An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

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.

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, 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.

Mayor Feinstein needed favorable press in the Gay community after her recent veto of domestic partners legislation. Her appointment will please a large number of Gay people and bring some negative response from those on the political left who consider Berg's political style too conservative.

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unprecedented number of coauthors including Tom Hannigan, who comes from a very conservative district. This is response to the active lobbying going on all over the state



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BIG GAY TURNOUT

Jerry Berg Sworn in for Appeals Board

by George Mendenhall

"Some people are offering their condolences," joked Attorney Jerry Berg this week when he accepted an appointment to the city's prestigious Board of Permit Appeals. The Board is the "court of last resort" for citizens who claim that they have been treated unfairly by other city agencies. Berg was stepping in again to serve in a life thus far dedicated to public service.

The swearing-in ceremony brought out scores of wellwishers who filled the Mayor's outer offices and flowed into the hallway. Feinstein commented that she had never seen so many city supervisors at such a ceremony (present: Britt, Kennedy, Renne, Walker, Maher). City Treasurer Mary Callahan attended with numberous commissioners (including Jo Daly, Jane McKaskle Murphy, Richard Sevilla, Tom Horn and Libby Denebeim). Berg's parents were present and in-

The new official said he had heard that "the board hears some fascinating massage parlor cases. The bad news is that all of these cases are straight." He added that he had learned early from his mother that all people are equal and that the highest gift

Berg paid tribute to the Mayor for "your commitment to keep open the lines of communication with the Gay and Lesbian communities. He added, "This appointment is not just an acknowledgement of the presence of Gays and Lesbians in our city but a reflection of our ability to participate in the full range of decisions affecting all San Franciscans.

Feinstein, in turn, praised Berg as a person who has "a judicial temperament for fairness and a thoughtful use of common-sense." She said, 'Jerry is a person of great perception and quiet understanding who is respected throughout the legal community for his reasoned advocacy and commitment to excellence.

FEINSTEIN CONTROVERSY

Berg talked with this report-

passed by the Wisconsin legis-

lature. One thing they did

which we haven't yet is get the churches involved. The

Archbishop of Milwaukee was a very strong supporter and

there was a consortium of Catholic and Protestant hier-

archy throughout the state. I

intend to work on that much

go to Jim Costa, a swing vote

on the Labor Committee,

where the bill is now being

considered. He said that

Costa, a Fresno Democrat, is

leaning toward a "yes" vote,

The Assemblyman also re-

iterated his regret over his vote for SB 1025, which

allows police to sue citizens

who make false complaints of

misconduct. He vowed to

fight SB 34, a new bill which makes such complaints a mis-

but needs to be pushed.

demeanor.

Agnos asked for letters to

more vigorously.

Agnos Rescues Gay TV Spot

Assemblyman sees good chances for ABI

by Margaret Frost

ssemblyman Art Agnos brought good news about a controversial "mental wellness" spot and the future of AB1 to the first 1983 meeting of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club

In an eleventh hour CIA-type action ("I met someone in a garage.") Agnos was able to salvage one of the TV commercials promoting positive Gay images before Governor Jerry Brown left office. The films were produced by the state Health and Welfare Agency last year as an effort to promote mental wellness by depicting positive images of various segments of the population. The ones dealing with Lesbians and Gays were held back after production because Agency Director Mario Obledo claimed they constituted advocacy.

"In the spot that will be released, Abigail Van Buren talks in a positive way about a letter from a woman with a Lesbian daughter," Agnos ex-plained. "Pat Norman did a great job of developing these messages, and it's too bad we couldn't save the others."

The San Francisco Democrat also seemed confident about the chances of passing AB1 (which prohibits discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual orientation) this year. "We have the most progressive legislature that I've seen in my 16 years in Sacramento," he pointed out. "We have an

"A similar bill was recently

criticized by many because of her veto of the domestic partners legislation. I telephoned my concern to several Gay leaders and everyone seemed to encourage me to accept. How does Berg think about the vetoed legislation? He said he personally urged the Mayor to sign it because it was politically the right thing for her to do. The attorney said he had personal reservations about the original legislation. Berg stressed, "Of course it is inevitable that many benefits

er earlier in his Union Square law offices about his concern

that he might be isolating him-

self from the rest of the Gay

community by accepting the

know the mayor has been

appointment. He said,

now enjoyed only by married partners will be extended to other partners. The 1980 census said that only 27% of the population lives in conventional marriage situations. There is a beginning of an evaluation of how people really live that will result in benefits for many others." Is there now a restoration

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spell, activist Jo Daly held the seat." No Gay person was appointed after Daly left but a recent vacancy resulted in the

latest Gay appointment. BERG'S DEDICATION

Rumors that there are two Continued on page 3

of the "Gay" seat on the Board of Permit Appeals? Berg had no comment, but that is what is being repeated in the Gay community. Harvey Milk was appointed to the board by Mayor George Moscone. Later, Attorney Rick Stokes, next David Scott, and finally for a brief



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A PAGE FULL OF PICTURES for the '83 ALICE: executive elections response to latest incidents: Konstantin Berlandt, MYSTERY MAN: an interview with gay author



Newly appointed Board of Permit Appeals member. Jerry Berg. gets kisse and congratulations from his parents at swearing in ceremony. (Photo: Rink)

MISSION STATION PROTEST

Jaguar Raid Triggers Gay Reaction Explain Jaguar Raid

by Konstantin Berlandt



Over 100 picketeers turned out to walk along Valencia Street in front of Mission Police Station. Rink's camera catches Randy Stallings. Connie O'Connor and Greg Day. (Photo: Rink)

ast week's issue of the B.A.R. had only been out a few hours, headlining the 3-police raid on the Jaguar Bookstore a few days after Christmas, when an unsigned flyer appeared in the Ineighborhood: "Another Police Attack! Protest Police Harassment against Gay and Latin

One of the simple black and white flyers was stuck to a windshield of a black and white police car parked outside Moby Dick's, across from the Jaguar reading room and private membership club on 18th Street near Castro

The rally outside Mission Police Station on Valencia near 24rd Street was initially called by the Concilio de la Raza para Educacion. Ayuda y Recursos (CREAR), or Council of La Raza for Education. Assistance and Resources, but the recent police visitation on the famed bookstore two weeks ago lent immediate impetus within the Gay community.



Alleged station house victim Roberto Hernandez. (Photo: Rink)

Last Friday, beginning at 11 AM, a mixture of some 150 people marched outside the police station governing the Mission and Castro areas of the city. Cholo's in black jackets and pants carrying picket signs alongside secretaries in nylons and high heels and well-known Gay leaders including former candidates Greg Day and Robert Barnes, labor activist Howard Wallace, Eureka Valley Promotion Association President Vaughn Taylor, former

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club President Gerry Parker, new Alice B. Toklas Club President Randy Stallings. State Senator Art Agnos' aide Cleve Jones, activist Bob Basker, Concerned Republican Chris Bowman officially observing, and Mission Station neighbors just passing through Chris Puccinelli and Larry Glover

Glover complained about police cars blocking his drive way around the corner.

The rally was called after an alleged police attack and choke hold on Bernal Heights Community Foundation leader Roberto Hernandez, the same week as the raid on the Jaguar. Hernandez, on a megaphone, told the demonstrators, "I was choked and while being choked I passed out." He said he might have been killed had he not passed out first

The police choke hold has been banned in some cities after several deaths

Speakers from the Gay and

Lesbian communities included Diane Christensen from the Community United Against Violence (CUAV) Supervisor Harry Britt, Gay and Latin activist Eddie Baca. and longtime Alice President and Sheriff's Deputy Connie O'Connor

O'Connor read a resolution from Alice calling for Mission Station's director Captain Donald Taylor to "be immediately removed from his position" because of a string of at tacks on the community.

Britt urged the same in a letter of recommendation to the Police Commission passed through the Board of Supervisors Monday. By Tuesday, Taylor had, in fact, been replaced by Central Stacommander Victor tion Macia.

Britt told the protesters. "The Police Department is at war with the Latin community

Quipped one demonstrator. "Help your local police department beat yourself up



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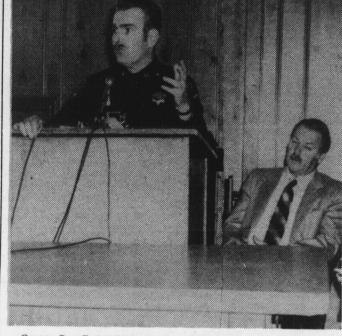
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Police Requested to

Mission Chief Shifted

The Board of Supervisors has written to the city's Police Commission, requesting that it explain its policy in regard to police relations with Gay businesses and to communi-cate that some office conduct in that regard is inappropriate. Specific reference is made to a police "raid" on the Jaguar Book Store in the Castro area.



Captain Don Taylor (L) has been relieved of his command by Chief Con Murphy (R). (Photo: Rink)

The letter was initiated by Supervisor Harry Britt, who told the Board "This attack was dangerous and unnecessarily provoking. It is another in a whole list of incidents which prove that the Police Department is not interested in curbing the homophobic attacks of its officers on the Gay and Lesbian community.

The commission has been asked to request of the police Internal Affairs Bureau that it speedily process complaints filed by two Jaguar clerks. John Pofahl and Robert Hale.

Two officers entered the Jaguar store at 2:30 AM on December 28. It is alleged that one officer pulled a knife when he was denied entrance to the store's membership club. The officers then entered the club when an exiting member opened the door. House lights were then lighted by a clerk and about twenty customers left the premises. There were no arrests

Meanwhile, Police Chief Con Murphy this week announced a change of command at the Mission District station, the target last week of charges of police brutality leveled by members of the atino and Gay communities.

Captain Donald Taylor has transferred from the Mission Station to the Bureau of Investigation at the Hall of Justice. Captain Victor Macia, commander of Central Station, will take command at Mission, Murphy said.

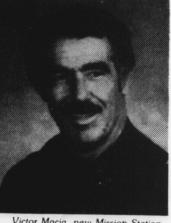
Murphy said he was concerned about "recurrent problems in the district that relate to supervision and training and while I do not hold Captain Taylor directly responsible, I feel that a change of command will be in the best interest of all concerned."

In other administrative moves caused by the change at Mission, Captain Willis Casey, chief of airport police, will take Macia's post at the Central Station, and Captain John Damon of the field operations bureau will take the airport command temporarily.

Taylor has had several runins with the local Castro Gay community over the past twelve months. In incident after incident Taylor seemed unable to keep under control his midnight to 8 AM shift. Late night arrests in and around Collingwood Park have been a constant source of iritation

As early as last April, Gay activists were pressing Chief Murphy to replace Taylor. The matter became particularly acute when Taylor ordered his Mission Station house to be disinfected with Lysol after a Gay patrolman turned up for duty with a Herpes blister on his mouth. Taylor said the City Health Department told him to disinfect the way he did. However, no one could be found at City Health who issued such instructions.

At another point Taylor put



Victor Macia. new Mission Station

himself on the midnight shift to personally supervise the late night police behavior. Over the months several officers received official reprimands for their performance.

Others viewed Taylor as a simple cop who seemed to want to do a good job, want to cooperate with the Gay community, but that his offi cers failed him time after time. How he behaved and what he said once inside the station house is beyond the ken of this writer. Matters never got better long enough to make a difference, and last week's alleged Latino beating and the maverick assault on the Jaguar book store were the straws that broke the camel's back.

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candidate.









Jerry Berg Sworn in



Mayor Feinstein swearing in Jerry Berg. (Photo: Rink)

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more Jerry Berg's are untrue but a summary of his community involvements plus his law firm schedule seems to support the premise. In private practice his law firm on Union Square now has two associate attorneys, Mark Michael and James Kaller. When not seeing clients, Berg might be found across town at an American Civil Liberties Union meeting, in New York at a Human Rights Campaign Fund function, or at home welcoming guests to a recep-tion for a favored political

The Berg home is on the side of Twin Peaks. He often shares it with service organization activists, Gay activists and endless friends. Politically, his associates are generally removed from street politics as Berg's style is more careful, deliberately directed and purposely reserved. He is a member of the local Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, but he is better know nationally in Gay activist circles for his efforts as co-chair of the

Human Rights Campaign Fund. The fund has raised five hundred thousand dollars for congressional candidates in 1982 who are supportive of a Gay rights agenda.

State politics concern Berg also and his personal association with Governor Jerry Brown was one fact that resulted in Brown's appointment of Mary Morgan to the Municipal Court bench. Brown appointed Berg to the important state Commission on Personal Privacy.

The privacy commission recently issued a report that calls for significant changes in state practices and legislation. Berg says, "This issue is increasingly personal privacy — the right of all Americans to do what they choose in the privacy of their own homes. This is a unifying issues of all Gay people.

What does Jerry Berg do just for fun? He is self-proclaimed "workaholic" who finds joy in doing many things that others might find mun

dane. He does not appear to need regualr light diversions although he enjoys sailing in the bay and San Francisco Symphony concerts. Although he has traveled around the world more than once he says, "I really find excitement in reading about civil rights and Gay rights issues.

EARLY JERRY BERG

The new appointee did not consider himself "Gay" until after he graduated from Stanford Law School in 1964 The 1960's were a hectic period as Berg completed his studies at Stanford, served two years in the Navy, was married for three years to a Stanford student, and served as a Ford Foundation-sponsored "treaties officer" in the African country of Malawi. His practice as an anti-draft attorney on the Peninsula won him considerable attention. At this time he was commuting to San Francisco for the Gay life while remaining closeted in his law practice

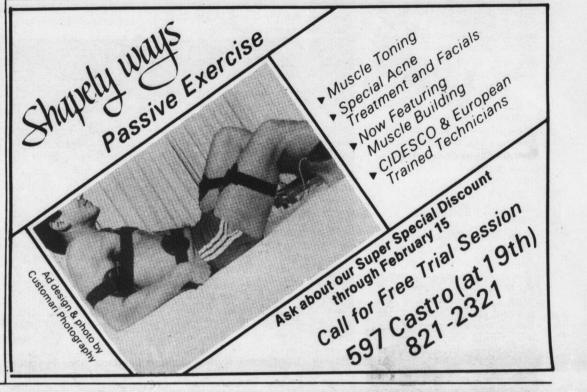
Anita Bryant's anti-Gay crusade in 1977 dramatically moved Berg (and many others) out of the closet. He began to direct his body and his checkbook into Gay liberation activities.

When State Senator John Briggs later began a campaign o bar Gay teachers from the public schools, Berg made the big step. He realized that a highly professional and wellfinanced campaign would be necessary to counteract the Briggs effort. He telephoned publisher David Goodstein, activist Jim Foster and several others. They met at a Bergorganized summit session at Pajaro Dunes (near Monterrey). It was at the

Dunes that the statewide No on 6 campaign was launched. Berg became the Northern California co-chair of that effort. A huge sum of money was raised, and Briggs lost.

The Briggs campaign was a proud achievement that Berg is pleased to have been instrumental in shaping. However, it is only one of his countless achievements in his young (he is only 45) career. Maybe the pleasure he feels about his new appointment is best expressed by his friend, Jim Foster, who believes, "Jerry is a wonderful role model. His life seems to say that you don't have to be a martyr to be a Gay person. You don't have to be a loser to be Gay. What Jerry is saying is 'Come out, the water's terrific and I'm having a wonderful time

George Mendenhall



No Ban on Gay Blood

by George Mendenhall

"Direct or indirect questions about a blood donor's sexual preference are inappropriate," several national blood bank associations are expected to announce today from Washington, D.C.. A joint press release, it is believed, will emphasize, "Such an invasion of privacy might be justified only if it demonstrates clear-cut benefit." Numerous blood bank associations are expected to sign the statement. The three major ones are the American Red Cross, the American Association of Blood Banks, and the Council of Community Blood Centers. The Red Cross draws 91% of the blood used commercially in the country. The major blood donor service locally is the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank.

Fear swept the Gay community from coast to coast this week when rumors spread that blood banks would begin to bar Gay people from giving blood due to the high incidence of Gay people who have Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Although the clarifi-cation statement from the blood bank groups was reassuring, it appeared to have one negative aspect — there will no longer be any effort made to solicit blood from Gay groups

Bay Area Reporter was unable to receive an advance copy of the statement being released but learned that the broad non-solicitation of all Gay groups is not what was originally discussed when Gay activists and Gay physi-cians met with blood officials earlier

Dr. Barry Enlow, a nationally known Gay authority on AIDS in New york City, emphasized, "A sex club per se might be a high risk group to draw blood from but a Gay political club would not. We should be talking about high risk groups who are defined medically - not sociological-

Another aspect of the press release is that although people would not be asked about their sexual orientation. they would be asked specific questions that might lead to the possibility that the person has AIDS. This will be done because one theory is that AIDS can be transmitted by blood. There is no apparent objection among Gay activists and physicians to this line of questioning.

NEW QUESTIONING

Questions that will be asked (some are now being asked at the local Irwin Memorial Blood Bank) include whether the potential donor has a loss of weight, general fatigue, fever, exposure to an AIDS victim, swollen lymph nodes or newly appearing skin lesions (blemishes). answered in a positive way, there is to be a follow-up questioning by a nurse or doctor. Irwin already has a check-list for potential donors that includes 40 points such as use of aspirin, recent dental surgery, malaria and hepa-

Dr. Marcus Conant, President of the local Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation, explained that one theory is that AIDS may be transmitted by a

not accurate because it is a much broader problem. He said that in 1976 Legionnaires disease was attributed to elderly veterans, and in 1979 toxic shock syndrome was believed to effect only young menstruating women. Conant said , both were proven to be much larger medical problems than the news media indicated at the

'AIDS appears to surface sexually active people, Conant said, and the effects are devastating. We have found over 900 cases, and there is a 40% mortality rate. What we are promoting now is more research and education leading more specifically to the causes.

Enlow is optimistic that the federally-financed Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta is now accelerating its efforts to discover how AIDS can be detected from blood sample screenings. Enlow has

Dr. Marcus Conant, local AIDS spokesman

blood-born virus which can also be transmitted in semen. He said that often semen is inactivated in the stomach if swallowed. However, on concern, he emphasized, is that when semen is deposited into the anus it can cross the wall of the intestines. He and other physicians stated that much of the thinking about AIDS is theoretical as research continues.

Conant cautioned that calling AIDS a "Gay disease" is transmitting AIDS. We want

been in conferences in Atlanta and Washington in the past month in which this was discussed. He was instrumental in developing the Red Cross / Blood Banks' Statement. Irwin Memorial's Scientific

Director, Dr. Herbert Perkins, attended the CDC meeting in Atlanta. He said that Irwin officials have "been considerably worried and concerned about the AIDS problem. We do not want to be responsible for to do anything to make blood safer. We know we have many Gay donors and we are not going to ask, 'Are you Gay?' Everyone is confused at this point about AIDS and blood transfusions. All we are looking for here are people any people — who are high

Dr. Bruce Evatt, a CDC official in Atlanta, said that he has received scores of telephone calls from the media about the AIDS blood problem. he said that CDC research is continuing while there is considerable concern because of the high mortality rate. "We are concentrating now," he urged, "on early diagnosis; at the same time we are attempting to discover what it is we are dealing with. It appears to be an infectious agent, similar to Hepatitis B."

LIFESTYLE ATTACKS

Evatt stressed that the sexual lifestyle of the partners appears to have a great deal to do with AIDS. He said that the number of partners and the use of amyl nitrites might be factors. Other researchers have dropped amyl from the suspect list.

Two Gay activists expressed immediate concern about the political consequences of the AIDS/blood bank story. Pat Norman in San Francisco and Morris Kight in Los Angeles are two Gay leaders that believe the effort against stigmatizing Gay people is what the Gay liberation movement has been about. Both expressed

GARY WYMAN CASE

CYA Murder Suspects Will be Tried as Adults

R ichmond Homicide Detective Gutierrez told the Bay Area Reporter this week that the two suspects in the Gary Wyman murder will be tried as adults. Wyman (32), a world famed equestrian was stabbed to death in a vacant Richmond cottage December 7. A few days later police arrested two youths at Byron Boys Ranch, a California Youth Authority (CYA) facility near Stockton.

The youths were on a and with whom he went to weekend pass to visit their Richmond. Gutierrez said parents in Richmond. However, they overstayed their leave and did not return to against the defendents. the CYA until two days later after Wyman's murder.

The pair has been identified as Morris Gene Ervin (who has just turned 18) and Brian Tracy Hill (16). On Monday Jan. 10, Contra Costa Superior Court Judge Patsey ordered the two to stand trial as adults.

Richmond police are still trying to piece together Wyman's movements on the night of the murder. If and when he was on Polk Street a vigorous prosecution and a in the early evening. When maximum sentence.

Bishop to Commission Castro Ministry

Castro Street.

Gay Singers will provide the spirituality, and the joys and musical setting for the Eucharist. In their premiere appearance under the direction of Robin Kay, the Singers will perform William Byrd's Mass in Three Voices. The sermon will be preached by Brother

alarm that homophobic groups such as the Moral Majority and distortions in the media about the issue are already damaging Norman, co-chair of the

large Coalition for Human Rights and the city's Gay/Lesbian Health coordinator, called upon the media not to use headlines such as "Gay Men's Disease Spreads to Straights" and Tot Gets Gay Disease." The coalition has issued a statement calling for the media to be calm in its reporting and to stop drawing blood lines around sexual orientation.

"We have spent so many years emphasizing that we are constructive, positive, mentally well human beings," Norman said, "and we lose all of that if we allow ourselves to be stigmatized as being carriers of a disease."

Kight, who met with Los Angeles Red Cross officials, believes "there are those who will attempt to link the Gay movement with death. That would result in the worst backlash that our movement has ever suffered. They would be saying that we should refrain from sex in order not to effect children with our lifestyle.

Activists across the country are concerned about the effect of the AIDS/ blood story distortions in the press and that the story could be used by some to work against Gay liberation. Many agree with Kight when he says, "Homophobia is part of this."

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Wyman was a world-class

horseman and had just re-

turned from a successful tour

of the European show circuit

the day before his death. Wy-

man was from a prominent

peninsula family and his funeral was attended by hun-

dreds of friends. Shocked and

angered by the brutal murder.

Wyman's friends have been

closely following the case and

have pledged to pressure for

The Parsonage, staffed

ships. The entire community

Bishop at the reception which

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Harry Britt.

The Rt. Rev. William E. Jesse Gutierrez, a Roman Swing, Episcopal Bishop of Catholic Christian Brother, California, will commission a teacher and psychotherapist. fourth group of lay persons on Tuesday, January 25, at daily from 1-11p.m. by train-6:30 p.m. in Grace Cathedral ed volunteers called Parsons, for ministry at The Parsonis a ministry of reconciliation age. The Parsonage is an outbetween the Church and the reach of the Episcopal Dio-Gay and Lesbian communicese of California at 555A ties. The Parsonage is a place where people can drop in to

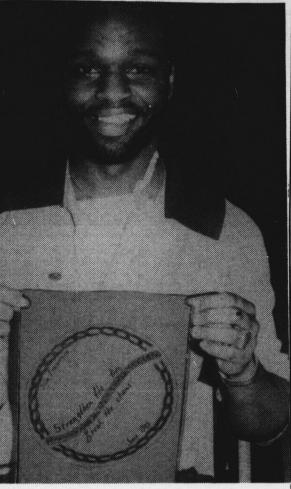
The Pacific Lesbian and discuss the issues of sexuality, crises of everyday relationis invited to attend the service, receive communion at the Eucharist, and meet the

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The '83 Gay Parade logo and its creator, Carlton Lassiter. (Photo: Rink)

The Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee Sunday selected a new logo for the June 26 parade and elected a new recording secretary.

Andrew Small, legal secretary, was elected a new officer of the organization. A ten-year resident of San Francisco, he says, "I feel like a native." He also said he has always wanted to be involved in something like the Parade Committee and how has the time for it.

From eight submissions, the logo of Carlton Lassiter won the vote of some 60 people at the Committee's general mem-bership meeting Sunday at the Women's Building. His design for the '83 theme, "Strengthen the Ties, Break the Chains," features a circle of chain broken through at both sides by an entwined rope and creating a yin yang symbiotic opposition within the circle.

Lassiter says he lay awake "a lot of nights, believe it or not" trying to come up with an illustration of the theme that would not require any words of explanation, but when pressed he offered a few:

"To be pushed away by society for being Gay and, in my case, being Black at the same time," he sees the theme as promoting "all people, all Gay people of all races pulling together and breaking all the things that are keeping us

The Committee will hold a special General Membership meeting Sunday, Jan. 30, 5-7 PM at the Women's Building, 3543-18th Street, to review new float and safety guidelines and program specifications before applications are mailed out

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN COMPLAINTS

Public Hearings Next Week

the implementation of an Office of Citizen Complaints within the Police Department. The new office was approved by the voters (62%) in the November election. The Police Commission hearing was requested by Supervisor

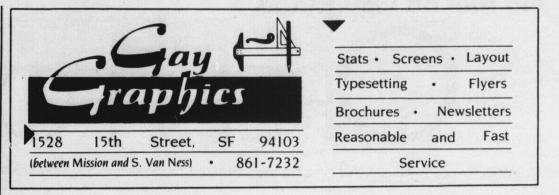
The new complaint office was established after years of citizen complaints alleging that the Police Department's own Internal Affairs Bureau was inadequate. That bureau will continue in operation.

Police officers staff the bureau, investigating citizen complaints against police officers and making recommendations for action to the Chief of Police. This includes a civi-

A public hearing will be lian investigator who also inheld on January 19 to begin vestigates complaints and reports to the Police Commission.

> The new office will have its own director, appointed by the commission, who must be a civilian who is not nor ever has been a police officer. The office will also investigate citizen complaints and recommend action to the Chief. It will also make monthly and quarterly reports on possible changes and amendments to department policies and practices. The estimated cost of the office's first year operation is \$625,000.

> The public hearings are scheduled for 5 PM at 332 Capp Street, near 17th and Mission streets.









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VIEWPOINT

Political Natures

Former Australian Dennis Altman has assigned for himself the role of latter-day De Touqueville of the Gay movement in America. His latest book The Homosexualization of America all but confirms that niche. While I am not convinced of his accuracy for in heavy psycho/socio jargon, Altman plods around an issue - he often almost makes a point.

This week he contributed a two-page solemn essay to the New York Native entitled "Why Bother with Electoral Politics?" The self-evident answer is, of course, bother but don't bother putting too many Gay eggs in one basket. Altman observes that in any sort of politics whose goal is social change (which describes the Gay Liberation movement) process is as important as the end result

"By this I mean," he writes, "that through struggle we mobilize people, we educate people, we raise issues, and we build alliances." He proceeds with a melodramatic speculation on the New York City scene. "I would rather see the city's Gay rights bill go down to defeat yet again after a campaign that involved large numbers of Lesbians and Gay men; and vocally raised questions about what it is that we really want, than I would see it passed because a few political leaders got together... in a back

After forgiving Altman his social scientist's penchant for overlong sentences, we find him saying he doesn't like something for nothing.

He also seems to suggest that it is the nature of the progressives to mobilize, to get things out on the table. It is the nature of conservatives to slip things in when nobody's looking.

We never knew political theorists had natures, but assigning traits makes for convenient conclusions.

Let us apply these theories to the recent (first Spousal Rights, then Domestic Partners) legislation of Supervisor Harry Britt. How could it be that the most revolutionary piece of social legislation turned out to be the sleeper of the year? How could it be that now after the ritual blood bath liberals are admitting that the bill sort of sneaked up on them? It sort of sneaked up on the Archbishop, and it sort of sneaked up on the Mayor, and its veto sort of sneaked up on its hatchers.

How could it be that the Supervisor's office issued not one piece of paper as the bill wormed its way through City Hall? How could it be that the progressive politician of the CED stripe let his pet torpedo skim over a becalmed body politic getting ready for the holiday season. This way, Altman would say, is the shrewd politics of the conservative fat cats who are out to pick pocket the public.

Next, how could it be that in a week's time the legislation has been radically altered, shunted to committee, and people are still wondering what Version One was, let alone Version Two...

Last week this paper's seasoned journalist George Mendenhall spent the better part of two days trying to get the information out of Supervisor Britt's office and further explanation from the bill's author. "What does this mean?" "Where is the evidence for that feature?" "What are the implications of this section?" And the answers we seemed to get were that your guesses are as good as ours..

We have been told one thing here in San Francisco - that version two is a proadened measure to meet the Mayor's objections. In Chicago they're getting another story - that the purpose of Version Two is to test whether Mayor Dianne Feinstein really meant her technical objection or whether she is a genuine homophobe in ultra suede

And if the revised version (a genuinely radical and different piece of legislation) has degenerated into a device to test the mettle of the Mayor and to shake out our friends from our enemies on the Board of Supervisors - then we too have degenerated into a sorry lot of spoilers.

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LETTERS

"I" OR "WE"

* If anyone wants to check out narcissism in the Gay community just add up all the "I's" in the letters column. The December 30 issue has no less than 130 in four pages of print.

Whatever happened to the royal "we" so commonly used by queens?

> Peter San Francisco

SIX NO'S

* You asked for response to the Gay Marriage License issue. Specifically, my answer is 1) no, 2) no, 3) drop it.

Generally, here are my conclusions about the whole "spouse/rights" issue:

1) I don't need a government sanction on my relationships

2) Does anyone remember Joe Alioto? Mayor Feinstein has been an immense improvement over that one! She is with us about 80% of the time and now Britt would have us reduce her to a homophobe Sure she has some problems about Homosexuality; a lot of gay people have some problems about Homo-

3) The Gay community has taken it on the chin with Britt's proposal - read "letters to the editor" in the Progress as well as the dailies; Channel 5 had a field day. We didn't need this bad publicity; we never asked for it. It came as a surprise to 98% of the gay people in the city that this was even an issue.

4) I feel disenfranchised from the "Gay Freedom Movement" when it means I have to be anti-capitalist, anti-landlord, anti-private property, anti-this, antithat . . . and pro government intrusion in my life. Where is the freedom in the movement when we are pressured to think the same or be suspect?

I can't see certain films, buy certain products. Do I have to join a union to be gay? And march on City Hall every time Britt belches out something like this? The political clubs yearn to be dictatorial - some gay candidates aren't gay enough. And get this: at a national convention a group that purports to be guarding our freedoms and our rights cancels the Mayor from expressing her reasons for vetoing this issue which had never been mandated by the community in the first place. The freedom of speech being rendered somewhat less important now than the free dom to be in a snit.

5) I think this was a lot of political games-man-shit, and has little to do with the real questions we face. Look at the time we spend on this and Sister Boom Boom. Very diversionary

6) I think Britt should drop this issue and we should drop Britt.

> Name Withheld on Request San Francisco

FOR FRINGE BENEFITS

* This letter is to respond to your questions on the subject of "Gay Marriage Licenses."

Yes, I am in favor of some form of registration for Gay relationships - what the fee is does not concern

I'm not sure what you meant by the next question - yes, I would register myself as being in favor of this legislation (and I have sent a letter to the mayor stating that). No, I would not pay the fee and register a relationship as I'm not involved in a relationship, but I would not rule out the possibility in the future.

I'm not sure what Supervisor Britt should do with the legislation. It should NOT be dropped. I would like to see it pass in some form, as I feel any legislation that strengthens our rights as Gay people in any way would make it harder for society to oppress us in the future.

Actually the part of the legislation that interested me the most was not "Gay Marriage Licenses" but the attempt to get Health Benefits for one's lover. As a Shop Steward in Local #2 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union I would like to have seen this portion of the law pass and I would like to see our union try to negotiate for these benefits for our members when our contract with the hotels expires this

> William "Bill" Walden San Francisco

POOR SPORT BOWLERS

★ I am a regular reader of your paper and would like to thank you for your insight and news stories about the gay community. Too bad that your paper is not distributed in the Los Angeles area where I am moving soon. As for the gay community here in San Francisco, I would like to remind your readers that we must stick together or be losers and that we should always take pride in the things we do and who we are.

I was a member of the Tuesday night Community Bowling League. On January 4, 1983, I was appalled at the reaction we got when they announced that our team, the "Fred" team, won the first half of the league championships. I have never witnessed this type of poor sportsmanship and my teammates and I did not understand why these other people on the teams were booing and hissing after the announcement was made. My team members are very nice people. Those that did boo us must be jealous or simply poor losers. I think the people who behaved this way owe "Fred" team an apology for that kind of conduct and congratulate them on their performance. Is this an example of the good sportsmanship in the gay community? I will not be a part of it!

> Dennis T. Lowman San Francisco

OP ED OR ED OP

* I've read about a dozen (or more) letters to the B.A.R. in the past two months examining the moral Do's and Don't's of fucking one's asshole and how clean it should or shouldn't be. It's really no wonder that people like Jerry Falwell find us the incorrigible misfits we must surely be, when all that seems of any importance these days deals with the shit in my ass It's my shit - leave it alone. Thank-you.

One more - Since when did writing "letters to Mr Lorch" become a fashionable part of journalism? I wasn't aware that writing letters to the editor for publication qualified one to be subject to character assassination in the form of snide remarks, masked as witticism by the editor. Mr. Lorch, why don't you write a "letter to the editor" and get it all out at once? Any comment???

I remain once again, righteously indignant and moderately resentful.

Mark W. Olsen San Francisco

ED. NOTE: Just as readers write for different reasons, I respond for different reasons. Righteousness is not one of them.

P. Lorch

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Divisadero Street. An inspection of the gas station lot revealed only one "No Parking" sign which was on the side of the building, turned in the opposite direction from where nearly all the cars being towed were parked. During the time I was there I witnessed four cars being towed away, which equates to a quick and easy \$240 for the Chevron Station owner. The returning owners of other towed cars were also quite irate, to say the least.

And, I would like to see a rebirth of Gay unity. The factiousness among our political organizations and the editors of our Gay newspapers going at it like Macdonald's and Burger King is worrisome. There is nothing wrong with healthy bitchery, but how about we keep it in the family. Anyone who believes there is more than two sides... their side and our side... in the issue of Gay rights is only kidding himself. The precious little ground we have gained can be yanked out from under us before we know what hit us. Cohesive force and unity is what are going to dazzle the enemy. May all your pleasurables be big ones in '83.

★ Last Saturday night, while stopping by Castro Street to enjoy a holiday cocktail with some friends. an evening of fun turned abruptly to dismal anger as I became the victim of the greatest scam and exploitation of gay people I have ever experienced. I am speaking of a policy of the Chevron Station at the corner of Castro and Market Streets to tow the cars of unsuspecting owners who have parked on the premises after hours. Upon returning to this Chevron Station where I had left my car that night for about an hour. I found my

LETTERS

EYE OPENERS

* Straight outta the Mixed B.S. File: From East Suckatwat comes word that sex is 'going out.' According to a recent survey concerning people's favorite things to do, having sex came in somewhere between recession-gardening and going to see relatives. Watching TV came in numero uno. Don't those people know they'll go blind?

Speaking of which: My good friend, Ramure Styphcox, a true visionary, has his new sex-cream ready to market. Actually, it's an un-sex cream. When it is applied to the male organ it drowns sex urges and relieves the discomfort of 'muscle-ache' for up to 24-hours. Watch for Noassytol at your pharmacy. I understand management at local bathhouses intend to provide the cream to members... this so no one who wants to be 'in' need worry about getting antsy watching reruns of "Bonanza" in the TeeVee

Reflections of '82: I couldn't believe those Gay Games. Did you cry at the opening ceremonies? I did. Love flowed out of me like honey in July. It was grand and historic and memorable. All despite the U.S. Olympic Committee's reminder to us, and the world, that faggots are unworthy of association with their noble word 'Olympic.'

Ya gotta hand it to those 'animals' down at the Chronicle for coming up with catchy buzzwords to headline their reactionary shit. 'Gay Plague' has a certain ring to it. I loved their piece on 'rimming' and 'fisting'... in a family newspaper, yet! Their AIDS stories of non-stop sex, perversion and drug abuse were nothing short of extra-terrestrial... things mortal men can only imagine. What about the suffering and heartbreak angle?

It! is! a puzzlement: We know who epitomized the macho-look. The latest fad in East Suckatwat is the man: a kid on one arm, his missus on the other, and a bright-red hanky draped out of his right-rear pocket. Ya can't tell the boys from the boys anymore

Alas... '82 was not the year of the doofrinkus. The movies gave us "Making Love" ... come back Zack ... and tiresome displays of bare boobs and bushes, but barely a peek at a beefy tubesteak. Let it be resolved to fight for equal exposure in films.

Fearless Feinstein really blew it when she inadvertently acknowledged how far we've come when she said that validation of live-in lover relationships 'is on the cutting edge of society.' How long has it been since it could have been worth 20 years in the hoosegow?

From my hopes for '83 list: I know the one about a stiff cock having no conscience, but parking lot confessionals? Really! For the good of our whole community I could hope for nothing more than public sex going away. This is perhaps our most serious travesty.

I am no prude, to be sure. I understand how the 'customs' originated. I never believed that I would go blind from 'self abuse' ... gawd knows I proved it ... but it is a miracle that I didn't become cross-eyed from peering through gloryholes. I found my Holy Grail in F-rooms. But that was at a time and in an environ ment where you didn't even reveal to your best jerkoff buddy you liked it. The only way a horny kid could find release for his fretful male-worship was in public restrooms and parks. This is no longer true, especially n San Francisco. With the amenities available to us for our rutting pleasure, I can find no excuse or justification for street and T-room sex for today's Gay

> William Carey San Francisco

CHEVRON STATION TOWING

car gone. In its place was a different car which was being hooked up to a tow truck. also to be hauled away. Shocked by this, I confronted the tow truck driver, who stated, "Sure, we tow any cars parked on this lot at the direction of the owner. It'll cost you sixty bucks to get your car back down at our lot down on

I hope this letter serves to warn others of the "trap. I would also like to add that I don't intend, and am advising my friends to do the same, to patronize the services of the Chevron Station at Castro and Market

J. Wharton-Smith San Francisco

GRIPES

* A matter so all-engrossing it kept me from even glancing at my favorite Gay paper until now accounts for my not seeing the pompous letter by Stephen Buchmann on my comments on the "other side of Harry Britt's character" — one he seems to share with 'Mighty Phil": arrogance, with a capital A.

In a recent news story, predictably arrogant Phil shocked his colleagues by threatening a challenger to *his* man in the House. the newly-elected H. Berman (LA), calling him an s.o.b. to his face in a D.C. bar. Similarly, according to a letter in the B.A.R. recently, the writer reported that Britt replied "Fuck you!" on hearing critical remarks on rent control

In another letter, patriarch-matriarch Ben Gardiner wrote that Harry Britt will listen to no one. Is a doctrine of "papal" infallibility starting to evolve here?

Now. what Stephen Buchmann and the Britt office. are either concealing or just don't know is that no one has been more outspoken than this writer in defending Britt against what can only be called defamation of character.

Yet in the last election. I was shocked and appalled by the number and nature of the "dirty tricks" outright lies - played by the Britt campaign against Marks who was painted as a homophobe via posters on poles in the Castro. for example. True. Buchmann, the election is over. Are the lies and dirty tricks too? It's doubtful.

> **Reed Vernon** San Francisco

'83 JOYS

★ I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all my wonderful friends who made this otherwise dreary, lonely Holiday season such a iovous success!

The entire crew at Berry's, especially Ted and Tom. Oakland's hottest bartender, right up to Chuck, the owner, and to the men of Polk Street and the Tenderloin who made New Year's Day the most memorable of my life. From the young man who saluted me in the Stallion, the bartender at the Q.T., who is WITH-OUT a doubt the hottest STUD I'VE EVER SEEN. to the Tenderloin hustler that gave me a New Year's kiss in the Railway Express.

Thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart. And a very special thanks to my dear friends Nora Prentiss. A. Druidiss. and Pl.

I also would like to add a couple of things to your 1982 Citation list

For BAD ACTOR. Rough Customer. and all around butch. Miss Virgo.

For the lewdest. hottest. obscenely joyous display good old raunchy American MALE: Johnny Hardin in Crew #2! Take my word for it. HE'S HOT!!

Finally, a word to Mr. William Tocco. whose letter re Nuclear Families being the foundation of free society. BS! Those men he refers to as having migrated were probably a lot of them run out of their home towns and disavowed by their Nuclear Families. Fortunately for them they are able to migrate. My religious fanatic. homophobic Nuclear Family is just 14 short miles down the road, and believe me, if there were any place to migrate to. I would have done so.

> Wheelchair Les Oakland, CA

SAVING "NO"

★ I will be the first to say I don't read the B.A.R. ON A REGULAR BASIS: ONLY WHEN I need to know there are other gays out there and find out what is going on.

When I first told my mother I was gay, she didn't talk to me for a week. Which may not seem long for you but it is if you live in the same house and drive to and from work with her. After that almost the first thing she asked was it I used a lot of drugs. I said, "I don't do any drugs of any kind. but I do drink at

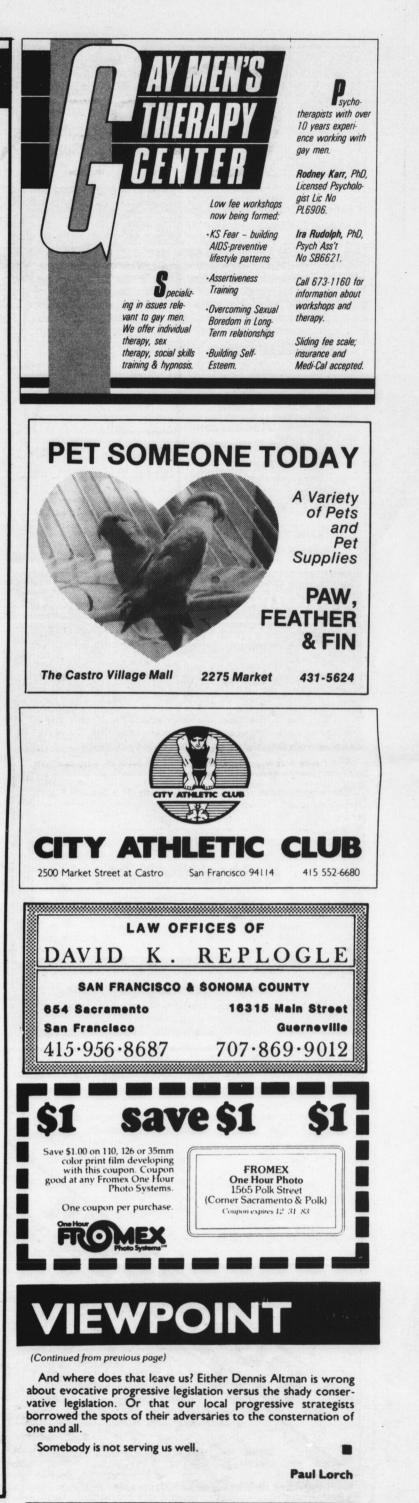
A lot of your letters are about drugs and sex and the problems around them. Well here's a little word that might help. No. I may be the biggest park cruiser from Camino ever to hit S.F. and may be the most naive person too.

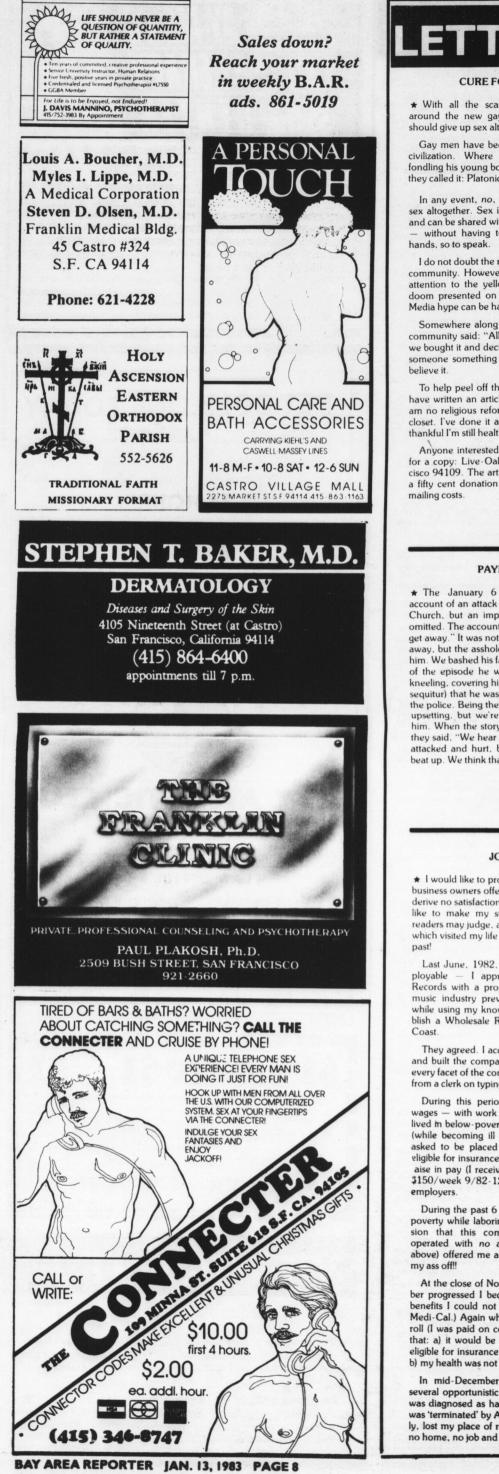
Everytime someone offers me some of that stuff in those little glass bottle I just say "no" or to any other drug for that matter. Very few if any have ever left or put additional pressure on me. That is my gay friends. but straight people just can not take no or say no for an answer that's why my three straight sisters are all using some kind of drugs.

I'm no writer but I never have been sorry for saying

no, only yes.

John J. Claypole Camino, CA





LETTERS

CURE FOR SEXAHOLICS?

★ With all the scares, fears, and tears centered around the new gay diseases, one wonders if he should give up sex altogether?

Gay men have been "doing it" since the dawn of civilization. Where was AIDS when Plato was fondling his young boys at The Symposium? Perhaps they called it: Platonic clap!

In any event, no, I don't think we should give up sex altogether. Sex is a natural release from anxiety and can be shared with others with a minimum of fear without having to take matters into one's own

I do not doubt the reality of such diseases in the gay community. However, we should not pay too much attention to the yellow journalism or broadcasts of doom presented on television newscasts. (Caution: Media hype can be hazardous to your health!)

Somewhere along the line the so-called "straight" community said: "All gay men are promiscuous!" So we bought it and decided to play the game. If you tell someone something long enough they will begin to

To help peel off the "label" we have been given. have written an article: "Love, Sex & Spirituality." am no religious reformer, politician, nor am I in the closet. I've done it all, from coast-to-coast, and am thankful I'm still healthy and here to talk about it.

Anyone interested in reading the article can write for a copy: Live-Oak Press, Box 99444, San Francisco 94109. The article is free, however we requent a fifty cent donation to help cover the printing and

> Lawrence Lembo San Francisco

PAYMENT IN KIND

* The January 6 CUAV column included an account of an attack on us that occurred at 25th and Church, but an important part of the incident was omitted. The account reads. "The victims managed to get away." It was not the victims who managed to get away, but the asshole who attacked us. We creamed him. We bashed his face into the sidewalk. By the end of the episode he was on the ground between us kneeling, covering his head and shouting (in wild non sequitur) that he was under age! Then he went to call the police. Being the object of an attack is really quite upsetting, but we're glad we kicked the shit out of . When the story circulated amongst our friends. they said, "We hear you got beat up." Well, we were attacked and hurt, but it was the assailant who got beat up. We think that's important.

> **Robert Gluck Denny Smith** San Francisco

JOB HAZARDS

* I would like to protest the lack of protection "Gay" ousiness owners offer their employees. Because I can derive no satisfaction from my past employer. I would like to make my story public, in order that your readers may judge, and perhaps avoid the misfortune which visited my life at the hands of my employer just

Last June, 1982, being unemployed - very employable - I approached the owners of A_ Records with a proposition. Having worked in the music industry previously. I asked to be financed while using my knowledge and my contacts to establish a Wholesale Record Distribution on the West

They agreed. I accepted the challenge, established and built the company single-handedly and worked every facet of the company by myself (with some help from a clerk on typing correspondence).

During this period I was paid under minimum wages — with work weeks averaging 60-70 hours. I lived in below-poverty situations and had no benefits (while becoming ill with AIDS sundrome) When I asked to be placed on payroll so I could become eligible for insurance benefits and when I asked for a aise in pay (I received \$100/week 6/82-9/32 and \$150/week 9/82-12/82) I was laughed at by these

During the past 6 months I have lived in a hell of poverty while laboring under the now-evident delusion that this company which established and operated with no assistance (outside of financial above) offered me a future. Believe me - I worked

At the close of November I became ill. As December progressed I became worse. Because I had no benefits I could not seek help. (I wasn't eligible for Medi-Cal.) Again when I asked to be placed on payroll (I was paid on contract) I met with the response that: a) it would be useless because I would not be eligible for insurance benefits for three months and b) my health was not their responsiblity.

In mid-December I had to be hospitalized for several opportunistic infections, during which time I was diagnosed as having AIDS. While hospitalized I was 'terminated' by A____ Records and, consequent y, lost my place of residence. When released, I had o home, no job and no money...

The reasons for my termination were my health, representation of the company and disorganization. The misrepresentation charge was wholly false The disorganization was true to an extent. But this disorganization was due to the fact that I was overvorked and could not operate the entire company (sales, research, ordering, bookkeeping, promotions, shipping) alone. I consistently asked for help and was

Finally, these employers are giving me no letter of recommendation, I cannot collect unemployment or disability... in short, I've been royally screwed!!!

> **Russell** Coldewey San Francisco

COORS JUNKETS

Re: Daniel Owns' letter concerning the Coors Boycott

I gathered from Mr. Owens' letter that the Coors Family union busting didn't disturb him very much. I don't imagine that their generous contributions to such right wing organizations as the Heritage Foundation, which has helped bring us such legendary leaders as Anne Gorsuch and James Watt, could bother him much either.

I am a little disturbed however, Dan, on how you can buy their suing Solidarity and demanding their membership lists and financial records. Do you possibly think they just want to invite all of us to Golden for the tour?

I for one can not help but believe that the recent courting of our community is a little inconsistant when one considers that the profits from this "family owned" business are funding the very individuals. groups and activities which ultimately hinder our struggle.

Profits are the issue for Coors and they will do any thing to get them, as proven on their recent 60 minutes "commercial" and their "junkets" for some of our gay journalists. The boycott is obviously working here in San Francisco and we are proud of that and what it represents

Please continue the Boycott of Coors Beer

Tim Moore Member of Solidarity Gay/Lesbian Liberation San Francisco

TOCCO TIZZY

* That William Tocco is really something else. Several weeks after the voters wisely trounced him as a supervisorial candidate. his poison pen still turns out 'Tocco Turds." Take his letter of 12/23/82. com menting on the mayoral veto: "In San Francisco where many Gays have migrated, too many have for gotten their traditional families. Too many Gays have orgotten the many sacrifices made for them by their traditional nuclear family." I mean really. Mr. Tocco! What about the fact that many of those same sacrosanct nuclear families have completely disavowed their Lesbian and Gay children?

> Herb Levy San Francisco

POETIC BOOST

* Since I once lampooned a B.A.R. poetry critic for shallowness, let me be the first to praise B.A.R.'s Ron Bluestein for his most provocative essay on Dennis Kelly's poetry. While I may disagree with particular udgments therein. Bluestein actively engages the eader in the field of his thought process. He raises important questions such as how our sexual desire relates to our language, spirituality and community culture. (John Karr often does the same in his Porn Corner column, another B.A.R. highpoint.)

fied) for being boring, obscure, ego-inflated, or irrelevant, the best poetry is no less exciting than orgasm. Indeed, the famous gay French Structuralist critic. Roland Barthes, used the word juissance to describe this unique, almost sexual pleasure in reading. But poetry does more than give pleasure. Poetry can also

For some time I've read letters in these pages decrying the alienation, objectification, drug abuse, and commercialism so rampant in our community. Face it! We're not only lonely, with the outbreak of the AIDS epidemic and related diseases, we're also scared.

I'm not so naive as to suggest a poem a day will keep the doctor away, but combined with a program of aerobic exercise or yoga, it can't hurt either. Man can't live by bread alone. Nor can gay men live on sex and poppers alone either. Christ might have added. Bluestein's essay was a real upper without any harmful side effects. Keep him writing.

> **Steve Abbott** San Francisco



That singular bequest finds expression and fruition in that some other distraight individual might so identify with the circumstances of the deceased that, be fore commencing upon the same route which according to Shakespeare, "from whose bourne no traveler returns," he might seek one more viable alter native. Such being the case, the death wrought by a hopeless man, might afford hope to some despairing individual.

The fault, therefore, lay not within the reportorial mode employed by B.A.R. in recording this act of suicide. Rather it is carried by those who fail to realize that from all facets of life, of which suicide is certainly one, the learning experience, is the only true form of immortality

Two English "homosexuals" once came to Gandhi - this was in the 1930s - and asked him what he thought about their relationship. After questioning them a bit, Gandhi fell silent for a short time and then said "the greatest gift God gives us is another person to love." Placing the two men's hands in each other's. he then quietly and smilingly asked "Who are we to question God's choices?" One wonders what the Archbigot of San Francisco and assorted other priests rabbis and ministers all of whom claim, unlike Gandhi, to know exactly what God feels about everything, would reply to this

would be a good idea!

* Re: your questions about Supervisor Britt's legislation:

1. No. I strongly oppose registering at City Hall to certify a gay relationship (regardless of fee amount). 2. No. I would not register unless it was the only possible way to accomplish a specific end, such as visiting a lover in intensive care — and it would be too late to register once such a crisis arose.

Although poetry has a reputation (sometimes justi-

LETTERS

ON SUICIDE COVERAGE

 \star Though I can understand the grief and stress as expressed by the surviving roommate of the victim of KS who chose suicide (Letters, Jan 6, 83), I must, with compassion, disagree with his anger directed at B.A.R. due to your coverage of the overall tragedy.

Suicide, though a legitimate option — and one which ought to have both moral and legal proscriptions removed from it - leaves permanent scars on the survivors, while, paradoxically freeing the deceased from the physical and mental torments which were the remote (rather than proximate) causes of

Too many of us have experienced suicides of lovers, friends, or family members. (My lover of 131/2 years killed himself in 1975, and a close friend of my present lover and myself mailed us his suicide note. ndicating where and how we would find his body, in 1979. - Following the former experience I sought professional counseling from Suicide Prevention which, ironically, prepared me for the latter tragedy.)

From brutal, intractable and tragic experience, I have learned that there is no "right" or "wrong" way to account for or otherwise report on self destruction. The one, inexorable and nonerasable fact is a death which leaves a plethora of questions together with a hiatus of answers... but... also a unique legacy which can only be utilized if the suicide is reported, as did B.A.R. in this instance, in all aspects.

> Thomas M. Edwards San Francisco

GANDHI AND GAY

* As a gay psychotherapist I have recently been very moved by how many of my clients, and my friends. have been touched by seeing the movie Gandhi. For years I have been interested in Gandhi and have read a great deal about him. In all my readings I have only been able to find one brief, two-sentence quote con cerning gayness. As far as I am aware, it is all Gandh ever said on the topic.

I'd also like to share my second favorit quote from Gandhi. When he was in London for the 1931 Round Table Conference, a reporter in a big crowd shouted to him "Mr. Gandhi, what do you think of Western Civilization?" Smiling, Gandhi replied "I think it

Dr. Alan Sable San Francisco

NO ON GAY LICENSE

3. What I think Supervisor Britt should do with his ordinance can't be printed in a polite newspaper.

It is hard to believe that Britt, a former minister failed to forsee the political. philosophical and theological objections to his bill, and the potential backlash against gay rights in general. He's obviously more interested in grandstanding for his clamoring clone constituency than in obtaining legitimate gains. An intelligent politician could surely achieve specific goals like visitation rights by dealing with the offending restrictions, without putting the City in the unprecedented position of certifying domestic partnerships.

I'm embarrassed by Britt. I'm offended by those upervisors who voted for his bill not out of conviction but because they were afraid they'd lose gay votes (guess what, ladies?). I'm disappointed in the socalled "leaders of the gay community" whose lack of objectivity is appalling. Most of all, I'm saddened by the automatic "sack-the-mayor" reaction of so many of your correspondents who can't recognize a poorly planned power play by a lightweight demagogue. Feinstein acted wisely, with guts.

To put the foregoing into perspective, I was born in San Francisco 45 years ago and began living a fairly open (but never flagrant) gay life around 1970. I share the "necessaries of life" (love, respect, trust, emotional support) with a man badly trashed by a rutal alcoholic father and Vietnam horrors, whose peace of mind requires separate residences. We do not need nor want a certificate attesting to our relationship, even if Britt should manage to include our circumstances in the ordinance he seems intent on pursuing.

Glenn Lake San Francisco

FAREWELL

* At the beginning of this New Year. I think it is fitting to remember and thank the people of San Francisco for giving me the opportunity to serve them in some elective office for more than a decade, both on the Board of Supervisors and on the Board of Education. It has been an honor and a privilege and a source of personal satisfaction, and I am indeed grate-

I greatly appreciate all the wonderful messages, all the support and the thanks that have come my way from my fellow San Franciscans. For the most part it has been a pleasure, sometimes profoundly frustrating and occasionally terribly sad - especially when enduring the loss of colleagues. for example Ella Hutch - a very remarkable woman and my close friend.

Thank you again and I'll be seeing you

Lee S. Dolson San Francisco

YEAR END THANX

★ To the staff of the B.A.R. as well as my friends in the community

Thank gawd 1982 is past history. Don't know if I could've made it to 1983 without all your help. prayers. and just for caring! You'd be surprised - it's better than any therapy I've ever known. Thanx, too, to The Lips and also to Karl for the mentions in your columns - but more than that, for helping combat KS.

> **Randy Johnson** San Francisco

NEW AGE REVELATOR

★ I support Supervisor Harry Britt's attempt to grant some kind of quasi-legal status to nontraditional rela tionships. Every stable relationship, whether gay or straight, adds, to that degree, stability and cohesion to the whole community. Two partnerships in an intimate and enduring commitment to one another ought to be cherished as a creative. contributing unity of the greater unity called society. If fundamentalist homophobes feel threatened by relationships not sanctioned by church or state. then that's their problem, not ours. We should not put ourselves in the unworthy position of begging "straight society" for approval all the time. If we love ourselves (each other) sufficiently, our certain knowledge of our own worth ought to suffice. Freedom and dignity are universal values. Democracy is still evolving, and gay rights is the pioneering concept at the edge of any expanding democratic unfoldment.

> Michael D. Delaney San Francisco

SOUTH BAY CLARITY

★ I wish to set the record straight - if possible regarding some statements I am alleged to have

On the evening of the CASA Christmas Ball I had a conversation with Tom Rogers, who writes the Rosegarden column in B.A.R. The purpose of the converation was to clarify an issue with Rogers. Towards the end of our conversation he brought up the subject of the Gay Pride Rally.

At that point in time plans for this year's rally were still up in the air. and I did not feel any good purpose would be served by speculating. I tried to convey this point to Rogers - and thought I had succeeded.

Rogers then asked me about some of the background of the rally. I tried to fill him in with a little of the history. I told him who some of the past chairs had been and that the committee had always been loosely structured, made up not only of Lambda members. but drawing help from any interested persons in the community. I told him that help was always needed and always welcomed.

At no time in our conversation - either in the discussion of the rally or prior to that – were the names of Sal Accardi or Rosalie Nichols mentioned - there was no reason to do so.

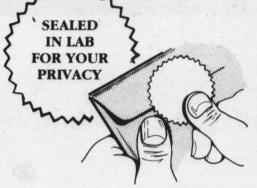
If Rogers is indeed the experienced reporter he professes to be, then perhaps he should draw on that experience more heavily so that he may improve his memory and his accuracy.

> C. Winn Crannell Sunnyvale, CA



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Alice takes Randy over Brandy



Alice Demos new president Randy Stallings (Photo: Rink)

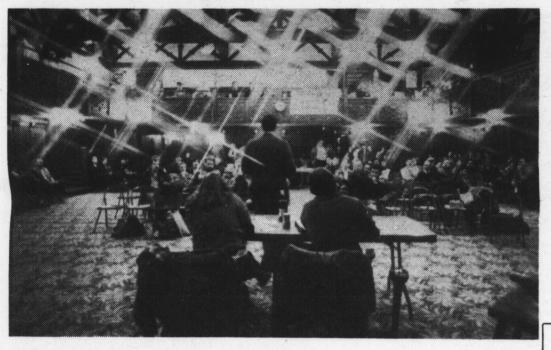
by Margaret Frost

Randy Stallings, Co-chair of the Coalition for Human Rights as well as the Community United Against Violence, was elected Monday night to head the new Executive Board of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club

Stallings, who won easily over opponent Brandy Moore, praised out-going President Connie O'Connor, saying, "If a year from now I am regarded with one tenth of the respect that I now hold for Connie, I will have had a successful term." He added. "All she has to do is walk into a room and everyone immediately gets their act together

"That's because I'm a Lieutenant," quipped O'Connor, who works in the Sheriff's Department.

The new president has served as Issues Chair for the past two years, and is currently Co-chair of the California Democratic Council Les-



A shot from the rear. Alice's January meeting at the Swedish American Hall. Art Agnos lets members in on his officia heist of a Gay TV spot. (Photo: Rink)

GAY THRIFT STORE THRIVES

Profits divided Among Groups

The tacky looking ware-house next to Amelia's bar (18th and Valencia Sts.) has become a money-maker. Fifty Gay groups are benefiting. The Gay Community Thrift Store's warehouse is stacked to the ceiling with donated merchandise and the front sales floor is busy with second-hand bargains.

When Larry Littlejohn rented the huge warehouse in September, he had no idea it would be an instant success. Manager Don Meisen, who works 7 days a week without pay, reports that the first month's sales in September (\$2000) have jumped to over \$5,000 in November and will be over \$7,000 for Decem-

Littlejohn's brainchild is to have Gay people donate new and used items with specific Gay groups in mind that would benefit. If a lamp is donated, for example, it is priced and number-coded. When the lamp is sold most of the profit goes to a group specified with some income reserved for operational costs. Within weeks the word was out among the second-hand- Christmas here," he urges, as

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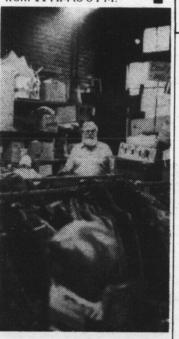
store shoppers and they scurried to the 625 Valencia Street warehouse. Until this week the building was even unmarked but now has a Thrift banner out front.

Success has caused manager Meisen considerable problems. When a Novembe article on the store appeared in Bay Area Reporter, the contributions tripled. The question became - how do you find enough volunteer to unpack and sort merchandise to get it to the sales floor? Currently, there is a huge inventory that is not moving out and not benefiting gay groups.

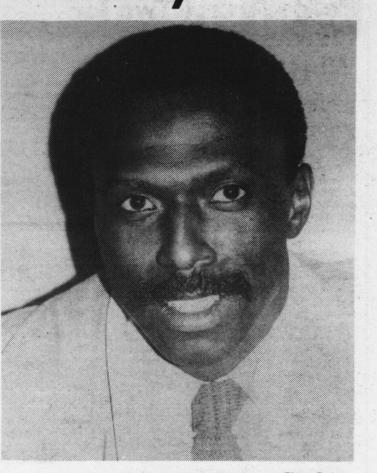
December figures are not in but November donations from the store included the Women's Building (\$145), Golden Gate Performing Arts (\$161), Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation (\$639) and the Gay Men's Chorus (\$45).

Meisen promises that volunteers are being properly screened and that those put to work are having an enjoyable time in the store's relaxed atmosphere. "Every day is he opens new boxes, "All that are needed now are some more elves to do the work.

Potential volunteers may telephone Meisen at 861 4910. The store is open daily from 11 AM to 6 PM.



Thrift Store manager Don Meisen (Photo: Rink)



Defeated challenger Doris Ward aide. Brandy Moore. (Photo: Rink)

bian and Gay Caucus. He, along with O'Connor and for mer Alice officer Louise Minnick, was installed as a member of the Democratic Central Committee the same night as the Alice election.

Lesbian/Gay Caucus there. Other new officers are: Lawrence Wilson, Political Action Chair: Greg Day. Issues Chair: Roberto Esteves, Recording Secretary: Arthur Morris, Corres-

Alice Demos — the oldest, largest, and most influential Gay political club, welcomed a spirited '83 election of officers

Newly elected Vice President Jo Kuney is a three-year veteran on the executive board and a member of the Mayor's Open Space Committee. She is a delegate to the State Democratic Convention next week and a candidate for Co-chair of the

ponding Secretary: Jeff Jones. Treasurer: Sal Rosselli, Newsletter Editor: Margaret Frost, Public Relations Director

Chairs of the Membership and Finance Committees and the Women's Caucus will be elected later this month.

JOURNALISM PRIZES

Cable Car Awards

The Board of Directors of the 1983 Cable Car Awards announced that it is seeking nominees for the 1982 Cable Car Journalism awards

Nominations can be submitted for these categories: Outstanding Achievement in 1. News Journalism, 2. Feature Writing, 3. Entertainment Writing, 4. Broadcast Journalism and 5. Outstanding Coverage of Lesbian/Gay issues in Non-Gau Media

Nomination may be made by journalists, editors and other interested parties. Four copies of nominated work should be sent to the Journalism Subcommittee Cable Car Awards & Show, c/o Awards by Chris, 1406 Valencia St., S.F. CA 94110. Nominations should be postmarked no later than Monday, January 17, 1983.

KGO FM Goes for History And Critics

Lesbian and Gay history is the theme for this weekend's editions of The David Lamble Talk Show on KGO-FM (FM 104). Saturday night from 7:05 to 10 PM. David's guests will be historian Robert Oakes and Paul Hardman, author of Gay history articles in The Voice. Bob Oakes will discuss his essay on the treatment of Gays and other sexual nonconformists in Puritan America as well as the writing and preservation of Lesbian/Gay history. Paul Hardman will review some of his recent Gay history essays. Sunday night from 8:05 to 10 PM Allan Berube of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay

History Project will discuss his book-in-progress Marching to a Different Drummer: Lesbians and Gays in World War II. Accompanying Allan on the program will be Lesbian and Gay veterans of the era giving their own personal stories. Alan's work will appear in the February / March issue of Mother Jones magazine under the title "Gays at War: The Roots of Liberation." From 7:05 to 8 PM Sunday, David's guest will be critic Penni Kimmel discussing the best of 1982 in the theatre and film. Listener call-ins are invited at 928-0104.

GEORGIA CASTLE

by W. April

ville, Georgia.

Charged in the killings are Tony Wells West, 27, and Kenneth Avery Brock Lowrance, 17, both of nearby Trion, Georgia. West was also wanted for the murder of Kirby K. Phelps, a 26-yearold Navy sailor from Oklahoma City. Apparently, West killed Phelps at a rest area near Vicksburg, Mississippi, and took his car, after abandoning the jeep he stole from Scudder.

longing to Phelps.

"Uprisings in Australia," a forum featuring Alison Thorne, writer and editor for Gay Community News -Melbourne and a socialist feminist active in the Labor Party is set for January 23. Covered in her talk will be the struggle for aboriginal land rights, campaigns in the Lesbian and Gay movement and the Labor movement's response to the economic crisis. Dinner - 6:30 PM, forum at 8 PM at 3016 16th Street (at Mission), room 205, San Francisco.

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Police Arrest Two for Murder of Gay Satan Worshipers

eorgia police have arrested two suspects in the killings of two Gay self-proclaimed Satan worshipers who had built themselves a "medieval castle" home in Summer-

Charles L. Scudder and Joseph Odom were shot to death in mid December in the home they built together in 1977, after moving from Chicago. Scudder, 56, had been gagged and shot five times in the head. Odom was also shot several times. Their bodies were discovered Dec. 16.

said.

from Scudder's mother.

Police said they lived on in-

Chattooga County Sheriff

Gary McConnell said that the

two openly proclaimed them-

selves Satan worshippers to

Summerville residents. "Their

lifestyles definitely contributed

to their cause of death," he

Frank Schueren, an

Atlanta Gay activist, de-

scribed Scudder and Odom

"They were real secluded up there," said Schueren. "People from the area knew

they were Satan worshippers

and homosexuals, but they

never tried to push their reli-

gion onto others or to seduce

Scudder and Odom's

home reportedly contained

sacrificial altars, human skulls, statues of Satan, as

well as pornographic art,

whips, and a spiked ball and

chain. The house had no

plumbing or electricity and

Investigators with the

Chattooga County Sheriff's Department said that Odom

was killed by rifle shots fired

through a kitchen door win-

dow. Scudder apparently was

walked throughout the house

bound and gagged before

being shot five times in the

living room. Scudder's two

English mastiffs were found

Law enforcement officials

said that the victims knew

dead near the house.

their killers.

was set back in the woods.

as "real loners."

anybody."

terest from savings.

At the time of his arrest, West was wearing a bracelet bearing the names of Scudder and Odom and clothing be-

According to Chicago's Gay Life, Scudder and Odom lived together in Chicago for about 17 years until Scudder suddenly resigned from Loyola University. He had been a researcher in the Catholic university's Institute for Mind, Drugs, and Behavior. Scudder and Odom moved to Georgia to build a house with funds from an inheritance

Up from Under

Dinner and door is \$5.50. door is \$2.00. For information or childcare, call in advance 550-1020 or 864-

Equality March

Saturday, January 15, the Martin Luther King Day Committee is holding a march and rally about "Jobs, Peace, Equality." The march begins at 11 AM at Lowell Park, Oakland (14th St. and Ade line, near the 14th St. BART Station) and marches along 14th St. to City Hall, where the rally begins at 1 PM Speakers include Ron Dellums, Wilson Riles, Jr. Maggie Kuhn and Olga Talamante; and there will be live music. Some of the Lesbian/Gay group endorsers of the march and rally include Black and White Men Together, Harry Britt, East Bay Lesbians & Gays, and the National Coalition of Black

The substantial Gay participation recently at the Oroville anti-Klan demonstration helped show other minority groups that Gays are concerned with more than their own issues. Gay participation in the January 15 rally will further this outreach and elicit support and understanding from others concerning Gay causes. Info: 533-4010.

NEWS FROM GRNL

Review of Gay Immigration Cases Still Safe

he lame-duck 97th Congress has officially buried an Administration-backed bill which threatened to end any appeals to Federal courts by foreign Gays barred from entering the United States by immigration authorities. The Immigration and Reform Control Act of 1982, better known as the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill, generated considerable controversy primarily because of its proposed sanctions against employers who knowingly hire undocumented aliens and because of its proposed "amnesty" towards aliens who entered this country illegally before 1980.

According to the Gay Right National Lobby's (GRNL) Immigration Task Force, the original version of the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill included a provision ending Federal judicial review of any final decisions by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regarding exclusion or asylum cases. A former General Counsel of the INS, Professor Charles Gordon of George-town University Law School, has severely criticized this plan for its unnecessarily harsh impact on foreigners. particularly Gays arbitrarily kept out of the country by INS oureaucrats.

The Senate passed the original Simpson-Mazzoli Bill by the lopsided margin of 80-19 in August. Shortly thereafter, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Representative Peter Rodino (D-NJ), began a drive for a number of changes in the Senate version, including a major overhaul of the bill's limitations on judicial review.

The Reaganized Department of Justice and other Simpson-Mazzoli supporters wanted to end judicial review of INS exclusion and asylum determinations primarily to prevent a recurrence of what happened in the wake of the wave of the Haitian "boat people" who flocked to our shores in 1980. The INS generally rejected the Haitians' claims to political asylum, instead regarding the refugees as people trying to improve their economic prospects who are therefore excludable. The Haitians retorted that they are genuinely motivated by fears of political persecution by the Haitian dictatorship, and are charging the INS with racial discrimination. More than 100,000 petitions have been filed by Hai tian refugees in Federal Courts seeking judicial overturn of INS rejections of their asylum pleas: Administration leaders view this as a deliberate attempt to clog the courts.

At first, Representative Rodino's concern extended only to the preservation of judicial review under certain circumstances for asylum application cases. However, following GRNL's lobbying efforts to educate friendly Judiciary Committee members about the need to protect Gay and Lesbian foreigners who might get involved in exclusion proceedings with INS, Committee member Barney Frank (D-MA) hammered out an understanding with Representatives Mazzoli and Rodino that led to the Committee's unanimous acceptance of a complete rewrite of the judicial review provision that would establish a new format for judicial review in both exclusion and asylum cases.

The House Judiciary Committee's version of Simpson Mazzoli came up for debate during the lame-duck session. However, opponents of employer sanctions and amnesty teamed up to derail the bill by offering 297 floor amendments, far too many to be debated and voted upon in the sharply limited time available. The bill was formally buried on December 18 following several hours of passionate debate.

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For the record, one of the 297 floor amendments would have been a motion to end the exclusion of foreign homosexuals altogether. This amendment was introduced by Representative Julian Dixon (D-CA), the prinicipal sponsor of a separate bill that would have had the same effect and the convenor of the July 14 Special Congressional Briefing on the exclusion of Gay and Lesbian foreigners. GRNL welcomed the Dixon Amendment, which did not come up for either discussion or a vote on the floor, as a device to draw Congress' attention to its ultimate responsibility to repeal this arbitrary exclusionary policy once and for all.

The 98th Congress may take up the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill again, perhaps early in 1983. GRNL, according to its press statement, will continue monitoring the legislation to try to preserve access to Federal courts for alien Gays who may be victimized by the INS bureaucracy. GRNL will also actively explore a variety of strategies for legislating an end to the exclusion of Gay foreigners.

Pretrial Party

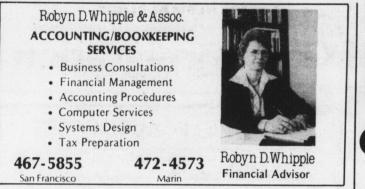
San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project, a program that provides first time misde meanor offenders with an alternative to the criminal justice system, will be hosting its 7th Annual Open House on Friday, January 14, 1983. from noon until 3 PM at their offices which are located at 685-6th Street, Third Floor, in San Francisco.

For further information. please contact Kate Monico Klein at 543-6345. Frannie Fitch urges Gay activists to drop by.

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BWMT Hosts Pacific Conclave

Members of Black and White Men Together (BWMT) chapters from Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco met in San Francisco on December 18 and 19 in the second meeting of the BWMT Pacific Coast Regional Network. This meeting follows the formation meeting of the Network which took place in Los Angeles in October, 1982 which was also attended by Grupo Gay da Bahia (Brazil). All groups are affiliates of the International Association of Black and White Men Together (IABWMT) and the formation of this Network follows similar distinct regional geographical groupings within the IABMWT. Regional Networks are already functioning in the Great Plains/ Rockies, Midwest and East Coast regions.

The 30 men, who met Saturday, December 18, at the All Saints Episcopal Church on Waller Street, discussed issues of racism in the Gay community, and in particular how to improve the functioning of the International Association of BWMT to deal with these issues. Issues of relevance between the Network chapters as well as individual and group involvement within each chapter were also discussed. The Network set down the Memorial Day weekend in May for their next neeting to be hosted by the San Diego chapter. The IABWMT was represented by the Co-Chair and Secretary of the Steering Committee of the IA Board from Los Angeles and San Diego, respectively, as well as by representatives to the IABWMT Board from each participating chapter. Also present for the meeting were the Co-Presidents of each of the chapters and the editor of the Quarterly

They made suggestions concerning speakers and workshops for the 1983 IABWMT Convention which is being planned for Columbus, Ohio, in late August. The Network recommended changes in the structure and composition of the Newsletter Editorial Board of the IA which produces the Associations Bulletin. Each chapter nominated contact persons and agreed to promote in advance activities of relevance happening in the other chapters' cities. The Network also agreed to meet three times a year in each of the member chapters' cities and once at the Convention.

The weekend began with a welcoming reception for arriving members in San Francisco on Friday evening and **BWMT San Francisco hosted** guests to their third Christmas Dinner Dance at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn on Saturday evening. Other guests in attendance Saturday evening were the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Blackberri, and a visitor from Revelstoke, British Columbia, who happens to be the only Black man in a town of 10.000. This weekend concluded with informal discussions over a relaxing Sunday brunch at the home of a San Francisco member.

VERSION TWO

Domestic Partners Registration

Amending San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Chapter 46 thereto, establishing registration of Domestic Partnerships.

Be it ordained by the people of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 46 thereto reading as follows: **Chapter 46. Registration of Domestic Partnerships**

Sec. 46.1 Domestic Partnership Defined

Two individuals are domestic partners if all of the following are true:

- a. They are not related by blood;
- b. Neither is married, nor are they related by marriage; c. They share the common necessaries of life;
- d. They declare that they are each other's domestic partners;
- e. Neither has, within the last six months, declared to any
- City Department that he or she has a different domestic partner; and f. They are both over 18 years of age.

(Common necessaries of life, as used in this Chapter, shall have the same meaning as in the California Employee's Earning Protection Law (CCP S723.051), i.e., basic living expenses.)

Sec. 46.2 Statement of Domestic Partnership

- a. Contents. Domestic partners may make an official record of the domestic partnership by both signing a statement of domestic partnership. In the statement, both must swear that:
- 1. They are not related by blood:
- 2. Neither is married, nor are they related by marriage;
- 3. They share the common necessaries of life:
- 4. They declare that they are each other's domestic partner: 5. Neither has, within the last six months, signed a statement declaring that he or she has a different domestic partner; and
- 6. They are both over 18 years of age.

The statement shall also include the date on which they became each others' domestic partners and the address or addresses of both partners. Partners may amend the statement at any time in order to change an address by filing a new statement: there shall be no additional fee for filing such a statement

b. Form. The statement shall be executed either as a declaration under penalty of perjury or as an affidavit sworn before a notary public. A statement prepared in substantially the same form as that provided in Sec. 46.6 shall be sufficient for the purpose of this Chapter.

Sec. 46.3 Filing of Statements

- a. Anyone who has signed a statement of domestic partnership may file it with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco. The County Clerk shall maintain a file of all domestic partnership statements presented for filing.
- b. The County Clerk shall charge a fee of twenty-three (\$23.00) for filing a domestic partnership statement. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the filing fee shall be contributed to a fund for domestic violence programs.
- Payment of the fee entitles the person filing the statement on behalf of the partnership to have two copies of the statement certified by the Clerk. Certification of additional copies at the time of filing shall cost three dollars (\$3.00) per copy. Certification of additional copies at any other time shall cost four dollars (\$4.00) per copy.

Sec. 46.4 Terminating Domestic Partnerships.

- a. Statement of Termination. a member of a domestic partnership may end the relationship by filing a statement with the County Clerk. In the statement, the individual filing must swear that -
- 1. the partnership is terminate; and
- 2. a copy of the termination statement has been mailed to the other partner.
- c. Clerk's Record and Fees. The County Clerk shall file all statements terminating domestic partnerships in the same manner as statements creating domestic partnerships. The file shall be arranged to show which partnerships have been ended. The County Clerk shall charge a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for filing statements terminating domestic partnerships.

Sec. 46.5 New Statements of Domestic Partnership

No individual who has filed a statement of domestic partnership may file another such statement until six (6) months after a statement of termination of the previous partnership has been filed with the County Clerk.

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Amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Sections 46.8 through 46.10 thereto, creating certain consequences of Domestic Partnership.

Be it ordained by the people of the City and County of San Francisco:

inmate unless: 1. No visitors are allowed, or

Sec. 46.10 Human Rights Commission The Human Rights Commission shall enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

RESOLVED, That the Civil Service Commission is urged to propose to the Board of Supervisors all necessary rules and amendments to rules granting sick leave and bereavement leave to city employees registered as domestic partners in the County Clerk's office; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Civil Service Commission is urged to present such a proposal to the Board of Supervisors within 3 months of approval of this resolution.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Mayor urge the Health Service System Board to develop a plan for the health insurance coverage of domestic partners of city employees; and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That such a plan be developed in

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Sec. 46.6 Civil Actions

Any person defrauded by a false statement contained in a statement of domestic partnership may bring a civil action for fraud to recover his or her losses.

Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is amended by adding Sections 46.8 through 46.10 to Chapter 46, to read as follows:

Sec. 46.8 Hospital Visitation

All hospitals shall allow a domestic partner of a patient to visit the patient unless no visitors are allowed.

Sec. 46.9 Jail Visitation All city jails shall allow an inmate's domestic partner to visit an

2. The Sheriff decides that the particular visitor is a threat to

the security of the facility.

Resolution urging the Civil Service Commission to submit for adoption certain rules and regulations regarding Sick and Bereavement Leave for City **Employees and their Domestic Partners.**

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has found that the relationships of San Francisco's domestic partners are important and deserving of official recognition; and

WHEREAS, The right to care for a loved one when ill and to attend the funeral of a loved one are legitimate human rights which should extend to domestic partners; and

WHEREAS, The Civil Service Commission does not presently have a rule specifically allowing city employees to take sick leave to attend to a domestic partner and the Board of Supervisors finds such a rule necessary and desirable; and

WHEREAS, The current Civil Service rule regarding bereavement leave does not provide for eligibility city employees attending the funeral of their domestic partner and the Board of Supervisors finds such a rule necessary and desirable; and

WHEREAS, The Charter grants to the Board of Supervisors power to adopt Civil Service rules upon the request of the Civil Service Commission: Now Therefore be it

Resolution requesting that the Mayor urge the Health Service System Board to develop plans for health insurance coverage of Domestic Partners of City Employees.

WHEREAS. The Board of Supervisors has found that the relationships of San Francisco's domestic partners are important and deserving of official recognition; and

WHEREAS, The Health Service System Board is responsible for developing plans which meet the health insurance needs of city employees, and those in significant relationships with city employees; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes that domestic partners are in relationships of importance to city employees and are deserving of adequate health insurance; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors finds it desirable to provide a health insurance plan for domestic partners of city employees which is actuarially and financially sound; Now.

consultation with members of the Board of Supervisors, the community, and city employees; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED. That the Mayor is requested to urge the Health Service System Board to report within one year regarding the feasibility of adopting such a plan.

Gay Unionists Form

Are you a Lesbian or Gay member of a trade union? If so, mark your calendar: Wednesday, January 19, 7p.m. at the SEIU Hall, 240 Golden Gate Avenue.

A Gay union group will be launched in order to increase our clout in the union movement and champion our rights on the job.

Now that many powerful unions have shown their willingness to fight on our behalf, the lack of an open, organized Gay presence within the unions leaves an even more glaring void. Similar organizing efforts are going on around the country, so a national organization may be the end result.

For more information call 431-1522 or 641-8866.

Gay Seminar in Castro

A seminar to explore and describe Gay male relationships will be presented January 29 from 10a.m. to 5p.m. in San Francisco. It is designed for men who want more insight into relationships they are now in, want to overcome blocks to getting closer, or are concerned about the health risks of their current lifestyle.

The presenter, Leon McKusick, has conducted research on Gay male relationships and is currently a practicing therapist in the Castro District. The seminar, an offshoot of a growing movement in Gay psychology to understand intimate relationships between men, will describe relationship styles that work and those that don't and provide a forum to discuss and understand participants' joys and follies in relationships. There will also be factual information about relationship research, resolving conflicts, and psychological types in men

Anyone who is interested or would like more information should call Leon McKusick at 552-6356. ■

Shanti Needs Helpers

The Shanti Project needs Gay volunteers to work with AIDS patients, their lovers and friends.

Since the founding of the Shanti Project in 1974, says their press statement, their volunteer counselors have provided annually more than 50,000 free hours to clients faced with the varied emotions and needs that often accompany a life-threatening illness or the loss of a loved one.

Shanti has responded to the recent surge in the number of San Franciscans diagnosed with Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). In order to meet these needs, the Shanti Project announces an emergency training session for volunteer counselors to be held January 29th and 30th, and February 5th. 6th. and 12th. This training will be specifically oriented to the needs of AIDS clients.

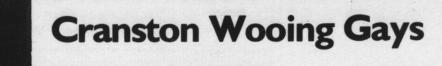
In addition to the five-day training, volunteers are asked to attend weekly Monday night support groups and to commit themselves to approximately eight hours per week for a minimum of one vear.

Interested persons who can offer a sensitive, caring presence should contact the Shanti Project at 558-9644.



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POLITICS AND PEOPLE



WAYNE FRIDAY

Ithough much was made of the last minute appointment by former Governor Brown of Herb Donaldson to the municipal court here, few people know that Brown also appointed another Gay attorney. Jerry Krieger, to the municipal court in Los Angeles the same weekend. Krieger. a 39-year-old activist was serving as president of a Gay lawyers group in L.A., and serves as co-chair of the California Democratic Party Lesbian and Gay Caucus. Krieger told the Bay Area Reporter last week that perhaps it is a "sign of the times" that the press in L.A. made no mention of his sexuality while reporting his appointment...

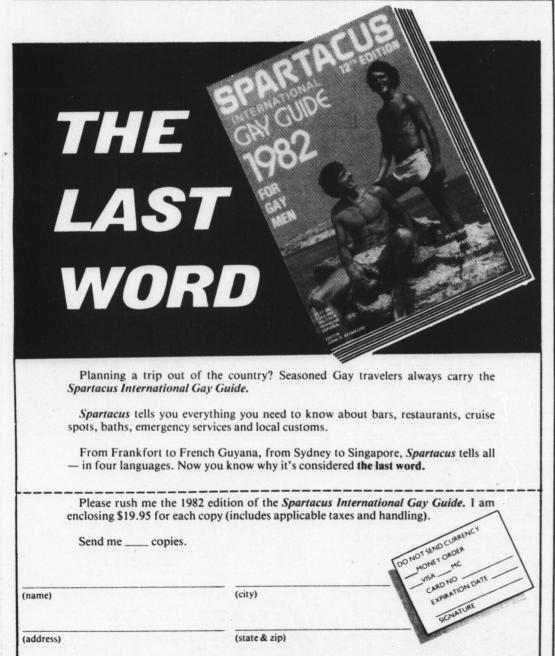
George Nicholson, the defeated Republican nominee for California attorney general in the November election. was on last week's Merv Griffin TV show discussing

among other things, the "diminished capacity" defense in the infamous Dan White case; an advocate of capital punishment, Nicholson called the double man-

slaughter verdict in the White case "disgusting" and was brilliant in his ridiculing the "twinkie defense" that led to the short jail sentence for the Moscone and Milk mur-



The 1983 Board of Supervisors take time out for a group photo. Wendy Nelder takes the president's chair. (Photo: Rink)



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derer... newly-sworn Super-visor Bill Maher hired Stephanie Mischak as one of his City Hall aides... peninsula Democratic congressman Tom Lan-tos, hardly a friend of the Gay community, made the list of the top 10 spenders in the nation's congressional campaign in November, spending nearly \$850,000 on his successful re-election bid. former D.A. Joe Freitas, who was thought to have a bright political future until he blew the Dan White case, telling the Chronicle last week that life as a lawyer in private practice is "very wonderful" adding that "it's interesting to stand on the sidelines and watch city leaders grapple" glad you're happy, Joe we've barely missed you...

New congresswoman Barbara Boxer landed seats on the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries and the Government Operations Committees; two posts she wanted, and was beat out for a spot on the powerful House Appropriations Committee by a single vote to another freshman... well, well, well – Pope John Paul II last week announced the selection of no less than 18 new cardinals, and San Francisco's beloved archbishop — politician John Quinn was not, I repeat, not, among those receiving the coveted red hat... coincidence, last Friday's Chron ran a story on page 3 about a massive tie-up on BART that disrupted service in San Francisco for more than two hours: the same page carried a story of a closed directors meeting in which BART quietly raised the salaries of heir top officials including an "adjustment" in the salary of general manager Keith Bernard to a modest \$81,000 per year... Former ambassador/actress Shirley Temple Black was appointed a vice president of the Common-wealth Club of California. only the second woman to serve as the Club's veep... Mike Hausch, formerly with Congressman John Burton's San Francisco office is now on Barbara Boxer's five-per-



Mayor Dianne Feinstein (R) swears in her newest Gay appointee attorney Jerry Berg (L). Supervisors and City Commisioners look on. (Photo: Rink)

a seat on the Board of Permit Appeals was a good one ... Senator Milton Marks tells me that he will definitely be a candidate for re-election next year; Marks plans to run in the newly-apportioned district that takes in all of Marin County and a large part of the City – meanwhile, Supervisor Jack Molinari has recently bought a new home is the district and is being urged by friends to seek the Demo nomination against Marks... Gay activists in San Jose holding out high hopes of cooperation from their new

Mayor Feinstein's choice of attorney-activist Jerry Berg for new Equal Rights Amend-ment, which must pass the Congress before the long tedious ratification process by the states is started again

Several L.A. area newly elected legislators, including Gray Davis, have appointed up-front Gays to positions on cheir staffs... and Speaker Willie Brown last week appointed former congressman John Burton to a \$28,000 seat on the newly-created California Medical Assistance Commission; however, the Speaker's office told me this week that the Commission has no specific meeting times

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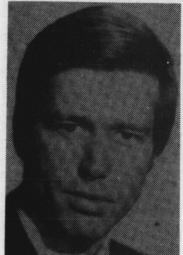


Sen. Alan Cranston looks for Gay support to carry to Sacramento con-

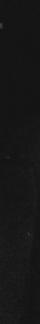
trying to drum up support for his lagging presidential candidacy, Senator Alan Cranston asked Harry Britt to arrange a meeting yesterday between Cranston and the Gay and Lesbian delegates to this weekend's convention; hopefully, someone remembered to ask the Senator where the hell he was when the Santa Clara County Coalition needed help a couple of years ago (Cranston took a walk and wasn't interested in that one) The upcoming January

31st election for president of the Police Officers' Assn. between incumbent Bob Barry and former president Jerry Crowley becoming dirty ... Veteran East Bay congress-man George Miller (D) of Martinez landed a highlyprized seat on the powerful House Budget Committee in the new Congress, and that appointment should be of no solace to Ronald Reagan when the Budget Hearings commence... and San Jose congressman Don Edwards will be leading the fight for early passage this spring of a





in the State Senate.





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New Assemblyman, Gray Davis.

Assemblyman Mike Roos of L.A. has agreed to become the principal co-sponsor (with Art Agnos) of AB-1; Milton Marks has agreed to again sponsor equivalent legislation

State Senator Milton Marks telling me that regardless of who else is in the race, he will definitely be a candidate for re-election next year. Meanwhile, Supervisor Jack Molinari has recently bought a new home in Marks' district and is expected to be a strong Democratic candidate for the

same job.

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And in Cleveland, Ohio, a new Gay Democratic

Lis Belli strikes a Helen Morgan pose in Mike Bernick benefit. (Photo: Rink)



Senator Milton Marks received a tumultuous ovation at the '83 Emperor Empress Coronation. (Photo: Rink)

YOUR GAY HEALTH

A Call to AIDS Action

Robert Bolan, M.D.

r. Lorch's December 23, 1982, editorial comments about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in "A Crucible for Christmas" were provocative and hopefully will stir other responses. His warning against the rise of quacks and hucksters attempting to profit from our AIDS crisis is realistic - one needs to look no further than the ads for HIM vitamins (Health and Immunity for Men); his comment that, regarding AIDS, "correct information dowsn't seem to be any more useful than incorrect information" goes to the heart of the issue. It is impossible to chart a safe path through a mine field if you only know where some of the mines are.

But I don't understand why he decries he number of AIDS conferences. How many conferences on AIDS are too many if we don't understand this AIDs demon and how to stay ou of its path? And finally, with is admonition "not (to) surre der the responsibilities of our selves to some outside force" namely the "do-gooders" who are raising money and giving conferences, we are left with the impression that in this crisis Gay men should plan to draw entirely from their individual fund of strengths and wiles. Some-

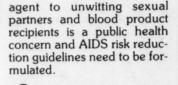
how I think we can do better. True, survival and health for most Gay men has required self-reliance - frequently in total exclusion of family or peer support. But in the number and diversity of our community organizations, we have tremendous resources to help ourselves.

It is not likely that the AIDS mystery will soon yield its secret, nor is it likely that once AIDS is understood that it will be easily controlled or stopped. Evidence mounts for an infectious agent as the nitiator of the immunosup-Pession and its consequences. If there is such an agent, it mus be transmitted at least sexualy, through blood products, and contaminated needles o fit the observed occurrence of AIDS cases. Transmissin of this potential

club, the Eleanor Roosevelt Club, has been formed and is expected to play an active part in this year's municipal elections . . . Time magazine's latest issue has a poll that shows, since the Kennedy withdrawal, Walter Mondale ahead of the pack with 33%. John Glenn of Ohio with 20%, and none of the other contenders showing more than 4% ... Incidentally, five of the seven major Democratic hopefuls have accepted invitations to appear at next weekend's Democratic State Convention in Sacramento; a large delegation of Gays and Lesbians from throughout the state is expected at the convention . . Ginny Apuzzo, Executive Director of the Na tional Gay Task Force, told The Advocate in a recent interview that '(when asked whether she would ever run for office again) "You bet I'll run again – probably in 1986, or maybe later, and I'll run for Congress when I run; I have Potomac Fever."

. as for the now famous downtown Sacramento apartment that Jerry used while chief executive, I am told that Speaker Willie Brown will be taking over the pad . . . While making his last-

minute flurry of appointments, lame-duck Jerry was following what his father taught him: in 1966 Pat Brown named 82 judges and numerous board members before he was replaced by Ronald Reagan



A s we struggle with this AIDS monster — and the struggle is just beginning - it's clear that we have some very hard thir about some very hard issues. I think we need to talk about numbers of different sexual partners, anonymity of those partners, recreational drug use, sexual practices, blood donation. There are those who feel that our freedom in the sexual matters is a political statement that has been crucial in promoting Gay health and well being and to question it is tantamount to betraying ourselves. Spirited debate has begun in the pages of East Coast Gay papers on these issues. If Mr. Lorch meant that there are enough conferences in which scientists "explain" to "lay" audiences what the problems and solutions are. I entirely agree. What we need is more AIDS community dialogue. Let us use these pages, our organizations, our churches for our dialogue. Together we must cope with this disaster if we are to survive: together we can find answers.



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Drinking Again?

Who's in charge for '83, you or the Alcohol?

GEORGE HEYMONT

ew year's Day — a time for reflection and recharging one's batteries. For some it is a day of quiet analysis as they examine the events of the past year. For others it is a day of eager anticiation as they chart the new goals to be accomplished. For many, alas, it is a day of frustration, loneliness, and unbearable pain as they pour another drink.

Some people aren't even aware that New Year's Day has come and gone. They may have spent the entire holiday in a blackout, having partied hard and heavy. All it takes is a good hard look at your liquour bill for the month of December to force the question: Are you still in charge of your drinking or is your need for alcohol now in charge of you?

First, let's look at some statistics. They're not as boring as you think. What's more, they have more applicability in San Francisco than in any city across America. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism estimates that in 1981 200,000 people died from alcoholrelated deaths. Of the 100 million people consuming alcohol in the United States. 10% are suffering from alcoholism. Deaths from cirrhosis of the liver have increased 67% in the past 20 years. Each year close to 100,000 drinkers become alcoholics. Alcoholism ranks with cancer and heart disease as a major threat to the nation's health Today 10% of the general population in this country can be classified as alcoholic. Perhaps you're one of those sta-

Ask yourself one simple question. If you had to, could you give up booze (and any peripheral drugs) for a period of 90 days? That means going cold turkey. No beer, no wine. No dope, no coke. How honestly you answer the question will reveal whether or not you have an addictive personality. Dodging the issue means you have the choice between being a living statistic or a dead one

If you've been having a tough time controlling your drinking (or if you have a friend, spouse or lover with an alcohol problem) you can save lives by seeking out an alcohol counseling center. Getting past the denial stage of the game can save you or a friend from dying in an auto-

mobile accident or being mugged while lost in a drunken stupor. "I had a roommate for seven years who was a classic co-alcoholic." states one member of Alcoholics Anonymous. "It wasn't until I woke up in a burning bed with our apartment on fire that he thought I might need to see a doctor and get some help."

Help can be found in a variety of forms. The most popuar is Alcoholics Anonymous. You won't find an instant cure there is none. But you will find friends who will help you deal with learning to live a sober life and teach you how to be honest with yourself. Making the initial phone call is the hardest step. Dialing 661-1828, however, will do for starters.

"But I'm only a social drinker." you insist. That may well be. Yet if you add up the price you paid last year on a weekby-week basis for the Mar garitas, Bloody Marys, beer. wine and vodka stingers you might just find several thousand dollars missing from your wallet. The nation's bars rake in \$5 million an hour. Americans spent \$45 billion on beer, wine and liquor in 1981 - a costly way to selfdestruct. With the current crossover in society between alcohol and drug abuse a new population of polyabusers sometimes find themselves withdrawing from one drug while detoxing from another. Any emergency room can supply you with a long list of hightmarish stories.

For some, however, drinking means good times. It's a way of partying, socializing with people and living it up. don't regret the fact that I drank alcoholically for so many years," stated a friend. 'I used to say there were a lot of good times until I asked myself just what they were. What could I remember as the good times which were specifically linked to drinking or doing drugs? I couldn't think of any. I was outrageous, for sure. I was loud, boisterous, and a complete madcap. It was an eye-opener for me during my own recovery to ealize that in 20 years I had not had one sexual experience without any kind of drug or alcohol. Everyone was doing it, so there seemed nothing unusual about having some drinks before going to bed. It gave me freedom, including the freedom to vent anger, hurt other people and be a real asshole.

he steady drinker is often sitting on a time bomb without realizing it. Alcoholism is a progressive disease which should be taken seriously - even in its early stages. The physical and emotional changes which come with continued drinking are cumulative in their effect. Alcoholism results in pathological organ changes involving the liver, brain, peripheral nervous system and gastrointestinal tract. If a person has a history of heavy drinking his health may have deteriorated to a point where he may never recover. The brain

damage may be irreversible. Although an alcoholic has to want help in dealing with alcoholism, the sad truth is that most alcoholics enter treatment because they have been coerced into it (later becoming self-motivated during rather than before entering treatment). It's easy enough to go doctor shopping until you find a sympathetic therapist who will write a prescription for Valium and say that it's related to stress. It's a lot harder to stop drinking.

Alcoholics share a variety of characteristics which transcend every social and economic barrier. They are notoriously cunning and manipulative. Most are compulsive in their habits - many are also compulsive liars. The image of the alcoholic as a skid row bum is by and large a myth. Only about 3% are sidewalk winos. The majority are very respectably employed people or homemakers whose lives have become unmanageable because of their dependency on alcohol. In moments of elation, despair, loneliness or friendship, they pour a drink. In one year a serious alcoholic can drink up everything he owns and destroy every relationship in his life.

"One of the classic symptoms of an alcoholic is very low self-esteem," explains Dennis Floyd. "Many are isolated drinkers who would prefer to sit alone and drink. Some live in the bars and their friendships are entirely bar-related. Others have to be taught social skills.

Floyd is a sober alcoholic who counsels recovering alcoholics in San Francisco. A graduate of Olaf House (a resident recovery program) he knows that he is only one step away from getting drunk. When Olaf House launched its recovery program 20 years ago the average age of the residents was 65. The average age today is 31 or 32 with many more people in the program who are 18, 19 or 20 years old. "The drunk driving programs are changing a lot because judges are getting more strict and requiring drunk drivers to get into a program or go to jail." states Floyd. "It took me four years until I really got serious and went into a program which would give me the sobriety I now have. You're always a recovering alcoholic. It's like having diabetes. I know that I will not drink today. I have no guarantee about tomorrow."

A strong proponent of the A.A. program, Floyd is highly critical of the way in which some insurance companies are underwriting alcohol recovery programs for em ployees of many corporations. While inpatient recovery centers like Raleigh Hills have gained in popularity through aggressive television marketing, Floyd warns that the marriage of the medical and insurance professions is not always for the best. "It's now getting chic to treat the alcoholic. In order to be covered by an insurance company you need a doctor involved. A lot of insurance companies originally refused to cover treatment in a nonmedical setting. A.A. was first designed as a backlash of sorts because the medical field had been unable to treat the alcoholic in a natural fashion," he stresses.

"Many recovering alcoholics have their horror stories to tell about the medical profession. Mine came after open heart surgery when I told the doctor I was an alcoholic and he said, 'No, you're not. You just have to get your shit to-

gether.' I was furious with him. It had taken me so much courage to tell this man about my drinking problem - this doctor I was supposed to trust! I've seen nonalcoholics trying to counsel alcoholics and it's often very awkward It's almost laughable at times because they don't check out the very obvious things, such as asking a patient when he last had a drink.

Floyd also warns about inhouse programs where coun-selors hold back promotions and pay raises as a punitive incentive. "When I was initial ly sent to an alcohol recovery program by a company worked for I was interrogated for about two sessions with regard to my sexual orientation not about my drinking The counselor there was so determined to break me and get some kind of confession which had absolutely nothing to do with my job. That's why I find something repugnant about an insurance company paying the bill for my recovery. I firmly believe in one alcoholic treating another. I need to be motivated to do it myself. That aids in my recovery," he confesses.

Recovery doesn't happen overnight. It takes a major effort to restructure one's life away from alcohol and toward more positive pursuits as well as forcing a person to take more responsibility for every moment in his or her life. Instead of gravitating toward the next drink it's important to find substitute activities which are more meaningful (and often more fun). The spectre of loneliness, anxiety and emotional torment can be dimmed with the help of friends who know the score

Those who join Alcoholics Anonymous are urged to attend 90 meetings in 90 days. Regular attendance helps to build a support system and give the recovering alcoholic a feeling of trust that he can turn to other people for help. A.A. members know firsthand the pain and torment the new member is experiencing. They've all been there. They know every lie and trick an alcoholic can use (having pulled a few fast ones themselves in order to justify a drink). But they now have a commitment to living sober and helping others to achieve that end.

or drinkers starting down the road to recovery there are some physical changes to be on the lookout for. It takes about three days to get the initial alcohol out of the body system. Perspiration and clamminess are common for 30 to 90 days during detoxification. Paranoia can often occur, as can impotence. Meditation and exercise can be extremely helpful to the recovering alcoholic After long periods of compul sively abusing the body, an al coholic can take that same compulsive personality and turn it around 180°, using it to build both body and selfesteem through a disciplined program. Friends from A.A. can help to ease the path through some severe personality changes which will occur during the first few months of sobriety

"The trend these days is to get all the other people involved in the alcoholic's life into treatment along with him," stresses Floyd. "During the first year of an alcoholic's recovery all he talks about is me, me, me, me, me. They are the most difficult people to deal with because their needs are so great. Their lives

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GUEST COLUMN

A Blueprint for **Taking Charge**

by Bob Smith, former Executive Director, Community United Against Violence, Inc.

Permeation Strategy

we have learned a great deal about politics from our "progressive" and "conservative" counterparts. We have gained access to the political system and we are maneuverable within it. We are fast acquiring skill and sophistication in the use of the tools of the trade; e.g. direct mail, grassroots lobbying, legal defense funds, political action committees, tax-exempt foundations, think tanks, public interest law firms, etc.

We have acquired the power to joust with our opponents in the political arena, sometimes knocking them off their high horses. Our central probem seems to be how do we achieve leadership, thus control of the political processes. In my mind there is a difference between the acquisition of political power and the exercise of leadership to achieve political control

For me, nothing better illustrates the difference between power and control than the selection of George Bush as Ronald Reagan's running mate. Even though the "New Right" had a sizable following very likely representing a majority of Americans, they were left out of the decisionmaking process when it came to the selection of the vicepresidential nominee. Why? The "New Right" folks didn't have the infrastructure in the states to work their will. When push came to shove, their leadership was not in the room with the top campaign staff and regional political

It is apparently not enough, therefore, to have power and to wield it on the fringes of the established institutions. Experience supports the notion that the established institutions must be "permeated" and turned to our advantage from within. We have begun this process to achieve political leadership and to plant the seeds for social and economic

How do we go about per-meating the "establishment" to achieve our objec-

In Great Britain, where this strategy seems to have been first articulated, the Fabian Socialists used the tactic of permeation to achieve a level of influence that far exceeded their numbers. They succeeded to such an extent that by 1940 Socialism became the only respectable political out-

George Bernard Shaw deow the strategy was

"We urged our members to iom the liberal and radical associations of their districts or. if they preferred it, the conservative associations. We told them to become members of the nearest radical club and co-operative store, and to get delegated to the metropolitan radical federation and

the liberal and radical union if possible. On these bodies we made speeches and moved resolutions or better still got the parliamentary candidate for the constituency to move them, and secured reports and encouraging little articles for him the 'star.' We permeated all the wires we could lay our hands on with our utmost adroitness and energy; and we succeeded so far that in 1898 we gained the solid advantage of a progressive majority, full of ideas that would never have come into their heads had not the Fabians put them there

The Fabians of old recognized the need to work within established institutions including the political parties, the bureaucracies, the government commissions, the media and within the corporations. They sought to permeate existing institutions because that

was where concentrations of decision-making authority were to be found. This was fertile ground for sowing the seeds of change. What the Fabians sought and ultimately achieved was leverage with which they could change the social and political climate through the control of the policy-making process.

Leverage does not require movement of a particular object by another object of equivalent mass and weight but rather by a bar strategicaly placed upon a fulcrum with which the object can be pried and dislodged. Likewise, the Fabians were not a mass movement which came to power through sheer numbers; they never numbered more than a few thousand at any one time. They functioned through a few well placed individuals who advanced their views, playing pivotal roles on boards, com missions, committees and cabinets.

The Fabians knew instinct tively that Socialism was basically an unpalatable commodity to most Englishmen, so much so that they didn't even bother trying to package their concepts attractively. In stead, the Fabians opted for the powers of persuasion, relying on the facts and presenting them as diplomatically as

LA Gay Scientists Dine Chinese

Los Angeles Gay and Les-bian Scientists (LAGALS) is joining with Orange County Gay and Lesbian Engineers and Scientists (GLOES) in sponsoring "Magic in Chinatown" on Saturday February 26 at 7 PM. The evening will feature a special eight-course Chinese banquet at Ben Quan's Solaris Restaurant in Chinatown, Los Angeles. Following the banquet, Dr. Harry Seagal, psychiatrist and

member of the Magic Castle, will speak on "Illusion and Reality," a fun and provocative demonstration which promises to provide interesting challenges to the scientific mind. "Magic in Chinatown" represents the first cooperative activity of the two Sou-them California Gay and Lesbian scientific organizations. For into call Ken (213) 661-9021 or Amy (213) 255-9727

possible in a collaborative spirit. In so doing, they were able to bend and restructure existing organizations to their purposes.

Judging from the state of things today in Great Britain. the Fabians succeeded all too well. But they operated with the understanding that they were in a struggle of long duration. Even as they appeared to compromise - giv ing up hard ground in the spirit of conciliation - they were tightening the noose around a once great country. Within a span of 60 years, a relatively small cadre of personnel managed to drive England down the pot-holed road of Socialism from which there was no u-turn

has is to be learned from this history lesson? It is not necessary for our Gay/Lesbian leaders to reach the pinnacles of power themselves to exert leverage, although that wouldn't hurt the cause any. It is not necessary to own a newspaper or magazine, for example, to decide which books and movies merit good reviews. It is only necessary to be the reviewer!

It is not necessary to run for office in order to bring about change, but only to influence which candidates make it to the ballot. It is not necessary to sit on the bench to mete out social justice, but rather screen prospective judges to decide who is worthy of appointment. Instead of fighting

"We must learn to exert leverage."

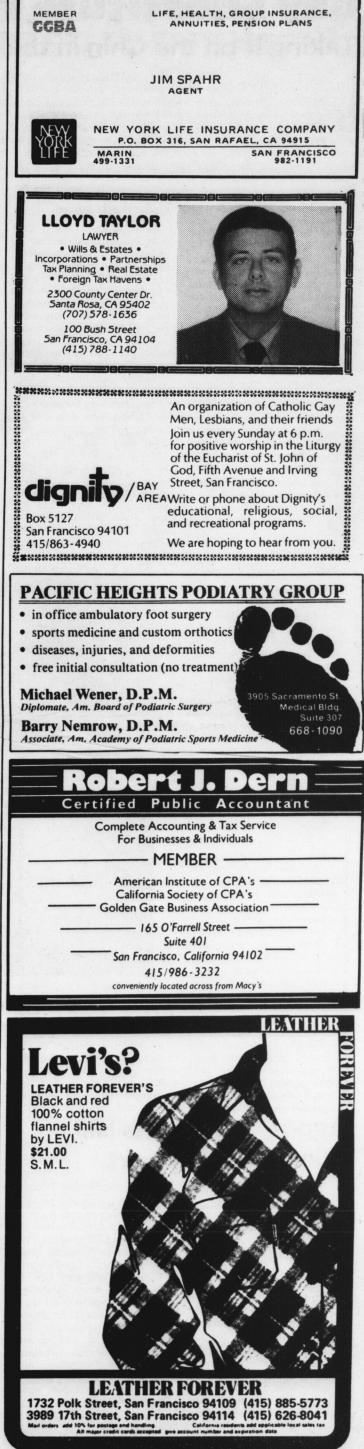
- Bob Smith

a rear-guard action in the schools over course material, identify the materials that are acceptable and rally support for them. Concerned about pornography and violence? Attend meetings of the planning commission which decides the building codes and specifications of commercial and residential tracts. In short, seek out the levers of power in the community! Be there when decisions are being made! State your case as best as you can! Rally support for our cause!

And finally, it is through the tactical employment of the permeation strategy that we as Gay men and women can shape the political, social and economic climate of our city, our area, and the nation. In the spirit of Harvey Milk, those of us who are out must link up with those who prefer to work quietly within the centers of power to achieve the objectives of our liberation. As a community, we must honor and respect their efforts, for theirs are no less vital than the contributions of our public leadership. By working together within our own community and with those who have already crossed the threshold into the decision-making centers, our ideas can become the only respectable political outlook!

WOMEN'S FIELD TRIP

(LAGALS) "Women's Program" February meeting will feature a field trip to view laboratory facilities currently investigating aspects of genetic engineering. The meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6 at 11 AM and will focus on "Designer Genes in Action." The tour will be conducted by Shelley Sailor who has worked extensively in the application of cloning



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Gay Substitute Teachers Taking It on the Chin in the SF Schools

by Mike Hippler

n almost any job it can be difficult to be Gay, even in this supposedly liberated city in this relatively enlightened era. Whether one is in the closet or out of it. Gay men and women often find that their sexuality becomes an issue at work. a sphere in which it logically should have no place. Each job presents its own set of problems, but nowhere are the problems so obvious or so numerous for Gay workers as in education. And within that field, although the Gay classroom teacher, counselor, coach, or administrator may dispute it, no one's job is more difficult than that of the Gay substitute teacher

tirely different matters.

One such substitute teacher in Salt Lake City were two enis my friend John Doe. I've named him "John Doe" because he is afraid that if his sexuality became known he could lose his job, perhaps not now but in the future. At the bottom of the educational hierarchy, substitute teachers have no contracts, belong to no unioin, and are easily replaceable. They, therefore, have little job security. They are protected at present in San Francisco against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, but John points to initiatives like that of John Briggs a few years back, notes the growing climate of intolerance in the country, and fears that things may change. "You never know what records they are keeping on you," John says. And he wants to give the powers that be no excuse to let him go if witch-hunting comes into vogue again

John has substituted for four years now, the first two in Utah and the second two in San Francisco. He first thought about education as a career when he realized that job openings in his chosen field, Forestry, were nonexistent. Consequently, he switched majors to Elementary Education but upon graduating found that jobs there were equally as scarce. He wasn't overly concerned about not teaching full-time. however, since. in his own words, "I just wanted to ski mostly." Therefore, he went to work as a substitute teacher in Salt Lake City until the lure of San Francisco drew him westward

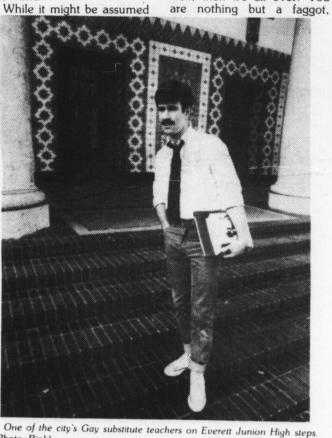
In San Francisco John found once again that teaching jobs were nearly impossible to get due to declining enrollments and budget cuts More and more tenured teachers were getting laid off every year, and these would be rehired long before any new teachers would be considered. Furthermore, he discovered that California teaching credentials are among the most difficult to get in the country, necessitating five years of school instead of the usual four. Therefore, John contented himself once again with substitute teaching and quickly realized that subbing

Subbing anywhere is difficult enough, according to John. You usually don't know if you are working or not until you get a 6:30 call the day you are to fill in. You may work five days a week or none at all. You may work entirely in one school or in a different one every day. You rarely get to know any of your students and therefore have difficulty communicating with them or controlling them. Often, teachers leave no les-

son plans and you are reduced to the function of a baby-sitter. All this is bad enough, but in San Francisco for the Gay teacher it is even worse. "In Utah, kids don't know much about homosexuality," John says, "but kids are much more street-wise here. They're really smart. They know what's going on in

While it might be assumed

the world.



(Photo: Rink)

that this knowledge would make them more tolerant and enlightened in their dealings with Gay teachers, the opposite is the case. Most of the kids John teaches, students in

looking for a 'real man.'"

deal of abuse. "I've been called every name in the book," John remarks. "Gay Bob, Mr. Faggot, Gay Motherfucker you name it. They can swear at me as long as they want, as long as they don't get physi-cal. Then I have to kick them out." The ironic thing is that the students never know if John is Gay or not. They merely assume. Of course, they have ways of finding it out, at least to their own satisfaction. They ask if he is married or if he has a girlfriend Some try to trap him and say, "I saw you on Castro Street the other day, and you were having a good time." Others get more intimate and abruptly ask, "How come you like to bust men's booties?" And some simply come right out and ask, "Are you a faggot?"

To all these queries John develops an individual re-

"Sometimes you spot a kid and you know he's Gay, but there's nothing you can do about it.

uncomfortable with the

matter of homosexuality, and

this discomfort takes the form

of open hostility toward any-

one or anything perceived to

be Gay. As in any school, fag

jokes run rampant and fag-

baiting is a popular sport.

However, because of the

large number and high visibil-

ity of Gay people in San Fran-

cisco, these students also pre-

sume they can spot a faggot a

mile away, and, correctly or

not, they assume most of

their male substitute teachers

are Gay. "If you are young,

single, and have a mustache,

forget it," says John. "They

label you automatically. And

if you wear tight blue jeans as

well, then it's all over. You

- A Gay Substitute

sponse to meet the particular situation. In most cases, humor is his best strategem. "Homosexuality is a big joke to them anyway, and if I can get them to laugh a little, then I defuse the situation." John's students appreciate a teacher who doesn't take things too seriously and who can laugh at himself. They also appreciate one who is well-versed in the fine art of one-upmanship, what they call "capping" on each other. Therefore, to a student who calls him a fag. in private John might respond. "You ought to know, cause I done it with your daddy, and he pays." In other situations, however, he avoids the subject, and in some he simply denies he is Gay. "Lots of these kids are seething with hate," he says. "and I'd just as soon not get in their way.

The one thing John never does is admit that he is Gay. "Why should I?" he asks. "Let them assume if they want, but it's nobody's business but mine. I can't admit it because it would only make things worse. In Junior High that's the worst thing you can be, and a sub has enough problems already." In fact, the added abuse he would receive is another reason, besides job security, that John prefers to remain anonymous in this article. When asked about the likelihood of any of his students finding out about him through a Gay newspaper, he replied, "You'd be surprised what they know.

oes John ever feel guilty about denying his sexu-"Sure. I'd love to tell

them I have a lover and that we've been together three years. I'd also like to be able to help the ones that are Gay themselves. Sometimes you spot a kid and you know he's Gay, but there's nothing you can do about it. Society says it's taboo for Gay people to talk about sex with young kids. They even try to deny that kids have sexual feelings, much less homosexual ones. That's bullshit, though. I can remember when I was 13 or 14. I would have loved for some older man 23 or 24 to have talked to me about it. Hell, I would have liked for him to do more than that.

Although his role as a Gay counselor is thus strictly limited, John has lent support to openly Gay students whenever possible. One eighth grader he had in class he later ran into at one of the Castro bars using a fake ID. When John taught him again and the student was called a cocksucker in John's presence, John rushed to his defense. However, the spunky little student was able to stand up for himself and shot back to the fag-baiter, "Why don't you just come back here and see what it's like? You might like it." For obviously Gay students who try to hide their homosexuality by picking on others, however, John has lit tle sympathy. One called John a faggot once in front of the whole class and John replied, if not brilliantly at least effectively, "Look who's calling who what." The class roared, and John loved it. If John could, would he

teach full-time in San Francisco, or would he move to another city where there are not so many Gay people perhaps but where there are more job openings in his field? "I don't know. I doubt John replies. "I don't think I'm ready to settle down to the whole routine - the lesson plans, the grading papers. A sub has few responsibilities, lots of vacation time, different kids every day. and guaranteed unemployment benefits in the summer. I like that. And I'm not leaving San Francisco

For John as for many Gay people in San Francisco, his sexuality comes first and his career second. Teaching is more a way to earn a living to support his Gay lifestyle than it is an avocation. And because he doesn't feel he can integrate these two facets of his life, the personal and the professional, he keeps them strictly separate, and one must take a back seat to the other. Ideally, things will not always be that way. But as long as they are. John will approach a difficult job with humor, pragmatism, and a good deal of caution

February. In the last legislative session the bill was defeated in the same committee by one vote. Assemblyman Agnos has expressed optimism, however, that the bill will win committee approval this year. "A great deal depends on the Gay and Lesbian communities of this state," said Agnos. "If the local Gay political, social, and business organizations that exist throughout the state back us up, I think we have a good chance of victory."

Assemblyman Agnos urges all supporters of AB1 to begin writing letters to their legisla tors immediately. Copies of the letters as well as any responses received should be sent to Assemblyman Agnos' office, 350 McAllister Street, Room 1064, San Francisco, CA 94102. For more infor mation call &415) 557-2253

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Agnos Gay Rights Bill Wins New Support

Thirteen members of the California State Assembly have joined Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) in sponsoring AB1, the Gay employment rights bill.

Assembly Majority Floor Leader Mike Roos of Los Angeles became a principal coauthor of the legislation which would ban discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation.

Other co-sponsors of the bill are Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr.; Assemblymen Tom Bates, Richard Alatorre, Peter Chacon, Grey Davis, Tom Hannigan, Dan Hauser, Tom Hayden, Burt Margolin, John Vasconcellos, and Assemblywomen Gloria

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"AB1 is supported by legis lators from not only San Francisco, but Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, San Jose, and the north coast,' commented Assemblyman Agnos. "We can see that more and more elected officials understand that they too have Gay constituencies with legitimate aspirations. These legislators, as well as many others without substantial Gay constituencies, agree that a free society cannot tolerate discrimination against

Molina and Maxine Waters.

AB1 is expected to be heard before the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment sometime in

any group of people.'

While regular teachers see their students every day and have some control over them, substitute teachers do not and Junior High, are extremely therefore come into a great ality?



GREATER BAY NEWS

AN JOSE SANTA CLARA CUPERTINO SUNNYVALE REDWOOD CITY PALO ALTO MONTEREY PLEASANT HILL VALLEJO BERKELEY WALNUT CREEK CAMPBELL FREMON

OAKLAND

Nez Shoots Straight

(A Strutting Nose?)

"Please don't ask me to keep in step - it's hard enough just to stay in line!"

There will be an Oakland Float Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 8 PM at the Lake Merritt Hotel Crown Room, Naturally, the topic of discussion will be Oakland's float in the 1983 Gay/Lesbian Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco.

I can still remember all the controversy about how last year's entry made it into the parade... and I still remember all the "lip service" around this town about "Why didn't they...:" "I didn't know... "They should "Well, you know where it's " and on and on and on. I also well remember the dedicated ones who worked hour upon hour, days upon weeks to finalize the float. Unfortunately I remember too well all the bitching, criticizing, and back stabbing that resulted in the wake of the float's launching!

Now... here's your chance! If you want to become involved. If you want a hand in planning the float. If you are willing to contribute hours and hours of time. If you are proud of Oakland and want our city represented in the parade. If you meant what you said last year ... then get your ass to the meeting! And be prepared to attend many more meetings! If you can't agree to all of the preceding. then shut your holes. sit on your hands, and hang your

Hayward won last year because of an entity called 'unity!" Would that Oakland could achieve that same en-

The slogan of the Committee is "We want to be the best. and we will if we all work together." That, dear reader, is

"Thinking about it is easier than doing it – but so far too

NEZ PAS many haven't even thought

DIPSOMANIACS INCOGNITO (A Numb Nose?)

about it!"

Oh, brother ... and sister! Trying to get this information was harder than getting a de-

not have that donation Wheelchair access and child care will be available.

This is the very first East Bay Gay Alcoholics Anonymous Conference (the theme is "Unity and Sobriety") and well over 300 participants are expected to attend.

For further information. write to East Bay Conference, Box 11310, Óakland, CA 94611... or call the local chapter of AA listed in the phone book and ask for information regarding Gay AA. "Words can never express what words can never ex-

the dollars go to the participants and 0% goes to Administration! I am told that there will be a "special" video tape to entertain all while the judging is

The five of us who

witnessed the track and field

events of the Special Olym-

pics last spring at Laney

College, know that 100% of

going on... and if plans are concreted, there will be some scenes of the actual participants "doing their all!" If you are blessed with a "special" person, whether it be son, daughter, brother, sister, cousin, etc., you know how meaningful these Olympics are!

This... er... harumph!. really agitates my sphincter muscles... but I must, in all honesty, give kudos and blessings to Lou Greene (he whipped my ass at last year's "Chili Challange!") who donated all the posters for this event... thanks. Lou... you old fart

By the by, none of the ensuing "challenges" from that evening have ever been met by anyone from the East Bay...??

MULIEFRITY SIMULACRUM? (A Drag Nose?)

ACIE Empress and Emperor. Stephanie and Frumpy. are presenting a "State of In-dependence Ball" at Ollie's. 4130 Telegraph, on Satur day, January 29. The festivities will include a buffet dinner, and two shows of that widely acclaimed female impersonator, Bobbie Callicoate. His show has to be seen to be believed!

The donation at the door is \$10, and The Court of the Golden Swan assured me that to miss this would be like cutting off one or more of your nuts... I didn't know that Frumpy had any!

No matter what scene one is into, this show and buffet promises to be one of the biggies of 1983, but don't expect to see two Queen Mothers in kilts!

I have a feeling that this presentation will prove once and for all whether or not 'unity" of ACIE is lip service or a definite divider.

Just between you and me ... and the glory hole!. I'm a little bit tired of the quasi cohesiveness of the powers behind just what is going on in this County.

Are we one or are Oakland and Hayward two separate (Continued on next page)

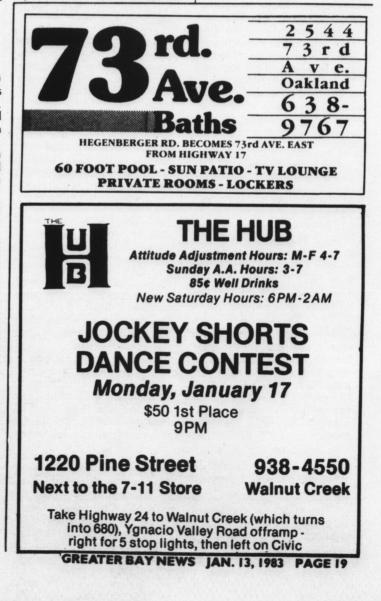
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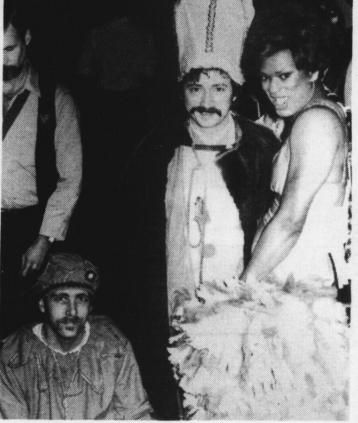
The Gay and Lesbian Members of Alcoholics Anonymous in the East Bay are hosting a weekend conference titled "Unity in Sobriety." The conference will occur on January 21-23 at the Carter Middle School, 4521 Webster in Oakland and consists of speakers and workshops. Registration is only \$3, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. The event is wheelchair accessible: childcare is available. Info: 261-6353, or send registration to East Bay Conerence, P.O. Box 11310, Oakland, 94611.

Diablo Rap

The Gay Rap Support Group, sponsored by the Diablo Valley MCC meets each Friday night from 8 to 9:30 PM. The topic for January 21 will be "Boys vs. Girls." The group meets at 1818 Colfax. Info: 827-2960

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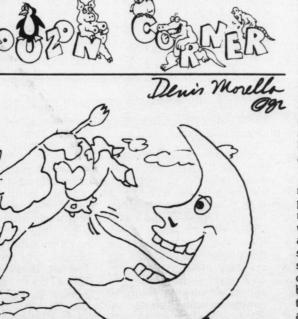


East Bay Royalty attending the Coronation - Emperor Frumpy and Empress Stephanie brought their Court Jester, who's the hem of his Empress' dress. (Photo: Rink)

finite yes or no from a politician!

Yes, there is a Gay Alcoholic's Anonymous; and, yes, it is having an East Bay Conference on Friday and Satur day. January 21 and 22.

It will be held at Carter Middle School, 4521 Webster Street, in Oakland, hosted by East Bay Gay and Lesbian Members of Alcoholic Anonymous. There will be a \$3 donation, but no one will b turned away if he or she does



press - to, to thine own self be true.

ELEEMOSYNARY FACTUM! (An Alming Nose?)

For the third straight (?) year, Revol is again having its Chili Cookoff, on Monday, January 24. All proceeds will go directly to Alameda County Special Olympics: and I understand that Don Arnold, representative of said organization, will again be in attendance to witness and appreciate all the effort that Gays can provide to this most worthy cause.

Entry blanks (entry fee of \$3 goes unscathed to ACSO) are now available at Revol in Oakland. When the judging is finalized, all entries will be sold for a buck a bowl ... and, that too, will go to the ACSO. Complementary salad and crackers... and Rolaids... will be offered in addition to the chilis.

Because all monies go directly to the Special Olympics, prizes are kept to a minimum; but, the first place winner will receive a trophy. an official Chili book, and seventy-five bucks! The second place winner will receive a trophy, the same book, and fifty bucks. The third place winner will receive a trophy and twenty-five bucks... all donated!

SAN JOSE: FROM THE ROSEGARDEN

More Politics And Real Women

Perhaps the most significant Gay political meeting for the part two years was held last week at the home of Roger Lee, an out-front Gay who owns Capitol Data Communications, a campaign management consulting firm. in San Jose.

Not since the community center was formed two years ago has such a broad crosssection of the South Bay's political community met.

The party / meeting, called for two purposes, actually served three purposes: 1) to discuss the possible formation of a standing community political action committee with a goal of developing a standing political campaign donation fund to be distributed to public office candidates who endorse Gay Rights objectives; 2) to seek input to a structure established by agreementsmade by a small number of Lambda Association members last year. Input sought was participation on the Rally committee, and 3) to introduce San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery and Councilperson Susan Hammer and to re-introduce Santa Clara County Supervisor Zoe Lofgren to the Gay political community (and vice-versa).

Mayor McEnery, who'd just taken office that morning, briefly mingled with the crowd and redelivered excerpts from his speech originally given at the "Unity Breakfast" earlier in the day that marked his official seating as San Jose's new Mayor. There were no surprises in the speech but there was a re-affirmation of an "open door" policy and an encouragement to apply to him for vacant positions on City Boards and Commissions

That same open door policy and encouragement was extended by councilperson Susan Hammer. She had something else to offer, however. Asked whether she would support a Gay Day Proclamation to coincide with the San Jose Gay Freedom Day Rally this June, she said that she "has no problem with a proclamation" and that she would speak with other members of the council for the adoption of such a proclama-

Zoe Lofgren, when asked if oport a similar county-wide proclamation, said she would as long as the proclamation didn't set aside a day or week or month as "Gay." She said she "even voted against Secretary's week." She said she would push for a proclamation that was in the form of a commendation or some similar form of recognition.

After their remarks the speakers left and the business meeting began. Roger Lee launched a discussion of the proposed political action committee before the approximately forty people who remained for the meeting.

The purpose of the PAC, as stated, would be to create a standing political campaign fund

"The effect on candidates of possible support from a segment of the community that has a \$50,000 bank ac-GREATER BAY NEWS JAN. 13, 1983 PAGE 20

count to offer to triendly can didates isn't hard to imagine," said Lee. "We wouldn't want to use that money as a club, he said, "but it could serve as a very positive attentiongetter

TOM ROGERS

a beginner state

When asked why a new PAC was being proposed rather than working through an existing structure such as the SCVCHR which raised in excess of \$100,000 to fight the A&B campaign two years ago, Lee said that he "has no problem with working through an existing structure such as the SCVCHR." He went on to say that he'd failed to approach the SCVCHR because of the "negativity that exists between some of the members of the community and the members of the SCVCHR.

It is assumed that Mr. Lee was referring to two or three of the four former members of the SCVCHR who resigned in a huff, and to one of them, in particular, who controlled the political writing in the local press and who launched an active campaign to destroy that organization's credibility.

Frank O'Reilly pointed out that the SCVCHR is still very much alive in spite of all that bad press and could handle this and many other projects. He and Lanny Revoir named the recently formed Legal Defense Fund as an example of work that the SCVCHR was able and willing to do.

Sal Accardi said that the point of the meeting and the broad cross-section of the Gay political community invited was to create "a clean slate. To borrow a phrase from the Republicans, a 'new beginning'

That new beginning lasted about ten minutes. With discussion of the PAC carried as far as it could safely go during the meeting, the subject changed to the San Jose Gay Freedom Day Rally scheduled for June.

A list of committees, some with chairs already appointed, was distributed. Roger Lee invited his guests to indicate on which committee they would like to serve.

Again the question of structural sanction of the Rally arose. "What organization is sponsoring the Rally? Why no democratic process for the selection to the Rally committee?" asked Frank O'Reilly.

Rasalie Nichols explained that Roger Lee was voted chair of this year's rally by the few remaining members of Lambda Association last spring. She indicated that although Lambda Association now defunct, the wheels had been set in motion before that happened. She set aside the so-called "new beginning" long enough to blame Dan Relic, founder of the Rally and competing newspaper publisher, and Juanita Bloch, long-time Gay Rights activist, for the demise of Lambda.

Roger Lee quickly reiterated that he had no problem with working with an oranization such as the BDL&G Community Center to set up the structure of the Rally committees of the future and invited input from the

various representatives of organizations present at the meeting for their ideas as

the state of the s

Although the meeting convened a half-hour early, Roger Lee indicates that nearly everyone present volunteered to participate in various functions to organize this year's Rally, and to participate in structuring the purpose of the PAC. * *

Casa took up a couple of tables to represent San Jose at the S.F. Coronation Ball last Saturday night. The current court of Empress Darlene and Emperor Dennis was supplemented by past monarchs Mark Dalton and Alex Mendezibel.

There were two features of our city's representation that stood out in sharp contrast to



team.

Rev. Perry Visits Bay Area MCC's

One conservative religious group labeled it "the church of Sodom," but The Rev. Troy D. Perry calls it the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC).

Perry's mission is to tell the world that the church is a Christian Church with a special outreach to homosexual persons, as well as to other disenfranchised people who know that the true message of the gospel is that God loves them just as they are.

"We're tired of television evangelists who talk about us as labels and never as people," says Perry, who is recognized by the homosexual community as America's foremost Gay rights advocate.

Drinking Again

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are falling apart financially and socially. You have to be there with a lot of love to support them through this. When an alcoholic begins to recover it creates havoc among people who don't know how to deal with him when he's sober. As a drunk he may have been rather benevolent. No matter how you look at it there is going to be a drastic change in lifestyle."

Most serious drinkers who have managed to conquer their problem with alcohol have found a honeymoon of sorts awaiting them. They often meet extremely supportive new friends with whom they can socialize in a nondrinking atmosphere. They learn how to cope with living sober. They learn how to survive failure, success, boredom and loneliness. Some may have lost their jobs, friends or families from

the rest of the country's court systems attending. The first was that, in a veritable sea of gold lame, sequins, feather boas and very tall, husky women, our court carried it off in conservative business suits. The second was that real women in female roles showed the extent to which San Jose's male and female communities work together.

The whole effect was very conservative and very

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positive.

Other than the above, it was a kind of dry week. A few people are beginning to move around out there — hang-overs dissipating — so 1983's second week should be more interesting.

Go hug your pet and have a great week.

town?

Liz of the Daybreak shows her style to team members and the Boot Rack

Perry will be in the East Bay January 14, 15 and 16 conducting a spiritual renewal between two of our Bay Area churches. His schedule will run as follows: Saturday, Jan. 15, 4 PM, Marantha MCC. Major workshop / airing of documentary film (open to public); 6:30 PM, Pot luck followed by old fashioned revival singing (open to the public); Sunday, Jan. 16, 11 PM, Sunday Services, San Jose Church, 160 E. Virginia St. (open to the public); and 6 PM Sunday services at Marantha (open to the public)

The UFMCC plans to televise an hour long program in April 1983, and clips from this documentary will be in-

their drinking. Others almost went into the great big blackout from which there is no return. The fact that they are alive and sober is the most precious gift they can wake

"One of the classic symptoms of an alcoholic is very low self-esteem. Many are isolated drinkers"

meeting who said he thought that recovering alcoholics were really the chosen people," stated one member of A.A. "In order to survive they have had to deal with every aspect of their lives. They have had no choice but to thoroughly examine their sexuality, their spirituality, their ego - everything involved in their lives. So many people remain untested in life. In order to live sober you not only must begin to heal -

Nez

Continued from previous page) "communities" yoked toge-ther by the ACIE?

All prides should be swall owed; all wounds should bemended; all petty preferences should be put asunder ... so that Alameda County can stand as one. But ... and, that's a capital BUT ... as long as "you know who" controls the few, it will be an uphill

battle all the way. When, oh when, will we all wake up and see the light? What good is it if I talk in flowers while "he" continually thinks in pastry? No, Empress III, I'm not referring to you ... but you do know the reference to pastry, don't you???!!! Tis sad, sad, sad... but for-

reasons known only to those immediately involved, the most current "Gypsy Feast" at the Lake Merritt Hotel, held on New Year's Day, was public knowledge to a privy few. I heard from several who were going, and from some who went... but why oh why weren't there posters and publicity plastered all over

I had to work, so there was no way that I could attend ... but there were so many who knew nothing of it. Please forgive me, if in the heat of battle, I sometimes forget which side I'm on.

Oakland... you are, indeed, unique... p.s. I love vou!

Next time, do I have a biggie for you? Yes I do! Until then, I know one who won't smile... but I will! Love, Nez

cluded as part of the major workshop that Rev. Perry will be facilitating on Saturday at the Marantha MCC in Hayward.

All activities of this exciting weekend are open to the public. A \$2.00 donation is suggested for the workshop on Saturday to offshoot the expense of renting video equipment for the airing of the documentary.

Please plan to spend this most enlightening and exciting weekend with your MCC family either in San Jose or Marantha, Haward, or both. Info: San Jose, 279-2711; Hayward, 881-5694.

you have to put all these areas of your life back together again. Today I regard the fact aht I'm a recovering olic as a true blessing

If one of your New Year's resolutions has been to cut back on your drinking, there is a big favor you can do for vourself and those who care about you. Ask for help. It's not such a terrible thing to do. "I once met a priest at a Whether you seek help from

> Alcoholics Anonymous or a residential recovery program, the most important thing is to muster the courage to make that first phone call. It might take a while. In the meantime write down the phone number next to your telephone. The next time you feel an urgent need to reach for a drink, reach for the phone instead. Remember: the life you save may very well be your own. **George Heymont**

BAT AREA ATTORTER JAMA IS LEED FARE TH

"People are always shocked to find I have a wife and family," Hansen told me. "It's extremely boring." Here are the books, they're

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married women

alone.

Gay life.

up to each day.



B.A.R. INTERVIEW

To Be Different and Not Different

The Personal Mysteries of a Sleuth Sayer

by John F. Karr

oseph Hansen is unquestionably the most mysterious Gay mystery writer there is. Although He's the author of the widely-known series of "David Brandstetter" mysteries (now seven novels long), most of his fans find recalling his name a mystery. His past is strewn with mysterious aliases and pen names. Last, and perhaps most confoundingly mysterious to many, is this Gay author's 40 year marriage to the woman he credits as a major help in his writing career.

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"I think more homosexuals

ought to adopt kids, and I

think we should fight for the

right. Raising a kid is a great

experience, filled with the

most marvelous and terrible

emotions. It's better than

having an old mum and a

S pen names of Hansen's past clears the must

that shrouded recognition of

his real name. He's been

writing since he left high

past clears the mystery

The last situation provides Hansen, a naturally cheery fellow, with hearty laughs. He was interviewed by Patricia Holt of the Chronicle the day before I met him, and she subsequently wrote, "I do not ask him how a married man can write so authentically about single Gay men."

stacking up, and people still ask me, 'Are you a homo-

Hansen roared with amazed laughter. "Could anybody but a homosexual write these books? It's prepos-

"Then they want to know how you can be married. Well, I fell in love. I've been lucky to have a partner in my life, my wife, who helps me. I'd rather everybody thought I did it myself, but I have to give credit where it's due.'

In a day when illness and the possibility of assimilation into the mainstream are causing many Gays to reconsider the durability and practicality of monogamous male/male marriage, Hansen talks of Gays who have

"Ive known many married homosexuals. My tendency is to believe there are many more male homosexuals who, out of cowardice, accomodation or whatever else, have married, than homosexuals who have not, who are out there alone. That's an experience I cannot understand or write about - living

Hansen rejoices in the broadening of the human experience that his family life has given him, but speaks more devoutly, specially, of

"I maintain there's a kind of joy that homosexuals can have that heterosexuals can never, never have. It is the miracle of two people coming together of whom there aren't very many on earth. There are so few of us; for every thousand homosexuals there are millions of heterosexuals. The miracle of finding someone you can unite with, and it keeps up, is fantastic. The kind of joy that can come from that is different from the kind of joy you find when you're a man who finds a woman, which I did. So I know something about that.

scenes I'd had to include earlier, and it pleased me that it got to go around the way I wrote it.

'Hansen's poetry appeared under his own name in the New Yorker, Harpers, The Saturday Review and other magazines. He wrote a mustery Known Homosexual prior to the Brandstetter series. These works began to consolidate his reputation.

"Known Homosexual had the same trademark as the Brandstetter books. There are a lot of human beings in it with their own problems going on while they mystery is going on too. That's what believe a mystery should be. as well as dealing with serious social situtations."

onfronting the final mystery, I felt I'd reached the core of

Joseph Hansen (Photo: Rink)

school in the 1940's. He's published at least fifteen novels, and his short stories have appeared in numerous magazines, as has his poetry.

For over ten years I've kept some poems by one James Colton which I clipped from Tangents magazing never found out who Colton was until Hansen nonchalantly named the eight novels he'd written "under the Colton name." The mysterious, unknown poet was Hansen. After years of my searching for the man, this "Colton" had come to me.

An abundant flow of poetry wasn't his only output. He paid his earliest dues as a writer of potboilers turning out Gothics under the name "Rose Brock." He churned out "one-handed" fiction for Greenleaf Classics and Olympia Press.

"There were absolute tons of jack-off books being published then," he said. "It's amusing for me to see that mine are among the few which survived. Most of them were what they were; nobody pretended they were litera-ture. I republished one in 1977 under my own name, and retitled Stranger to Myself. We took out the sex

Joseph Hansen, the key that would make people remember which name belonged on those books they'd been gobbling as fast as they were published. Was it his intent, I asked, to propagandize, to inform?

"Absolutely." he vowed. "It's not nice for an artist to admit that, but to hell with that! There's a lot of cliches and stereotypes about homosexuals in fiction today, and I wanted to turn them on their head. I want to reach heterosexuals and tell them what it's like to be a homosexual so that it would stop being some scary sort of thing.

"I want to show and tell as best I can how it is to be different and not different, that we're just like everyone else. It sounds like a dumb message, but they need it out there. Believe me they do.

"So I am a propagandist, but I hope it never shows. I hope the books are so real that that part is just to be taken for granted.

The social message is taken for granted in Hansen's latest book, the suspense novel Backtrack. It concerns teenager Alan Tarr's search for in-

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Sonnets for a Portuguese

"I could never find enough poems I liked to publish a collection." Joseph Hansen told the B.A.R. "I can't consign these to immortality. I'd say. The drawer. yes: a book. no. I guess I forgot The Sonnets for a Portuguese when Momentum Press published their collection of my poems.

Forgotten since its initial publication in a 1968 Tangent magazine, the gentle cycle makes its first reappearance below

What proof can I offer? How about living With you for, say, six months, even a year, Wanting to touch you but not coming near, Making no move you could construe as loving. Speaking no word of having or not having, Sleeping beside you as if unaware How beautiful your mouth, your cock, your hair, Your empty, outflung hand, your very breathing? Would this convince you? I'd do all these acts And more, if you asked more, to make you see That there can be a kind of love as free Of greed and ego as a file of facts. And if, persuaded, you at last contrived To love me - good. Assuming I'd survive.

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Yes, I know — we're not going to live Together. Not celibate, not loving, Not any way at all. There'll be no proving Or disproving, will there? If I'm to save Something of you to keep until the grave, This is how it will have to be - a halving. Quartering, fragmenting of my wanting: As much as, and no more than, you will give. All right. But I'm your friend and you are mine. Agreed? And neither of us is a child. We've both been naked, semen-slick and wild, Have fucked till this one's come and that one's gone. Love, maybe, you won't give, but would you lend, At least, and by my horizontal friend?

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Today I propped a mirror in my room To learn what kind of monster or defective You see in my. I wanted your perspective, Even if reversed. I took my time, Sat down, knees crossed, kept well within the frame, Smoked and drank coffee, now passive, now active, Smiled, frowned, became guite talkative And very quiet. It was all the same Nothing outlandish. Bald, of course, and thin, With longer hands than maybe necessary, Not a bad mouth, though the teeth need repairing. A small mustache, some wrinkles in the skin. Eyes hurt but observant. The thing I lack The mirror didn't show. I put it back.

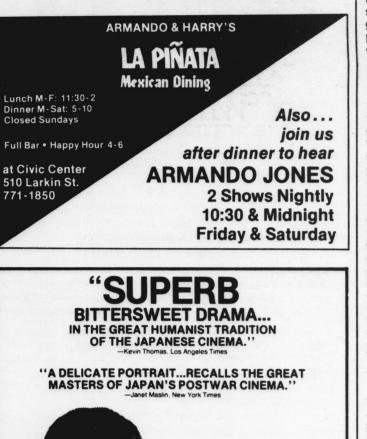
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Here is a lesson you appear to need: Begin with buttons to remove a shirt. Taking the one nearest the top to start. And working down. Mostly it is agreed Shoes ought to come off before you proceed To trousers. You are least likely to hurt A delicate and sometimes moving part By taking these with all deliberate speed. The customary undershirt today Slips up the torso and off over the head. The shorts, whatever type, slip down. The dead As well as lovers may be stripped this way -Which note I add in case too much time passes Before you get to me. And don't forget my glasses.

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sex and injustice

MUDDY

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PRIVATE LIFESTYLE

This reviewer has seen Siegfried and Roy numerous times and never fails to be fascinated by their agility and showmanship. He has also been interested in the attractive men's personal lives, although their privacy is strictly preserved.

The dynamic duo, who are both German, met 18 years ago when they were working separately aboard the luxury ship Breman. They became a team, traveling Europe for eight years. A command performance before Prince Rainer and Princess Grace of Monaco proved to be the start of something big, and they subsequently starred in the Lido in Paris for three years.

Ten years ago the Folies Bergere in Las Vegas signed



f you've seen one drag show you've seen them all," commented one Gay friend after seeing the spectacular of all spectacular's – MGM Grand's new Jubilee show in Las Vegas. That cynicism startled this reviewer who can not get enough of revolving stages and two story staircases oaded with hundreds of near-nude and overly sequined dancers. There are now eight spectaculars n Vegas — the hotels discovered it is cheaper to have an elaborate stage show than to bring in Frank Sinatra. One of these spectaculars may not be the most exceptional in the costumes/sets department but it is the hottest ticket in town. It's **Beyond Belief** at the Frontier. It plays to capacity houses for

your heart out, Liberace." Roy flays his arms about in mad abandon and rushes up staircases with a ballet-like grace. When he enters triumphantly atop an elephant, one swears he is the reincarnation of Sabu, whom he resembles

Siegfried and Roy excel most in captivating audiences with their personalities. It is clear that they are a team and that they enjoy what they are doing as much as the audience. It is all smiles and joy leave your worries at home. In one feat, the stars ride motorcycles into cages which are hoisted in the air and quickly covered and uncovered, revealing the stars and cycles to have disappeared. They reappear in another airborne cage, while a large tiger is found in their original position. Or Roy will ride through the audience on an elephant, enter a box on stage and promptly vanish. These are big and flashy illu-

More traditional illusionist tricks are also performed such as the woman who is suspended in mid-air, or sawed in half, and burning at the stake in which the person "on

discuss the total Beyond Belief show. Suffice it to say that without the stars, it is typically Las Vegas. However, there are some exceptions such as a beautiful display of male bodies surpassing the usual number of males



Siegfried (top) and Roy. Las Vegas Superstars, with a co-starring snake. Contrary to tradition, the snake doesn't have all the good lines. S and R's business manager gets to say that the pair have an enduring business relationship.

them. They moved to the Frontier in 1981 to star in its new Beyond Belief showroom. It has been sell-out performances at \$25 a seat since then.

Siegfried and Roy have no public last names. They live on a protected Las Vegas complex of buildings that is a ranch/estate. Their personal manager, Bernie Yuman, calls it "their monastery" because of its Spanish design. It includes a large zoo for the leopards, lions and tigers used in the show. The zoo becomes public one day a month when children are allowed in to see the animals.

Merv Griffin, a friend of the stars, has interviewed the duo although they carefully avoid the public and rarely grant interviews. Although Yuman personally placed a recent ad for Beyond Belief in the Bay Area Reporter, he would not permit this reporter to talk with the stars on the telephone. Yuman said, "You can ask me anything you would ask them." We asked if they were "out" as Gay people. Yuman paused and then said emphatically, "They are business partners."

It would be remiss not to in a review, and split in numbers between black and caucasians. Elsewhere in Vegas there are hundreds of male dancers but only an occasional black. Two of the black dancers here appear in skin-tight, white pants that reveal their ample personalities.

A second novelty act is The Hsuing Family featuring two exceptionally attractive and well built males who display fine pectoral muscles, Tzyh Chyang and Tzyh-Woei Hsuing. They perform martial art and acrobatic feats but this reviewer was too busy staring at their bodies to remember what they did.

It would also be remiss not to mention that there are twenty attractive bare-breast ed women. They are left little to do but walk around in a variety of flashy costumes. During a Sunday matinee of the show families are welcomed and the women's breasts are covered.

With so many stage shows to see in Las Vegas, Gay visitors rarely take part in the local Gay activities - of which there are a few. There is one noted steam bath, a few Gay bars, and sexual activity at two adult bookstores. Local modeling agencies offer male as well as female models. Las Vegas also offers the opportunity to see scores of beautiful men who wear very little in the big Casino spectaculars.

The shows not to be missed in Vegas after Beyond Belief are Jubilee, City Lights, and the Folies Bergeres. Oh, yes, Las Vegas also has gambling. Oddly enough, this reviewer doesn't gamble.

Le Beau Mariage Altar-ed State?

sults

Except for Rohmer's intelligent dialogue and the beauti-ful fairytale colors and settings, this could almost be an old Doris Day movie. Sabine's virginity is ancient history, but she doesn't intend to vield to Edmond before marriage. He frustrates her by not asking her to.

Dreams

engrossing read.

Hansen is sure. considering the number of copies his track and the mainstream books sell, that many of his





FILM CLIPS

My first lover caught me as was coming out. He was younger than I but more experienced in the Gay scene, and he had set his sights on a relationship. He had created a pattern and tried to force me to fit it, with disastrous re-

Eric Rohmer's Le Beau Mariage is about a woman who, like my ex, makes her wedding plans before finding a groom. Most of the film deals with the pursuit of Edmond (Andre Dussollier), an eligible, reasonably attractive lawyer, by the determined Sabine (Beatrice Romand).

Two classic scenes compensate for moments of tediousness and silliness that punctuate the rest of the film. The first is a reverse-cliche mother and daughter con-

Winter of Our

Cold and Dismal

From the very first scene of Winter of Our Dreams you can forecast the rest of the picture: depressing: A young hooker/junkie has committed suicide (does that make her a hooker with a heart of mold?). Her best friend, another prostitute with a needle

Joseph Hansen

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formation about his father. who was recently murdered. Alan finds out his father was Gay, meets in rapid succession an astonishing bunch of Hollywood jetsam and learns some unusual facts about himself along the way. The page turner was considered by five publishers. which kept Hansen busy with revisions. Publisher's Weekly called it "polished to a high gloss," and it is a smoothly

Gay Abortion?

Representatives of the Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights of the Coalition for the Medical Rights of Women will discuss whether abortion is a Lesbian issue on The Gay Life, KSAN, 95 FM, Sunday, Jan. 16, 6 AM. This month marks the tenth anniversary of the historic US Supreme Court decision egalizing aborition.

frontation, with the older woman advising the younger to live with a man before marrying him. Sabine's insistence on playing by the old rules is especially ironic in this context.

Later Sabine's obsessive campaign appears to have blown it for her. Her "Puget deb" approach has been too obvious and no one can talk Edmond into her trap but Ed-

mond himself. In a scene that's brilliantly written and played he seemingly begins to do just that, but I won't tell you how it turns out.

With disease scares making some of us reconsider "old fashioned" kinds of relationships, Le Beau Mariage offers a timely lesson in how not to get into one.

S. Warren



(Clay)

Doris du Jour - Beatrice Romand has led Andre Dussollier to her bedroom with no intention of letting him drink – but he's not even thirsty! – in a scene from Eric Rohmer's Le Beau Mariage.

to say, let alone the actors.

So, to save you a few

bucks, here's the rest of the

story. Brown, who has an

open marriage, invites Lou to

no sex please - and when

she begins to be totally de-

pendent on him, just like his

former - now dead - lover.

he backs off. Lou, now free of

drugs. discovers she is on her

own. We leave her like we

M. Lasky

found her. crying.

(Bridge)

spend some time with him -

appetite named Lou (Judy Davis) meets up with the dead girl's college days lover. Bryan Brown. He's come to find out why she died.

Other than the radiant. exuberant performance by Australian actress Davis (star of My Brilliant Career) and some lingering shots of Bryan Brown's beautifully lean and muscular torso, there is not much else here to maintain our interest. Not even director/writer John Duigan seems to know what the film is trying

'them and us.'

Human Rights

A general meeting of a coa-

lition for human rights, in-

cluding 50 predominantly

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual

groups and individuals will

meet at New College, 777

Valencia Street, at 5:30 PM

on Wednesday, January 19.

The meeting is open to the public. Info: Diane, 864-

time. Hansen's name has become a calling card where it was once unknown. While he readers are straight. This obviously finds this regladdens his propagandist warding. he's already heart. "All of us need to find assuredly content. Blessed common grounds of with a family life and rewardhumanity today," he said. ed in his work, Hansen "The time for divisions, of speaks enthusiastically about huddling in ghettos and the writing courses he's taught saying, 'you're over there but at a U.C.L.A. extension for I'm over here' is gone. These some years. When you finally divisions have to break up if get the chance, you find we're going to survive. We Joseph Hansen's life a cannot do it on the basis of happily open book. No mysteries at all. Except for two Between the popularity of

more Brandstetter books, althe Brandstetter series and his ready scheduled for publicaother books, such as Backtion novel A Smile In His Life-

John F. Karr

Musical Benefit The united Salvadorean Front (F.U.S.) and the Bay Area Blues All-Stars present Mississippi Johnny Waters, Cool Papa, Eddie Ray and Sonny Lane, Carlos Zialcita and the Eldorado Blues Band, Little Frankie Lee, and more at 9 PM on Tuesday, January 25 at the Mabuhay Gardens, \$4 donation (\$3 students and disabled) to the F.U.S. Food and Clothing Distribution Center.



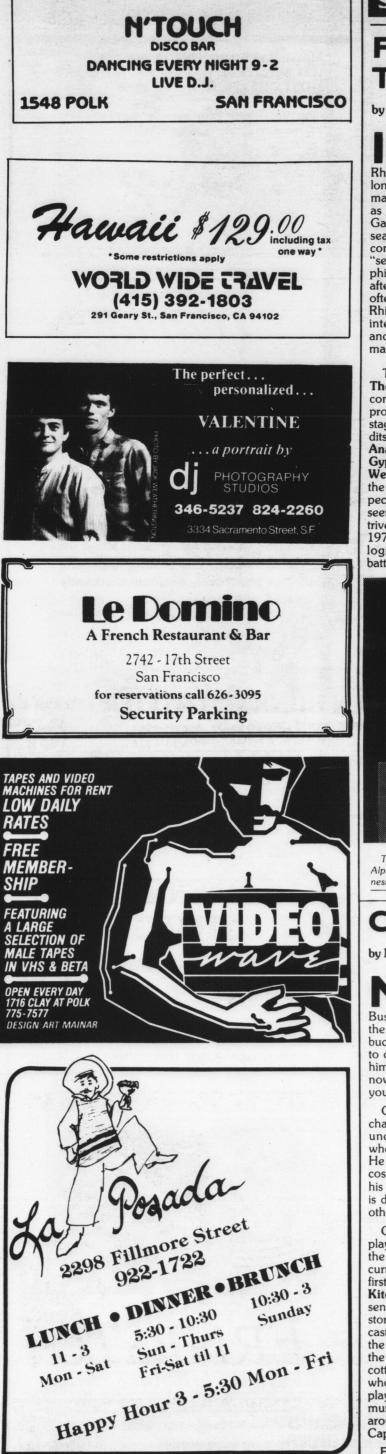
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STAGE

From Adolescence Into **The Enclave**

by Mark Topkin

t's been a long, and sometimes difficult time coming, but last weekend Theatre Rhinoceros emerged from a long adolescence in a spurt of maturity worthy of their label as San Francisco's ranking Gay theatre company. After seasons of silly pubescent comedies tossed out amongst 'serious" plays that fed Gay philosophy like pablum, and after seasons of mediocre, often amateurish performing, Rhino has risen to a difficult intellectual full-length play and has achieved its finest mainstage effort to date.

The play is Arthur Laurents' The Enclave, and it is a coming out story of heroic proportion. Laurents, whose stage and screen writing credits include The Snake Pit. Anastasia, West Side Story, Gypsy and The Way We Were, wrote The Enclave in the early 70s. To some, especially younger Gays, it may seem a trifle didactic and contrived, but to those who in the 1970's fought major psychological and interpersonal battles for recognition and ac-

ceptance as homosexuals, The Enclave will seem sound and satisfying in its portrayal of that process.

At the center of the story is Ben. Still closeted at age 40, he has fallen in love with Wyman, a man 15 years his junior, at a time when Ben and his tightly knit friends, three straight couples, have decided to build their own enclave of housing units to make their upper-middle class urban lifestyle more tolerable. Ben's decision to come out and to bring Wyman into this enclave causes an uproar amongst the members and the friendships start to tear at the seams.

The tears reveal the underpinnings of what is in essence a family system: the myths, lies, and illusions that the family members have maintained for each other crumble like dominoes once Ben overtly discloses his homosexuality. No longer can they, as one character wishes it, "lower the shades and cope;" if the enclave is to prevail it must do so only with an honesty no one has heretofor been willing to face.

The younger generation can be more open. and youthful Wyman (David Alphin) helps forty-year old Ben (Ron Lanza) blossom to a fulfilling aware-ness of his Gay identity in **The Enclave.** (Photo: V. Cangiano)

Crowded at the Top

by Mark Topkin

ake no mistake about it; a star is rising. His name is Charles Busch and he's performing at the Valencia Rose for five bucks. In a few years it's going to cost you a lot more to see him. So I suggest you see him now, so you, too, can say you saw him when.

Charles Busch is an actor, a character actor. He has the uncanny ability to create whole beings instantaneously. He uses no props, no sets, no costumes, just his voice and his body, but every character is distinctly different from the others.

Charles Busch also writes plays for his characters, and the two he performs in his current show are terrific. The first, Escape From Camp Kitchiwamee, is a quiniessential summer camp horror story about three camper outcasts (the fairy, the fatso and the retard) who wander into the wood and stumble upon a cottage and the old crone who inhabits it. The second play, After You've Gone, is a murder mystery set in and around New York City and Cape Juno, New Jersey.

Each play is populated by

an array of characters that come and go with a twist of the head or a turn of the body. They talk to each other; sometimes a dozen or more people seem to be on stage at once.

In reality there is only Charles Busch, but his androgynous form is constantly in motion and his supple voice is constantly modulating. You forget you're watching Charles Busch when you're in the presence of a drugged-



Charles Busch, caught in his impersonation of a broken down female jazz singer, one of the many peculiar characters who come to life through his masterful talent in After You've Gone.

Director Robert W. Pitman has gathered an ensemble of nine competent actors and has drawn from each of them a distinctive, clearly motivated characterization. He most effectively uses Ron Lanza as Ben, David Alphin as Wyman and Robert Coffman as Oliver, Ben's old doctor/friend, to illustrate the contrasting attitudes of three generations of Gay men: the isolated, campy old queen, the uncompromising youth and the man caught in between

Jarion Monroe gives perhaps the strongest performance of the evening as Ben's unforgiving brother, Bruno, who is unable to reconcile brotherly love with gut-level homophobia. His conflict is sharpened by his own sexually frustrated existence with his repressed wife, Eleanor (well played by Margaret Van Schenck).

Susan Meredith and Valentine Hooven are also fine as a couple with strong but very unsettled sexual drives, and Ezra Nero and Ann Houle round out the cast as an interracial couple whose social treatment is compared to Ben and Wyman's.

Technically, The Enclave is enhanced by Steven Douglas's attractive and ingenious settings as well as by Mark Jones's perfectly suited costumes. The production uses incidental music originally composed for the play by Stephen Sondheim.

Theatre Rhinoceros has handled serious plays well before, but with this production they truly come of age and they should be justifiably proud. They have approached a play that deals dramatically with homosexual integration into a deeply resistent heterosexual society, and they have succeeded in its presentation. The Enclave is coming out to be savored by all of us.

The Enclave by Arthur Laurents Theatre Rhinoceros Thru Feb. 6; 861-5079

out black jazz singer, an aged European nobleman, the old crone, a sadistic camp counselor, a phony society matron, a young hustler, and on and on.

Busch doesn't merely create characters; he creates theatre. He holds his audience spellbound with his plays, building each to a thrilling, satisfying climax. This is clearly genius at work. By all means, don't miss him

Charles Busch Alone The Valencia Rose Thru Jan 29: 552-1445

ROMANTIC

STAGE

Fiddler on the Front Porch

by John F. Karr

he longer I thought about the initial production of San Francisco Musical Stage, Fiddler On The Roof, the more glum I became. On the one hand, it is the premiere offering of a utopian group which is committed to mounting fully staged productions, paying Equity wages to Bay Area performers and musicians, and maintaining "popular prices" at the box office. On the other hand, the show wasn't so wonderful to see. I felt obligated to like it because San Francisco needs and could appreciate this com-

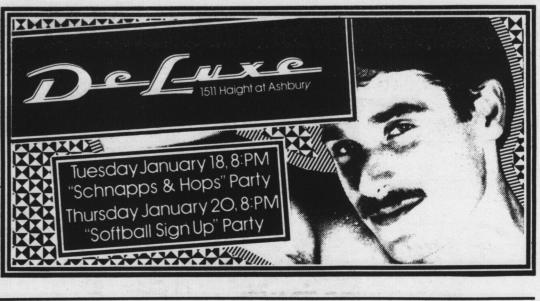
pany. As a beginning, it was acceptable. On the other hand, an amateur production is an amateur production, no matter how fancily produced.

Fiddler is a classic, however, and enjoyment of this production hinges heavily on how well one knows Fiddler's earlier incarnations. Familiarity with the originals may cause difficulty in finding much of individual merit in this heavy handed but com-

show is signed for the hearing impaired from the side of the stage; this Tevye was trying to take over that role.

Focus is further lost with the addition of a prologue to the prologue. The chatter of chorus members, meant to add reality, is distracting. The Fiddler role has been broadened to include tumbling, acrobatics and juggling, reducing him from metaphor to clown. In these and other instances the direction shows a basic lack of understanding of the musical's structure and dignity, as well as religious background. These "Jews" have no mezzuzahs on their doors.

I spent much of the show discovering similarities between Gays and these oppressed Jews. "I know we are the Chosen People," cries one character to God when trouble strikes, "but couldn't You choose someone else every once in a while?" Homosexuals find themselves chosen, too, and this heightened my appreciation of







Motel (Don Myers) and Tzeitel (Kris Lowry) in the S.F. Musical Stage production of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

petent transversal. If fresh to the material - or unusually open minded - one will no doubt find the exotic locale. strong story, famous musical numbers and overall humanity more than sufficient to sustain interest, despite the lengthy playing time of this production.

Fiddler has a large cast. and there are good perfor-mances here. The Yente was more boilermaker than busybody, perhaps, but funny. Sandi V. Weldon is good as Golde, Tevye's wife, and the daughters and their suitors

are all fine. Tevye, though, played by producer George Costomiris) is not up to the role's demands, his singing and acting both limited. His hands fluttering about the air, are especially tiresome. The

Cabaret Dates

Gail Wilson sings each Saturday night in January at Fannys, beginning at 9:30 PM. She'll appear at Miran-da's, 1695 Polk Street on Fridays 21 and 28 at 10 PM.

Val Diamond will appear for a one-night solo, Tuesday, January 18, in the Plush Room. French singer Raquel Bitton has just been given a six-week engagement in the

Nicholas, Glover and Wray

these people and their strength and dignity. When Tevye's daughter weds out of the faith she is spurned, and the play points out that racism exists everywhere - even the oppressed have their own hatreds. And the oppressed should know better.

So there is value here, and some momentarily sprightly scenes and numbers. The prices, while not cheap, are affordable, and I'm glad the group is here. Flower Drum Song is next, opening in April, and should offer strong identification to the Oriental community. Perhaps its staging will demonstrate more expertise, too.

Fiddler On The Roof S.F. Musical Stage

appear at Trinity Place, Janu-

Carol Roberts presides over Open Mike Comedy at the Roxy Roadhouse on Friday 14. Monday nights there are Showcase Auditions. Aldo

Ellen Munger and Ken Ford present their original songs each Sunday night at 8:30 PM at Fanny's. They describe their material as "an

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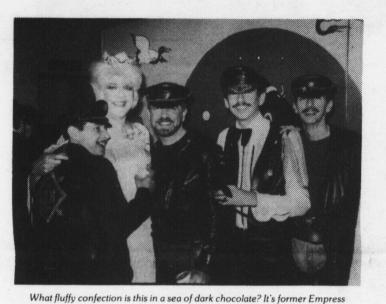
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Scenes From a Coronation



Pomp and Pageantry and the moment of the year. Empress Mae concludes her year in office by lowering the crown onto the head of new Empress Connie while Emperor Tattoo Jim kneels beside. (Photo: Rink)



Pushy Pushy Phyliss with the men of her bike club. the G.D.I.'s (Photo: Rink)



Ipset because she didn't win? Ah, no – it's "Miss Gay World '83," Margo Lea Jones, whose black leather snarl crowned her Empress of punk rock at the Coronation. (Photo: Rink)



Bob Ross escorts a jubilant Connie through the cheering crowd to the stage for her coronation. Tattoo Jim was escorted by former Empress Ginger. (Photo: Rink)

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Sharon McNight, a woman among women, wowed the Coronation audience. ((Photo: Rink)



Can you guess which person is in drag? Regardless of your answer. you'll recognize former Empress Jane Doe. With her are two admirers. (Photo: Rink)





Roger Spencer (P.B.)

Larry Kramer (P B)

Lew Watson (W.H.)

Art Toth (P-I)

Denny McLain (W.H.)

Jerry De Young (Pndlm)

Bob Rolison (P.W.I.L.)

Mike Lindzy (Pline)

careers.

vious best?

Is there even one among us who would reject this challenge? I think not, for the members of the TGWNBL League have become accustomed to the ambrosial essence of victory, and simply are no longer acquainted with the middling. Hence, one's best is the very least expected.

tell you.

Only two teams distinguished themselves on January 5th by winning all three of their games, the po-

politics.

SPORTS NEWS

.TGWEDNESDAYNBL

Bowling Above and Beyond

like a blank scoresheet on which we must record both our finest achievements and our most miserable failures. There it begins, just an instant away, inviting us to inscribe upon it that which we are

JERRY R. DE YOUNG The future lies before us tent Pendulum and the awesome Ambush, and also by being represented in the following fantastic 200+ listing.

> Aubrey Palmer (W.H.) 223, 245 Sam Scolletta (D.K.'s Unm) 235

The Pilsner 2 team of Wednesday Night bowlers. (Photo: Rink) able. The choice is ours, 1983. Rick Tiden (Grady's) can be just another year of Keith Ray (BdInds)

bowling, or it can be the most fulfilling year of our bowling Shall we settle for the two

m's (merely mediocre) or strive for the two s's (simply superb)? Shall we hope for the best? Or shall we give it our best and surpass our pre-

Speaking of the best, do you know which team has not received a handicap this season. yet has remained within the top 8 team positions? Helen of Troy could certainly

Rita Mae Speaks

Feminist author and humanist Rita Mae Brown will appear at the Herbst Theatre on Friday. January 21 as part of the "American Political Currents" program. The lecture series examines the political aspects of various American institutions, including journalism, the arts, and the family, as well as electoral

Single tickets are \$10 and are available at the Symphony Box Office. Info: 431-5400.

Director Fest

Films of V. Schlondorff will be screened in a mini-retrospective at the Red Victorian Movie House on Haight Street. Circle of Deceit screen on January 18-19, and The Tin Drum on January 25-26. The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum, made with von Trotta screens on February 1-2, and von Trotta's Marianne and Juliane on February 8-9.

Robert Montaldo (P.W.I.L.) David Bieda (Ambush) Willi Ward (W.H.) Kevin Johnson (Pline) Congratulations to all of

you for an outstanding evening, and a special compliment to the team that has four of its five members recorded above

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Here it is, the team-standing talley. If your favorite team is not doing as well as you feel it should, then come out to Park Bowl some Wednesday evening and motivate it with your enthusiastic support. It does make a

difference.		
unterence.	W	L
1. Play With It Ltd.	30	12
2. Badlands	27	15
3. Pin Pals	27	15
4. Wooden Horse	26	16
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The Pilsner I team of the Wedsnesday Night Bowling League. (Photo:

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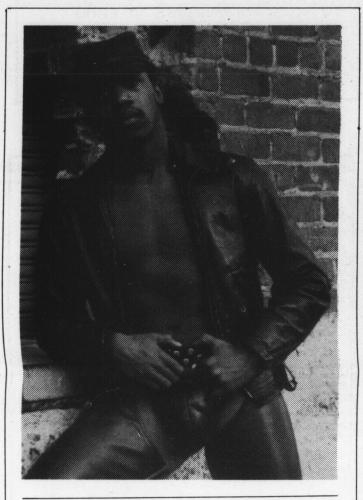
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campaign parties in every hole and corner of the city (and Love Lashes elegant candlelight roast) Coronation '83 arrived last Saturday. Each of the candidates did a fine and gentlemanly job of representing him (or herselt). The only small, but glaring exception was the appearance of "Connie '84" buttons, emanting from Dee Dee Love's faction, though not from Dee Dee herself. Very low.) It's the first time in memory that all of the people in this town worked side by side for this court without the outrageous and unneccessary bitch fighting (which I know some of them missed dearly).

After frenzied weeks of

And you, you hard leather stud, are saying, "This is supposed to be a leather column. How come he's writing about queens?" Simple. There was so much out of town leather at the Coronation and spilling over So/M that it looked like the Kansas City stock yards. There were hunky little cowboys from Montana and Reno. Reno won the theme awards with an extravaganza recreating the history of the Royal Court, down to the grit of who married who and who fucked who. They must be fun to party with up there.

I've always felt the endless introductions are one big ego jerk-off session, but the folks I met were fun and the men were definitely hot.

Sharon McNight replaced the endless lipsynch drag numbers of the past. She was at her glorious best and in good spirits, and had to work her nice (real) round tits off to win the audience during the two sets she did for us.

The height of the show came when the Empress of Chicago, Joanna Caron appeared with her Starrletts They did some tentative dance routines, but saved the day with "The Michael Gill Step." Individually they did great new wave and rock numbers, the best of which was "It's Hell" complete with black leather and diamond studded whip. Without missing a beat the routine switched to disco and a silent dance with the candidates. I thought that was rather clever. It turned out to have been a fuck up in the announcer's booth!

Jane Doe (the Eagle) did the best "Gloria" I've ever seen and was a big relief to the low key introductions that preceded her.

At 1 AM (only an hour late and a thou poorer) Tatoo Jim and a radiant Connie were brought to stage as our new Emperor and Empress. This should be a fun year.

I asked Ginger (the King maker himself) how she feels Jim will do, given his inexperience. She replied, "I think he'll serve very well. He showed remarkable organizational skills in his campaign which he ran clean and fair.

We know of Connie's years of service, and on her fourth approach to the crown she did it. In the words of her it. In the words of her campaign manager Naomi Del Rey, "We all did it and we will all do it together this year, in an Empire United."

entered with a flourish, bringing an Eastern Onion man for Don. I wanna know what Don did with him. More Celebs: Leon, the long time manager of Fickle Fox came to celebrate his birthday too. It's been a tradition between them for years. He brought his gracious boss, Read Gilmore, who also owns my favorite cafe, the Grande Brasserie. He set up the bar several times in Don's honor. JC told me on his way in that he's exploring The Binn Book and will feature Tequilla for 75 cents this week at the Eagle. Oh Migod!

A little So/M elf told me that Phoebe Planters will make her bid for the Grand Duchess crown, if there is anything left of it after the impending massacre.

And here is Larices' Beauty hint for the Leatherqueen of the week. After getting those



The reasons why Febe's bartenders are popular is obvious. As part of their fifth anniversary together. Skip (L) and Walt served drinks in these eyecatching posing straps. (Photo: Rink)

Much credit goes to Gene in his 11/2 year reign and Mae in her colorful one year term.

AN UNDAUNTED KNIGHT

Well... now that we've taken our little excursion No/M I'm sure you'd like to hear what's happening at home. One of the most generous, hardand long-working of the knights celebrated his 21st birthday (37 times over) last week. Don Giest, owner of Febe's, drew a merry gang to drink and carry on. Western Electric kept us jumpin' to good country sound all night as their rowdy western groupies turned all the men in the MC's on. Eric from the River was in town to say howdy and Myra was surrounded by a bevie of her own. The Jaguar's Rick Blessinger told me through the din that they are planning a spectacular 13th anniversary for the famous club on February 3. (More later on that one.)

Just about 11 PM the Grand Dame of Febe's (and she's a real one) June Starling

new cod-piece pants for Christmas, have you grown bored with your chaps? Make opera length gloves out of them. At lea ways be prepared for Aida!

INITIATION KNIGHT

The Brig was festive last Thursday night in anticipation of the Rainbow Motor Cycle Club member initiation. The proud baby Rainbow is Bill Hibbard; handsome and hunky with a huge moustache. Road Captain Ron Johnson tells me that the members are almost all artists, writers or poets. He is the latter. Ron, along with Claude Duval, have had much to do with 544 Natoma's writer/poet seminars and readings. Member Lou Rudolph is one of the most renowned New Wave artists in the Country. These men make their home at the Ambush and the Brig if you'd like to contact these fascinating Leather rowdies. By the way, Mr. Marcus was voted out of (Continued on next page)



One of the **Phone Fantasy** photos by Mat Newman, now on display at the Arena. There's an article about Newman on page 30 of this issue.

Knights

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the club that night due to his lack of participation. They requested this be the official notice. Thankuverymuch!

Ran into Alan and Peter, the Leather Mongers of Mr. S. They're having their 4th Annual Black Sale from 1/14 to 1/29, with slashed prices.

Bruce of the Pushy Bot tom's Union couldn't find a top to suit him, even in the Brig. No reflection on the Brig though. Bruce is picky. Hipboot Scott Smith was out after receiving the Title "Ms. Mary '82" for his three year service to Hamburger Mary's - and I'm sure to Ringold Alley. where he lives.

The biggest thrill of the week came when my ol' buddy Durk Dehner introduced me to Tom of Finland.

with the news that Tom is going into production with his own company. All of his work will be catalogued, making rare work from the 60's newly available. He'll also come out with a new Slave Market Series and more cards, printed by West Graphics.

This is great news, as Tom has been taken advantage of repeatedly, his art being reproduced without his permission or profit too many times.

On other fronts. John Overall got a real surprise when 30 or 40 friends showed up in his room Saturday night at the Hothouse. Happy Birthday John: isn'i Jason Faulk a stinker! And speaking of Oasis, Mr. Brown (the other half of flip and flop) tells me that Steven Blair will



New works by Nina Glaser inaugurate The Upstairs Gallery, a new art showroom opened by Larry Hartless in the Derby and Davidson Antique Shop at 1645 Market (near Gough). Ms. Glaser's photographs will be on view until January 31 and include male and female nudes and an unusual series mixing sculpture with models.

take managership of the poolside grotto, with Lorice Perry wild woman of PacHeights) assisting. What a team! Despite rumors, the Thompson family is not taking control of the Folsom, though

On Friday, the Stables hosted a typically jovial War-lock Open Meeting. (According to my sources, it started by Alan Dale time) while the long forlorn lover of Robert Uyvari, the Arena's own Ron Duncan, threw a wonderful surprise 'Welcome Home' for Robert at the Arena on Sunday. Glad to have ya back, Robert!

A very speedy recovery to Justin of Canary Island.

The 90 day closing of the Ambush Cafe during its reconstruction will be a loss to more than our tummies. Oh



A So M scene? Read about Falcon studio's Biker's Liberty in this week's

"Porn Corner" Yes! Despite rumors. management swears they'll reopen, bigger and better.

In South Bay News: The Bay Blues Leather Club has formed in San Jose with our own long tiger. Tom Rogers as prez: former Monterey Don, Denny Beller as VP. Leather Stud Jeff Jones as sec/tres. Jeff was one of the Brig's entries in last year's Chicago Leather extravaganza.

Keep your feet on the ground and your shins in the skins, Baby!

Karl Stewart

Karl's Calendar

Thursday 1/13: Fourth Annual Black Sale, Mr. S. Products, both outlets 227 7th St. & S.f. Eagle; thru 1/29.

Friday 1/14: Steam Heat Party, Animals, 8 PM, \$7 locker, Rms open, New Steam Rm Open.

Saturday 1/15: Pinochle Tourne, Febe's, 12 noon. S.F.G.D.I. 9th Anniversary, Ramrod, 9 Pm - 12.

Wednesday 1/19: Shower Party, Hothouse, 8 PM, lockers free to members, New Showers open

Thursday 1/30: Flake Paintings, The Ambush, 5:30 - 8 PM reception.

Saturday 1/22: Pinochle Tourne, Febe's, noon.

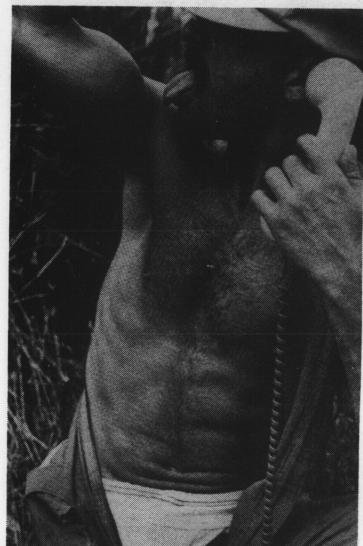
Sunday 1/23: Stable's Softball Team Fund Raiser, Stables, 8 PM, drawings, and drink specials.



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Look Out!

Here's M.E.N.



"Yes, Operator, I'm licking that pit ... " One of the hot photos by Mat Newman in his Phone Fantasy series now hung in The Arena. The exhibit announces the formation of Newman's new business which aims to fulfill a fantasy for all who ask. Is that like a chicken in every pot?

At any rate Newman makes the connection with the show. Any advertisers want to connect with him?

PORN CORNER

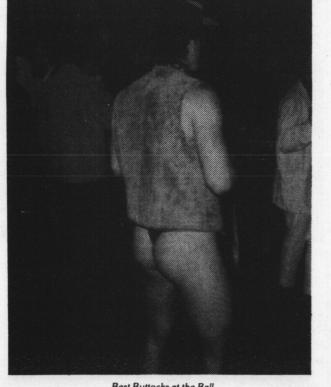
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RONNETTTE

y blessed auntie, Sarah Goudah, has given my much good advice over the years, but none so wise as the admonition, "Keep your expectations low and you won't be disappointed." Life has taught me that Sarah's injuction was, if anything, optimistic - she should have said to keep my expectations lower than reasonable. Neither Life nor Sarah, however, prepared me for the disappointment of the New Year's Eve Exotic Erotic Ball.

Religious readers of Ronnetttte recall that this reporter was quite unravelled by the Halloween version of this rite at Brooks Hall. I was totally unprepared for the

acres of ass, the generosity of g-strings, and the display of derrieres imaginatively masgueraded at that event. Accordingly, I went to some small pains to make my



Best Buttocks at the Ball.

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A Fantasy

Figure

For Everyone

at Newman is a member of Screen Actors Guild and has been a professional model for nine years, a photographer for eleven. He's just opened Phone Fantasy, a group of male oriented fantasies on display at The Arena. These combine the current - and inexplicable - fad for hot phone talk with Newman's own style of beefcake portraiture. Unlike the retentively clean, high gloss "porno" which most studios aspire to, Newman thinks a little sweat, grease and dirt is what the public wants.

But the Arena show marks another debut for Newman. The 32 year old, who looks like Robert Redford's younger brother, is using his know-ledge of modeling, photo-graphy and advertising in a new way. He's formed M.E.N., Matthew E. Newman Enterprises, a legit (nonsexual) advertising and modeling agency. The agency's aim is to allow the small businessman to advertise as sexily as he wants. M.E.N. will supply clients with both the photographer and model, chosen from M.E.N. composites.

"My models are neither

for

Gay nor straight looking," said Newman, "They're 'A

appearance at the New Year's

Ball not entirely forgettable.

In my specially made loin-cloth black feather bird mask

with leather beak, and my

silver lounging jacket (made in South Philly circa 1974), I felt pretty. I called myself

With Sarah skillfully dis-

guised as a man (reputedly,

her fifteen inch sew-on penis

is the combined contribution

of three Nazi officers she

helped bring to justice after

the War), we were off. The

Security Officers parted like the Red Sea at one flash of

Ronnetttte's press pass, but

even at the door we could

hear the music (and probably

the musicians) over-amping

the hall with their artistic ren-

ditions of methedrine rushes. "Oh God," Sarah croaked, "I need a little dwink." (A little drink was exactly what she

got, poor old thing, since a four ounce cup of white wine

Sarah's years in British es-

pionage were not for naught.

We separated to observe the

crowd at our leisure, and when we rejoined, Sarah anatomized the proceedings.

"First of all, do you know

what they call this party in

Spanish, my dear. El floppo.

They threw a flop." The one

nude man at the party walked

past, a goatish person with a

snout and a huge half hard-

on. An orgy that fails looks a lot like Bedlam. "Look at this

one." Sarah apparently didn't

notice the naked apparition

but was pointing at two men,

one in white tux and one in

black tux. "Why do you wear

a tux to an Exotic Fantastic

Ball, or whatever it is? I'll tell

you the problem. It is unor-

ganized. There is no focus, no

center of energy. And most

importantly, nobody re-

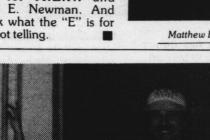
cost \$2).

"Gregory Peck-er."

Fantasy Figure Everybody'."

Newman, whose blonde hair made him a modeling sensation in dark-hued Argentina, knows about fantasies, and his background in film, directing and acting suit him perfectly to his new endeavor, which should be a boon for small business which have difficulty putting toge-ther eye-catching ad work themselves.

Look for M.E.N. and Matthew E. Newman. And don't ask what the "E" is for - he's not telling.





Ronnettte's fave couple at the Exotic, Erotic New Year's Ball. Our writer likes the wedding ring this regular American Gay sports, and the non chalantly happy way he shows us his girlfriend's tit. Just some happy. neighborhood sleaze.

spected the theme of the party." Sarah leaned toward me confidentially and halfclosed her eyes. "There are straight people with a little bit of money, enough for a \$20 ticket and a little bit of cocaine for the night. They are all into sex. They hear about this erotic ball and they all come. But they come to watch, not to participate and party." Sarah threw out her hands and raised her voice. "If you wear a tux to a party like this, show your dick! If you wait for someone else to do it, you're a coward. Show your tits, show your dick, show your ass! Show something! Oh shit, let's go to the Stallion.

We left, but I couldn't accept that Sarah was right, so I went back a little after midnight. The crowd had already thinned out a bit, and those left were staring at the stage where the costume contest was doing something like prcceeding. The Master of Ceremonies' brand of smartass humor only succeeded in dampening whatever spirit the occasion had. California Hall is a fine place for a show, but this event was neither party nor show. It reminded me somewhat of a Gay bar. Everybody was waiting and waiting and waiting - and nothing happened. Let me (Continued on next page)



Matthew E. Newman

SWEETLIPS SEZ

Back at the Slave Quarters

Congrats to new Emperor Tattoo Jim and Empress Connie. You see Connie, if you run enough times you are bound to win! I hope you both have a great reign.

Thank you, Mark Friese of the New Bell Saloon, for your generous donation to the KS Foundation ... a very thoughtful gesture.

On Monday, January 17, Roy and Jim will be opening The Metro, an oyster bar and deli at 919 Cole, across from Bradley's Corner. They will be open from 11 till 11. It should be great ... you all know the experience Roy Hartenaux has had in the restaurant business

It seems that when Mel Square goes to Portland to stay for a week or so he is a guest of Lance Cartwright's, but he has to stay in the Slave quarters! They are rather nice quarters, though. Lance and his better half had a great New Year's Party there ... Jay Noonan, Chester, Dick Nelson (Off the Wall, framers) and yours truly were there.

Did you like your birthday surprise, Mame, held at Sam and Gene's Dahl & Penne? We did. Steve Suss, of the Embers Avenue also had a fantastic buffet and cake in honor of Mame's birthday ... what a blast and what a great bar and disco you have. Steve. Hi Jeannie! Yes, Jeannie is back on the plank at the Embers Avenue.

It seems as if Totie of the Red Eye Saloon has thrown away her black mourning dress now that Seaman Russ has returned after four months at sea... welcome home Russ. We want you to know that Totie has been so

Ronnetttte

Continued from previous page tell you, there's nothing worse than being una slutta at una floppa.

Thank God for the Caldron. On the deadest night of the year you can count on something happening to you at the Caldron, and New Year's Eve was hardly the deadest night. The place was packed - it the other day... that is a first in the 13 years that I have known them both

during the day on Sunday thru Wednesday, you'll be served by the hunk Michael Winnings... a truly nice gentleman who dispenses great spirits in more than one way. Love ya, Mikey. It seems that Mary Ellen can not only drive you to drink with the Twin Peaks but she can bury you now, as she is associated with a funeral parlor.

one of Al Carpenter's draws

love your niece, Mary Ellen.

DICK WALTERS

If you go to the Twin Peaks



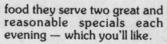
Remember how Doris of Sutter's Mill dressed in drag once and go so carried away she became Empress Here's "Mabel" Macho of the White Swallow – a future Empress?

The Red Eye Saloon's dining room now has Gus know that Totie has been so good that he even picked up and Atillio doing the cooking and serving. Besides Mexican

> looked like a casting call for a Joe Gage movie. Gay men, I guess, need less exhortation to show it. Or is it that the Caldron is really unique? Accustomed to discretion, I will simply state that I managed to go through my entire jar of Albolene Creme and leave the rest to your imaginations.

Happy New Year

Ronnetttt



You can now find Richard Connelly working with Bill Wright at the popular Images at Pine and Polk. You all remember Richard... he used to be with the Pines & Co. for many years.

Rumor has it that there is going to be another new South of Market bar opening in the very near future. It is in the 9th Street area.

Nice to see you on the plank, Tim, at the Phone Booth last Saturday morning. It was nice of Dick Kave to drive me out there after we voted for the Emperor and Empress. You look great, Tim and the Phone Booth sure is popular.

Next Tuesday the 18th at 1 PM at the White Swallow is the first meeting of the year for the San Francisco Tavern Guild. Knowing Russ and Jim they will have many, many surprises that day so come join in the fun and renew your T.G. membership which is now due, or join up as a new member. Yes Big Mama, T.G. President, I shall be there to make the first meeting of the year memorable



Days on the Dias for 1982 Emperor Jim Bettis and Empress Mae were numbered when this swank shot was taken recently, and it's a good way to. remember the pair's year in office. (Photo: Rink)





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How many cups do you count in this scene? This couple won First Prize for their outfits at the Exotic. Erotic New Year's Ball.

San Francisco's turning to the Bay Area Reporter.

PORN CORNER

Beauts in Boots

Anticipation is the foreplay of porno. All too frequently, though, it turns out to be better than the awaited film. There's nothing I hate worse than having an anticipatory hard-on wilt in my hand when I'm finally watching a movie I'd looked forward to. But making porno is a difficult task, and the economic and artistic strictures of the field most often preclude the fullest realization of our imaginations. I'd been salivating for so long over the prospect of Falcon Studios new video tape, which pairs porno comet Kris Bjorn with both Sky Dawson and Jon King, that I was afraid to see it.

It was released some months ago as Falcon Video Pak 30. It features Dawson and "exclusive discovery" Bjorn in **Boots**, Bjorn and Jon King in **Beach Rovers**, and Tim Kramer and Mac Turner in **Biker's Liberty**. To make sure you get your money's worth, the extra several minutes at the end of the one-hour cassette contain a bonus, a dirty-talking jackoff with Lee "Huge" Ryder.

My fears, while perhaps not groundless, turned out to be foolish. I haven't removed this video from my machine since it arrived. In my "Bests of 1982" several weeks ago I chose Video Pak 30 as the best non-commercial porno of the year. Its staying power will hurtle right through 1983, and for once, anticipation has blossomed into bliss instead of dropping me into the abyss of anticlimax.

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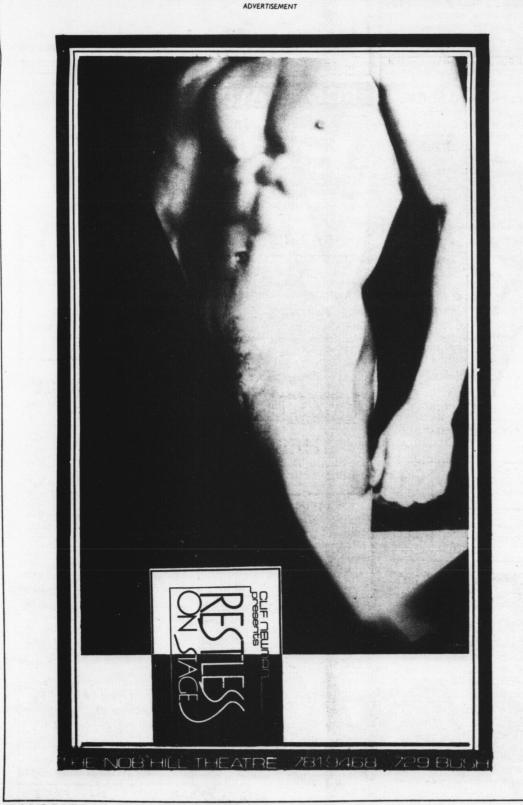
Video Pak 30 begins with Boots. Sky Dawson's body looks striking against white sheets. The camera pans up his body as he nestles into his fetish objects, a pair of tall black boots. He raises his creamy precious ass in the air, revealing his already hard cock dangling between his legs before grinding it into the bed. Suddenly, Kris Bjorn appears in the boots and Sky has more to worship than an empty pair of shoes.

Sky licks his way from leather to lingam. He pulls Bjorn's jock strap away, revealing a cock that can elicit gasps of admiration from the most jaded cock connoisseurs. Bjorn made his debut last summer in Fred Bisonnes' photographs in two Gay glossies, appearing as "The Neighbors Son," his huge hard on pressed up against the glass of the kitchen window and as "The Fencing Master," his own broadsword foiling his foil. Bisonnes took him to Falcon and he makes his film debut here as well as appearing in several Falcon magazines. When they call

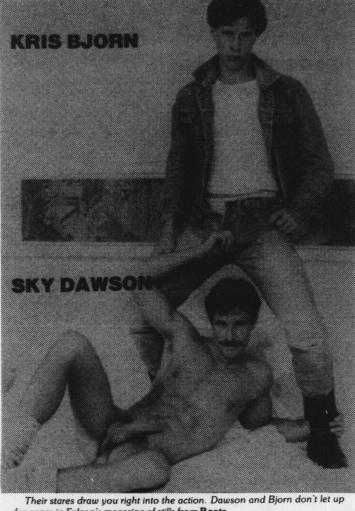
him an "exclusive," they mean it, as Bjorg announced his desire to make one movie and then go his way. We're fortunate that Falcon got two from him, for this talented sex star seems to have remained as steadfast in his intentions as in his hardons. Falcon Studio says Bjorn is now off in a completely different pursuit.

The sex play takes several intense forms, with some deep rimming, beautiful 69 and strong JO. They work up to the heart of the matter, a deep fuck. In a classic moment, adroitly filmed in steady close-up, Sky slides smoothly down onto Bjorg's cock and immediately begins bouncing up and down on it, his own always erect cock banging against Bjorn's stomach.

"This is one of the most lustful movies l've seen," said one of my friends half-way through it, and I agreed. Dawson and Bjorn maneuver positions to meet all hungers, kiss deeply and always bear looks of transcendant ecstasy on their faces. The camera work and color are excellent, and the editing, which can so easily destroy even a good scene, is always complementary. Filmed and screened as it happened, without intercutting, we know this stunning fuck will produce quite a climax, and aren't disappointed. Bjorn's thick tool spews out cum over Sky's taut body. Sky lets loose an aching flow of incredible fireworks, fifteen (yes, count them) long fountain jets with the hurtling intensity of bullets. Boots is quite a salivating show. Nearly every



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for pages in Falcon's magazine of stills from **Boots**.

moment is my favorite.

Biker's Liberty follows, and was specifically made to meet Falcon customer requests for "something a little kinkier." It's filmed in two parts. The first includes the pick-up, undressing and some agressive foreplay and cocksucking. The second is the kink, with some brutal dildo action and rough manhandling of Mac Turner.

Turner is a sailor on shore leave, picked up by Tim Kramer, the biker in leather. The movie at first is a fake. Although big and handsome, Kramer is no leather boy, his outfit an obvious costume. The warehouse set is also a constructed fake. Chemistry takes over, though, and these two guys overcome the scripted situation and make out with an acceptable "leather" intensity.

The second part grows brutal, as Turner gags on a huge black leather dildo before struggling and succeeding to accept it up his ass. This is followed by a larger to accept it up his ass. cock shaped dildo, which is finally followed by Kramer's cock. The sexuality here stems from aggression and limits of acceptance and endurance. The men are most often unerect, the emphasis placed on objects, not their bodies. The final fuck is good, and Kramer cums twice. It's kink alright and the cus tomers who requested it ought to be satisfied

I was more satisfied by the appearance of my fave rave, the charming and insatiable Jon King in Beach Rovers. Jogging along the beach, he meets Kris Bjorn. Maybe he's seen Bjorn's other movie. Most likely he knows a good piece when he sees one, for he wastes no time in going home with Bjorn to fuck. In a great foreplay scene they shower, Bjorn stroking King's lather-covered cock as Jon shivers with feeling. A smattering of kink here is a brief douche for Jon, which seems to discomfort him. I could have lived without it, but it passes quickly. Soon we're into an animalistic scene of cocksucking and fucking, wild, voracious. Jon can barely stretch his mouth wide enough for Bjorn's cock. His ass has no problem, though He is wracked with those con-

vulsions of pleasure that are his hallmark. He moans and screams, and even without an audio track one seems to hear his cries.

When Jon straddles Bjorn, both of them facing the camera, we're in for some especially cock raising sights. Like Dawson, King is always hard, no matter how intense the fuck. He tries to resist Bjorn's deep expertise and removes Bjorn's hand from his cock, but it's too much. He screams, beats his head against the bed and has a



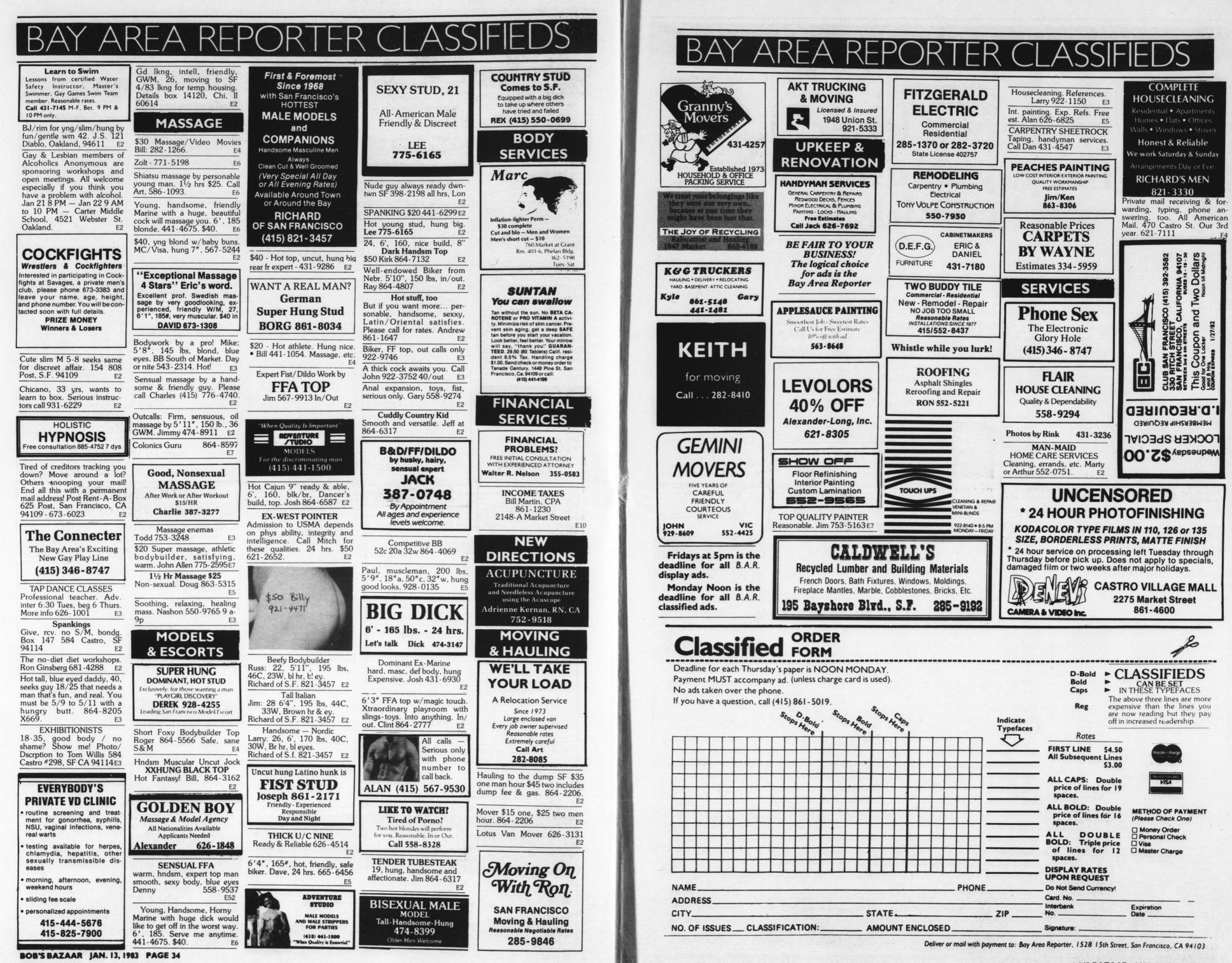
The Falcon magazine of Beach Rovers starts off with the shower stall embrace of Kris Bjorn and Jon King. wrenching orgasm. Bjorn follows, milking his copious cock before King crawls into his arms for a nose-nuzzling embrace. What a sweet and

tender kid he is. Falcon Video Pak 30 is a winner, even if your taste doesn't include the rougher action of Biker's Liberty or maybe because it does. It's available from Falcon Studios, P.O. Box 750, S.F., 94101. Tell them you read about it here. The illustrations for the movies come from several of Falcon's "Mags to Match the Movies," available in porn stores or by mail. As expertly produced as the films, and loaded with color, they are indispensible companions for fans of the stars. Falcon has been putting out the best magazines of any company recently, and the collection of stills from Boots, with its two astonishing stars, is a beaut.



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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.



Mayor Dianne Feinstein told her monthly meeting with a cross-section of the Gay community that she would veto any ordinance that advocated a Gay marriage license. In a tense, emotion-packed meeting Wednesday after-

answered her accusers, and implied that some present were guilty of duplicity. Supervisor Harry Britt's four-part domestic partners bill, Version II, was moved to the first item on the agenda. Attorney Matt Coles, author of controversial legislation, was the first to address the meeting. He said that the revised legislation should meet all the mayor's previous objections. He said he had not conferred with her, but he used her statements to the press and her comments to her commissioners. He told the mayor that there was no reason left for her not to sign

the "weakened" version.

The mayor entered into a long defense of her actions and positions. She did not accept the claim that the revised version answered her misgivings. She said she was never involved in any discussion of proposed changes; hence, Coles' claim held little substance. She said, "I didn't see the new legislation."



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Mayor Says 'No' to **New Gay Marriage License Bill**

No Problems with Fringe Benefits and Visitation Rights

noon in her inner office, the mayor defended her actions,

She told the assembled 40 Gays and Lesbians that she was more than ready to work on city employees' fringe

benefits and jail visitation hospital visitation, and be reavement leave for city employees. However, in no way, shape, or form would she put her signature to any legislation that mimicked a marriage certificate.

The mayor added that in her twelve years of public office she had never seen a piece of legislation that so polarized the community.

The mayor made a point of noting on the next day a recall petition would be arriving in her office. The recall move, spearheaded by the White Panthers, had 35,000 signatures. The mayor felt that many Gays and Lesbians including people in the room - had signed the petition in their displeasure over her

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Gay Blood Barred by National Hemophiliac Foundation

by George Mendenhall

"Serious efforts should be made to exclude donors that might transmit AIDS. These should include identification by direct questioning of individuals who belong to groups at high risk of transmitting AIDS – specifically male homosexuals, intravenous drug users, and those who have resided in Haiti.'

Alan Brownstein, Executive Director of the National Hemophiliac Foundation, released this statement on Friday in New York City. He told Bay Area Reporter, "We hope that this can be done in a sensitive and discreet manner. We realize that this is an imperfect approach but we feel compelled to act in order to reduce the risk of AIDS to hemophiliacs."

AIDS is Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome which is a condition in which the body's defense system is broken down, allowing for virulent infections. Hemophilia is a hereditary blood defect of males characterized by delayed clotting of the blood and consequent difficulty in controlling hemorrhage even after minor injuries.

Brownstein said he had been in contact with Dr. Roger Enlow of the National Gay Task Force before the statement was released. Enlow believes that the state-

ment stigmatizes the entire Gay male community when it could have zeroed in more closely on high risk health conditions instead. Brownstein admitted that there was a need for a refining of the foundation's analysis.

"Manufacturers should cease," the hemophiliac group emphasized. "using plasma from donor centers that draw from population groups in which there is a significant AIDS incidence. It is clear from the epidemiologic data that the pool of individu als at risk for AIDS transmission is not uniform throughout the country and that a great deal could be achieved by excluding donors from the 'hot spots.' " This was addressed to the manufacturers of blood and blood products used by hemophiliacs. Did Brownstein mean that San Francisco, with its large male Gay population, would not be a source of blood for manufacturers? He said, "The geographical areas are not de

fined. You are right; it needs further definition. I do not know what the 'hot spots' are at this time.

The full press release went to blood and blood produce manufacturers, blood bank associations, and government agencies. It came from the foundation's Medical and Scientific Council, a group of 14 physicians and scientists

Dr. Roger Enlow told Bay Area Reporter, "A sex club per se might be a high risk group to draw blood from but Gay political club would not. We should be talking about high risk groups who are defined medically - not sociologically."

Eight patients with hemophilia were recently discovered to have contracted AIDS-type infections and five of them died. The chair of the hemophiliac council caution ed hemophiliacs and their families: "I am concerned that you know that only a fraction (Continued on Page 11)

Recall Mayor Feinstein? Gay Politicos Respond

by George Mendenhall

Bay Area Reporter contacted a cross-section of local Lesbian/Gay activists this week for their response to an attempt to recall Mayor Dianne Feinstein. The recall petitions had 35,000 signatures, although only 19,357 were needed. It appears that the recall will qualify. The election would be on April 26 - six months before the next regular election for mayor.

The recall will cost the city an estimated \$400,000 initially and a possible \$200,000 more if the mayor is victorious. The city charter specifies that the city must reimburse city officials who successfully overcome recall attempts. Feinstein has announced that no funds already raised in her re-election campaign will be used to fight the recall.

This past Monday Supervisor Wendy Nelder introduced a resolution before the Board of Supervisors that calls for a vote of confidence in the mayor. It calls the election "improper" because it is not based on any claim that the mayor failed to perform the duties of her office. The recall attempt was initiated by the White Panther party in a response to the mayor's gun control ordinance. The Board will vote on the Nelder resolution January 24.

Some local Lesbian/Gay political figures responded to the Bay Area Reporter survey. (Keep in mind those contacted are political types - not the man in the street, nor other quadrants of the Gay community.)

Human Rights Commission: The recall is ridiculous and unwarranted. The money spent on this could go to worthwhile causes like AIDS. We have difficulties with the mayor, but this is no way to resolve them. Basically, however, she is a good mayor.

I have told the mayor that I am behind her in this. We should be strongly behind her. She already knows that the majority of Lesbian and Gay spokespeople are against her veto. We have indicated to her that we expect her to work with us to determine what now can be done with domestic partners legislation.

Her Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee has let her know that we are angry because she

Phyllis Lyon, Chair, SF did not consult with us when she was first considering the legislation. She listened to others instead.



This recall is over the gun issue. The support for the recall will be coming from the National Rifle Association.

Robert Bacci, President. Concerned Republicans: I will not support it. I have other things to do.

Our club is concerned about the costs to the city that are involved. We will also be concerned about the possibility that she could win big and those opposing her could be ostracized. Some will be speaking out one way now and be voting another way. At present our club has no official position.

Leslie Manning, Treasurer. Stonewall Democrats: 1 favor the recall - with reservations. t gives us an unholy alliance with people who are opposed to the mayor. I favor gun control.

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