

An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

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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

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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.

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about hepatitis B and the
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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

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

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

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

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

rare cases, fever over 102°F was reported.

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

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

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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.

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.

The swearing-in ceremony brought out scores of well-wishers 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 numerous commissioners (including Jo Daly, Jane McKaskle Murphy, Richard Sevilla, Tom Horn and Libby Denebeim). Berg's parents were present and introduced.

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 is to serve others.

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 acknowledgment 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-

er earlier in his Union Square law offices about his concern that he might be isolating himself from the rest of the Gay community by accepting the appointment. He said, "I know the mayor has been 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 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



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

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

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
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Agnos Rescues Gay TV Spot

Assemblyman sees good chances for AB1

by Margaret Frost

Assemblyman 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 explained. "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 unprecedented number of co-authors including Tom Hannigan, who comes from a very conservative district. This is response to the active lobbying going on all over the state."

"A similar bill was recently

passed by the Wisconsin legislature. 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 hierarchy throughout the state. I intend to work on that much more vigorously."

Agnos asked for letters to 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, but needs to be pushed.

The Assemblyman also reiterated 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 misdemeanor.

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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 clarification 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 physicians 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 sociologically."

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). If answered in a positive way, there is to be a follow-up

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 start.

"AIDS appears to surface in 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

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 hepatitis.

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



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

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 risks."

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

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." ■

GARY WYMAN CASE

CYA Murder Suspects Will be Tried as Adults

Richmond 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 weekend pass to visit their parents in Richmond. However, they overstayed their leave and did not return to 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 Patsy 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 in the early evening. When

and with whom he went to Richmond. Gutierrez said with or without this information, they have a strong case against the defendants.

Wyman was a world-class horseman and had just returned from a successful tour of the European show circuit the day before his death. Wyman was from a prominent peninsula family and his funeral was attended by hundreds of friends. Shocked and angered by the brutal murder, Wyman's friends have been closely following the case and have pledged to pressure for a vigorous prosecution and a maximum sentence. ■

Bishop to Commission Castro Ministry

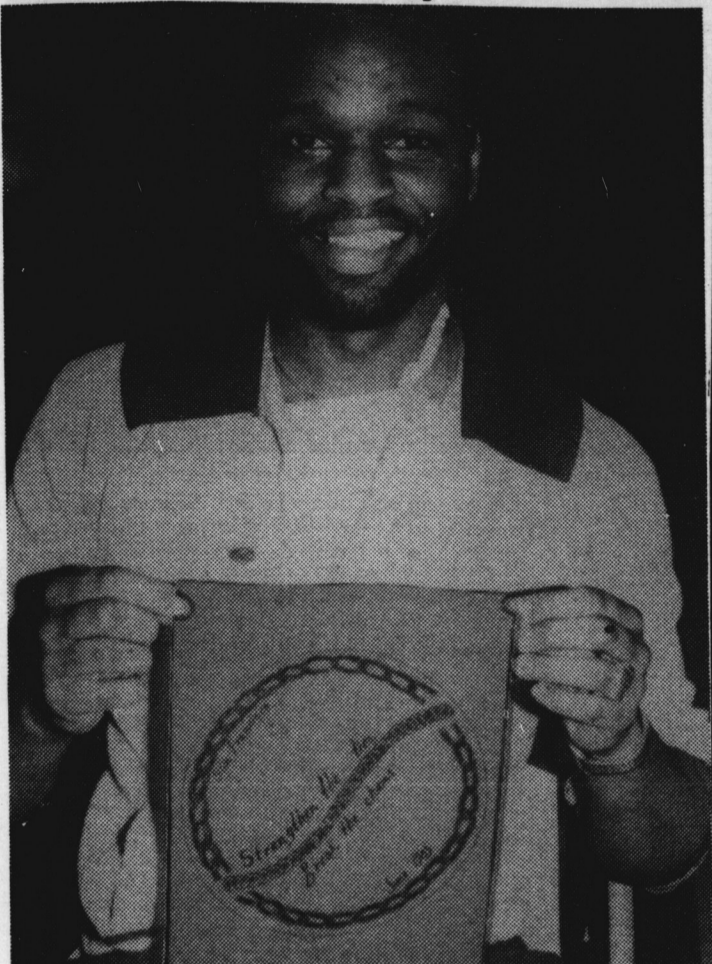
The Rt. Rev. William E. Swing, Episcopal Bishop of California, will commission a fourth group of lay persons on Tuesday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. in Grace Cathedral for ministry at The Parsonage. The Parsonage is an outreach of the Episcopal Diocese of California at 555A Castro Street.

The Pacific Lesbian and Gay Singers will provide the 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

Jesse Gutierrez, a Roman Catholic Christian Brother, teacher and psychotherapist.

The Parsonage, staffed daily from 1-11 p.m. by trained volunteers called Parsons, is a ministry of reconciliation between the Church and the Gay and Lesbian communities. The Parsonage is a place where people can drop in to discuss the issues of sexuality, spirituality, and the joys and crises of everyday relationships. The entire community is invited to attend the service, receive communion at the Eucharist, and meet the Bishop at the reception which follows. ■

Parade Selects Logo, Elects New Secretary



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 membership 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 apart."

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 in February. ■

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN COMPLAINTS

Public Hearings Next Week

A public hearing will be held on January 19 to begin 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 Harry Britt.

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 civil-

ian investigator who also investigates 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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Alice takes Randy over Brandy

by Margaret Frost

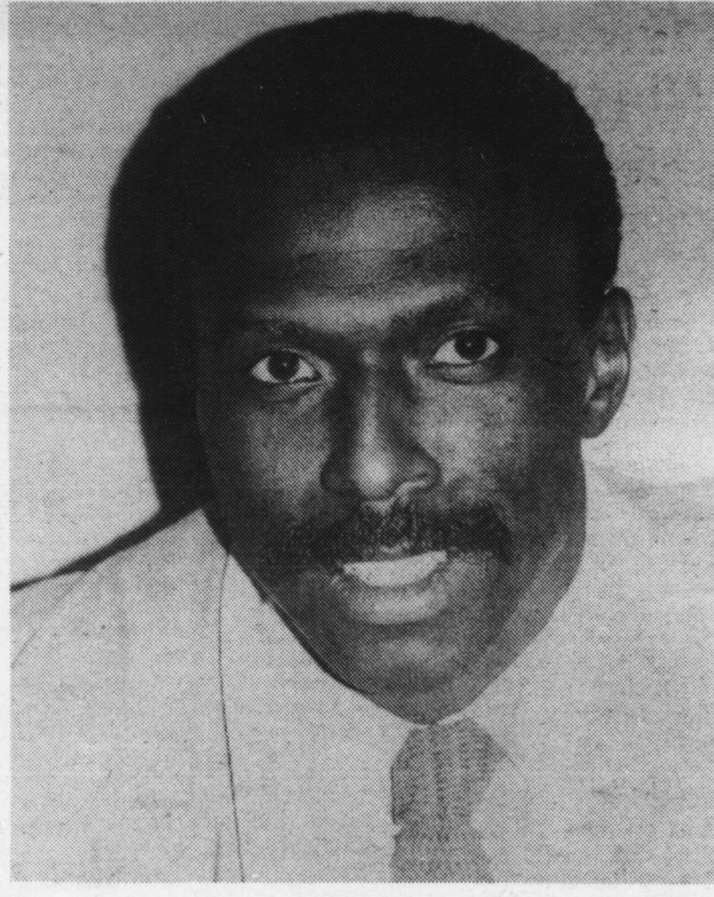


Randy Stallings, Co-chair of the Coalition for Human Rights as well as the Community United Against Violence, was elected Monday night to head the new Executive Board of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club.

Stallings, who won easily over opponent Brandy Moore, praised outgoing 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-

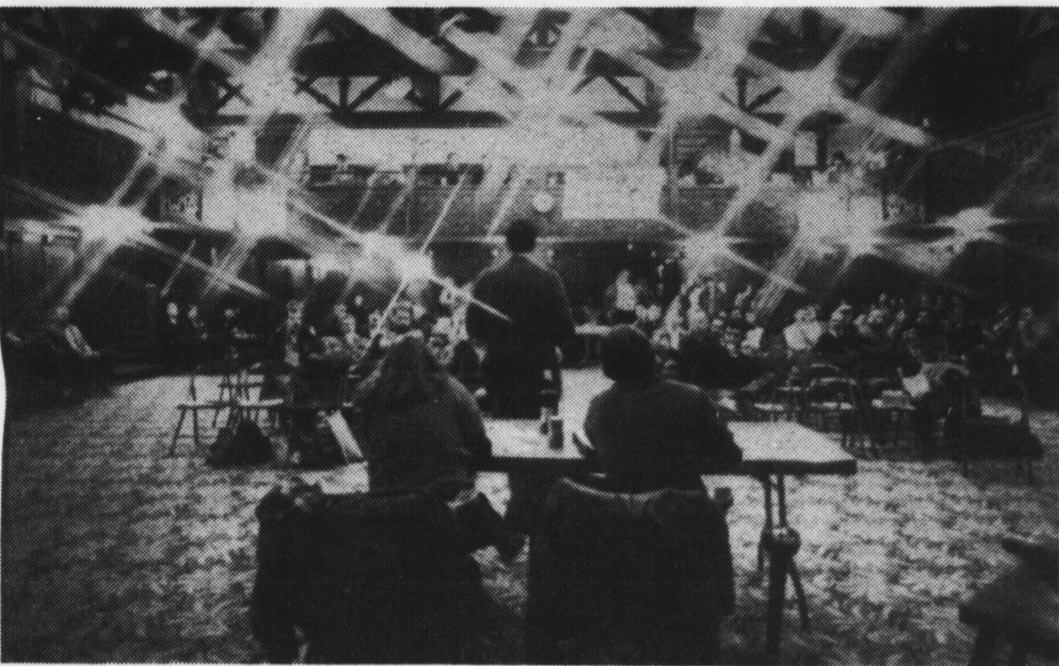


Defeated challenger Doris Ward aide, Brandy Moore. (Photo: Rink)

bian and Gay Caucus. He, along with O'Connor and former 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-



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

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

poning 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.

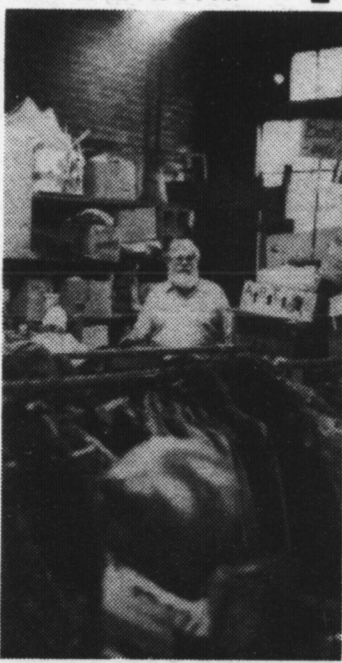
Nominations can be submitted for these categories: Outstanding Achievement in 1. News Journalism, 2. Feature Writing, 3. Entertainment Writing, 4. Broadcast Journalism and 5. Outstanding Coverage of Lesbian/Gay issues in Non-Gay Media.

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.



Thrift Store manager Don Meisen (Photo: Rink)

GAY THRIFT STORE THRIVES

Profits divided Among Groups

The tacky looking warehouse 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 December.

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-

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 November 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 Christmas here," he urges, as

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.

GEORGIA CASTLE

Police Arrest Two for Murder of Gay Satan Worshipers

by W. April

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

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.

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-year-old 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.

At the time of his arrest, West was wearing a bracelet bearing the names of Scudder and Odom and clothing belonging to Phelps.

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

from Scudder's mother. Police said they lived on interest from savings.

Chattooga County Sheriff Gary McConnell said that the two openly proclaimed themselves Satan worshipers to Summerville residents. "Their lifestyles definitely contributed to their cause of death," he said.

Frank Schueren, an Atlanta Gay activist, described Scudder and Odom as "real loners."

"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 religion onto others or to seduce anybody."

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 was set back in the woods.

Investigators with the Chattooga County Sheriff's Department said that Odom was killed by rifle shots fired through a kitchen door window. 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 dead near the house.

Law enforcement officials said that the victims knew their killers.

Up from Under

"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.

Dinner and door is \$5.50, door is \$2.00. For information or childcare, call in advance 550-1020 or 864-1278.

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 Adeline, 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 Gays.

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

The 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 "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 Georgetown 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 bureaucrats.

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 Haitian 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 Representative 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.

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 principal sponsor of a separate bill that would have had the same effect and the convener 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 misdemeanor 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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POLITICS AND PEOPLE

Cranston Wooing Gays

WAYNE FRIDAY

Although 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-

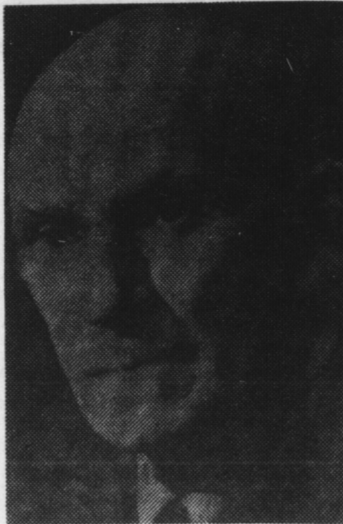


The 1983 Board of Supervisors take time out for a group photo. Wendy Nelder takes the president's chair. (Photo: Rink)

derer... newly-sworn Supervisor Bill Maher hired Stephanie Mischak as one of his City Hall aides... peninsula Democratic congressman Tom Lantos, 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 their 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 Commonwealth 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, Tom McEnery... Carole Migden was appointed, by State Board of Equalization member Conway Collis, as a delegate from the 17th A.D. to this weekend's State Democratic Convention in Sacramento... and still



Sen. Alan Cranston looks for Gay support to carry to Sacramento convention.

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 tell 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 congressman George Miller (D) of Martinez landed a highly-prized 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



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

Mayor Feinstein's choice of attorney-activist Jerry Berg for 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 in 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

new Equal Rights Amendment, which must pass the Congress before the long tedious ratification process by the states is started again...

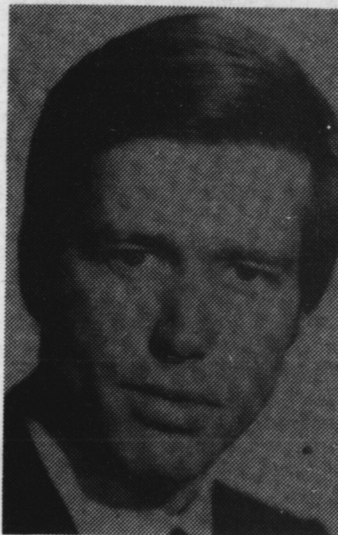
Several L.A. area newly-elected legislators, including Gray Davis, have appointed up-front Gays to positions on their staffs... and Speaker Willie Brown last week appointed former congressman John Burton to a \$28,000 seat on the newly-created California Medical Assistance Commission; however, the Speaker's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

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Politics

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and in fact might not hold its first meeting until July (and that should give Johnny time to make the first meeting).



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 in the State Senate...



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

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.

And in Cleveland, Ohio, a new Gay Democratic



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

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 National 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.

YOUR GAY HEALTH

A Call to AIDS Action

Robert Bolan, M.D.

Mr. 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 doesn'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 the number of AIDS conferences. How many conferences on AIDS are too many if we don't understand this AIDS demon and how to stay out of its path? And finally, with his admonition "not (to) surrender the responsibilities of ourselves 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. Somehow I think we can do better. True, survival and health for most Gay men has required self-reliance — frequently in

agent to unwitting sexual partners and blood product recipients is a public health concern and AIDS risk reduction guidelines need to be formulated.

As we struggle with this AIDS monster — and the struggle is just beginning — it's clear that we have some very hard thinking to do 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.

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 initiator of the immunosuppression and its consequences. If there is such an agent, it must be transmitted at least sexually, through blood products, and contaminated needles, so that the observed occurrence of AIDS cases. Transmission of this potential

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STAGE

From Adolescence Into The Enclave

by Mark Topkin

It'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 pabulum, 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 heretofore been willing to face.

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.

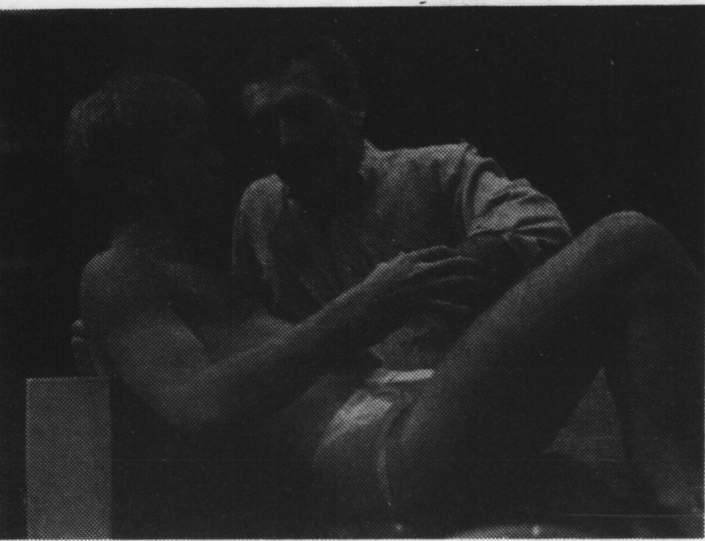
Jarion Monroe gives perhaps the strongest performance of the evening as Ben's unforgiving brother, Bruno, who is unable to reconcile brotherly love with gut-level homophobia. His conflict is sharpened by his own sexually frustrated existence with his repressed wife, Eleanor (well played by Margaret Van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



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

Crowded at the Top

by Mark Topkin

Make 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 quintessential 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-

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



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*.

STAGE

Fiddler on the Front Porch

by John F. Karr

The 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 company. As a beginning, it was acceptable. On the other hand, an amateur production is 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-



George Costomiris (l.) as Tevye wonders how he'll help young lovers Motel (Don Myers) and Tzeitel (Kris Lowry) in the S.F. Musical Stage production of **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**.

petent universal. 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 performances 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

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
Thru Jan. 22: 563-5558

Cabaret Dates

Gail Wilson sings each Saturday night in January at Fanny's, beginning at 9:30 PM. She'll appear at Miranda'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 club.

Nicholas, Glover and Wray

appear at Trinity Place, January 17 through 20.

Carol Roberts presides over Open Mike Comedy at the Roky Roadhouse on Friday 14. Monday nights there are Showcase Auditions. Aldo Bell appears with Val Esposto on Thursday 20.

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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)



What fluffy confection is this in a sea of dark chocolate? It's former Empress Pushy Pushy Phyliss with the men of her bike club, the G.D.I.'s (Photo: Rink)



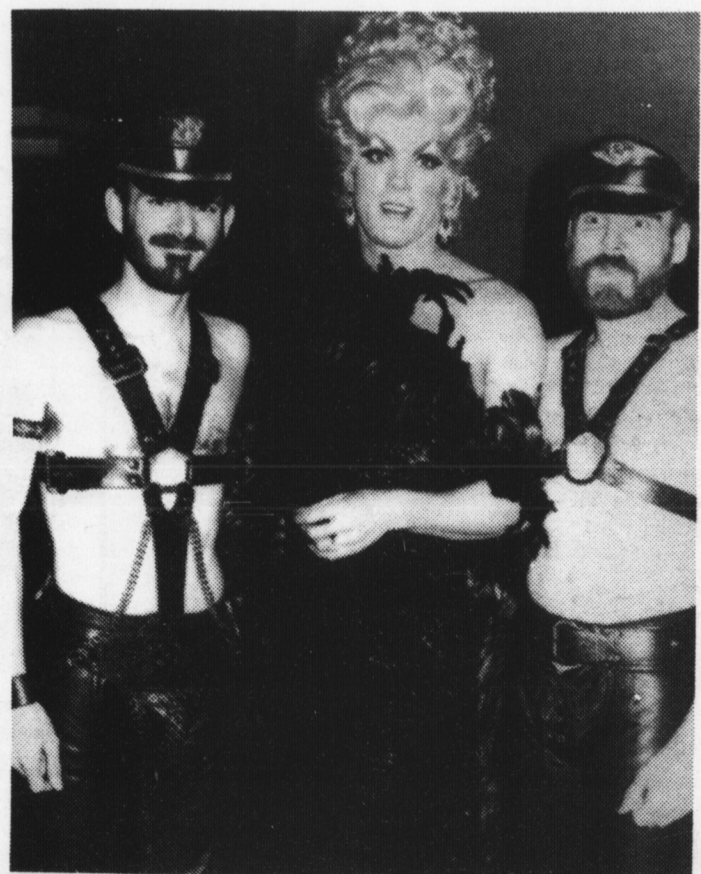
Upset because she didn't win? Ah, no — it's "Miss Gay World '83." Margo Lea Jones, whose black leather snarl crowned her Empress of punk rock at the Coronation. (Photo: Rink)



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)



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)

SPORTS NEWS

TGWEDNESDAYNBL

Bowling Above and Beyond

JERRY R. DE YOUNG

The future lies before us 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

tent Pendulum and the awesome Ambush, and also by being represented in the following fantastic 200+ listing.

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



The Pilsner 2 team of Wednesday Night bowlers. (Photo: Rink)

able. The choice is ours, 1983- can be just another year of bowling, or it can be the most fulfilling year of our bowling careers.

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 previous 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.

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 tell you.

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

Rick Tiden (Grady's) 229
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Kevin Johnson (Pline) 201

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.

Here it is, the team standing tall. 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.

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A little gentle shuffling, but no dramatic leaps as yet. Talking about leaping, when are you Animals going to make your move for the top? I've got a lot of money riding on you.



The Pilsner I team of the Wednesday Night Bowling League. (Photo: Rink)

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 politics.

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

Director Fest

Films of V. Schlöndorff 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.

Lesbian Safety

Self-Defense Course for Lesbians: Learn physical and street skills/techniques. 8-week course on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM beginning on February 5 at Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia Street, San Francisco. Registration costs \$40 and is limited to the first 25. The course is co-sponsored by CUA's Lesbian Task Force and The Women's Protection Program. Instruction is provided by the Women's Protection Program and will cover the following items: Basic physical defense skills to develop confidence; street defense techniques for women; verbal and non-verbal assertiveness training; emotional aspects of learning self defense; home, street, and workplace safety; and personal and commercial weapons recognition. For registration call 864-7233.

Bowl 'Em Down

"A Salute to Tavern Guild Bowlers" is the theme of the weekly Monday Night party at the Atherton Hotel on January 17. Starting at 8 PM, the party includes drawings, discounts, and your first drink on the house.

Frontrunners

The Sunday Fun Run for January 16 will be a cross country run in GG Park. Runners should meet at the parking lot at the South end of the polo field off Middle Drive at 10 AM.

Bicycle Boys

The Different Spokes bicycle club will make an overnight ride of moderate difficulty on Saturday, January 15. They will camp overnight at Samuel P. Taylor Park. The 70 mile round trip starts at 10 AM Saturday at McLaren Lodge in GG Park. Info: David at 848-9890.

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MY KNIGHTS IN LEATHER A Night North of Market

KNIGHTS OF THE SEVEN HILLS

After frenzied weeks of 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 herself). (The only small, but glaring exception was the appearance of "Connie '84" buttons, emanating 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 unnecessary bitch fighting (which I know some of them missed dearly).

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.

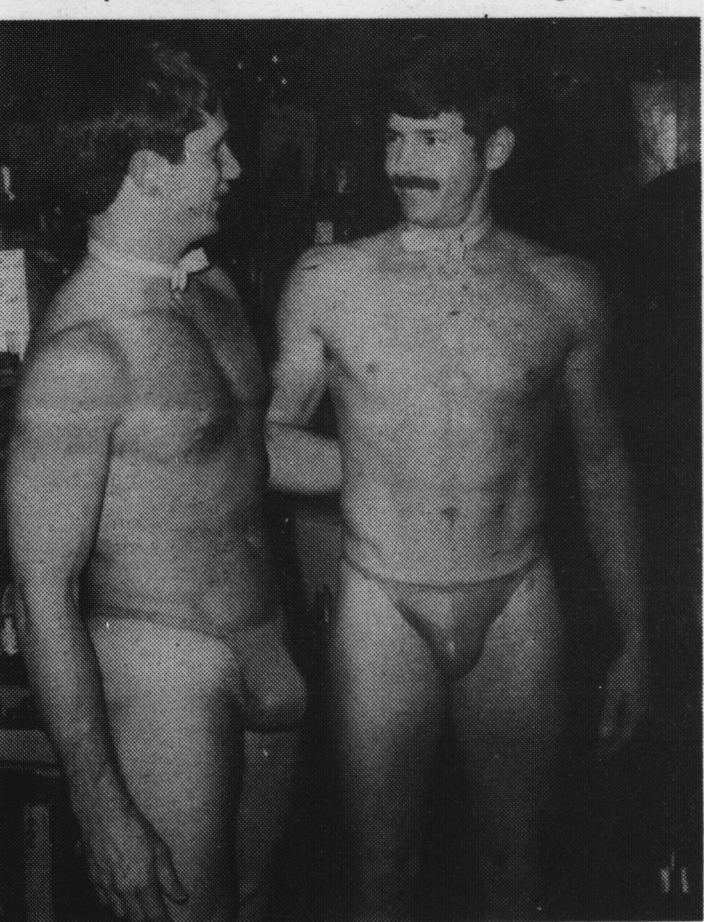
The height of the show came when the Empress of Chicago, Joanna Caron appeared with her Starrlets. They did some tentative dance routines, but saved the day with "The Michael Gill Step." Individually they did great new wave and rock numbers, the best of which was "It's Hell" complete with black leather 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 campaign manager Naomi Del Rey, "We all did it and we will all do it together this year, in an Empire United."



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 eye-catching posing straps. (Photo: Rink)

Much credit goes to Gene in his 1 1/2 year reign and Mae in her colorful one year term.

AN UNDAUNTED KNIGHT

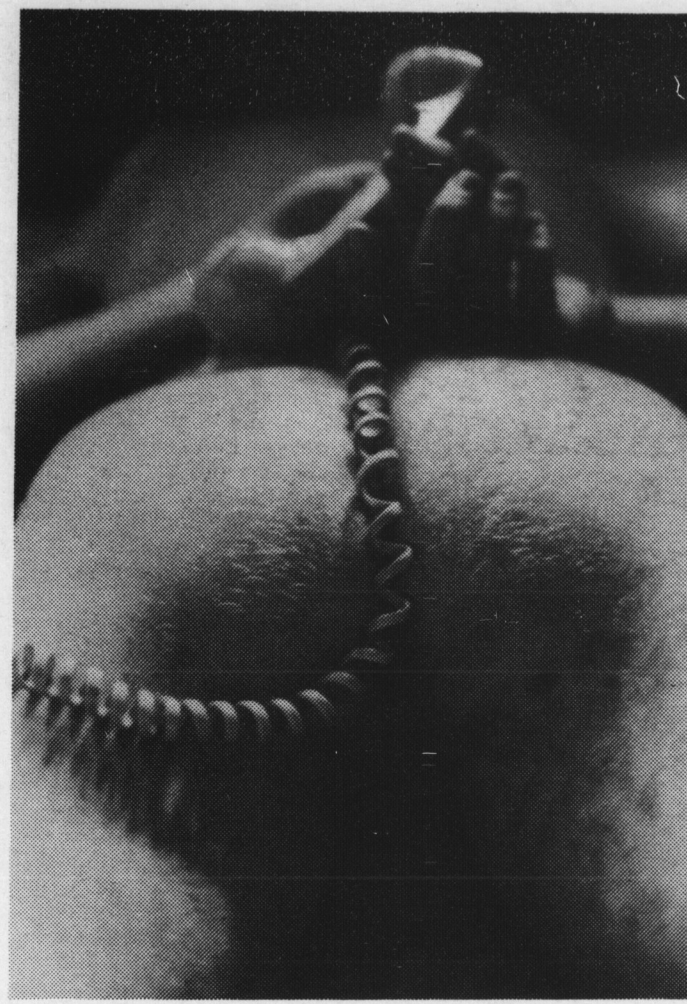
Well... now that we've taken our little excursion No/M I'm sure you'd like to hear what's happening at home. One of the most generous, hard- and long-working of the knights celebrated his 21st birthday (37 times over) last week. Don Giest, owner of Febe's, drew a merry gang to drink and carry on. Western Electric kept us jumpin' to good country sound all night as their rowdy western groupies turned all the men in the MCs on. Eric from the River was in town to say howdy and Myra was surrounded by a bevy of her own. The Jaguar's Rick Blesinger 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

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 Tequila 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



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. Thankuvermuch!

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 Bottom'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't Jason Faulk a stinker! And speaking of Oasis, Mr. Brown (the other half of flip and flop) tells me that Steven Blair will

take manership of the pool-side grotto, with Loric Perry (the 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 Warlock Open Meeting. (According to my sources, it started by Alan Dale time) while the long forlorn lover of Robert Uyviri, 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.

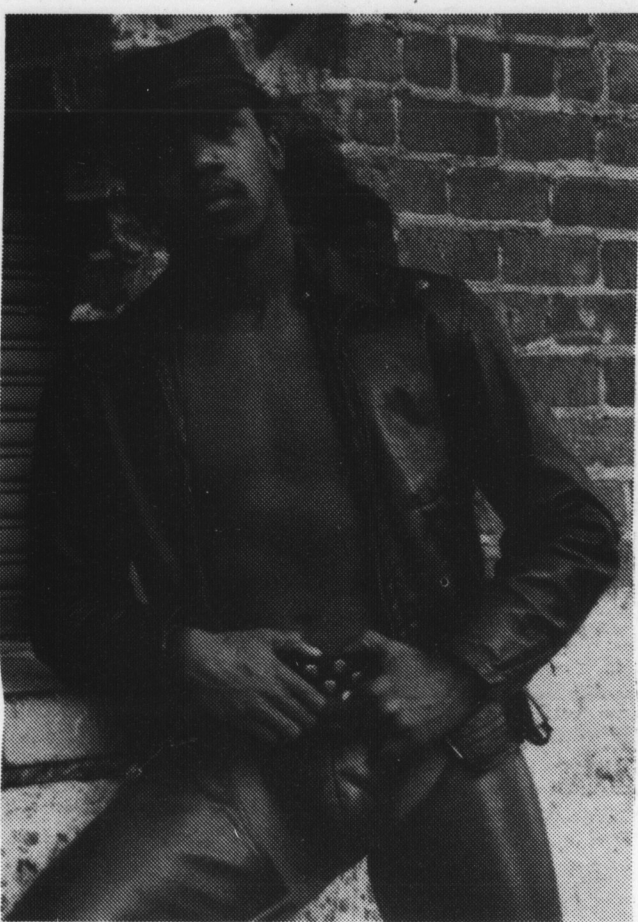
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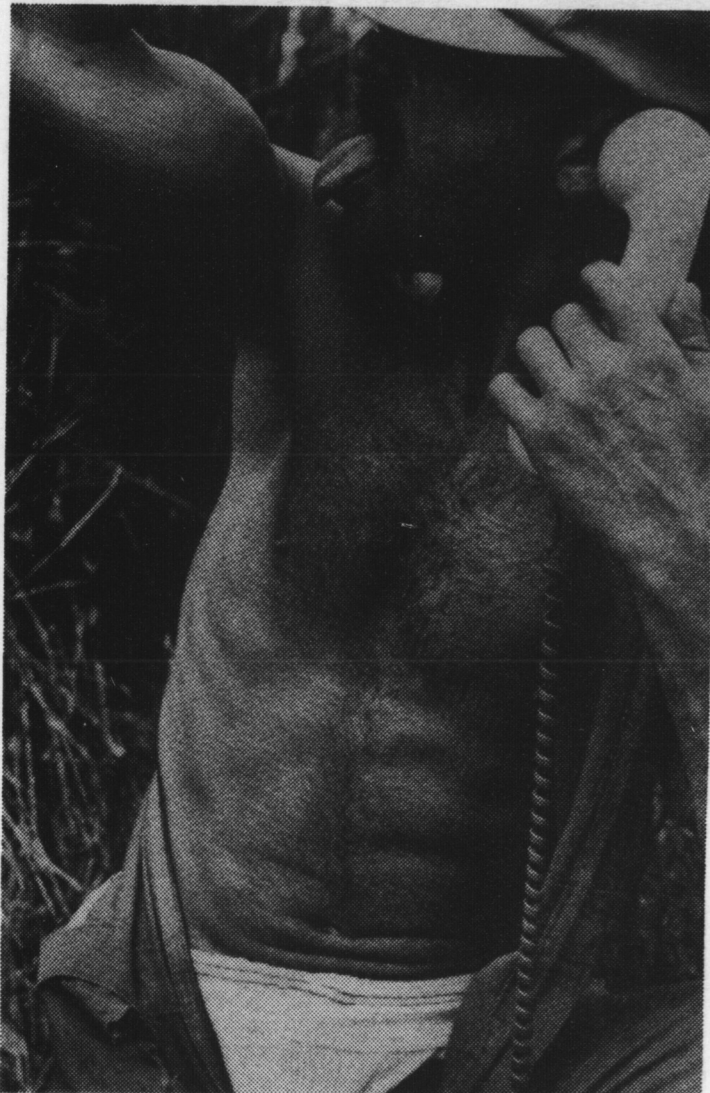


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Here's M.E.N.



"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?

A Fantasy

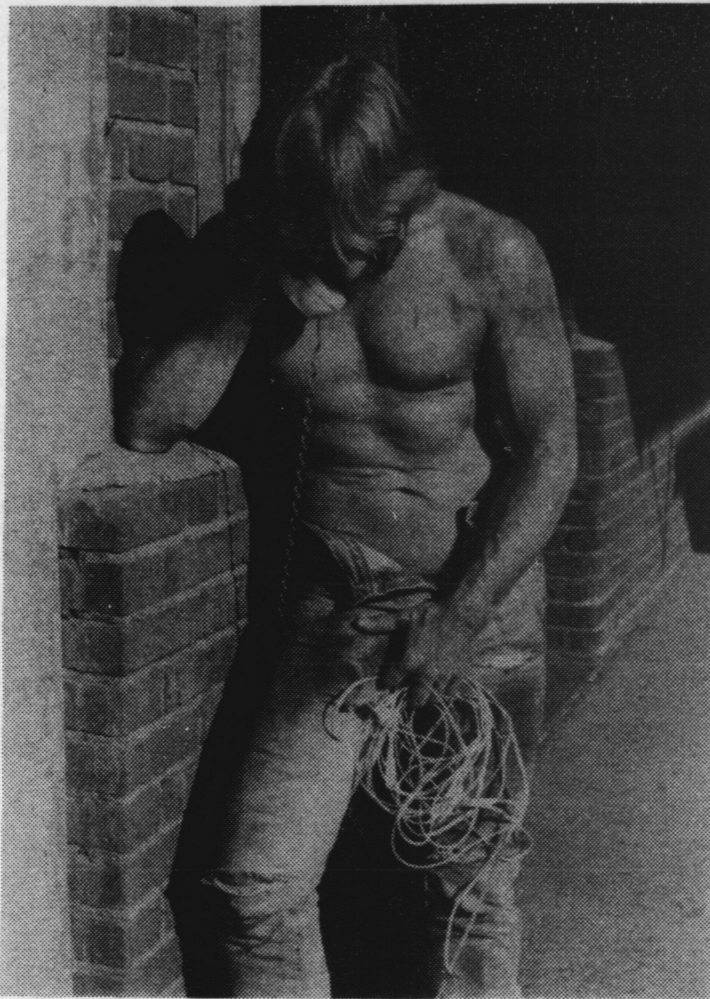
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For Everyone

Mat 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.

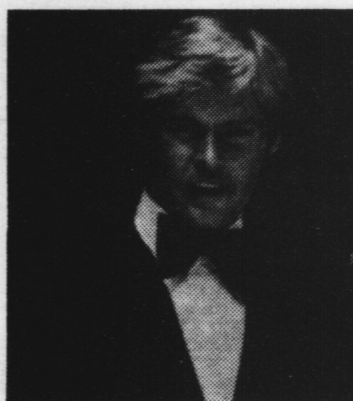
But the Arena show marks another debut for Newman. The 32 year old, who looks like Robert Redford's younger brother, is using his knowledge of modeling, photography and advertising in a new way. He's formed M.E.N., Matthew E. Newman Enterprises, a legit (non-sexual) advertising and modeling agency. The 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 Gay nor straight looking," said Newman. "They're 'A Fantasy Figure for 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 together 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.



Matthew E. Newman

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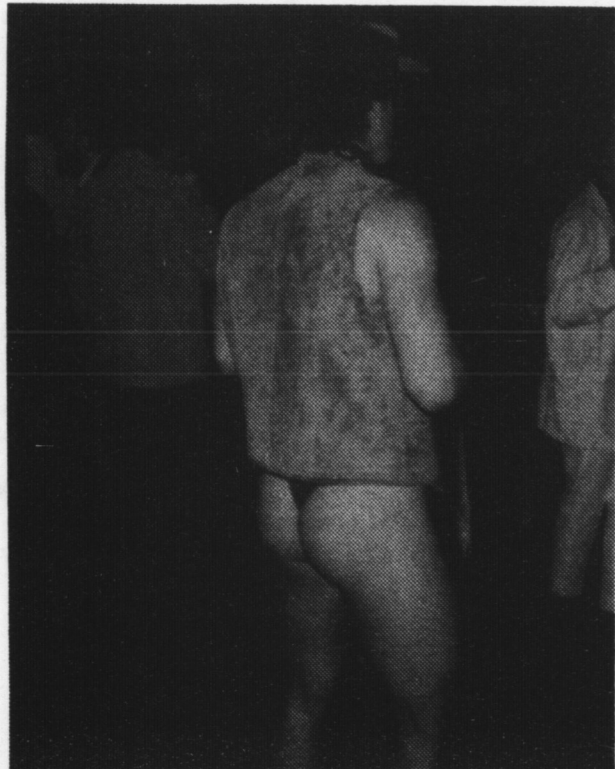
As the Pecker Lowers

RONNETTTE

My blessed auntie, Sarah Goudah, has given me 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 injunction 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 Ronnettite 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 masqueraded at that event. Accordingly, I went to some small pains to make my



Best Buttocks at the Ball.

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 "Gregory Peck-er."

With Sarah skillfully disguised 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 Ronnettite's press pass, but even at the door we could hear the music (and probably the musicians) over-amping the hall with their artistic renditions 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 cost \$2).

Sarah's years in British espionage 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 unorganized. There is no focus, no center of energy. And most importantly, nobody re-



Ronnettite's fave couple at the Exotic, Erotic New Year's Ball. Our writer likes the wedding ring this regular American Gay sports, and the nonchalantly 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 half-closed 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 preceding. The Master of Ceremonies' brand of smart-ass 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

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SWEETLIPS SEZ

Back at the Slave Quarters

DICK WALTERS

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 good that he even picked up

one of Al Carpenter's draws the other day... that is a first in the 13 years that I have known them both.

If you go to the Twin Peaks 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... love your niece, Mary Ellen.



Remember how Dais 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 and Attilio 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

Ronnettite



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.

food they serve two great and reasonable specials each evening — which you'll like.

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 Kaye 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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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 Says 'No' to New Gay Marriage License Bill

No Problems with Fringe Benefits and Visitation Rights



(Photo: Rink)

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 afternoon in her inner office, the mayor defended her actions, 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."

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 bereavement 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 individuals 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 product 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 a 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 cautioned hemophiliacs and their families: "I am concerned that you know that only a fraction

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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.)

Phyllis Lyon, Chair, SF 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

did not consult with us when she was first considering the legislation. She listened to others instead.



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: I favor the recall — with reservations. It gives us an unholy alliance with people who are opposed to the mayor. I favor gun control.

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