

An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted
Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B
In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids
Such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications
For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine
After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation. 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic
The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.
Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.
No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.
More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.
Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

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San Francisco Leads the Way

Supes Pass Domestic Partnership Law

by George Mendenhall

National attention was centered on San Francisco this week as its Board of Supervisors passed (8-3) what Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver called "probably the most important piece of legislation we will adopt in months." It extends health benefits, county hospital and city jail visitation rights, and bereavement leave to live-in partners of city employees.

Opposition to the legislation came from hospital plan officials who expressed fear of the unknown and three supervisors — Lee Dolson, Quentin Kopp, and Wendy Nelder. Dolson said the ordinance is a "dangerous precedent" that might bring lawsuits and increased medical costs. Kopp urged that the Board was sailing "in muddy waters with provisions that are beyond the scope of our powers." Nelder wanted to include the parents of city employees. However, her amendment to that effect did not get a second.

Supervisor Harry Britt, who introduced the legislation, was moving in his comments: "Adult citizens are choosing all kinds of relationships, which may involve all degrees of sharing and caring.

Why should those in the traditional marriage situation be allowed to protect their loved ones and the rest of us should not? San Francisco is doing something extraordinarily significant. We are offering the world, which is having a difficult time dealing with the changing realities, a startling definition which says that we should not make moral judgments when two human beings come to us and say they love one another."

CHANGING SOCIETY

The legislation itself was written by attorney Matt Coles with a special assistance from Britt aide Dana Van Gorder, and revisions guidance from a Kaiser Hospital plan official, Bob Zimmerman. Coles stressed, "This legislation is a recognition that society is

changing. Many people — Gay and straight — are looking less toward marriage as the defining institution. People are creating their own relationships. This legislation is a historic beginning, as it gives government a coherent way to react to these changes."

The city charter specifically states that only the city's Health Service Board, which is partly elected by city employees, can determine who shall get plan benefits. The Health Service Board has resisted the Britt proposal from the start, but Supervisor Molinari told the health board's elected members: "Welcome to the wonderful world of politics. Elected members can be removed if they do not satisfy city employees." The largest city employees union

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Fifth Candlelight March for Milk and Moscone

The fifth candlelight march in memory of slain San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk will be held on Saturday, November 27, 1982.

One eastbound lane of Market Street will be closed for the 7 p.m. march, according to the Harvey Milk Archives, sponsor of the annual event. Marchers will depart from the intersection of Market and Castro and proceed down Market to Polk Street, where the procession will turn left and continue on to City Hall.

A brief memorial ceremony will follow, beginning at 8 p.m. in front of City Hall. Friends and family of the two men will speak, and a number of musical selections by local performers will be heard.

People wishing to participate in the march should gather at Market and Castro before 7 p.m., with a candle and warm clothing.

"It's essential that we as San Franciscans remember our past, and take time to honor the memory of Harvey Milk and George Moscone," said Scott Smith, executor of the Milk estate and one of the march organizers. "Their dreams cannot be silenced."

The Harvey Milk Archives is a project of the nonprofit Castro Street Fair, which was founded by Supervisor Milk in 1974.

Assault in Castro

On the corner of 19th and Sanchez last Friday near midnight Russ Mills and his lover, while walking home, were assaulted by a band of six Latinos aged 16 to 23. The lover escaped but Mills suffered skull lacerations, a broken arm and kneecap, and is now hospitalized awaiting an operation.

The assailants were loitering on the street while their light green pickup truck with a camper shell idled in the street. "They were obviously organized, just looking for someone to attack," Mills said from his hospital room Monday. "We just walked past them, and one yelled, 'What the fuck are you looking at?' and then they started after us. My lover saw them coming and ran, but the next thing I knew I was struck in the head with the large wooden cane one of them was holding. Then they pushed me out into the street. I tried to swing at them, but I couldn't — there were six of them, and the one guy just kept swinging his cane like it was a baseball bat. Then they jumped into the truck and took off, laughing."

Mills was rushed to the hospital by ambulance, but not before his lover telephoned police. Since Mills had the wherewithal to memorize the truck's license number, his lover immediately reported it to the police.

No word was heard on the case until Monday morning when Officer Gordon of the Police Department's General Works (the division that handles assaults) phoned Mills to say many cases come in on Monday morning and first priority is given to cases where a

suspect is in custody. "I'll try to get on it today," Gordon said.

"I got the distinct impression," Mills said, "that nothing was done to apprehend the assailants that night. And the funny thing is, they had the license number. The police should have caught them right away."

When B.A.R. contacted Officer Gordon, he said, "I have not heard of your newspaper and will not give you any information over the phone. If you want to come see me, make an appointment."

Randy Schell at Community United Against Violence (CUAV) was more successful with Officer Gordon later Monday afternoon. Gordon told him the registration number of the vehicle and the owner's name were obtained. "So far, he's moving fast on this one," Schell said.

It should be noted that neither Mills nor his lover was carrying a whistle when they were jumped. "You can bet we'll have whistles with us from now on," Mills said. Schell emphasized how effective whistles are: "When you blow a whistle you shock the assailant and alert the public all at once. Usually that scares the assailant off."

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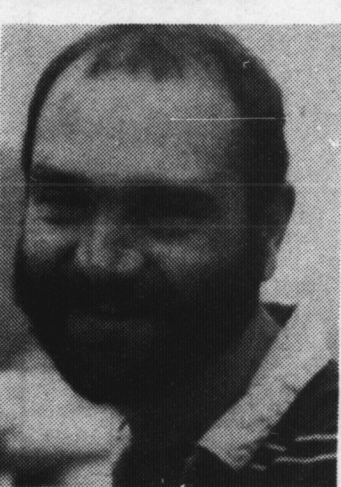
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Police Misconduct Increases

Trouble in Ringold Alley

by George Mendenhall

Police officials themselves revealed this week that there has been an alarming increase of misconduct by officers in the past year. This supported continuing reports in this newspaper over the past year. *Bay Area Reporter* here reviews the police analysis, but first takes a look at an incident last Sunday in Ringold Alley.



Les Boyette protests police action.

"I Am No Longer Disgusted. I Am Amused" was printed on the button Les Boyette was wearing last Sunday at 4:30 a.m. when he was cited by a police officer in Ringold Alley, South of Market. He was not amused by the charges: participating in obscene conduct (311.6), indecent exposure (314), and resisting arrest (148). Boyette and two witnesses, none of whom knew each other, told this reporter the same basic story of the arresting officer's possible over-reaction.

"The cop was using excessive force. He just seemed to lose his cool," witness Brian

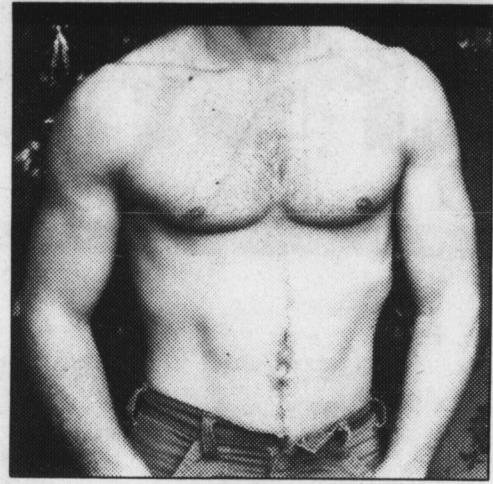
Finch of Berkeley related. "It wasn't that he was vicious — he became hysterical."

One of the reasons Officer Ronald Morrison was excited was Boyette's adamant response to being detained and questioned. The accused says he was walking alone in the alley, a well-known after hours meeting place, when a police car pulled up to the curb.

Officer Ronald Morrison became excited over Boyette's reaction to his approach by the officer. Boyette's story: He was walking alone in the alley, buttoning up his fly after

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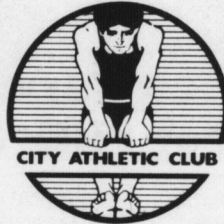


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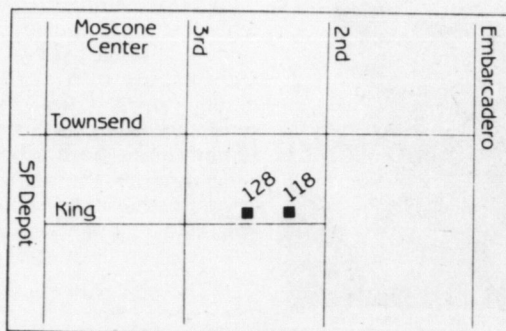
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Dickey Cleared

In a follow-up investigation of Greg Augburn's death on Halloween, the B.A.R. has learned that the case has been determined a suicide. Corbett Dickey, Augburn's lover of eight years (though he was commonly known only as "housemate") was a suspect in the case because he was the only person present at the time Augburn died.

Dickey was cleared when investigators concluded that a series of tests all proved Augburn died by his own hand. Prior to the suicide Augburn was reportedly "depressed." Attorney Tom Steel, Dickey's representative, confided that Augburn had "contemplated" suicide before. "The couple had had a fight on Halloween, but it was just a minor argument. How can you ever say why someone kills himself?"

'Examiner' Champions Anti-Gay Stand

"Competing values collide on a question never brought to a showdown before in this community: Should homosexual partners be equated as man and wife for benefits accorded to city employees? We think that the emergence of this equation as a legal concept should be stopped right now."

The *San Francisco Examiner* editorialized with this analysis on November 21 and added this evaluation: "The notion that an unmarried relationship is the equivalent of marriage is an attack upon social norms, the destruction of which concerns a great many people in the nation and, we assume, in San Francisco."

Insurance and health plan officials have been unable to determine what effect there would be if health benefits are extended to the unmarried partners of city employees. However, the *Examiner* concluded that such a proposal "opens a vast potential for abuse." Specifically, the editorial said there might be "a vast turnover of these domestic relationships," although the plan proposed by Supervisor Harry Britt would require a one-year relationship.

The alarmed newspaper called upon the city's Board of Supervisors to have the "courage and hard sense" to reject the measure and attacked Britt for "making this a cause celebre."

Speculating that all city employees would have to pay larger benefit costs if the plan is adopted, the *Examiner* failed to mention that 1. each partner would have to pay for his/her own health plan individually and 2. that single people already pay, without protest, high rates because of the benefits enjoyed by the children of married city employees.

Domestic Partnership Law

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openly supported the proposal. If the Health Service Board does not act favorably on the supervisors' legislation, the public will need to vote a city charter change to bring implementation.

Single people, including many Gay activists, in major cities are already looking at the San Francisco legislation, according to Britt aide Van Gorder. He has had numerous requests for copies of the ordinance.

Opposition will continue from the hospital health plans that serve city employees. Locally, the Kaiser, Children's Hospital, French Hospital, and Bay Pacific health plans will have to be re-evaluated. They must now survey the situation, with a possible early polling of city employees to determine how many people will be entering the system, something they have refused to do in the past. There are 33,000 city employees. An unofficial estimate is that only 3,300 single "spouses" will enter the system. Each new person will pay for his/her own health policy at no cost to the city.

STABLE RELATIONSHIPS

"Contrary to first assumptions, the large number of singles does not necessarily mean a rootless, less stable community," the *Los Angeles Times* reported in an October 26 analysis of the growth of singles in major cities. The *Times* emphasized that over 53% of the San Francisco population is now single due to its large single homosexual population. "The effect of the singles trend is far-ranging, affecting housing, employment, schools, and other aspects of urban life. There is concern that in some respects cities are not keeping up with the changes in their population," the *Times* concluded.

One of the major problems

is the inability in the past to determine whether live-in relationships are stable enough to merit "domestic partner" health coverage. Britt told his colleagues, "I know many Gay couples who have lived together and shared one another's lives for many years. There is an ill-conceived notion that relationships outside of marriage are frivolous and immoral."

The local plan requires a one-year relationship between a couple that "share the common necessities of life" and who are not related by blood. They must declare their relationship in a signed statement and register with the city. Each must be the principal domestic partner of the other partner. Supervisor Silver reminded the public, "If it doesn't work, we are ready to listen. We stand ready to revise as we have done before."

Mayor Feinstein indicated in her state-of-the-city address earlier this year that she was concerned that the city's single population is now in the majority. She said the "lifeblood" of the city is traditional families and children. However, it would be unlikely that the mayor would veto the new ordinance, as there are already eight votes on the Board of Supervisors to override a possible veto.

The growth of the singles population has alarmed many but, as such legislation as the live-in benefits extension, adjustments to the phenomenon are occurring. Single population increases in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Houston, Los Angeles, and New York have caused concern. Researcher/analyst George Grier, who recently completed an extensive study of this situation, believes that local governments will begin to adapt their services to this population shift.

San Francisco leads the way.

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urinating, when a police car parked nearby. The officer, alone himself, called out "Halt, I said Halt" as Boyette walked away. Morrison approached Boyette and the two of them walked back to his vehicle.

CONFRONTATION

The conversation became hostile as Boyette demanded to know if he was being arrested and if so what the charges were. The officer asked him if he was "sucking some guy's cock in the alley." The accused said he would

not answer any questions. He was then told that he was under arrest. He claims he was then shoved to the ground after being handcuffed. Boyette screamed out for witnesses and two men responded. He denies he was resisting arrest.

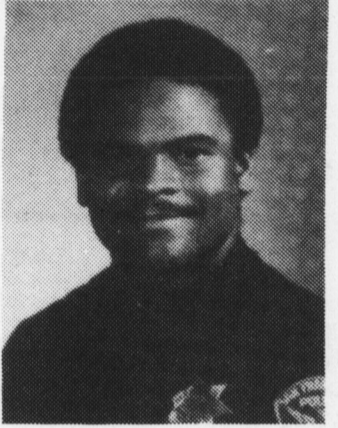
He says his Levis 501's buttons fell open when he was pushed down so his penis was exposed. Boyette said the officer shoved his nightstick into his stomach several times as he was climbing into the police car.

Witness Joe Picard was sitting in a truck nearby and jumped out during the fracas

to protest to the officer. He demanded the officer's name and number, which he received. The officer allegedly told Picard, "He was sucking a guy off and resisting arrest. I was going to let him go, but you guys are making such a fuss I am going to take him in."

Boyette has consulted an attorney and will fight the citation. He is contemplating action against the officer by filing a complaint with the department's own investigative branch, the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB). He has been advised by CUAV (Community United Against Violence)

however, none of them is out publicly. One of the Gay officers recently appeared at the station with a sore on his lip and Taylor sprayed the station area extensively with Lysol for fear the man might



Officer Jeffrey Williams

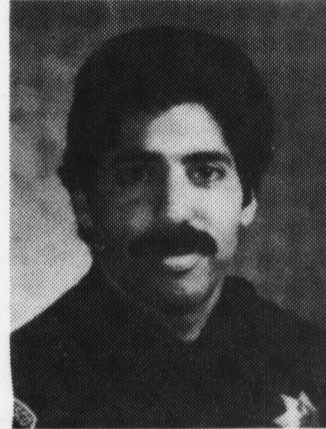
have Herpes. Taylor, however, has repeatedly said that he believes he cooperates with the Gay community and that crime in the Castro area is not a serious problem. Complaints continue, however, in regard to alleged police harassment of Gay people in the Castro area on the midnight shift.

Castro Cops Face Trials, Probes

by George Mendenhall

Problems continue to mount for two Castro area officers who are already under police department investigation on charges of harassing four men near Collingwood Park in the Castro area.

The SF Police Commission has postponed department action against the men pending an investigation by District Attorney Arlo Smith. Officers



Officer Mark Solomon

Jeffrey Williams, 26, and Mark Solomon, 25, also may be called before the city's Criminal Grand Jury and encounter civil suits from the harassed males. Four men, including mayoral aide Peter Nardoza, were picked up by the two officers on July 16 near the park and charged with drunkenness. The men were dismissed after being detained for several hours. Nardoza testified that he saw one of the arrested, Robert Gender, later and it was apparent from his appearance that he had been beaten. Another of the four was beaten in a Mission Station cell.

Officer Williams also has been charged with dealing in narcotics on another occasion. He has been suspended from the force. Solomon has been returned from street duty to a desk position.

Don Taylor, the Mission/Castro station captain, has said he has several officers in his command that are Gay —

not to file charges until after his case has been resolved in court. Boyette's citation hearing will be on December 7.

MISCONDUCT INCREASE

"There's no question but that we're having more problems with the officers we're hiring today than we did with the officers we hired 10, 15 years ago," IAB commander Richard Trueb told the S.F. Examiner on Monday. He said the misuse of police authority has been on the increase. There are four times as many misconduct charges against officers this far this year compared with all of 1981. One difficulty is the inexperience of the officers, as one-third of the force has been hired in the past five years. Most of the charges are being brought against officers in their twenties and early thirties.

Captain Don Taylor, whose Mission Station officers patrol the Castro area, believes part of the problem is that the new officers do not have military backgrounds and so do not know how to "work in a disciplined environment" like the police department. He told the SF Examiner that he isn't too happy with "this different breed of cop. Some of these cops are causing us problems."

Even sexual preference is getting involved in the selection process.

Although Taylor has been under attack from some Gay activists and has had a public stance that there are no real difficulties at Mission Station, he has, however, said, "Up until the past few years I might have to deal with one serious disciplinary case every two years. Right now I've got nine of them on my desk. Too many of our newer officers just don't deal with authority well. They don't respect authority well. They don't respect the authority of their superiors and they misuse their power."

Complaints against officers in the past three years, tallied by the S.F. Examiner, were classified as neglect of duty, 218; conduct unbecoming an officer, 234; unnecessary force, 336; and unwarranted actions, 478.

Police Chief Murphy refused to comment on officer conduct, but his deputy chief, George Emil, revealed that he is contemplating his own study of officer conduct. Emil states that he will have "very strong recommendations" to make to Murphy.

George Mendenhall

Bacci Chosen to Head CRIR in '83

Attorney Robert R. Bacci was elected this week as the 1983 President of Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights, San Francisco's Gay Republican club and the largest volunteer Republican organization in the Bay Area. Bacci, who will be sworn in next month, will succeed Duke J. Armstrong, who is retiring after two years as the club's chief executive.

Greg Tinnerman, Treasurer, Wallace Myers, Board of Directors: Ray Benson, Chris Bowman, Paul Hardman, Jeffery Harlowe, Larry Hughes, Paul Kullman, Albert Martino, Tom Peretti, and John Van Heusden.



Bob Bacci, new CRIR head. (Photo: Rink)

Outgoing President Duke Armstrong will also serve on the 1983 Board in an ex officio capacity.

Following his election Bacci expressed gratitude to the membership for their vote of confidence. "I am pleased," he said, "to be selected as the first volunteer in this volunteer organization. I will do my very best to uphold the principles of this organization in the coming year and to see that its commitments are honored, with respect both to the Republican Party and the Gay community."

CRIR's other officers and directors elected for 1983 are: First Vice President, Patricia C. Lane; Second Vice President, Bobby A. Futch; Corresponding Secretary, David Ward; Recording Secretary,

Halloween Charges Dismissed

Charges against three Gay men, who were arrested for obstruction while attempting to help police clear Castro Street Halloween Eve, were discharged by the District Attorney's office November 17, according to Sister Missionary Position, one of the arrested.

Sister Mish', Donald Montwill, and Jim Manness were arrested and held at Mission Police Station for three hours after being charged with "delaying" a police phalanx. The police were attempting to keep Castro Street clear for traffic during the hectic Hal-

loween Eve celebrations.

Sister Mish', a member of the male troupe called the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, said he and the others were attempting to provide a gentler male presence in keeping the Halloween revelers out of the street. The police, apparently, didn't appreciate the help.

Community United Against Violence (CUAV) was credited by Sister Mish' for contacting the Mission Police authorities following the arrests.

VD Center Inaugurates New Home

by Scott Treimel

I popped into the new home of the City Clinic at 356 7th Street (between Folsom and Harrison) last Wednesday evening on the request of the volunteers who were throwing an open house. I was asked to dress casual and so I did. Others were wearing Levis 501's with hand-tooled boots and natty sports coats. The drag nuns were present with a fresh batch of their informative pamphlet *Play Fair!*, which has just been reprinted to the tune of 50,000 copies. So festive was Sister Nice and Easy that in addition to her habitual outfit, she donned a string of beads that struggled to pass as pearls.

Dr. Erwin H. Braff, though busy instructing the guests to "have more punch" and "have another chip," took time to give me the following report.

"The first City Clinic was established in 1939 near 3rd and Harrison at Hunt Street and then in 1969 we moved into the 4th Street building. Two and a half years ago we were given six months' notice to find another site. You see, Del Monte had owned the building, but when R.J. Reynolds bought it, they wanted to convert our space for their use. R.J. Reynolds, of course, needs more space than Del Monte."

"Of course," I said.

"This used to be a firehouse so a great deal of renovation has been necessary, but we'll be ready to open Monday. This, naturally, is the entrance, and those rooms against that wall there are the eight interview rooms — eight, just like in the old building, only these are smaller. We also have seven patient examining rooms, just like in the old building, but the new ones are smaller, too. On 4th Street our patient services operated in about 5,800 square feet of space; here, I'd say we have only 3,600 square feet. Yes, it's a tight squeeze — all very intimate."

"Now, if you come this way I'll show you where the autoclave will go. The autoclave is an apparatus that uses superheated steam to sterilize things. In that room there we have a small lab where we can process micro-scientific exams, exams of various secretions that we can make a determination on in a matter of minutes. The refrigerator and incubator will go under that shelf, both of which we'll use to store samples that require special conditions. Most of the lab work, though, is done at 101 Grove Street by the Health Department lab. This room over here is the nursing area — yes, again it's very small but I believe it will be adequate — and then upstairs is where we'll have offices."

"Do you wonder why everything is blue and orange? Well, we chose orange to go with those chairs we carted over from the old building," he said, pointing to a stack of piled chairs that looked the color of a weak tomato soup. "As you can see, we didn't match the color very well. We had all the countertops done in blue because the stain we use for cultures is Methylene Blue and the white countertops at the old place were just ruined by it. This time I figure I'll beat the system by having blue countertops right from the start."

Dr. Braff then excused himself to attend once again to the chips and punch. Jerry Hemstock, coordinator of the City Clinic Volunteer Program, took the opportunity to tell me what his cohorts do.

"The volunteer program started seven years back and at that time we worked only in bathhouses where we screened for diseases and made referrals. Two years ago, when the Federal budget cuts affected the Clinic's staff, we negotiated so we too could draw blood and do cultures. A year

ago the Clinic's staff was cut back again. Then we were in six bathhouses but we had to quit that because the Clinic needed our help. What we do now is man the mobile units that appear on Castro and Polk on alternate weekends. Half of us are medically trained so we can provide the same services as the regular staff. In two hours we generally see 40 people. We're negotiating to get back into the bathhouses now. They want us back because, with the AIDS scare and all, they feel we ought to be testing more. Usually what they do is just give us a room and make

an announcement we're there and guys file in for testing. Many of the diseased people are asymptomatic. They have no idea they have VD so they have us test them as a safety measure."

Dr. Braff reappeared to explain what the Clinic is up against. "No communicable disease has ever been eliminated with only treatment. The rate of occurrence is only altered by immunization or by the changing of the environment that breeds disease. Now, the environment in this case means many sex acts with different partners. How



The City Clinic's new home: a more intimate affair. (Photo: Rink)

can you change that?" A rhetorical question if I ever heard one.

The new clinic is wheelchair accessible and will maintain its regular hours: 9:30 to 6:00 p.m. on Mondays and

Thursdays, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The new switchboard number is 864-8100, and the V.D. Hotline number remains 495-OGOD.

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LETTERS

THANKSGIVING

An overview of the 1982 election — presented by Washington, D.C., Gay freelancer Larry Bush — boasts that Gay rights has moved into the political mainstream. Bush reports "a record number of candidates supporting Gay rights were elected to Congress, to governorships, and to local offices across the country." His NYC's *Village Voice* crowed that Gay clout had even smashed several of the most vociferous Gay enemies.

He further trumpets that doors once closed to Gay rights advocates are now beginning to open. He cites labor, civil rights groups, Democratic Party preserves.

This shift he says is explained in that most polls have revealed that it is easier to be against the Moral Majority than for it. Another national poll told that an absolute majority of voters favored Gay rights legislation. Another mind-changer that in eight months Gay PAC's could raise over \$600,000.

Taken all together in the Capitol he writes, "The one unmixed signal is that conservatives can no longer play homosexuality as a liberal taint."

The great fears of 1980 have not been realized. Two years later the Moral Majority's once seemingly invincible juggernaut has been checked, if not rolled back. How far remains to be seen.

This Thanksgiving season we have something tangible to be thankful for. Our efforts have borne fruit — not a cornucopia — but bounty to be savored all the same.

Forgivings and Nonforgivings

Several issues back we ran a cartoon depicting a baby cannibal and mama cannibal eating. Both figures are drawn in black ink; the child objecting to the food on its plate, the mother urging the child on to eat grandmother.

We've received several phone calls and notes of objection. I think everyone will agree that neither cartoonist Denis Morella, Arts Editor John Karr, nor myself were intentionally being racist or sexist, or whatever it was that readers found objectionable.

Since the event Karr and I have talked over the episode and agreed that our error wasn't so much one of commission as that of omission. Yet to say that neither of us thought twice about the cartoon is not good enough. We should have thought twice, and we who call for sensitivity on Gay depictions should be super-sensitive to items that might offend other sub-groups.

Our apologies on this one from me three.

On a somewhat similar note I draw your attention to a letter in this issue about an ugly incident that occurred in the Castro Halloween. In an earlier missive I excised the word "black" as an identification of the thugs who drove their car into a throng of revelers, almost running people over, and one man waving a machine gun over his head threatening to mow people down. My decision was why add fuel to the fire.

The letter writer this issue insists I was remiss in deleting the racial designation because the adjective filled in an essential in a very racist confrontation. It wasn't just a group of homophobes but a group of young black males who were being themselves explicitly racist and dangerously homophobic.

This writer in a separate note all but calls me a coward for refusing to fill out the description of some of the people that would do us harm. It was they who were acting out racism and in this case it was coming from blacks, not whites — and that had to be spotlighted.

I decided to let the second letter stand as written. A conscious choice this time — tossing back and forth in my mind was it or was it not racist?

If it was, higher considerations prevailed.

P. Lorch

THE STORM WILL PASS

* In response to your Viewpoint of 11/4, "The Case Against Fear."

AIDS is real. Fear and guilt, normal human reactions are also real. Fear is loss of control, guilt is loss of understanding. Anyone faced with threatening situations can react with fear and guilt. The key is to regain control and understanding through self-awareness, education and community support. Certainly all this can be done with a "Gay" perspective.

Putting aside all the medical lingo, the acronyms, the sensational or misleading newspaper accounts, the volunteer organizations' push for money and you still have one fact: people are dying. Anyone faced with AIDS has two choices for support: the medical profession and his or her own inner strength supported by his or her community. The key is to fuse these two choices into one strong, direct strategy for dealing with AIDS.

Let's not equate life-threatening drug and sex lifestyles with everyday "Gay" existence. Just because doctors are telling us to stop taking drugs and to stop having anonymous sex and to start living healthful lives doesn't mean they are attacking our "Gayness." They are simply telling us what they believe will help. We must also contribute what we know will help. Our tremendous capacity to love, to give support, to get rid of fear and guilt.

I am more at "risk" for getting cancer and opportunistic infections than the general population. The realization that I was "at risk" was devastating. Fear and guilt set in. So I looked within and found strength. I thought hard about life and reaffirmed my determination to live it fully. I thought equally hard about death and learned not to fear it. Each of us is alone in life, at its beginning and at its end. Love from within, from another person and from all of us together keep us going. I also educated myself about the body and gained tremendous understanding of what it needs to sustain itself. After many dark months I am now healthier physically and mentally than I have been in years. I haven't given up my sexual identity, but reaffirmed it. I have changed my attitude toward drugs and destructive sex habits. To paraphrase Margaret Mead, "To survive the storms of life, one must take in the sails and ride it out."

Our community has brought in the sails many times and has ridden out many storms. We are in a storm now. Many of us are re-examining our sex and drug habits. Many of us are realizing that an attack on drug-sex lifestyle is not an attack on "Gay" identity but simply an attack on a destructive group of habits. The doctors are telling us that today they believe AIDS is sustained by lowered immunity (from drug, little sleep, poor diet, etc.) and may be spread by certain sexual practices, by IV drug habits, and by blood transfusions (much like Hepatitis B). We must listen to them. We must also listen to ourselves. I am a homosexual, always have been, and always will be. AIDS has not and will not change this fact. What it has changed is my viewpoint: on the need of all of us to love ourselves and each other: to live life to the fullest: not to fear death and to examine just what is "Gay" and what is destructive. The storm will pass.

Ray Florest
San Francisco

ANOTHER RITA

* I'm writing to pass along some information. It concerns author Rita Mae Brown.

Evidently Rita Mae Brown has hired a ghost-writer to pose as herself and answer her fan mail. I say "evidently" because I received such a ghostwritten response to a recent letter of mine, and it was definitely not the handwriting of Rita Mae Brown, although it was signed with her name, as if she had indeed written it. But having had personal, handwritten corre-

spondence from Rita Mae Brown in the past, as well as several autographed items from her, I knew almost instantly that someone else had written and signed the response to my letter, i.e. a "ghostwriter."

Naturally, I was furious and not a little insulted, since it's a cheap, patronizing, deceptive and dishonest practice. And I would never have thought Rita Mae Brown would do such a thing — after all, aren't honesty and anti-hypocrisy her forte? Well, so she says.

She may not be able to answer all her own mail, but if that's so, let her say so openly. Her readers and supporters will continue to read and support her so long as we are able to respect her. But not even we, who are (even as she has said) a "very loyal" readership, can respect a liar and a hypocrite, even if that liar and hypocrite happens to be one of our own.

I would like this information to be made public, not to cause or bring about any harm to Rita Mae Brown (and it would be presumptuous of me to think or imagine that I could harm her in any way) but in order that none of us can be fooled or taken advantage of unawares, and also to give Rita Mae Brown a nudge to first acknowledge or deny that she has employed a ghostwriter to pose as herself and answer her mail, and second to renounce or denounce any such practice in the future for her part. All I want from Rita Mae Brown is honesty, and I don't think that's asking or expecting too much, especially not from her.

Joyce Blackwell
San Francisco

A SLIP-UP

* I was disgusted by the racist content of the "Crouzon Corner" cartoon in the November 4 B.A.R. The portrayal of Blacks as cannibals blatantly evokes a stereotype of Blacks as primitive and uncivilized.

The cartoon would be offensive in any publication. To find a cartoon so grossly insensitive to the Black struggle against racism in a publication dedicated to Lesbian/Gay civil rights is particularly nauseating.

The B.A.R. owes the Black community an apology.

Cole Benson
San Francisco

ED. NOTE: My apologies.

P. Lorch

MILK MILKED

* "Who killed Harvey Milk?" asks letter writer J.C. Cunningham.

Clutching our carcinogens and holding butch poses, we treat each other's bodies like disposable bottles, stumbling drunk and wasted through smoke-filled bars, giving and getting attitude, while a cancerous angel of death spreads his black leather wings and prepares to fly over Folsom and Castro.

Dan White only killed Harvey Milk's body. It took the rest of us to murder his dream.

The Red Queen
San Francisco

LETTERS

BLACK HOMOPHOBIA

* I'M OUTRAGED! In my twelve years of being part of this country's Gay population, I have never seen such an open and ugly display of discrimination against Gay men and women by Blacks, as I witnessed right here on San Francisco's Castro Street, Halloween night.

After living here only three months, I am shocked and replete with rage that in the city which I was always told was our "mecca," we are being subjected to the premeditated harassment that I witnessed Sunday evening, October 31.

I stood and watched a street full of thousands of happy people enjoying each other turn into a crowd full of fear, resentment, and bitterness, because Blacks, with no other intent but to cause trouble, poured into our neighborhood.

How long do we stand by like the helpless "wimps and sissies" America thinks we are? To come into our neighborhood and wipe their feet on us with their verbal and physical abuse, as we helplessly stand by and take it, fills me with rage.

Where was C.U.A.V. or the San Francisco Police, or our own people on the streets, to help put a swift stop to this uncompromising incident?

Where were the street blockades at Market & Castro when a car full of Blacks carrying guns ramed into the crowd, which nearly missed several people, including children? Think how many of us could have been hurt or killed.

As long as we, as Gay people, sit back in apathy as we have done for generations, we will be treated as doormats by anyone who chooses to wipe their feet on us.

Will it take another three-thousand years before we put a stop to this growing continual harassment, not only by homophobic law enforcement agencies, created, conceived and designed by the lawmakers in this country, as well as minority ethnic groups (Black), totally sustained by jealousy, greed, resentment and your and my annual income, in the form of welfare as well?

I propose a more readily accessible means to deal with current situations that present themselves to us day after day, such as not passively accepting self-destructive humiliation, intimidation and gross misjudgment of non-straight, but in an active way, utilize and combine all of our powers and efforts to combat any threatening or misleading venture confronting our brothers and sisters of an instinctively peaceful nature.

The time has come when our peaceful existence is being threatened by sheer madness because of its mere existence. STAND UP AND DEFEND YOURSELF. GAY AMERICA...

S. T. Mulholland
One Pissed Irishman
San Francisco

BOOM BOOM NO BOW OUT

* Well before I received my endorsement from the S/M Council I had some anticipation that I would end up the whipping boy of the election. No matter, I can take my lashes as well as I can wear them. However, on behalf of the 22,816 people who voted for me I feel compelled to speak out.

I never purported to represent the Gay community, and I hope those who voted for me didn't expect me to do so. The Gay community is far too diverse to be represented by any five people, let alone one smart-ass drag nun. I merely offered a creative perspective to our political problems that I believe is strongly based in a Gay sensibility that is widely appreciated among straights. Indeed, many straights voted for me and may have provided a majority of my support.

I believe that I had more support among straights than the other Gay candidates because I was willing to assume self-respect on my own terms and not get for it on theirs. (How anybody "earns" respect in such a fashion is beyond my comprehension.)

"Alphabet soup" is a familiar cliché to those of us who have been in political organizations from initial conception to terminal boredom. Many voters recognized my bowful of letters as representing over a dozen organizations and a quarter of a century of work in civil rights, peace, labor, and the Gay community.

Alas, the usual litany of experience and slogans have bored and alienated many good people from the polls. Style consistently defeats substance in the political arena, so I tried to harness both in a creative and progressive fashion. Anybody who heard me speak, or read my literature, knows that I had strong, coherent stands on more serious topics than rosary beads. In passing out my leaflets I had the rare opportunity of finding people eager to read about rent control, abolition of the vice squad, and improvement of city services.

Yes, some people voted for me just for fun. Others listened to me just for fun and learned that I am more than just fun. If we take ourselves too seriously we are lost. The same goes for our democracy.

I have always maintained that there is more to living in San Francisco than sex, drugs, and parties. I also maintain that I was instrumental in getting the sex, drugs, and party queens into a booth where they could poke a hole that would go to City Hall. And I hope that I made this exercise in democracy enter-

taining enough for them to vote for more than "Nun of the above."

If the more "acceptable" candidates learn something from those 22,816 San Franciscans and lift themselves out of their boringly "correct" formulae, we may be able to offer a joyously creative politics that will earn both respect and office.

Sister Boom Boom, SPI
San Francisco

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* The proposed Gay Spousal Benefits for San Francisco workers is a concept whose time has come!

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Dr. Charles Johnson
President
Church of Jesus Christ
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CRISP

* I have to say of Quentin Crisp that he is the most intelligent individual I have known concerning homosexuality, or better put, behaviorism. With Mr. Crisp's insight and gift of the English language, he expresses the gay psyche in a few words, that take some artists a three-act play to convey. He tells us where we were, where we are, and tells us where we must go to feel genuinely happy. After I read the interview, I glanced at the headline, "Bitchery and Witchery."



I reread the article and asked, "Where?" It seems quite clear that after Mr. Crisp's first answer, that Scott Treimel was not dealing with an "aged aunt," and that the rest of the answers were not gay political rhetoric, that fit Mr. Treimel's transparent mold. Maybe it was Mr. Treimel's first impression of Mr. Crisp that overshadowed the importance of what was being said. The coiffed hair, the eyeliner, the floral tie? A guise for bitchery? Mr. Treimel, I suggest you reread your interview.

This, of course, is leading into Bobbi Campbell's letter, with reference to the "butchoid clones of Castro Street." I wonder if any of the "Irrational Bombthrowers of Castro Street" (those people that hurt insults at people who don't conform to their sense of conformity). Those people that stride the Castro, berating anyone that they know would never have anything to do with them, because of their impossibility of being human; done so with more sharp tongues than a Tupperware garden party, and with a fervor only reserved for refugees of a Joan Crawford Day Care Center.) I wonder if they ever asked why or why not, someone dresses the way they do.

I for one have been a target for "IB's" for wearing levis, cowboy boots, and Pendletons. The reason is simple. I grew up in an East Bay town where cowboys were the norm, friends in school were members of FFA (Future Farmers of America) and neighbors had horses. It was an appropriate code of dress.

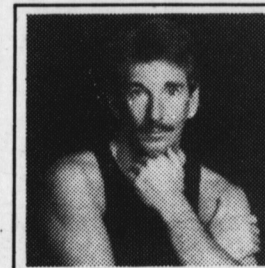
When I came to the virgin Castro in 1971, I wore the clothes I had known, and was never questioned of my genuineness. I still wear them, but also as a protest and a reminder of what once was an accepting environment of the Castro. But now that more gay men like this code of dress, the question of being genuine is a slur on the character of the individual. Maybe gay men don't need to prove their gayness by being flagrant in their dress. It seemed out of character for Mr. Crisp to be satisfied in the answer of the man in construction clothes as being a teacher. Mr. Crisp felt the man was only playing the part. Who knows, the guy might have done construction work at one point in his life. But more important, was the guy friendly? intelligent? interesting to talk to? fun in bed? If he was "playing the part" and was genuinely happy in his appearance, which is more important? It seemed Mr. Crisp was justifying his own appearance when confronted by another's strong position.

As for Bobbi Campbell's letter... Well, I won't insult your dress code unless you step on my dress on Halloween!

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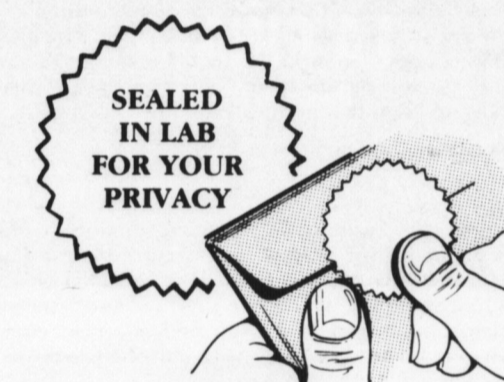
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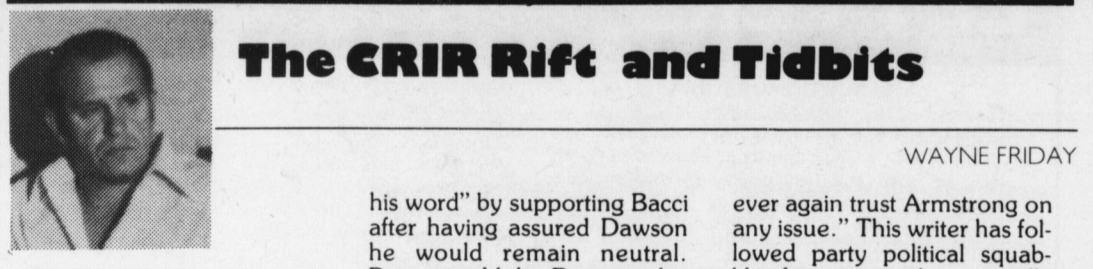
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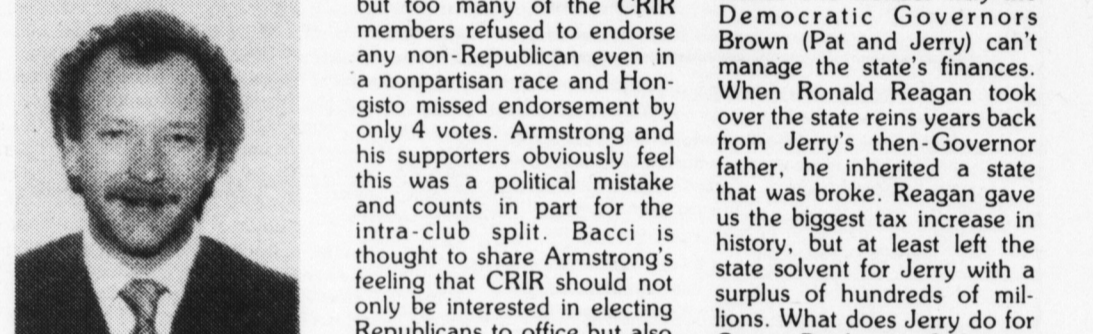
The CRIR Rift and Tidbits

The fact that charges against Mission Station police officers Jeffrey Williams (already facing criminal narcotics charges) and Mark Solomon have been substantiated and both face probable grand jury prosecution on cases of harassing and beating Gays convinces me that Mission Station Captain Don Taylor has got to be replaced. Captain Taylor has continually maintained that his officers commit no such action, and if he, as the captain, doesn't know what the hell goes on under his nose, then he damned well should know. If Captain Taylor can't stop his men from pulling shit against this city's citizens, Gay or otherwise, then he doesn't deserve to have his job. Claiming ignorance is not good enough; if Taylor allows this disgusting action by his men, then he himself has to go. We will settle for nothing less.

Hard times fell on the CRIR this month when the club's only endorsed candidate for supervisor, incumbent Lee Dolson, was apparently edged out by challenger Bill Maher, leaving CRIR with not a winner in any of the county partisan races this election. One of those opposing the Dawson candidacy told the *Bay Area Reporter* last week that the club's refusal to endorse only a single candidate for supe, Lee Dolson, "leaves us with few — very few — friends on the Board that we can turn to; after all, what do they now owe us?"

Outgoing president Duke Armstrong was a strong backer of Richard Hongisto in the November 2 election and urged his club to endorse the Hongisto re-election effort, but too many of the CRIR members refused to endorse any non-Republican even in a nonpartisan race and Hongisto missed endorsement by only 4 votes. Armstrong and his supporters obviously feel this was a political mistake and counts in part for the intra-club split. Bacci is thought to share Armstrong's feeling that CRIR should not only be interested in electing Republicans to office but also must concern itself with the issue of human rights, particularly Gay rights, as well. Dawson feels otherwise, saying, "This is still a political club and Gay rights happens to be another element. I, too, am for Gay rights, but as for CRIR, I am there to elect Republicans, not to push for Gay rights; we are a political organization, not a Gay rights organization."

When Armstrong was reached this week for comment, he said he had none regarding the club hassle and said simply, "Wayne, I have no comment to make on what Dawson or anyone else says." Armstrong did say that his future role in CRIR will be "very limited," but he will sit on the Board of Directors. As for others who are considered political allies of Armstrong and Bacci in CRIR, they accuse the Dawson-Wadsworth forces of "being more interested in party politics than they are in Gay rights," and Dawson himself accused Armstrong himself of causing the rift within the club, saying, "He (Armstrong) has gone a long way towards creating this us-and-them thing in this club and there is no way I would



Bob Bacci, CRIR's new president.

ever again trust Armstrong on any issue." This writer has followed party political squabbles for years and it is usually the Democratic clubs who fight among themselves, but the Concerned Republicans apparently aren't about to let the Democrats have all the fun.

Reports out of Hollywood now say that Carol Burnett will not have a part after all in the filming of Randy Shilts' **The Mayor of Castro Street** being filmed early next year in San Francisco by Burnett's estranged husband Joe Franklin. I read in Harry Britt's column in *The Voice* that Ronald Reagan "hates Gays." I didn't know that Ronnie and Harry knew each other well enough for Britt to know who or what the President "hates."

The East Bay Lesbian/Gay Demo Club would like you to know that they are holding their Holiday Party (and campaign victory party) on Saturday, December 4, at 8 p.m. at 2916 Grove Street in Berkeley with a suggested donation of \$4 (841-4663 or 849-3983 for info). . . . Even some of Milton Marks' friends are wondering how the popular senator managed to let his campaign get \$300,000 in debt; Marks apparently put up his family securities as collateral to obtain a loan to aid his losing campaign. The senator told a reporter for the *Examiner* that he is trying to repay the huge debt by "calling a lot of people to see if I have any chits" (\$300,000 worth of chits?). . . . Dean Lowe's campaign manager told me that "there is no doubt that the Gay community in Sacramento made the difference" in the slim 908 vote victory that Sacramento Police Lt. Robbie Walters won over the long-time homophobic sheriff. The Gay and Lesbian community in Sacramento was united behind challenger Walters.

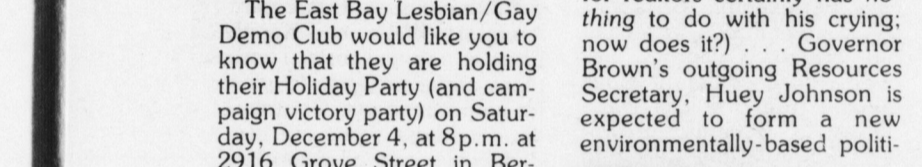
Ronald Reagan's Republican Party might not be all that popular with the American public at the moment, but a Gallup Poll released last week shows the President still very popular and leading both of his possible major Democratic opponents, Kennedy and

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to the Marin County Board of Supervisors to replace Congresswoman-elect Barbara Boxer.

A number of people I know attended the debate last Wednesday at San Francisco State between ERA foe Phyllis Schlafly and feminist Deirdre English. One Lesbian friend of mine told me that even she was feeling sympathetic to Schlafly when English, the editor of *Mother Jones* magazine, turned what was to have been a debate on ideology into a personal attack on Schlafly's lifestyle, which even included personal attacks on her family.

Speaker Willie Brown is taking heat from political writers here and in Sacramento for telling reporters he doesn't favor a special session of the Legislature to deal with the huge deficit in the budget because "it would only be a waste of taxpayers' money." (Willie Brown worrying about spending taxpayers' money?) State Controller Ken Cory tells us that whatever else Jerry Brown is leaving us, he is certainly leaving a state government that is broke. Makes one wonder why the Democratic Governors Brown (Pat and Jerry) can't manage the state's finances. When Ronald Reagan took over the state reins years back from Jerry's then-Governor father, he inherited a state that was broke. Reagan gave us the biggest tax increase in history, but at least left the state solvent for Jerry with a surplus of hundreds of millions. What does Jerry do for George Deukmejian? You got it, a state that according to Democratic Controller Cory is hundreds of millions in debt (Willie Brown's solution? What the hell, let the incoming Deukmejian worry about it.)



Duke Armstrong, outgoing CRIR leader. (Photo: Rink)

Supervisor Harry Britt and Scott Smith, the late Harvey Milk's lover/business partner were in Chicago this week taping Phil Donahue's "The Last Word" show for ABC with the Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell. The subject of the show was Britt's plan for spousal benefits for Gays and the dependency benefits that Smith recently received from the city due to Milk's murder. (The show airs nightly here on Channel 7 at 12:30 a.m.)

One source thought to be close to outgoing Board President Quentin Kopp tells me that the ambitious supervisor is leaning towards a race against D.A. Arlo Smith next year, positioning himself to run for Attorney General four years hence when John Van de Kamp will probably seek the Demo nomination for governor. . . . Look for Governor Brown to appoint his cousin, attorney Hal Brown,

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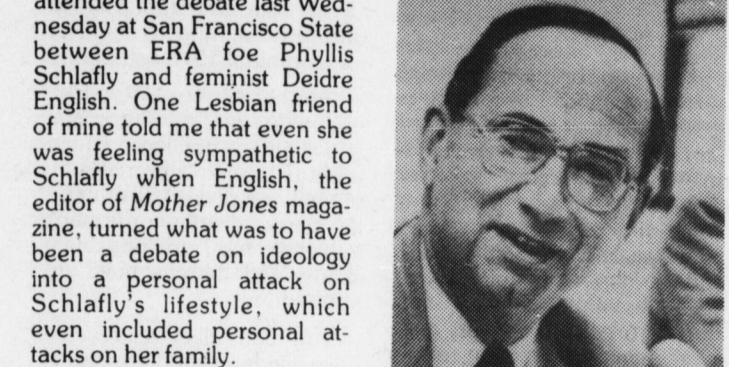
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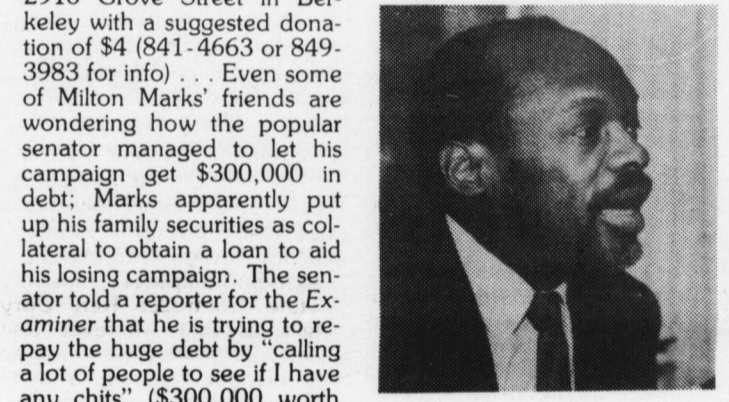
I don't much give a damn what Housing Authority Commission president Preston Cook and his condominium converting friends



Kopp — to race for DA?

say, I think that about the bravest thing the Board of Supervisors has done in many a day is pass the ordinance last week banning further conversions of more condos. (Of course, the fact that Cook sold some 45 condos last year for realtors certainly has nothing to do with his crying; now does it?) . . . Governor Brown's outgoing Resources Secretary, Huey Johnson is expected to form a new environmentally-based political party in California. That agenda should have wide appeal in the Bay Area.

Former President Jimmy Carter hustling his new book *Keeping Faith* is telling anyone who will listen that it was Ted Kennedy and his bunch who really "done him in" in 1980. Carter, seemingly obsessed about Kennedy, says he will do anything he can to help Walter Mondale become the '84 nominee and attacks Kennedy continuously, saying that if it had not been for Kennedy's clumsy but divisive effort to unseat him he would still be in the White House.



Speaker Brown says no to special session.

Against them shortly after noon. That afternoon he dismissed charges against Pink Triangle Press.

Mercer rejected an argument by the defense that since obscenity is legally defined as "undue exploitation of sex" and since fist fucking does not fall within the dictionary definition of sex, the article could not have been obscene. "We weren't real happy with that argument in the first place," a collective member told the B.A.R.

Prosecuting attorneys have said they will decide on the basis of Mercer's written decision, which he has not yet issued, whether to appeal the dismissal of the charges, an option open to them under Canadian law.

In another case against *The Body Politic*, an appeals hearing has been scheduled for

'Body Politic' Wins in Court

A provincial court has dismissed charges of printing obscene material filed last May against *The Body Politic*, Canada's leading Lesbian and Gay publication, and against the nine members of Pink Triangle Press, the collective that publishes it.

The charges were dismissed on November 2 after a one-day trial by Judge Thomas M. er.

The charges filed in May followed a police search of the paper's office, allegedly to determine who had written an article on fist fucking, "Lust With A Very Proper Stranger," published under a pseudonym in April.

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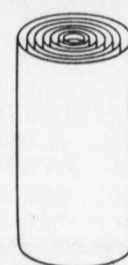
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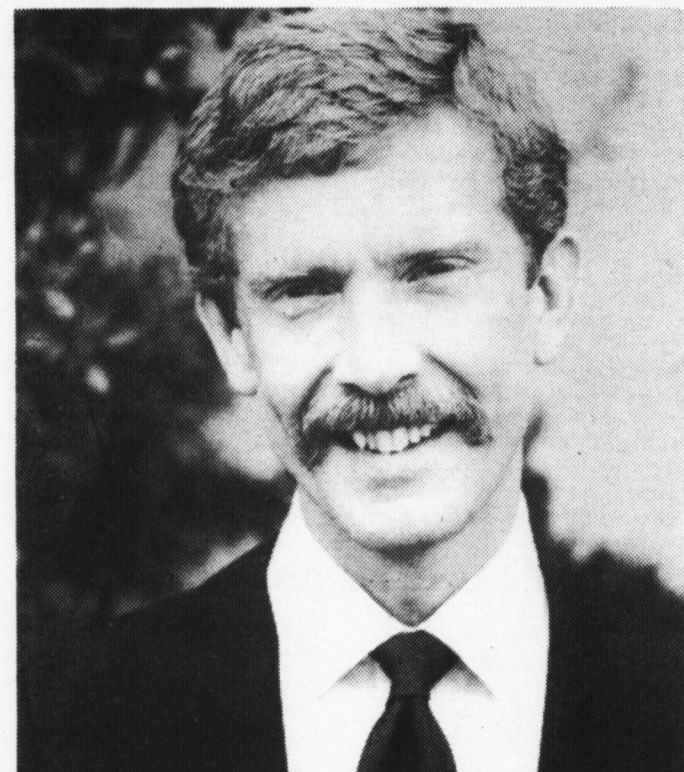
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Jim Mock, Bay Area Reporter financial columnist. (Photo: Rink)

From the Mouths of Mental Pygmies

Ignorance is bliss, except when it reveals stupidity of incredible proportions. Chicago's *Gaylife* recently picked up this gem from Senator Jeremiah Denton, an Alabama Republican whose chief claim to fame may be the fact that he is the first Republican senator from Alabama since Reconstruction.

The good Senator Denton also seems to be of the opinion that homosexuals should

be castrated and is introducing legislation which would only allow couples where the man alone works to be eligible for tax breaks so that the woman can stay home. Said the wise Senator, "the guy likes to come home and get supper and a couple of martinis from a woman who is reasonably rested."

If that isn't chauvinistic enough, consider the predictions of TV evangelist Pat Robertson who (according to *Gaylife*) has painted a horrific picture of what occurs the minute a woman dons her apron to find an outside job. "Teenagers come home and there's no one there so they think: How about a little marijuana and a little sex? Mother gets home and she's tired. She squabbles with her husband. They get divorced, the children lose their role models, there is more rebellion in the schools and homosexuality and the children of divorce get divorced, themselves."

A Little Election Analysis

by George Mendenhall

Jack Fertig, a member of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence who calls himself "Sister Boom Boom," and another Gay candidate, Greg Day, showed some surprises in the Board of Supervisors election this month. In an election analysis soon to appear in *The Pettit Report*, Boom Boom actually beat out incumbent Supervisor Lee Dolson (21% to 15%) in the Haight-Ashbury and was only 1% behind Dolson in the Upper Market/Eureka Valley area. Day tied with Dolson in

the Haight and only trailed him by 2% in the Market/Eureka tally.

City-wide, the three Gay candidates did poorly with conservative Dave Wharton taking 14% of the votes cast, followed by Boom Boom's 10% and Day's 7%. Wharton topped the Gay candidates West of Twin Peaks and in the Richmond, Sunset, Bayview, Excelsior, Ingleside and Lake Merced districts. Boom Boom's main strength among the Gays was in the Mission, Upper Market/Eureka and Noe Valley.

Proposition A, which established a city civilian/police review office, received a 62% vote approval. It garnered over 80% support in the Fillmore, Bayview, Haight and Mission areas. It received a no vote only West of Twin Peaks and in the Sunset and Lake Merced areas.

Bruce Pettit, who produces the twice-monthly *Pettit Report*, gave *Bay Area Reporter* this advance on his election analysis. The full breakdown on the November 2 election by 21 neighborhoods will appear in Pettit's next report in early December.

Gay Black Church Forms in D.C.

by Wayne April

A Pentecostal church called Faith Temple, made up mostly of Gay Black Christians, has been formed in Washington, D.C., as the result of the excommunication of leading Pentecostal scholar Dr. James S. Tinney.

Tinney, who is an associate professor of journalism at Howard University, was excommunicated from the Church of God in Christ in August as the result of increasing publicity surrounding

a city-wide Lesbian/Gay revival he had organized for September 1 to 4.

The expulsion came as a surprise to Tinney because he had openly announced his homosexuality in 1979 when organizing the Pentecostal Coalition for Human Rights. The Coalition was formed to promote acceptance of Gays in the Pentecostal movement.

Since that time, Tinney has traveled coast to coast speaking on behalf of Lesbian and Gay Christians.

"The wide publicity of the Gay revival evidently became too much for an embarrassment to Bishop Kelsey, who told me that I was bringing reproach upon the church," said Tinney. Bishop Samuel Kelsey is the head of the Washington diocese of the Church of God in Christ.

Faith Temple held its first formal service in a rented Methodist church September 12. Other Black Lesbian/Gay churches have been formed during the past year in Harlem in New York City and in Chicago.

Parade Committees, Doctors Convene in Boston

by Konstantin Berlandt

As the rain beat down on Boston's streets, bringing with it the first chill of winter over the Columbus Day weekend, two national Gay conventions were going on simultaneously just a few miles apart.

While 17 delegates from Stonewall Commemoration committees across the country were sequestered around a triangle pattern of tables in a church hall on Joy Street in Beacon Hill, not far away, in a hall on the Harvard campus, doctors from the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) were being hosted by the Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England (GALPONE).

Both groups, independently, conversed for nine hours Saturday morning until evening, and again on Sunday — getting to know each other, sharing information and opinions on topics of mutual interest within their respective group.

The doctors discussed the wealth of diseases now rampant especially among Gay men, and debated the free advice currently being administered to that same group about their lifestyle.

The parade committee delegates (one from San Diego, four from Los Angeles, two from San Francisco, one from Chicago, seven from New York City, and Marsha Le-

vine from Boston) exchanged information on the nuts and bolts of putting on the annual demonstration of power, pride and numbers that occurs in June in numerous cities across the continent and around the world. It was the first such national gathering of its kind, and while turnout was relatively low, contacts were cemented that will expand communication among the various cities in which there are pride/rights/liberation marches or other forms of demonstrations/celibrations in anniversary of the riotous response in late June '69 to a New York police raid on the now legendary Christopher Street bar.

Delegates endorsed the concept of a national poster that would list the dates of as many cities' events as can be gathered by the first of the year.

Other topics included incorporation, insurance, monitors for safety and health, police and city government relations, structure, funding and publicity, outreach to particular groups, and related issues such as Chicago's confrontation with Nazis last June 27, and the San Francisco committee's immigration suit.

Delegates expressed interest in joining or supporting the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee court fight against the U.S. Immigration and Natu-

ralization Service and Attorney General, who have appealed the Committee's won national permanent injunction against the federal government's ban on Lesbian and Gay male foreign visitors.

Doug Moore, of San Diego's pride committee, who offered that city for next year's Columbus Day weekend convention, described one San Diego parade float of Gay Mexicans handcuffed to the back of a pickup truck with a U.S. border patrol mock logo on the side.

New York's march committee co-chair Tony Gambino, beginning his third year in that position, told tales of how the group encouraged higher police estimates to more honestly reflect the size of the crowd. Gambino said he threatened to put up turnstiles to count the participants at the beginning of the march, a procedure that could have tied up the city for seven hours instead of two, as marchers would trickle down Fifth Avenue through the center of Manhattan from Christopher Street to Central Park.

Delegates from both the doctors' and pride march conventions bumped into each other in a Boston subway car late Saturday afternoon, and also socialized together at a GALPONE party Saturday evening between the two long days of discussions.

Switchboard Celebrates Birthday

October marks the 4th year the Gay Youth Community Switchboard has maintained operation in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Gay Switchboard was a pioneer program offering the first youth-for-youth community switchboard ever.

Since its inception the Switchboard has helped thousands of Bay Area and Nationwide callers alike. The founding purpose of the Switchboard has remained

threefold: to provide information and referral on community resources sensitive to Lesbian/Gay Youth; to maintain information on Lesbian/Gay Youth events/activities, and for the Switchboard to become a Contact Number for those groups which have no official contact number; thirdly and most important for the Switchboard to maintain operators that are capable peer counselors since many callers seem puzzled with their

current lifestyle.

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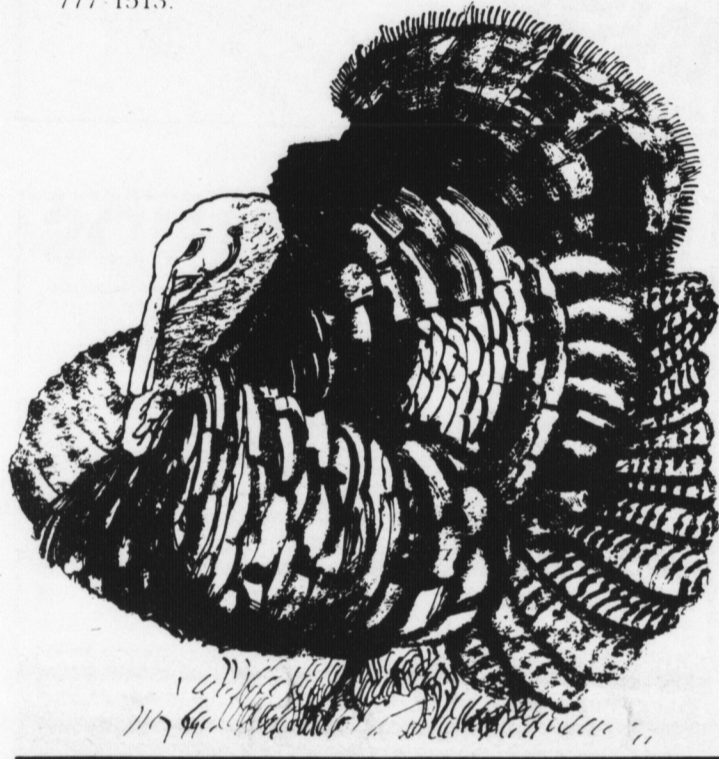
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The Aides in City Hall

DANA VAN GORDER

Part Five of a Six-Part Series

Among the notes I took while interviewing Supervisor Harry Britt's legislative aide Dana VanGorder, I wrote the following: "difficult to wrench direct answers from."

Although he is only 26 years old (the youngest Gay aide) and although he has served Britt only four months (the most junior aide) Dana VanGorder is difficult to wrench direct answers from. He is also single-minded. Within the first ten minutes of our talk, when the subject was biographical matters, he occasioned the opportunity to use the word "politics" fully a dozen times. This struck me as excessive so I asked, "Do you consider yourself didactic?" "Not necessarily," he said. Along with "politics," "not necessarily" is one of the things Dana VanGorder says a lot. He is also drawn to "certainly," "basically," "to a certain extent," "at this point in time," and "what have you." He is drawn, in other words, to verbal filler, to conditionals that knock statements neutral. Dana VanGorder considers himself "intense." I believe he is intensely neutral.

VanGorder was born just north of Los Angeles in the San Fernando Valley, but he was raised in the much more northern environs of Sunnyvale, raised by parents he labels economically conservative but liberal on civil rights issues. His twin sister, he says, is "basically" like himself: "shy, reserved, and what have you." In junior high VanGorder ran on the track team and in high school he ran for student government, for a position that, once secured, gained him a reputation as a "jock hater." The secret truth, he confesses, was quite the opposite. All his schoolmates knew was that Dana VanGorder took the administration to task for usurping \$5,000 of student body funds to finance a trip for the football team.

This marked, he says, his "political awakening," but during his college years at Santa Clara University VanGorder fell back asleep.

He was "burnt out" from his stint in student government. He "regrets" missing the anti-war movement "and all the politics that were taking place" on college campuses before he enrolled. He is "sorry" Santa Clara University was "unreceptive" to Gay activism. For these reasons he merely went to classes (primarily political science) lived at home, and earned pocket cash by selling clothes.

Upon being graduated, VanGorder relaunched him-

my estimation this overstates the difference between *The Progressive*, *Mother Jones*, *In These Times*, and *The Nation*. VanGorder is "big on food," a religious jogger ("relives the tension from work"), and a movie buff. He regards *Road Warrior* "a great film — good politically, socially, and what have you." He tends toward foreign films because they are "a great deal more politically, certainly more socially, important than American films." When I asked of his favorite authors, he answered public education had left him "unexposed" to literature. He hopes to remedy



self politically; he took up working for a San Jose supervisor and orchestrating a campaign to pass Gay rights propositions A and B on the 1979 San Jose ballot. The effort facilitated his coming out to his parents, an admittedly easy task since they suspected something was up; too many male friends always coming over. In 1979 VanGorder worked for Art Agnos, and in 1980 he spent "a really wasted year" in San Mateo. He volunteered for Britt for three months in 1981, then volunteered for the Boxer campaign, and in the middle of last June landed his present job.

VanGorder now feels fairly settled in San Francisco. He lives with his lover, a labor lawyer, on Lake Street and 25th Avenue, right near China Beach. Here is delivered what he claims are a "variety" of magazines, but in

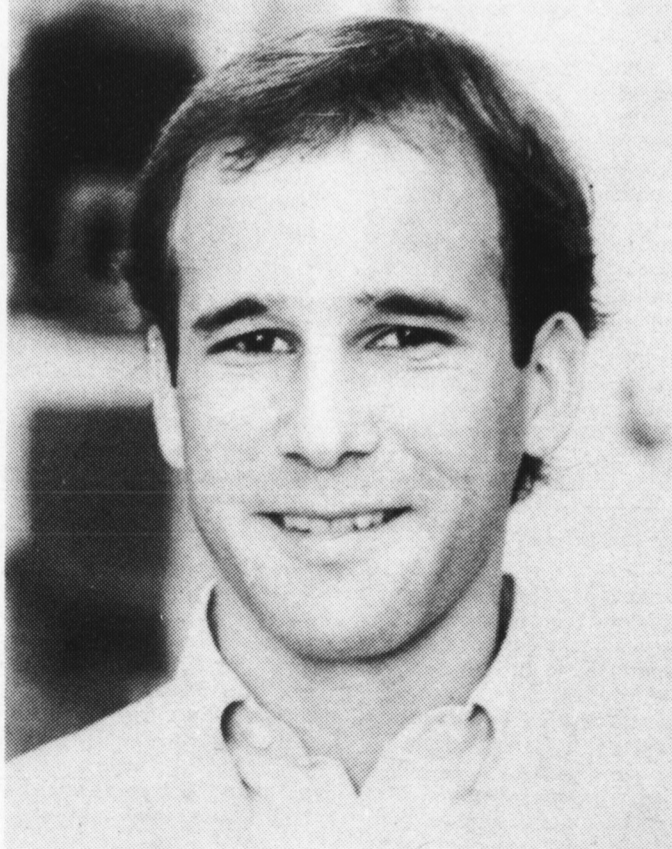
this by reading "the real basic stuff." When I asked what constitutes the real basic stuff, he said, "You know, classical American literature." I asked what classical American literature he referred to. He struggled for some time but to name an actual author proved too much so he settled for "Just the classics."

Our conversation then turned to S/M practices and VanGorder revealed an interesting view, or, rather, interesting views — in fact, he revealed every view possible. "It's something I haven't experienced but I find fascinating. Intellectually it's interesting because at first you wonder why it's happening, why people do it, why people enjoy it. For a person who tends to be a passivist, and I tend to be a passivist, it's a strange expression between two people. It's certainly based on some expression of violence. It has to do, inherently, with a very macho behavior that to a certain extent Gayness is very different from, or that Gayness tries not to emulate . . . I don't want to get myself in trouble here. I don't think there's anything incorrect or improper or objectionable about it. I think S/M and leather is great."

Look again at the above convoluted and you see a statement, "S/M is an expression of violence," knocked neutral. It is either the conviction of the statement VanGorder lacks or the confidence of its utterance — no matter which, for in either case the result reads like this: "I am not violent; S/M is violent; I think S/M is great." Puzzle this out if you like. I doubt you can unwrap the dense confusion it bespeaks.

In contrast to his cloudy thoughts on S/M, VanGorder sees the facts of Supervisor Britt's "deal" with the Police Officers' Association "very clearly." He sees that Britt was "willing to recommend support of Propositions I and J to the Gay community." He sees that virtually every issue Britt ad-

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Dana VanGorder, aide to Supervisor Harry Britt, is the youngest Gay aide working at City Hall. (Photo: Rink)

GRNL Appeals for AIDS Funds

The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) is organizing an emergency appeal for major medical funding from Congress' special December session to fight the AIDS epidemic. That it is an epidemic is beyond question. Between October 1 and November 9 100 people contracted AIDS.

The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has made AIDS its top priority, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has begun basic research on AIDS. But Congress thus far has appropriated very little for AIDS research.

Congress will be coming back for its lame-duck session on November 29 and will take up an appropriations bill involving health issues. GRNL, along with many other concerned organizations and congressional supporters, is asking for \$5 million for CDC AIDS research and \$10 million for NIH AIDS research in fiscal year 1983. If the Senate does not report out a health appropriations bill (and it doesn't seem likely it will), GRNL is calling for at least \$2 million to continue CDC's surveillance and research activities until a full appropri-

ation can be provided.

So far, CDC has received only \$500,000 specifically for AIDS research, while they actually will spend \$2.5 million in fiscal 1982 on AIDS. In other words, CDC has shifted some \$2 million from its other programs (not to mention the 100 staff it has shifted) to AIDS. However, for next year no money is allocated in the House's proposed health appropriations bill for specific AIDS research — not even a continuation of last session's \$500,000 appropriation.

"In 1982 the overall funding for the Centers for Disease Control was effectively cut by 20 percent," said Representative Henry Waxman (D-CA), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment. "The administration's 1982 budget does not even keep pace with inflation and will mean a further effective cut of 7 percent. The study of these relatively rare and poorly understood diseases will surely suffer."

NIH spent only \$865,000 on AIDS research in fiscal year 1982. It has announced that next year it will shift about \$3.5 million to AIDS research, but this represents

only a tiny fraction of its \$4 billion budget, which funds more medical research than any other organization in the world.

"The Lesbian and Gay community and its friends must inform Congress about the AIDS crisis," said Steve Edean, GRNL's Executive Director. "The biggest problem we're having in getting research funding is that Congress doesn't know about the gravity of the problem."

GRNL requests you write your Senator and Representative immediately at, respectively, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, and House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. You may also call them through the Capitol Switchboard, (202) 224-3121.

Please send a copy of any letters you write to legislators to GRNL AIDS Project, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, DC 20013. Also send GRNL any responses you receive from legislators so the AIDS Project can keep track of who does and does not support research funding. If you meet with legislators or their staff, let GRNL know what they say.

Dykes in Distress

The resignation of Pam Parsons (former coach of the University of South Carolina's Lady Gamecocks women's basketball team) hasn't helped the team one bit. Under her direction, the Lady Gamecocks boasted a 7-0 record and were ranked second in national polls. Since Parsons left and was replaced by a former assistant coach who is male, the team lost six out of 11 games, dropped out of the Top 10 and has been plagued without dropouts.

What's the big fuss all about? The February 8th issue of *Sports Illustrated* claims Parsons, 34, was dictatorial and inclined to play favorites. Her use of drugs and Lesbian involvement with another player didn't help matters, either.

After one mother complained about Parsons' Lesbianism and its effects upon students, Parsons resigned, citing "philosophical differences" with the university. The school's official stance was "We have nothing against anybody who's Gay. But to have a coach carrying on with a student — we just can't let that go on."

The complaining mother (whose daughter was not involved) charged: "What would you say if Pam Parsons came into your home, all dressed up with pretty clothes and makeup and nice hairdo and said, 'In a year from now you won't even know your daughter?' You'd think, 'My little tomboy is finally going to learn how to be a lady.' Instead, . . .

Meanwhile, Boston's *Gay Community News* (which is always so careful to be politically correct and avoid sexist language) printed this little gem from one of its readers:

"Why do they make Lesbians have periods, that's what I'd like to know. I mean, I'm never gonna have kids so why do I gotta suffer the bleeds every month? Why don't you guys do something about that instead of pissing and moaning about stupid stuff like the fourth letter in the word woman, for crissakes!

Sincerely yours,
Sparky Newton
Roxbury, MA."

Even the most creative editors in the Gay press will confess that their poetic license can go just so far!

VanGorder

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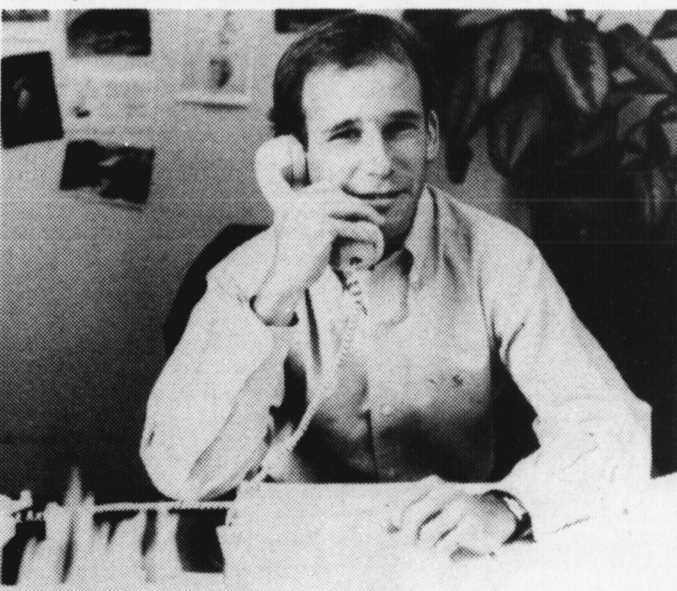
dresses precipitates indignation: "How dare Harry Britt purport to speak for the Gay community," is, VanGorder believes, an all too persistent refrain. "Harry is the city's chief Gay spokesman. As an elected official he's the person to whom the largest number turn on Gay-related issues." I do not question VanGorder's assessment, and I do not question his abiding devotion to his employer: "Harry's commitment to the movement is complete. He's an effective leader and a sensitive spokesman: he's got a very good understanding of the components of the community."

VanGorder's politics, he alleges, are "very closely aligned" with Britt's. VanGorder supposes, quite appropriately for a fellow in City Hall, that change succeeds best when it is achieved within the system: "The revolution hasn't happened yet and the system is still there, and if we really want to do something we have to work with it." He wants more Gays elected and more Gay appointments, particularly to the Planning Commission. The developments South of Market concerns VanGorder. He sees it is a threat to Gay commerce and

Gay residence in the area. He worries that businesses of the scale the development proposes to bring to San Francisco will render the city less progressive, less tolerant, and less disposed to "a lot of things important to Gay people."

The aide says he "categorically" will not seek political office. My relief at this disclosure was but momentary for shortly thereafter he declared, "I'd like to be a journalist."

Scott Treimel



Dana VanGorder busy at work at his City Hall desk. (Photo: Rink)

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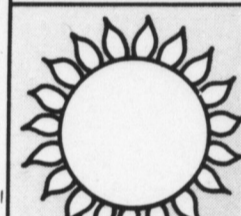
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Leather Bars in the Castro

by Mike Hippler

Take a walk down Castro Street and you'll notice that ice cream stores and card shops aren't the only businesses moving into the Castro. Black leather curtains flutter across the front of a bar that used to be a small disco palace. Up the street motorcycles of all makes and sizes fill the parking spaces in front of what used to be an artists' gallery. And around the corner on Market Street men dressed in leather vests and chaps disappear into a black and grey building that used to be a country-and-western bar. If Folsom Street seems to be getting longer these days, it's because Castro bars that used to cater to a different kind of crowd are now attracting the leather men. Along with Fotomat and Mrs. Fields cookies, leather bars are moving into the Castro.

CASTRO STATION

Castro Station was the first of these bars to start this trend. A little over two years ago the owners took over the gallery next door and remodeled around a railroad theme. Along with a new working class image — railroads are, after all, a world of sweat and

ly they'll come here." And if they do, strictly a leather bar or not, Castro Station will be ready to receive them, rest assured.

THE PHOENIX

The Phoenix bar has been the Phoenix since July 1981 when owner Ron Holmes de-

or so we still get a pretty good sized leather crowd, but then they split for South of Market. We get the ones who live in the neighborhood on their way to the Folsom. I'd like to see more leather in the Castro, though."

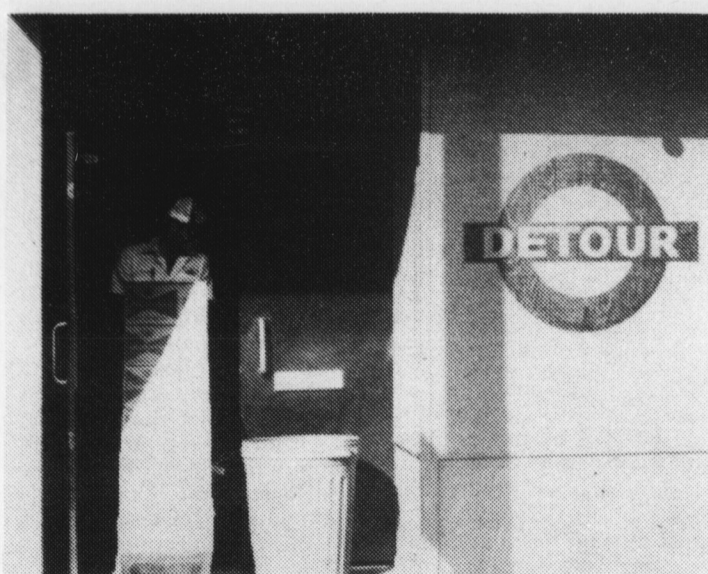
Davidson feels that the leather scene will never be the same in the Castro as it is in the Folsom. He remembers the Tool Box, one of the first leather bars in the Folsom in the early 60's, and he notes that leather is a firmly entrenched tradition there. The leather scene is much more heavy-duty South of Market, and there is a wider variety of places to go. Consequently, Davidson doesn't believe that the Folsom's days are numbered.

It gets harder to distinguish leather men from clones as subcultures begin to merge.

Co-worker John O'Grady agrees and says that unlike the Folsom, the Castro does not cater to fantasy. The leather scene usually flourishes in places abandoned by everyone else — deserted warehouses, wharf areas, and industrial sections at night, and although this was necessary at first, later it became desirable. In such places leather men can give free rein to their imaginations, and there they have the freedom to indulge their uninhibited whims and desires. The Castro has no deserted warehouses. As a residential and business neighborhood, says O'Grady, it will never see the kind of action that takes place in the Folsom.

THE DETOUR

Around the corner on Market Street, Gary Bernier manages the Detour bar, the newest of the bars with a leather look. Bernier is a man of many convictions, one of which is that the city is a little coarser place than it used to be and that something's been lost over the years. Consequently, there had to be a direction taken for a certain kind of person — "the more mature people, the older people who might have been going South of Market but who



For an alternative to the norm, the Detour. "We just want to appeal to nice guys." (Photo: Rink)

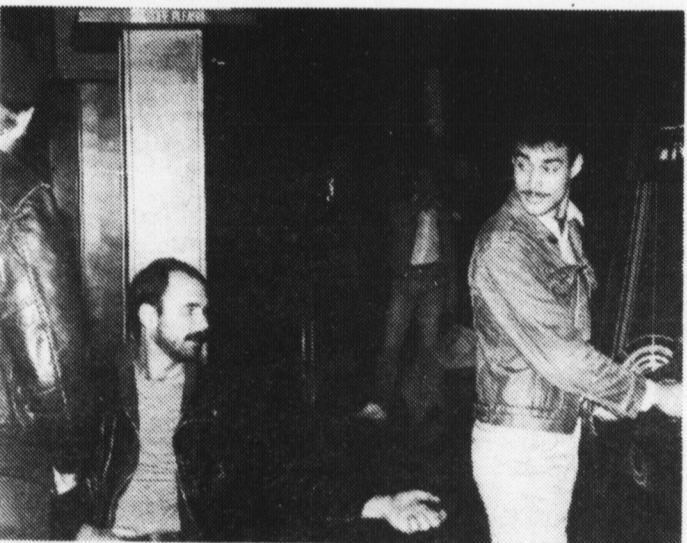
sort of settled down and were not going to party so seriously anymore."

Does this mean a leather crowd? "We didn't set out to be a leather bar. That's not our main objective," says Bernier. "It's not fair to define it in any one way. We're on neutral ground here in the Castro and don't appeal to any one segment of the population. Sometimes people get off the bus in a three-piece suit and feel uncomfortable in a leather bar. We just want to appeal to nice guys."

Nevertheless, the bar is painted black and grey, inside it is decorated with sections of chain-link fence, and the name is the Detour, giving images of a road gang and an alternate route to the norm. There are usually four or five motorcycles parked out front, and Bernier admits that the crowd is often largely a leather one, especially on the weekends, "when people have more time to concentrate on their costumes. The crowd does change over the course of a week, and natu-

At the same time that leather attire is becoming more acceptable to the mainstream, heavy-duty leather bars are opening up to a wider range of people. The Folsom is here to stay, says Bernier, but it is undergoing transitions. People go to the Arena or the Eagle who never would have a few years ago, and bars like the Oasis are opening up, which don't attract a leather crowd at all. Long-term, non-leather bars like the Stud and the Endup are as popular as ever before. In addition, other businesses besides bars are appearing — restaurants, clothes stores, and the like.

What is happening in the Folsom is a part of the same trend that is happening in the Castro — different subcultures are merging. It's not so easy to distinguish a leather man from a Castro Clone anymore. Leather bars are moving onto Castro Street. Castro type bars are moving onto Folsom Street. Different kinds of Gay people are invading — and enjoying — each other's space.



Casual clients inside Castro Station. "Reach Out and Touch Someone You Love" — or would like to love (Photo: Rink)

rally the bar isn't as severe as the Brig or the Eagle, yet it is a far cry from Patsy's, the country-and-western bar that used to occupy the location.

Bernier feels that the main reason the Detour attracts a number of leather people is that most of the employees like it to some degree. Things are changing, opening up, he says, and the leather world isn't the underground subculture that it used to be. "It used to be that if you wore leather," says Bernier, "you would not talk to someone with a flannel shirt on." Now, however, leather jackets are as common as nylon flight jackets on Castro Street, and the same people who wear suits or preppy styles in the daytime don chaps at night. This doesn't indicate that leather is simply a matter of drag, however. According to Bernier, although it's more common, leather still symbolizes a special kind of sexual lifestyle.

United Church Campaign for Gay Concerns

Members of the liberal, 1.7 million member United Church of Christ have announced a vigorous campaign to keep Lesbian, Gay, and bisexual concerns on the agenda of their denomination.

At the Second National Gathering of the United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, held July 15-17, 1982, in Columbus, Ohio, UCC members developed strategies for increasing the Coalition's membership, broadening its ministry, and for placing their concerns before the United Church's 14th General Synod, the biennial national meeting of the denomination, which will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, in June, 1983.

Forty persons ranging in age from 21 to 78 attended the national gathering. They came from Honolulu, New York, Boston, Chicago, Denver, and San Francisco as well as from smaller towns and rural communities. Both clergy and lay persons attended. The Coalition's membership includes heterosexual, bisexual, Lesbian and Gay UCC members and all were represented at the Columbus meeting.

During the coming year the Coalition will concentrate on strengthening state-wide networks of UCC members who support Lesbian/Gay concerns. At the Columbus gathering several newly appointed state coordinators were announced. Conference Coordinators, as they are called, serve as counselors and resource persons for UCC pastors and lay persons in their geographical area.

Plans were laid for the Third National Gathering in Pittsburgh, June 21-23, 1983, prior to the 14th General Synod. That Synod meeting will have Lesbian/Gay issues on its agenda because the report of the UCC Task Force on Human Sexu-

ality, appointed in 1977, is to be presented. The Task Force report, which is expected to moderate in its conclusions, will serve as a rallying point for anti-Gay UCC members. The Coalition, which expects as many as 80 members to be visibly active at the Pittsburgh meeting, intends to raise its concern for ministry and civil liberties apart from the Task Force report.

Coalition members at the Columbus meeting unanimously adopted several resolutions reflecting the renewed spirit of activism among Lesbian/Gay Christians. The Coalition formally endorsed and committed itself to full participation in the North American Lesbian/Gay Religious Congress. The Congress, currently in formation, will hold its constituting meeting in Los Angeles in November of this year.

Through a second resolution, the Coalition declared its "emphatic and unqualified support" for the application of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) for full membership in the National Council of Churches (NCC) and called upon "all UCC delegates to the NCC Governing Board to vote enthusiastically in support of UFMCC's application" and to "work vigorously for its acceptance." The United Church of Christ is an NCC member communion and has twelve delegates to the NCC Governing Board.

In a third resolution, the Coalition condemned the recent firings by the *Christian Science Monitor* of Christine Madsen, a Lesbian reporter, and James Ogan, a Gay cost analyst, who were fired solely on the basis of their sexual preference. It called upon the Christian Science Church to reverse its position and called upon UCCL/GC members

and friends to cancel their subscriptions to the *Monitor*. The Coalition also adopted a resolution committing itself with renewed determination to continuing education and action regarding legislation in support of reproductive freedom of choice and the Equal Rights Amendment and in opposition to the Family Protection Act.

Founded in 1972, the United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns offers a ministry of pastoral care, education and justice advocacy within the United Church of Christ. Its ministry is directed by a National Coordinating Council comprised of Rev. Jan Griesinger (Convener), Athens, OH; Rev. Sid Mohn, Chicago, IL; Rev. Ann Marie Coleman, Ann Arbor, MI; Mr. Samuel Lolliger, Buffalo, NY; Ms. Margarita Suarez, New York, NY; and Rev. Ken South, Hartford, CT. The total program is coordinated by two National Coordinators, Rev. Ms. Loe Powell, San Francisco, and Dr. Bill Johnson, New York City. In 1972 Dr. Johnson was the first openly Gay person ordained to the Christian ministry by a mainline denomination in modern times.

The Coalition newsletter, WAVES, is published three times a year. A Pastoral Care Resource Packet for local church pastors and lay leaders is currently being developed as an educational resource. United Church of Christ members wishing to contact the Coalition should write to UCCL/GC, P.O. Box 1926, San Francisco, CA 94101. UCCL/GC's mailing list is never shared, sold, published, or shown to anyone beyond the Coalition's own leadership.

The United Church of Christ, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, was formed by a union of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. It is widely considered a leader in social justice ministry and has a respectable history of support for Lesbian/Gay concerns.

promised Newark's lover a transfer to Germany (which she had requested) if she testified against his client.

The case has compounded evidence against the military's anti-Lesbian crusades, previously decry by the ACLU, the National Organization for Women, the National Lawyer's Guild, and the Center for Women's Studies and Services.

Washington Post columnist Colman McCarthy called the Air Force's handling of Newark's case "bizarre and near unbelievable." In the syndicated column, McCarthy wrote: "In civilian America, recreational pot users are rarely if ever imprisoned. People aren't jailed for their sexual orientation. And someone who mistakes diet pills for speed has yet to be seen as a dangerous criminal. But under the military code, these are major crimes."

In response to Seidenberg's claim that the "primary charge" against Newark was her Lesbianism, military lawyers said the claim was "interesting social commentary [that] is not persuasive here. [Newark] was not tried in a New York court; she was tried in a military court, and in a military court the appellate's offenses are criminal acts."

The case was argued before the appellate military court on October 15 and the three-judge panel will make a ruling this week.

Lesbian's Military Rights Challenged

by Scott Treimel

A battle is now underway between Air Force lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union to determine if 25-year old Lesbian Lieutenant Joan Newark deserves the punishment passed upon her by military courts. Newark, whose performance record was leading to promotion, was sentenced to six years of hard labor at the maximum security prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for smoking marijuana, taking diet pills for recreational purposes, and making love to another enlisted woman in her off-base

apartment.

Newark's lawyer, ACLU's Faith Seidenberg, claims the military applies rules unevenly, issuing unduly harsh penalties against offending Lesbians and women who excel at their jobs. The legal admissibility of evidence was another issue argued in the recent appeal since the charges upon which Newark was found guilty were obtained by in-house spying. Seidenberg further claimed Newark was denied her Sixth Amendment right to loyal counsel; her military defense lawyer, Captain Raymond Smith, had

New Director for Other Ways

Tom Waddell, a local businessman and co-owner of several well-known restaurants in San Francisco including the "P.S., Church Street Station, Casa de Cristal, and The Mint, was elected to the Board of Directors of Other Ways.

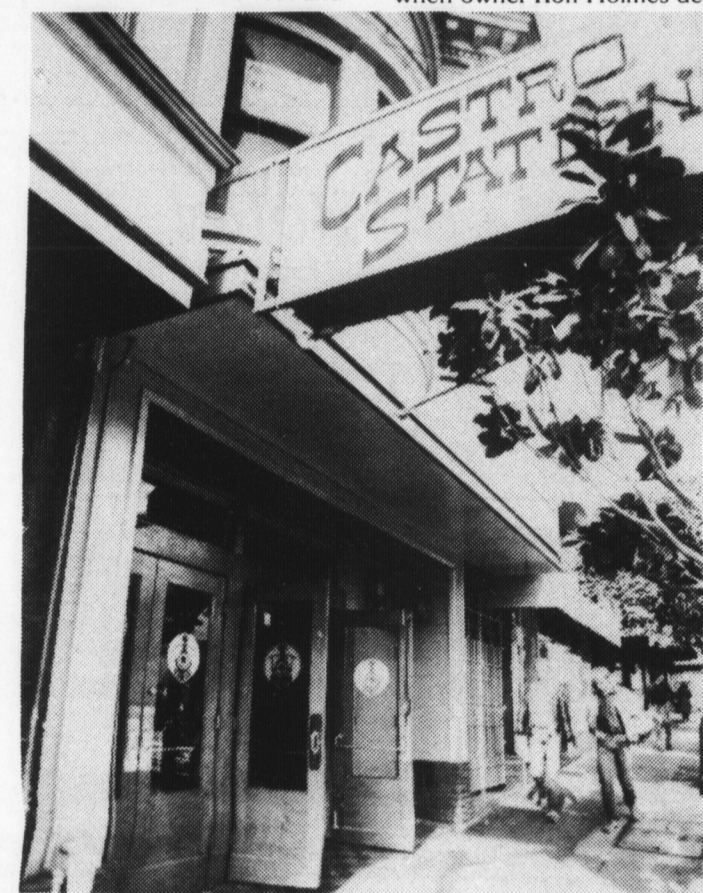
Waddell heads the fundraising efforts for this non-profit organization whose 600 members are mostly Gay professional men from Bay Area corporations.

Besides its social programs, Other Ways offers educational and community services,

especially for the elderly, as well as seminars and lectures.

"Tom Waddell has proven to be an energetic and innovative administrator," says press aide Luke Calsius, "while serving on the organization's Volunteer Program. New members are expected to contribute of their time and talent through this Program."

Waddell's election to the Board comes at a time when Other Ways is moving into a new center on 19th Street and is seeing a vast increase in its community outreach in this city.



Sure, looks tame enough on the outside, but inside it's one raucous melting pot. (Photo: Rink)

grime, a "man's" world — the bar began to get a new kind of clientele, a leather crowd. According to Dale Allen, the bar's manager, they didn't set out to attract any particular type of crowd. "We just wanted a hot, good-looking crowd. We do cater to a lot of leather people," Allen admits, "but we are not strictly a leather bar." Be that as it may, on any given day or night there are more than a few men in motorcycle caps with studded leather belts drinking and cruising in the bar.

Allen feels that the Castro is as good a place for a leather bar as it is for any other kind of bar. "The Castro is a melting pot," he says, "a mixture of all kinds of people." He also feels that the days of the Folsom, the city's first and still preeminent leather district, are numbered. With the advent of the Moscone Center, several new hotels, and the proposed stadium, leather bars are going to be forced out of the area. "The city is not going to take a favorable view of tourists mixing with leather men. A convention delegate from Omaha just doesn't want to see two guys in chains walking arm in arm."

Where will they go? Allen thinks it will be to the Castro or to the Haight, another area undergoing considerable change. "The Castro is not only the most popular Gay area in the city but also the most popular Gay Mecca in the world," he says. "Natural-

ly they'll come here." And if they do, strictly a leather bar or not, Castro Station will be ready to receive them, rest assured.

Did it work? "At first the leather crowd poured in, but then it tapered off," says the manager. "Now it's a general Castro crowd with about a quarter leather. Until twelve



The Phoenix, where the music is strictly drag-your-dick-in-the-dirt. (Photo: Rink)

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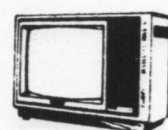
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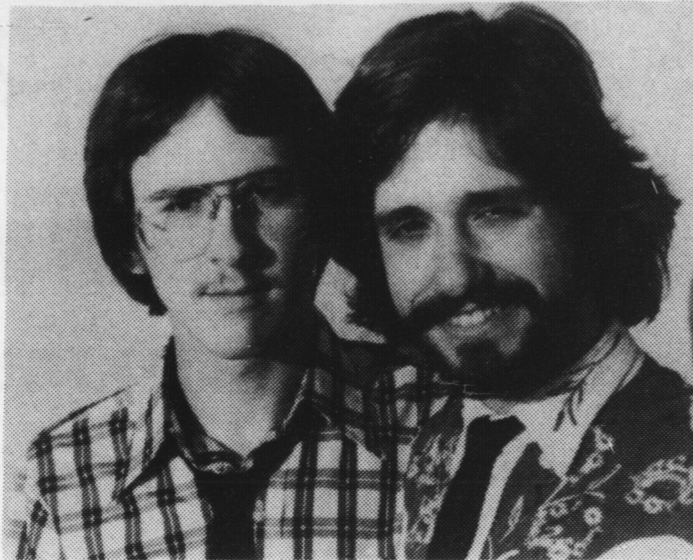
The City Rocks

Gene Porter and Ron Romanovsky have written a rock opera titled **The City: 1977-78 A.D.** The show concerns the event of that year, beginning with the defeat of the Dade County Gay right ordinance and continuing through the careers of Harvey Milk, George Moscone and Dan White. The climax comes with the march on city hall which followed the assassinations. Premier performances of the work have been planned this weekend as a lead in to the Fifth Candlelight March in memory of the two slain leaders.

Twenty-three year old composer Romanovsky told the B.A.R. about **The City**. "I've been writing songs for many years. In the summer of 1981 I had no direction or context for my music and lyrics. I did some work within the women's community, but it seemed time for Gay men to start singing about their lives. I advertised to start a men's music collective. Gene Porter turned up, and our collaboration grew from that.

"Gene particularly liked one of my songs, 'Let There Be A Place For Me,' which connected with an idea he'd had and the whole thing grew from there.

"The story follows a 'hard-nosed' reporter who only cares about getting his story. First he covers the Ordinance defeat in Dade County, and later a 'fag-bashing' and the assassinations in San Francisco. In the course of the action



Composer Ron Romanovsky (l.) and lyricist Gene Porter

he realizes the human element behind the news and questions his integrity. After reporting the shootings from City Hall he realizes it's time to get involved and joins the marchers.

"The music just came out of me: I'd never had an easier time writing music, although it was hard to show a human side of Dan White. I like writing dramatic music, though. I'm from the Janis Ian school of songwriting. And Gene supplied me with dramatic situations that suited my abilities.

"The show, which is twenty-two songs and is sung throughout, will be accompanied by Plan B, a three piece rock group which we've augmented with synthesizer, electric guitar and bass, and myself on keyboards. The

sound is rock. "The performances this weekend are in concert form, with minimal staging. We wanted to premiere the music, but it's also a backers' audition, since we're looking to bring **The City** to the legitimate stage as a rock opera in the Andrew Lloyd Weber form."

The City: 1977-78 A.D. will be performed at a benefit for The Farm, at Potrero and Army, on Thanksgiving, November 24, at 8 PM. Tickets \$4-\$6, sliding scale. Phone 826-4290.

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The star-studded benefit for *Sold Out* magazine, the city's only cabaret guide, was a four-hour marathon that headlined some of our favorite women, introduced several new men whom I'll tell you about in upcoming issues, and garnered *Sold Out* publisher Gary Menger a citation from the Board of Supervisors in recognition of the support the publication gives the city's cultural life.

In the honored closing spot that evening was Sean Martinfield. While he's overshadowed by the Samantha Samuels, Weslia Whitfield or Lynda Bergren brand of headliner, he's a deft performer with a charming personality and — this is for sure — a repertoire unique to himself.

Sean is part of the unusual flowering of male performers that is a surprising and heartening recent trend. With the exception of Aldo Bell, who frequently leaves legit singing aside to camp around with a feather boa and a festive tune, Sean is the only male in town who presents himself in a Gay light, and that's one of the reasons I like him. No homogenization to please the mainstream here. It's the rarity of his material and the wit and polish with which he presents it which should win this man the mainstream.

Gay audiences, myself included, are hard on their male performers. Yet I found nothing offensive or Uncle Tom-ing about Sean. His rolling eyes, Franklin Pangborn pout and fluttering wrist are

used to deliver his material, highlight with satire a giddy moment in the tunes he sings, or underscore a droll joke. He's *tres gai*, oh yes, but humanly so. Only a homophobe could compare him to Liberace or Rip Taylor, for there is no caricature of Gay stereotypes in Sean. His flutters and giggles bubble out of his mischievous personality, and he's so utterly sincere about his material that his manner of presentation becomes an appreciable part of our enjoyment. If Gay men can't be entertained by this fey bauble, they've lost touch with an honorable, and deep-rooted, performing tradition.

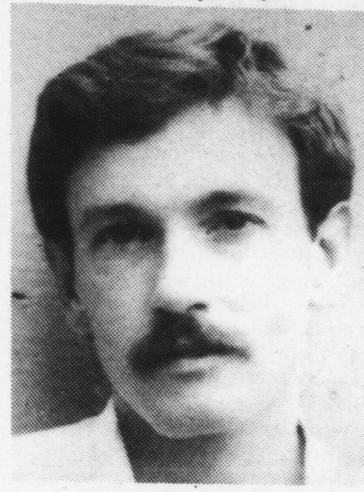
The core of Sean's act is **Yes, Yes, Jeanette**, his explanation of the creation of an MGM musical of the Jeanette and Nelson sort. He lovingly



Supervisor Dick Hongisto presents "Sold Out Cabaret Guide" publisher Gary Menger with a certificate from the Board of Supervisors while club managers Manny Scrofani (Fanny's), Russ Alley (Plush Room) and Tom Vetrano (Roxie Roadhouse) concur. Joe Ellis (Trinity Place) was present also. (Photo: T. Loewer)

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with unholy glee to keep things fun. With his matinee-idol looks, dimple in his cheek, little finger held aloft in a tiny, arch wink and his fresh choice of songs, Sean is an imp of pure delight. I don't know if he'll ever be a mainstream act, but Sean provides a couple of laugh-and-tune-filled hours particularly attuned to a Gay sensibility that combines a love of romantic music with sassy camp.



Singer/comedian Sean Martinfield

Sean Martinfield next appears at the Plush Room on Friday, December 3, at 8:30: 885-6800.

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John F. Karr

FILM CLIPS

Gospel Steamroller Singing

by Keith White

The first article Dance writer Keith White submitted to the B.A.R. was a review of the gospel concert which has now been released on film. His review of the movie follows.

Gospel, the film excerpts from a gospel music extravaganza at Oakland's Paramount Theater a year or so ago, is half-way through its two week run at the Castro Theater. Filmed in Panavision and recorded in 24-track Dolby stereo, **Gospel** is celluloid presentation of relatively uncharted musical territory. The gospel recording industry has flourished for decades primarily for a Black religious following, although it has maintained a crossover into Black secular music as well. This film should make Black gospel music accessible to more of us, or at the very least, give the movie-going public a glimpse of a cultural phenomenon: the native West African musical heritage blended with the European musical traditions America was heir to. The energy and theatricality of modern gospel music are irresistible, and **Gospel** gives us a dose of it calculated to be "an unforgettable musical experience" as the camera pans over the solitary splendor of the empty Paramount Theatre. A lone voice sings in the distance.

With sudden ferocity, The Mighty Clouds of Joy charge into "Ride the Mighty High," which many of us discoed to in the seventies, and from that point there is no turning back. Our adrenaline activated, they give us a slow rendering of "Walk Around Heaven All Day" in the powerful falsetto that only black men are capable of. From there, the program of songs is all high energy, sweat, "drunk in the spirit."

Shirley Caesar, grand dame of gospel, stalks the stage and holds us helplessly

on a good show. Unlike most beginners on the cabaret circuit, they've already garnered stage experience and savvy, and we all know they can sing.

Meg McKay returns to the Plush Room on Monday, November 29, with a three-piece band. When smiling, Meg resembles Beverly Sills (without the avoirdupois) and shares Bubbles' exuberant high spirits as well.

When belting, her voice shines like her golden red hair. On ballads, it's breathy, intimate. Her songbag mixes safe bets (a Fats Waller medley) with clever ideas (a long-overdue rediscovery of Bif Rose's "I Got You Covered," and a lovesick cow singing "This Beastly Love" — "that milkman of mine, he don't squeeze me anymore") with strong ballads (Brel's "My Death," "Spring Can Really Hang You Up The Most"). My favorite was a belted "Natural Woman," on which she exhibited her most continuously projected assumption of style.

She's not an interpreter of songs, nor does she have a star's voice. But she pleased me for an evening, and I'm sure you'll enjoy her, too, on her one night solo before Mother Babylon reclaims her.

captive with her fierce hyperactivity.

The Hawkins Family rushes the audience even more, and never let up. Their men are handsome and their women are beautiful. Edwin begins, followed by Tramaine — chic and svelte with a voice that can cut glass. Walter — fine man that he is — has his turn before sister Lynette takes over and gets all the way down.

The first moment of repose comes with The Clark Sisters, the contemporary gospel group I hold in highest esteem. Each of the five is a formidable soloist, and their harmony and moving parts in ensemble are musical miracles. Finally we get to hear the technical wonders of the gospel vocal — some ornamentations that have their operatic counterparts (appoggiaturas and portamentos) and some, like rising attack, falling release and improvised melisma (as many as ten or twenty notes sung on a single syllable) which could never be formulated on a musical score.

The program ends with the appearance of James Cleveland with the Southern California Community Choir — the man who has influenced and promoted Gospel music in America more than any individual except Thomas Dorsey. "Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus" is the hair-raising climax of the film. The whole experience can leave one happily dazed.

Gospel should prove to enjoy great popularity among general audiences everywhere, its energy alone, so expertly filmed and recorded, acting on our nervous systems and carrying us away. The shortcoming of the film, as film and as a musical exposition of the gospel style, is its lack of lyrical singing, which abounds in gospel music though one would never guessed that from this movie alone. But it's high time gospel came out of its closet, and this new movie is a powerful step forward.

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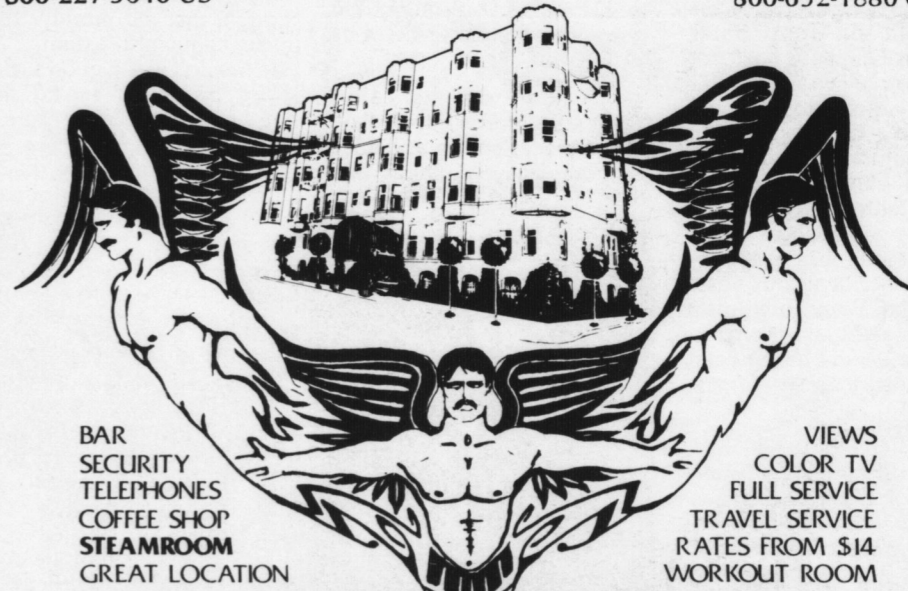
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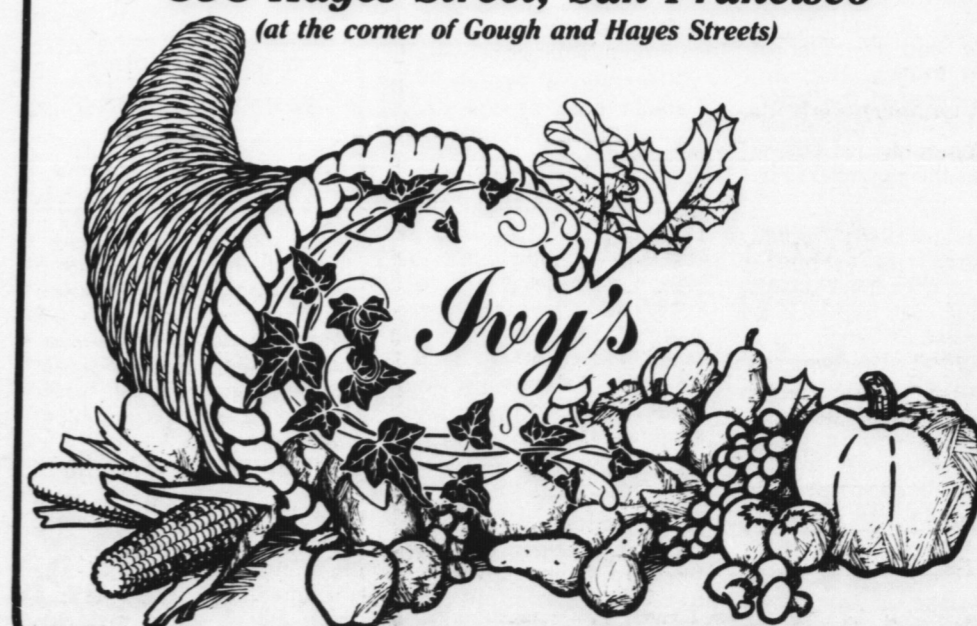
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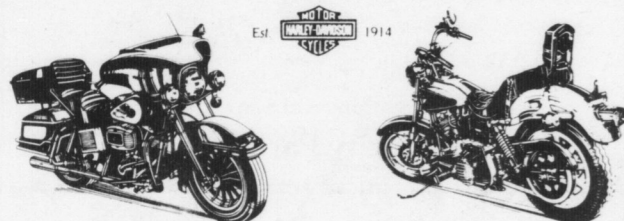
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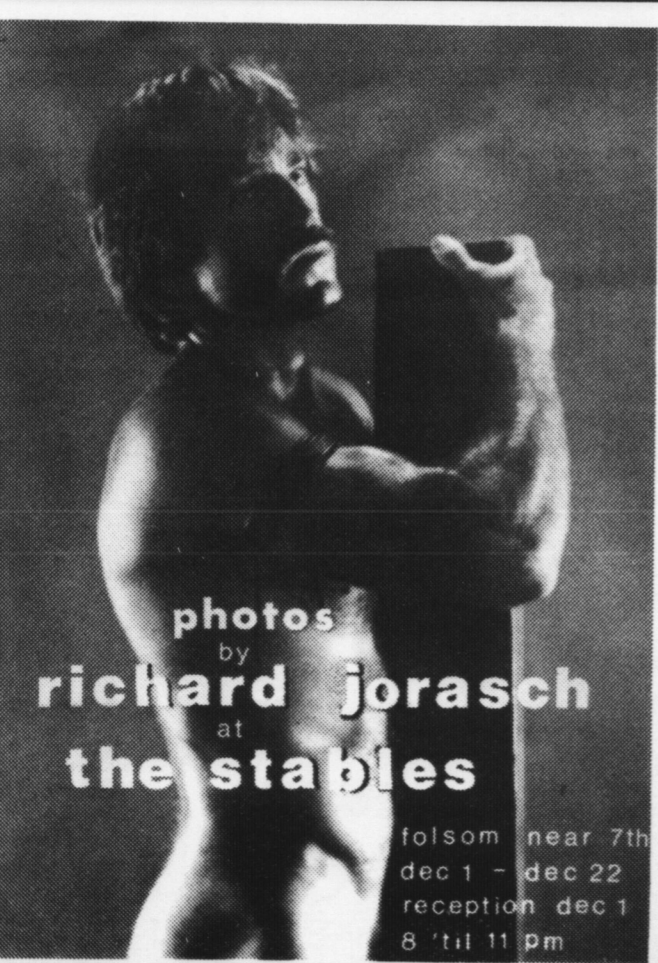
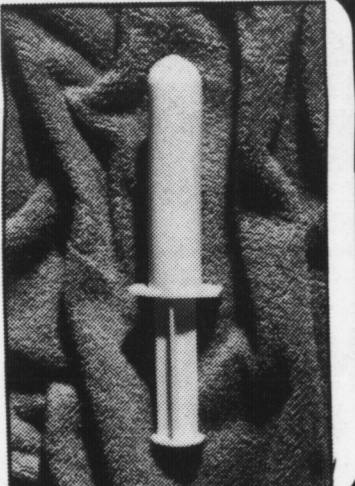
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TALES OF TESSI TURA

Mozart... Mostly

GEORGE HEYMONT

I'm beginning to develop a perverse affection for Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*. When I first saw the opera some 15 years ago I was bored to tears and loathed the experience. Subsequent performances have demonstrated why. Too often opera companies approach the work as if they were tiptoeing across eggshells. In their desire to pay full homage to Mozart's genius they forget that the Beaumarchais comedy upon which the opera is based is really quite a lot of fun.

Performances of the work always open up the crucial debate about whether or not it should be performed in English. Having seen two performances in English and two in Italian during the past year, I'll opt for the English without the slightest hesitation. Why should the audience lose out on such a good time? The danger of producing an evening full of tones which are pear-shaped and dull became only too apparent during the San Francisco Opera's new production this fall.

GERIATRIC GOINGS-ON

One of the underlying problems with SFO's new production was purely agist. Terry McEwen chose veterans who are respected stylists in their field but whose maturity worked against them. Hermann Prey's Figaro bore an uncanny resemblance to Senator Milton Marks in a bolero jacket. Tom Krause's Count was uncomfortably wooden. While Lucia Popp's Susanna and Helena Doese's Countess produced some gorgeous sounds something was frighteningly absent. The missing quality was the life force behind Mozart's music which had been surgically removed by Sonja Frisell's sterile direction.

The only member of the cast to triumph over matters was Faith Esham, whose Cherubino was a role model for all who plan to sing the role. Aglow with puberty and flush with infatuation, Miss Esham's characterization was a knockout (and by comparison, the only exciting thing happening on the stage). Zack Brown's stupendous sets and costumes will be a handsome addition to the San Francisco Opera's warehouse but they need to be inhabited by younger artists with a bit more spunk. No amount of oohing and aahing by the audience can make up for the fact that this Figaro was inexcusably dull.

PLACING A PREMIUM ON YOUTH

Several nights later I found myself wide awake, wondering why such a carefully cast production should fall on its face. Alas, I did not have a

could never again hope to achieve. Nadia Pelle's Cherubino was a little too lightweight, but a sturdy portrait, nonetheless.

The women were a delightful surprise. Kathryn Bouleyn (who had impressed audiences as the sultry Cora in *The Postman Always Rings Twice* this summer in St. Louis) was a remarkably kittenish Countess. Despite one or two splayed notes above the staff, Bouleyn delivered some phenomenal singing, indicating once more that a major artist is in the making. Inga Nielsen's Susanna grew in depth as the evening wore on, glistening like a diamond in the final garden scene. The musical values under Scott Bergeson's baton were far more lively than Silvio Varviso's conducting in San Francisco.

I suppose the best barometer is the audience reaction itself. In San Francisco the audience was listless, tired and disinterested as the evening wore on. One Mozart fan raved on and on about the fireworks at the end of the opera. The reviews from the dailies would have made one believe that audiences left the house whistling Zack Brown's sets instead of Mozart's melo-



"I saw that, you lecherous old vampire." Cherubino (Faith Esham) watches as the Count (Tom Krause) gets ready to plant a hickey on Susanna (Lucia Popp) in Mozart's *THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO*.

num of rehearsal, but by the time I saw it there was an ensemble blessed with a devilish glee delivering Mozart's music with a comic panache tangible throughout the New York State Theatre.

The key asset here was Alan Titus' Count (a man whose constant indignation at being outfoxed by his inferiors left the audience howling with laughter). Sam Ramey's Figaro was exquisitely sung and acted with a lean virility which, alas, Hermann Prey

STAGE

Generalissimo

Three Day Regime Topples Play

by Scott Treimel

Farce demands two things: a nimbly plotted collusion course, and high velocity language to activate it. This is not restricted information. How it escaped William Martin, whose *Generalissimo* played last weekend at the Victoria, I do not know. The play, actually a musical, exudes enthusiasm the script cannot support. The characters talk their heads off and the story lumbers along like a coarse, unsteady drunk.

The story is of Phillip Reed's bid to glorify his colossal ego. He tries Hollywood and is deservedly rejected by "the big shots." Suddenly a

charm of a gushing fire hydrant.

It appears William Martin, who last August offered *The Flesh Eaters*, wrote *Generalissimo* to ensure himself a lead role. He plays Phillip but perhaps play is too strong a verb. What he does is slink about, whining and shrieking alternately at rather random intervals. His plentiful lack of style calls to mind the class clown grandstanding in the neighbor's backyard. Sylvia Gordon as Consuela and Joseph Helm as Private Yheenio are suitable to the cut-paper characters they play.

The over eagerness that characterizes the production is regrettably not contagious. It is as annoying as the thought that such hash could achieve staging in the first place.

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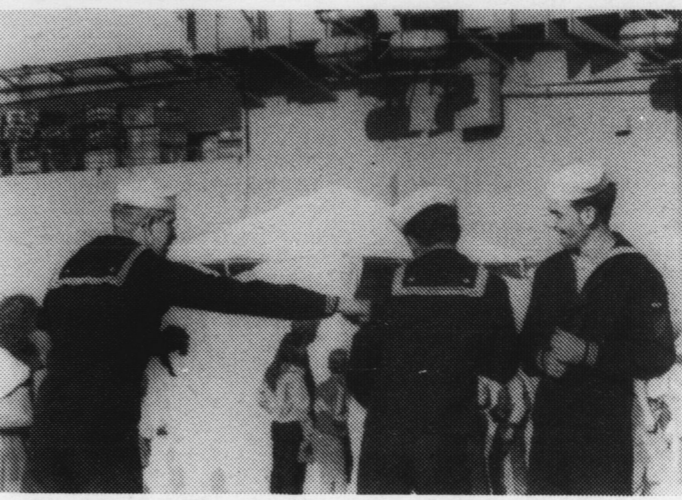
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Boys will be boys. These Coral Sea sailors, excited by arrival in San Francisco, indulged in some roughhousing. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

LANCED ALOT

The Wizards' Scribe: Generic Art describes the direct and endearing reflections of his world.

Richard Plumb has secretly (even unbeknownst to his boss) been carefully recording his world on film and using it as a base to create a catalogue of the So/M-Ambush experience in collage. It's interesting that Richard works in the Ambush along side of Lou Rudolph who is currently showing his work at The Stables. Lou covers similar ground as Richard, but in a vastly different style. Richard has created a form of mixed media which results in photo impressionism. Mr. Plumb directs you to his subject by color, the background falls into black and white. Richard is a careful observer of the human qualities he loves so much in his friends and fellow workers.

Soft spoken and direct, Plumb created a whole atmosphere to flame and focus his intent with his show. Everything was labeled: Mr. Norman wore "Bartender,"

Kerry had a T-shirt announcing "Boss." Wayne who is the "Bushes computer trainer" was branded "Asshole Repair" (The computer's name is Asshole.) Even the popcorn machine wore its name.

Electrifying: Stan of Febe's (who is recently divorced, by the way) bought one of those electric muscle stimulator/exercizers and has figured a way of sticking one of the pads up his butt. "I figure 45 minutes with this machine is like getting fucked for 5 hours. I'll let you know the results very soon." I'm sure the Surgeon General hasn't caught wind of this... I had a great talk with Fred Linde and Kent Mitchel, our leather men in the Rainbow Deaf Society. Those men can say more with their hands and eyes than most say in a week by talkin'... How do you make a Gay baby cry? Take the pacifier out of his ass!

Tales of the Golden Duck: Grand D. Kitty (also of the BC's) recently attended the coronation of Mr. & Ms. Gay Sonoma County at the Santa

Rosa Inn. Kitty was in full regalia when Michael Star approached her from the rear and proceeded to relieve himself! Michael left sans a tooth and Kitty lighter several stones in her ring. Meanwhile Dowager GD Vinnie (also of the BC's) let Frau Schnider have it at the Stallion that same night. The moral of the story: Don't fuck with a leather queen!

Gary K. tells me that the GG Troopers are now officially members of the ICF (Inter-Club Fund, in aid of club members) ... One of So/M's hottest, Mark Horvath is now working at Ruby's at 4th and Branan... try their superb beef dishes... The 15 Ass'n will hold their Fantasy/Fetish Night on Friday 11/26, at 10 PM. Contact Charles: 468-5669... the River Rats are invading the City! Ray Perea is now at Nothing Special on Castro. Glenn of RR Lodge is at the Stud, and Rod (also of RR Lodge) is petal pushing at A Scent of Flower on 24th and Castro.

What Caldron reveller was 86'd from the Oasis at church, for peeing off the outside balcony, in an attempt to hit the pool? "Don't pee in our pool, we don't swim in your toilet." Well, that's not entirely true!

PECTORAL REVELRY

Peter Cail spun to a very humpy group at Muscle Beach (Oasis) last Friday for Keith Wilson's birthday. The plain clad crowd enjoyed the mixology of Mike and Bob as owners Steven and Jason bought round after round of 100 proof schnapps, destroying Saturday morning for several. The party givers were Miles of the Club SF's Gym and David Marcus, who arrived after the Symphony with handsome David Wright (of the Men's Rm) on his arm. Greg Day with Hot-Wheels Bill Shepherd were out for a sleazy night on the town. Several hunky contestants from the CMC Carnival stopped by to pay their respects, telling stories of how winner Christian Winkle

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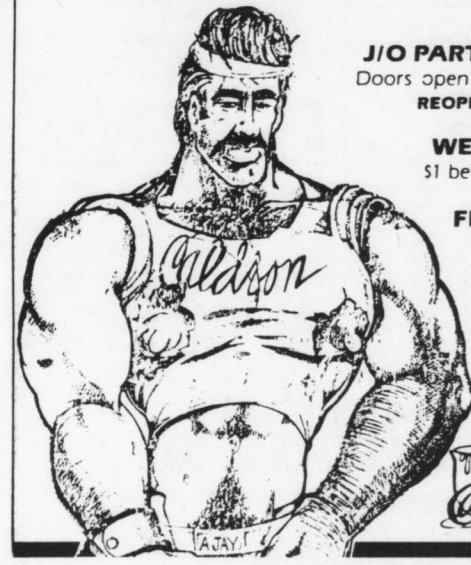
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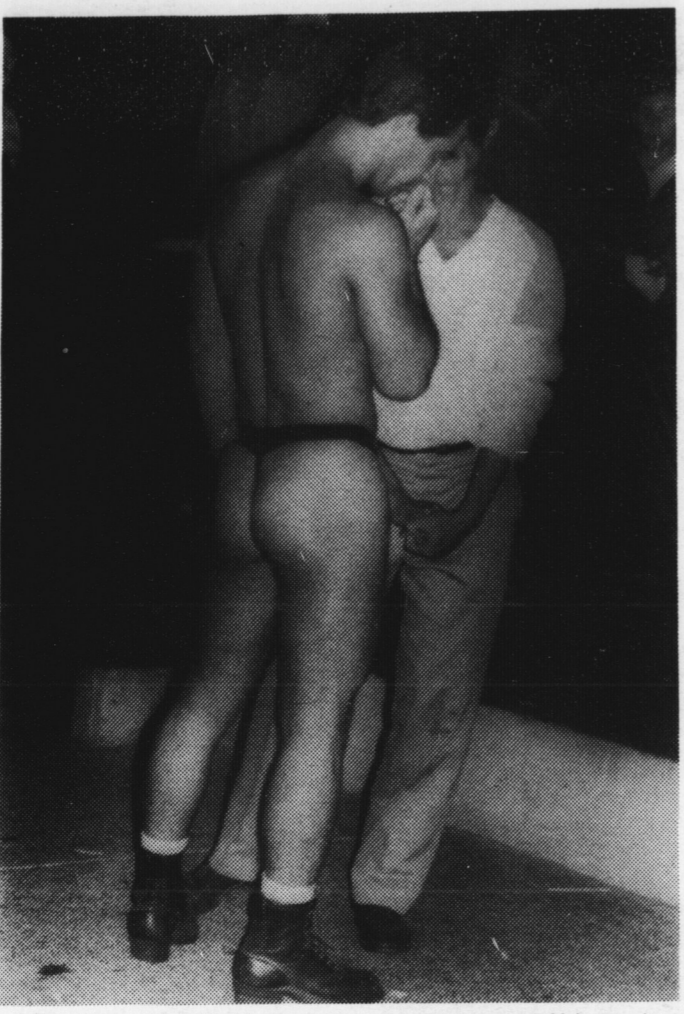
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bullied his arrogant way through the contest. They were disappointed that a professional contestant won instead of one of the community folks, who really work for it. Well, that's the way the hundreds crumple.
Miles says everyone at the party (a considerable number) was connected to Keith by either marriage (ex's for

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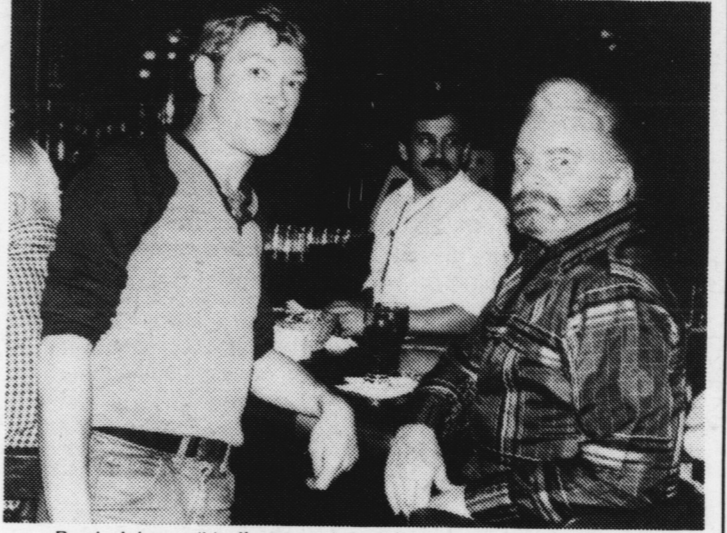
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SWEETLIPS SEZ

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Randy Johnson (l) offers an early birthday greeting to the rather surprised Sweet Lips. He's probably startled that 60 can creep up so fast! His birthday will be celebrated from 4 to 9p.m. on December 1 at the Hob Nob, and donations to the KS Foundation will be accepted in lieu of gifts. (Photo: Rink)

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The popular Darryl Glied is now working Monday through Friday days from 11 to 6 at the popular Yacht Club on Polk Street... glad to have you in the neighborhood that you know so well, Darryl.

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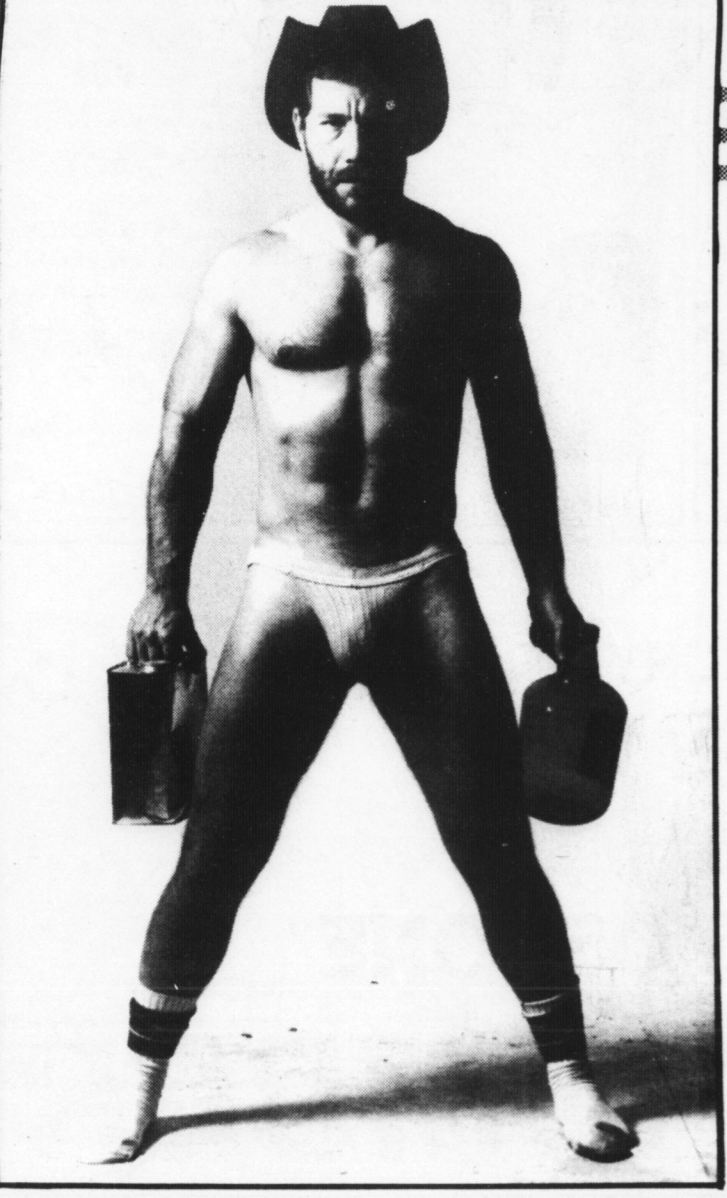
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An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted
Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B
In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids
Such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications
For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine
After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation. 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101°F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102°F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

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5 Arrests in Castro Beating Victim Praises Police Work

by George Mendenhall

"The officers who showed up immediately after the attack and Officer Armand Gordon, who investigated the case, have been highly professional and very human," Russell Mills related this week from his bed at General Hospital. "I feel good about the way they handled everything from the start. They could not have been more supportive and sympathetic."

Officer Gordon of the Public Works detail acted quickly on Monday morning after the Friday midnight attack on November 19. Although he claims he was hampered by the Public Defender's office, the officer used a license plate number provided by Mills to track down the five alleged attackers.

Mills was repeatedly struck by a male wielding a cane like a baseball bat at 19th and Sanchez after he and his lover, David, were returning from a late dinner at a Polk Street restaurant. He is still in General Hospital where he has had two operations — on his kneecap, which was par-

tially removed during the attack, and his wrist, which was shattered. Now in two body casts, he is attempting to learn how to walk with crutches and will be recovering at home for at least two months.

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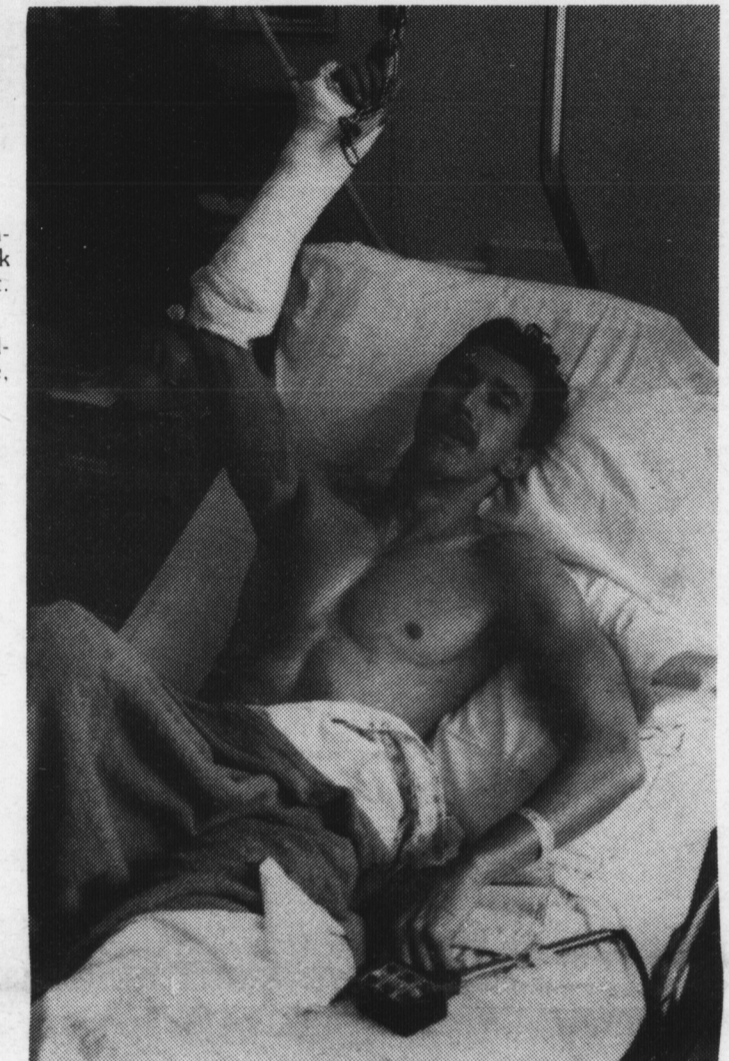
"Tell your readers I am

really pissed. I have had to put up with a lot of bullshit from the Public Defender's office," Officer Gordon related. He claims that a member of the defender's staff went out of his way to inform the young men early not to give a statement to the police until they had legal counsel.

Public Defender Jeff Brown responded, "Gordon is not a bad guy. He is just trying to do his job. He is sore because he was denied a statement. When people come to us and say they are suspects, we tell them that the statements to the police make a case for the cops. In this case it would be a 17-year-old kid against a seasoned cop who is shrewd. The kids think they can handle it but they can't."

Gordon responded, "They acted improperly. I am trying to conduct an investigation and some of the suspects would not talk with me after they talked to the public defender's Ernie Gonzales. I called him and we had a shouting match. If he had not got involved it would have been wrapped up. Now I have to put extra hours in on this case. It makes my work difficult. The taxpayers should know how one city department can interfere with the work of another department."

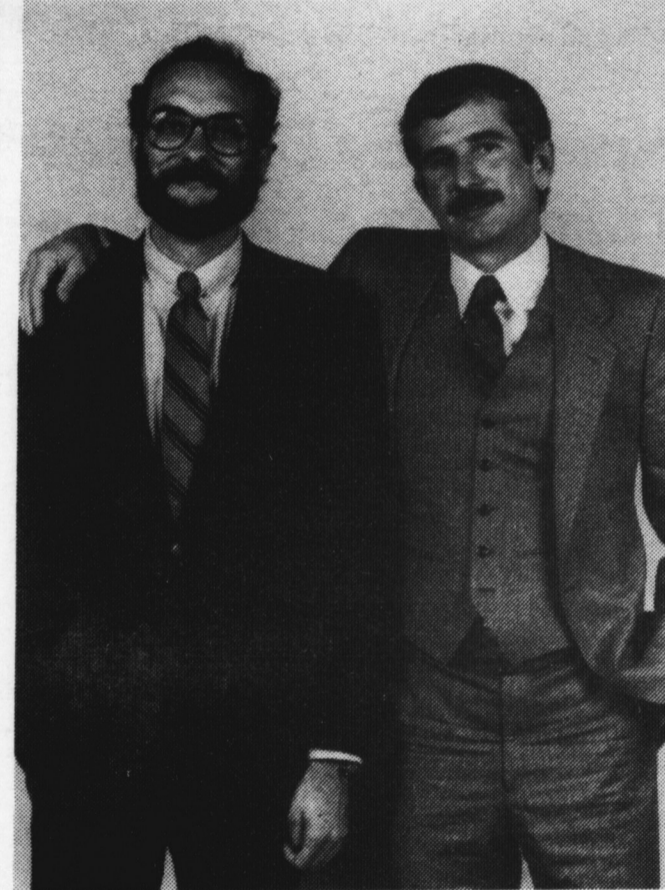
Randy Schell, Community United Against Violence official, said he regularly advises



A shattered right wrist and a smashed left kneecap and multiple head lacerations were Russell Mills' gift from five Catholic high school boys "from good families." (Photo: Harry Guremond)

SFPD Fires Gay Cop

Decorated Vietnam Vet
Fails Field Training



Attorney Matt Coles and his client, ex-SFPD'er Randy Taylor.

Upfront Gay policeman Randy Taylor has lost his battle to become a San Francisco police officer.

Since August of 1982 when Taylor finished his field training, he has been in limbo awaiting the final disposition of his case. On November 29 Chief Con Murphy officially notified Taylor that he had been terminated.

Murphy had been deliberating the embattled candidate's case for a week after a November 23 formal 3-hour hearing at the Hall of Justice.

Murphy wrote that Taylor's scores in several vital areas

were unacceptable. In driving, Taylor got an acceptable rating 20 out of 56 scored episodes. In field performance (nonstress) Taylor scored acceptable in 14 out of 51 episodes (stress situations, 3 out of 9). In problem solving/decision making he scored acceptable 26 out of 43 times. In officer safety, 43 acceptable out of 100.

Taylor's scores were compiled in a 14-week field training phase of his cadetship from May to August 1982. After graduating from the 17-week police academy Taylor, like all the officer rookies, was

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Gays, their friends, and their Color Guard assembled on the steps of City Hall for a Milk/Moscone memorial. More pictures of the memorial on page 12. (Photo: Wood)