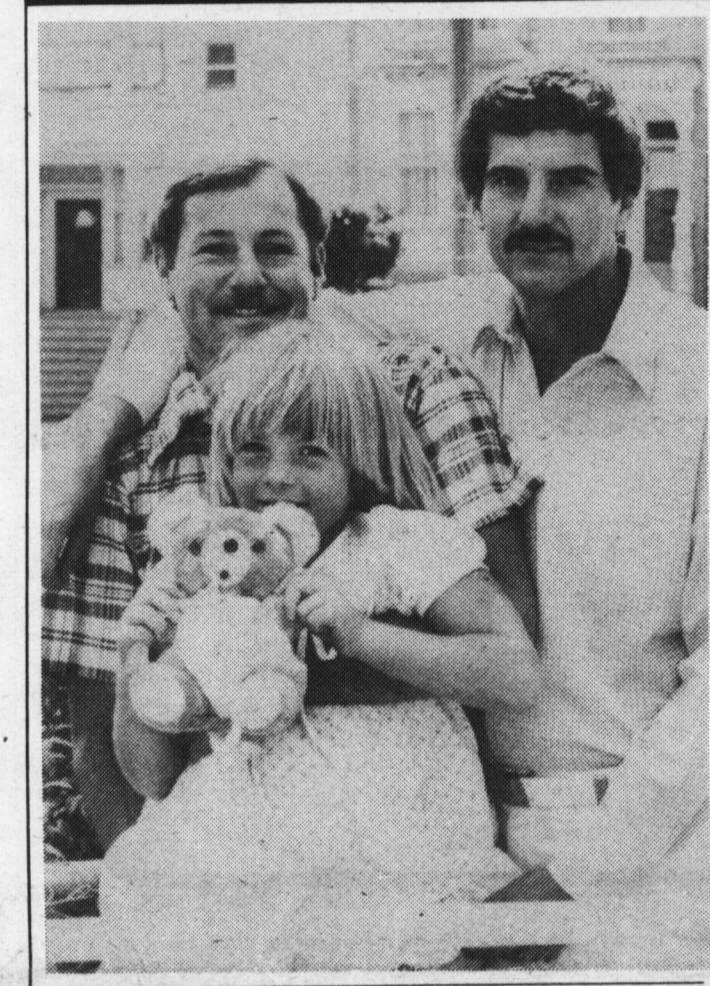
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The name that repeatedly cropped up was that of Virginia Apuzzo, 41, current executive director of Fund for Human Dignity. Apuzzo's candidacy got a further boost when the executive committee of the National Gay Task Force recently took two significant votes.

First they recommended to the NGTF's full board that a single executive director be retained to head both the NGTF and its affiliate fund-raising arm, the Fund for Human Dignity.

Next, the executive committee meeting in New York City October 1-3 voted to urge the full board to hire Apuzzo as the next executive director.



"There is more than one way to be a father, just as there is more than one way to be Gay."

Gay Couples/Gay Fathers . . . pp. 14 & 15 (Photo: Rink)

## Federal Judge Rules Army Cannot Dump Up-front Gay Soldier

by George Mendenhall

The Army cannot deny re-enlistment to a 14-year Army veteran in the Seattle area although he has been openly gay since the day he was drafted. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Barbara Kotstein is a landmark in the history of the civil and gay rights movements.

Sergeant Perry Watkins, 34, told the Bay Area Reporter that he was asked to sign a form at a Seattle induction center in 1968. To the question, "Do you have homosexual tendencies?" the 20-year-old answered yes. He was ushered to a psychiatrist where he repeated that he was gay while stressing that he had no objections to going into the military. The psychiatrist asked him, "Do you ever go out with girls?" and he replied honestly, "Yes." Later, Watkins received a 1-A classification and was drafted.

During his entire 14 years in the Army, Watkins was not flamboyant but openly stated he was gay whenever he was asked by superiors. Everyone who wanted to know, knew about it, and his medical record included a statement that he was homosexual but that the condition was not interfering with his ability to perform his duties. Watkins is currently a Personnel Supervisor at Fort Lewis at Tacoma, Washington.



Ginny Apuzzo — a possible first choice for NGTF head, but does she want it? She is joined here by her friend and fellow national fundraiser Jim Foster. Foster is the leading light in developing the national Gay PAC. (Photo: Rink)

Apuzzo, a native New Yorker and former nun, is currently a professor of urban affairs at Brooklyn College. She has long been active in New York state and national Democratic circles, including running for the state assembly in 1977. In 1980 she was a future.

## A GREEN LIGHT

Watkins, who lives off-base at his Tacoma home, said he is widely accepted as a gay person and that recent newspaper stories about his case has brought support from his associates at Fort Lewis. He told BAR that most of the officers are very quiet about the action, initiated for some unexplained reason by military

## Parade Lauds Greg Day

Reacting to charges bandied about within the Endorsement Committee of the Milk Democratic Club on the competency of Greg Day, the Lesbian/Gay Parade Committee passed a supportive resolution last weekend.

At issue was a Milk Club adverse comment that supervisorial candidate Day "contributed to much of the divisiveness within our community." Allegedly Claude Wynne, a critic of the Milk Club's nonendorsement, had concurred (according to a club statement to the Bay Area Reporter) that "he, too, had found Day to be 'divisive' in working with him on the Parade Committee."

The general membership voted October 17 the following resolution,

"In recognition of Greg Day's outstanding service as Interim Co-Chair of the 1980 Parade Committee, Co-Chair of the 1981 Parade, and outgoing President of the Board of Directors of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee, and as co-plaintiff and coordinator of our suit against the anti-gay immigration law, we of the General Membership commend Mr. Day for leadership, first in the front line presentation of the democratic process of this Committee, and second for bringing together out of our many needs as a community one united Parade."

The move was viewed as one more step by multiple groups in the Gay community in putting an ever-widening distance between themselves and the executives of the Milk Club Demos.

Kirk Essler, who made the resolution, explained, "I was disturbed that what some people call divisiveness is actually what is needed to hold the community together."

The vote was 18 yes, 4 no, 3 abstentions.

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