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Gay Parade and Olympics

Lesbian Attorney Files in 2 Cases

by Konstantin Berlandt

Attorney Mary Dunlap will face the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Tuesday morning, March 15, on behalf of the Gay Olympic Games in their fight with the U.S. Olympic Committee over use of the ancient Greek word "Olympics".

Court time is 9a.m. Tuesday on the second floor of the 7th and Mission Streets Post Office, and Dunlap says public observance would be welcome to show support for the case.



Attorney Mary Dunlap gets ready for a brace of court cases on Gay rights.

Last summer, the U.S. Olympic Committee succeeded in winning an injunction prohibiting the Gay Games from using the word Olympics in their publicity or paraphernalia. T-shirts were recalled, posters were slapped with censor strips and organizers were gagged from uttering the middle name of the event because of a law passed by Congress in the late 70's giving

the U.S. Olympic Committee exclusive rights to the word.

However, Dunlap points out, the word is continued to be used by everybody from the Olympics of the Mind (a broadcast show for kids) to the Kidney Transplant Olympics held in Greece, with no objection from the U.S. Olympic Committee. Dunlap argues that the injunc-

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Do Gay Bar Owners Discriminate?

Black/White Group Presents Survey

by George Mendenhall

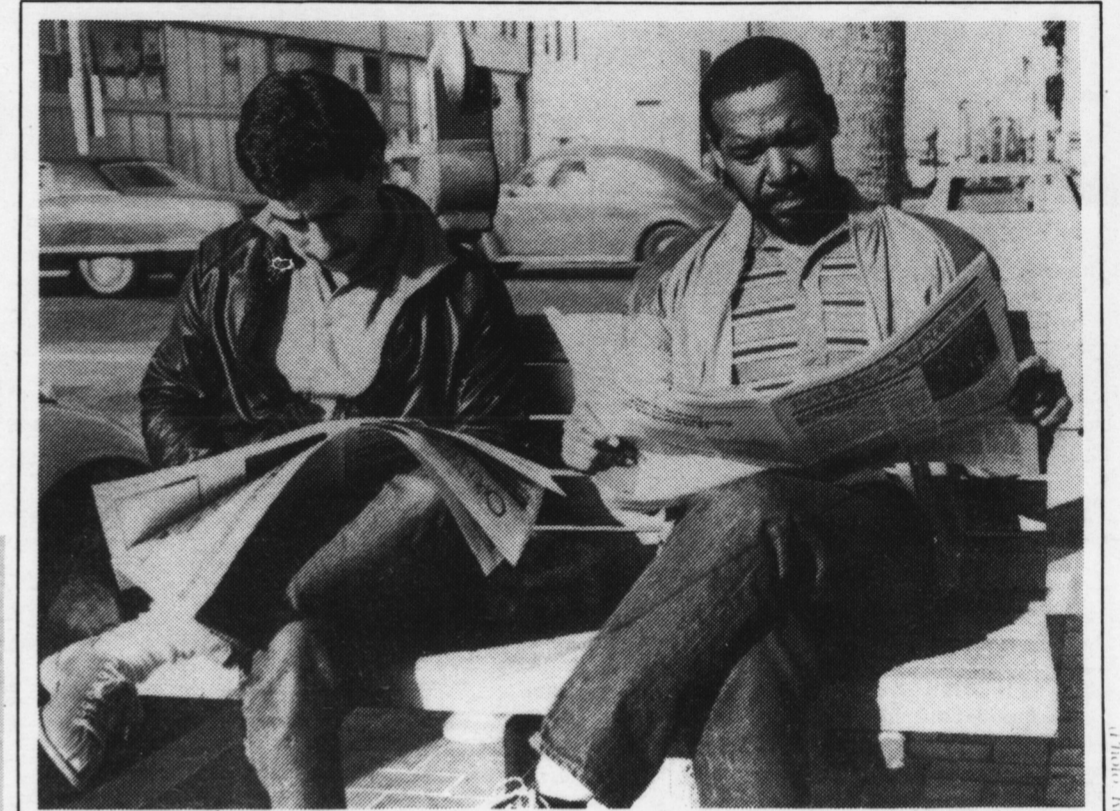
"We do not control the BARS as to their hiring practices," the Executive Director of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco said last week when he was asked to react to an employment discrimination survey by a local Gay group, Black and White Men Together. Jim Bonko explained that his group, which represents over 200 Gay businesses, does not monitor individual members.

When they met with the Tavern Guild in November, BWMT reported, "They seemed supportive, and we asked them to address the issue of the practice of not hiring minority bartenders. We appealed to them to join us in addressing the issue." However, BWMT did not specifically ask the Guild to take action and Bonko says,

"We heard them. It was interesting and informational. However, we were not asked to take action and we did not take any action."

Do Gay bars' White owners/managers almost always choose not to hire Blacks, Latins, and Asians when they hire bartenders? The

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Everybody's reading the Bay Area Reporter this season. (Photo: Rink)

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An Update Analysis

AIDS: More on Parasite Connection

by Richard B. Pearce, Ph.D.

Three months ago in the B.A.R., I reported that amebiasis, giardiasis and other intestinal parasites, which have been epidemic among Gay men for the last five years, might be responsible for the immune suppression that has become the hallmark of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS. Readers are referred to that article for more detailed explanation.

Medical researchers have at last raised the issue in the February 17 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, perhaps the nation's most prestigious medical forum. The issues were raised in a letters exchange between doctors.

The current attention being paid to amebiasis, the most prevalent intestinal infection in Gay men, is the result of a scholarly debate between researchers at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston and Harvard University in Cambridge, and Dr. Hardy Kornfeld, of New York's St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital. Late last year, Dr. Kornfeld published a paper on immune disturbances in Gay men with AIDS. As expected, AIDS patients were found to have severely impaired immune responses.

However, Kornfeld's most disturbing finding was that over 80% of his Gay controls ("healthy" Gay men off the streets) also had unexpected and potentially dangerous immune

disorders. "The finding suggests a greater public health problem than is generally appreciated," then warned Kornfeld.

The findings did not auger well for Gay men who had been sexually active for the last two years—the "average" gestation period for AIDS. Furthermore, it was impossible to deny the possibility that thousands of individuals were afflicted with the AIDS agent, whatever it was.

However, the objection has now been raised that Kornfeld's controls were not well matched based on scientifically valid case-control criteria. Specifically, say Drs. Lyuba Varticovski and Irwin Arias, 18 of the 31 AIDS patients tested in the St. Luke's-Roosevelt study also had recent self-reported cases of amebiasis. "A proper control group should have included heterosexual patients with amebiasis," say the researchers.

In response to these criticisms, Dr. Kornfeld agreed that "The determination of immune function in heterosexual subjects with

active infectious diarrheal diseases, such as amebiasis... is warranted"; and that "The cause of the [abnormal immune responses in AIDS] has not been determined [but] may be one or more [intestinal] pathogens." In other words: parasites may be causing AIDS.

In a letter dated 7 Jan. 1983, Dr. Elmer Noble, president of the American Society of Parasitologists, who was asked whether parasites might be causing AIDS, expressed "fascination" with the idea and said, "As you know, *Entamoeba histolytica* has long been considered to be a benign symbiote [a harmless parasite], but occasionally it becomes a serious pathogen. Perhaps during its benign tenure in the gut it is busy doing something to the host's immune system. Certainly a lot of experimental work should be carried out to answer the question."

Meanwhile, health officials at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta continue in their quest for

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POLITICS AND POKER

Recall Bits & Pieces

WAYNE FRIDAY

By a 22 to 4 vote (with 2 abstentions) the San Francisco County Republican Central Committee voted to oppose the recall of Mayor Dianne Feinstein. • And the influential Alice Toklas Demo Club votes this coming Monday (March 14) on the Feinstein recall issue at Swedish American Hall on Market Street. Meanwhile, the Milk Demo Club was on Castro Street this past weekend passing out pro-recall literature. A button reading "Yes! April 20th - Recall Feinstein" put out by the Stonewall and Milk clubs will be passed out this weekend.

Tickets \$12 advance, \$15 at the door; 8pm-1am; 558-2541 for info; 552-0860 for tickets.

Two nice people, *Chronicle* City Hall reporter Evelyn Hsu and the *Chron*'s respected political writer Larry Liebert will become Mr. and Mrs. this month.

Is she soup yet? That hissing heard over at City Hall Monday was the air being let out of a self-generated mayoral candidacy of one Sister Super-Inflated Ego, or whoever, a drag queen who runs around in a nun's habit and whose main purpose seems to be in promoting himself. It seems

Across town the White Panther Party, the group who collected the signatures to assure the recall, are now apparently being frozen out of the anti-Feinstein election effort by the hastily assembled leaders of Citizens for a New Mayor. This crowd claims that the image of the White Panthers damages the recall effort.

One benefit that we should all support: the Lesbian and Gay Health Services Coordinating Committee of the S.F. Department of Public Health is holding a gala event called Health for Health celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Health Service at the Green Room in the War Memorial Building on Friday, March 18, as a fundraiser for the K.S. Foundation and the Shanti Project (the important support service). Carol Roberts will emcee; DJ dancing; fancy hors d'oeuvres with no-host bar; a show. Congressman Phil Burton and Mayor Dianne Feinstein are the honorary chairs of this event.

Sister Ego managed to get some 22,000 votes in a freak race for Supervisor last year and can't resist seeing his name in print so has convinced himself that the Gay community wants him to run for mayor. Enter one Quentin Kopp. Kopp introduced legislation Monday at the Board that forces candidates in the city to run for office using only their legal names. The Board passed it by a lopsided 9-2 vote — much to the chagrin of our self-made media star — with only Supervisors Britt and Silver dissenting. One has to believe that even Supervisor Britt's feeble attempt to make an argument against this legislation was done half-heartedly. I don't often agree with Quentin Kopp (it makes me nervous if I find myself doing it too often) but I think he hit it on the nose with this one. Kopp told his colleagues that "it sickens me to see the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence or whatever they call themselves" parading around in drag mocking the Catholic Church, adding that this is "another example of what makes people laugh when they talk about San



Quentin Kopp squashes pseudonyms for office. And Boom Boom is battered. (Photo: Rink)



Rumors linger on that Lesbian Health Dept. activist Pat Norman is toying with a race for a Supe slot. (Photo: Rink)

Francisco." Don't know if I would go that far, Quentin, but I can attest that a lot of Gays and Lesbians I know are also offended by this show and the act is beginning to wear pretty thin.

The attendance at last week's Sister-sponsored basketball game, where only half as many showed as did last year, should give Sister Super-Inflated Ego and her friends an indication that they are getting tired.

Memo to Mayor Feinstein: Congressman Walter Washington, the upset Demo Party mayoral primary winner, is predicting to anyone who will listen that his expected general election victory in early April will assure that the national Dems pick Chicago as their '84 Convention site. • Meantime, in Philadelphia, another prominent Black, W. Wilson Goode, is given at least an even chance of beating out the anti-Gay former mayor Frank Rizzo in that city's upcoming Demo mayoral primary. • Pope John in Costa Rica this week telling the flock to reject divorce, calling it "an unacceptable act against the laws of God."

A number of Gays and Lesbians attending the Davies Hall concert for the Queen last week hoping that they would go unnoticed, fearing that attending might not be the "politically correct" thing to do; a couple of them that I knew even implored a Gay reporter not to mention any names. • Considering the inclement weather, the March 3 rally in GG Park and the City Hall rally addressed by Supervisor Britt have to be considered successful.

Advocate publisher David B. Goodstein, who himself has spent years cozying up to establishment politicians and who himself accepted a couple of mostly-meaningless appointments from those same politicians, editorialized in the current Advocate attacking Mayor Feinstein and N.Y. Governor Mario Cuomo, and mocking those Gays who accept what he terms "meaningless appointments to boards and commissions that make decisions of little importance." (Could this be the same David Goodstein that spent years making political life miserable for Harvey Milk, often suggesting that Milk was a reckless radical? Welcome aboard, Mr. G.; glad to see that you have finally learned what the real world is all about.)

A recent Gallup Poll finds that Ronald Reagan is plagued by a "gender gap," showing that the anti-ERA president received a

markedly lower acceptance from women than men. Still, all is not bad news for the president; another poll released this week (by the Washington Post-ABC News) indicated that most Americans are optimistic about the direction of the nation's economy than at any time in the past two years — as Reagan gets set to announce his re-election candidacy.

And you think you've got troubles? Jerry Falwell crying that donations to his ministries have dropped by \$6.9 million in 1982 and that both the Old Time Gospel Hour group and the Moral Majority Inc. finished '82 in the red (this despite the fact that donations to the Old Time Gospel Hour totaled nearly \$57 million and the lobbyist-minded Moral Majority Inc. received over \$6 million last year). • Pat Brown must know something. He is telling anyone who will listen that Jerry will be elected president someday — even predicting that it will probably be in 1988.

Black leaders have been meeting in Washington to consider fielding a Black Demo presidential candidate in 1984, but California's Willie Brown says no thanks, claiming that he is "not available." Brown says he "ready to accept a Black as the standard bearer of either party" and stressed his support for Alan Cranston.

GOP State Senator Milton Marks recently appointed former CRIR president Duke Armstrong to the state Republican Central Committee. Armstrong becomes the only upfront Gay from Northern California to sit on the state committee. • And I keep hearing the faint rumor that Lesbian health activist Pat Norman will be a candidate for supervisor next year.

I don't know from where his information comes, but S.F. Progress columnist Nathan Cohn writes this week that the "two groups" who gathered the 35,000 recall signatures is made up of "one group of people angry at the mayor for supporting gun control" and the other group is "reputed to be composed of Gays who are interested in receiving benefits from the taxpayers" — and this is probably why he is writing for the Progress! • Don't forget the party tomorrow night at the Hall of Flowers honoring retiring Demo County Chair Agar Jaicks (\$10, \$15, or \$50 per person; 981-7154 for info). The party will welcome the '84 Demo Convention Site Selection Committee to the city. ■

BAY AREA REPORTER GREATER BAY NEWS

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Just the Excellent Parts, Please

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ATROUPEMENT
(A Tufted Nose?)

I guess you would have had to be there to really appreciate the kaleidoscopic assemblage of supporters (not the athletic kind!) for various and sundry events around these parts.

The "where" was at Big Mama's in Hayward, Saturday, Feb. 26. The "who" was none other than the Hayward Raw Raahs, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and the Oakland Pom Pons! Yes, all three groups together under one roof!

The purpose of the gathering was to raise funds for the Hayward Float, and the big draw (other than the trio of cheerleaders) was a 50/50 raffle. The winning ticket was held by Kenny Sue and his share of the kitty was roughly \$137.

A packed-to-capacity crowd filled the bar to witness the routines of the three groups, and loud appreciative applause was heard after each performance. The Sisters even did an encore! A delightful gratis buffet was offered and, to a person, a good time was had by all... save for Ray (Big Mama's other half) who had, the day before, severed his thumb from his hand and had it attached again!

I did learn two things about the Sisters. They do Indulge... and they don't Indulge in sex prior to a performance as they don't want to stain their garments! Lord only knows what happens after the performance!

One nasty spot on what was otherwise a delightful evening — some dastard snuck into the "dressing room" while the Oakland Pom Pons were performing and literally slashed Lady April's dress. She didn't discover the deed until she later performed a solo... but trouper that she is, the scene went on. Too bad that things like that have to happen — but there are assholes everywhere I guess!

SATURNALIA
(A Judging Nose?)

Two Sundays ago the Bench & Bar was transformed into Bourbon Street West, and the theme of the evening was Mardi Gras Celebration... and what a celebration it was!



Emperor Craig and Empress Nicole of San Diego were royal visitors to San Francisco's Coronation '83, and dressed with more royal flair than the royalty of England. (Photo: Rink)

A packed-to-the-rafters throng paraded and mingled, displaying a multivariad creation of costumes. Perhaps it was out of desperation, but yours truly was asked to be one of the three judges, and it was truly a difficult job trying to select the Best of Theme, the Most Original, and the Best Overall. Several times the contestants paraded back and forth in front of us. (We were even "moonied" by Alameda Chuck!) as points were awarded to each one.

When the tabulation was concluded, the winners were announced. Best of Theme went to Doug Odermatt; Best Overall went to someone dressed like Gloria Swanson (I think!); and the Most Original went to Sebastian.

One highlight of the evening



was talking to a candidate for the Oakland City Council and his wife. And as Jack (Lake Lounge) mentioned, it was really nice having a straight couple at a Gay function!

POTPOURRI
(A Mixed/Reminging Nose?)

The East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club presents a Candidates Forum on Sunday, March 13, at 7 PM, Lakeview School, 746 Grand Avenue, Oakland. The school is near the Grand Lake Theatre. Candidates for Oakland City Council, Oakland School Board, and

The Center: A Gay Focus in Solano

A Report by Friends of the Center

For several years we have had a dream of bringing our Gay/Lesbian brothers and sisters together in a comfortable setting and to provide crisis intervention specifically for the gay community. Being so isolated has provided little opportunity to sit over coffee, exchange ideas, laugh or provide support to those in need. Neither the East Contra Costa area nor Solano County had had an opportunity to be a community working and playing as family and friends. Yet there has always been such a tremendous potential if only energy and resources could be pooled.

About one year ago we were finally able to establish a supportive, learning and recreational environment in the form of a center. Our funds were scanty and our outreach limited, but we were determined to continue to grow and to serve. Gail Andronis recently assumed the position of Director of The Center. Within the past two months positive changes have begun to occur which demonstrate our determination to bring our family together. Gail has stated, "We have a focus and a definite plan now. The Center and Friends hope to offer a variety of high quality programs to East Contra Costa County, Solano County and even East Bay area." These activities

will include recreational events, health care issues, career/job search seminars, special interest workshops, crisis intervention and even a speakers bureau.

In order to fulfill our goals we are looking for high energy, well focused men and women who are willing to donate their time and energy to make The Center a viable outreach to the community. We are looking for individuals to assume an active role in the following three categories: 1. Gay Stress-line recruits are needed for training. The only requirements are that you be concerned about the well-being of others, are a good listener and be available after your training to take the line on a rotating basis. 2. Special Activities is looking for individuals who will help develop events, workshops, seminars, etc., in one or more of these areas: women's rap, recreational and sporting events, special interest topics and career information. 3. Speakers Bureau is seeking two interested individuals to direct and plan for the training of volunteers, as well as obtain speaking engagements.

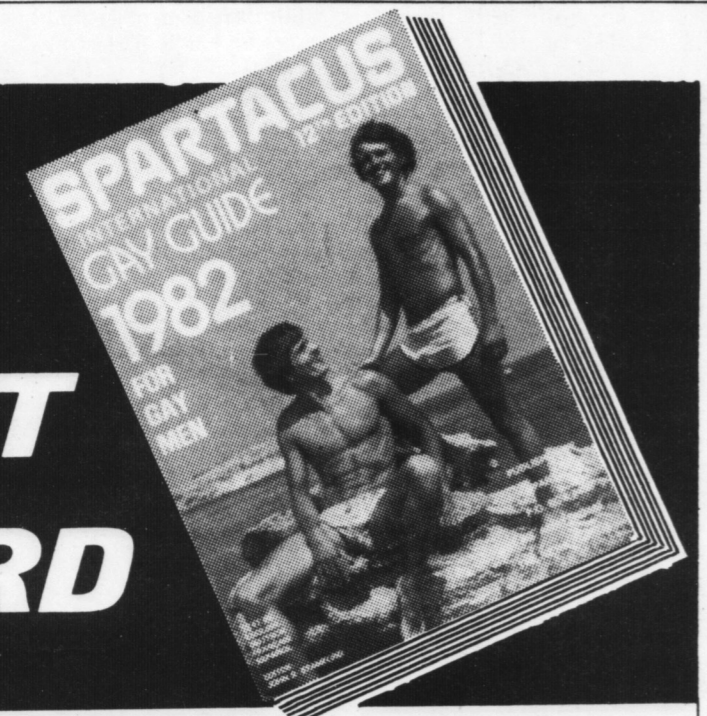
To insure our success in meeting the needs of the community we are conducting a fund raising event and donation drive. Our goal is to reach \$10,000 between February and May of this year. (Continued on next page)

too! Until then, remember that I may not be totally perfect... but parts of me are Excellent!

Keep smiling, Dear Ones... Love, Nez.

Nez Pas

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**SAN JOSE:
FROM THE ROSEGARDEN**

Of Details And Pride

TOM ROGERS

The San Jose Gay Freedom Day Rally Committee, working from a lengthy agenda, set the flavor of the 1983 Rally by changing the name, the location, and the contents of what has in the past been first a stage and podium for political speeches and organizational fundraising, and a community picnic second.

This year the Rally Committee has voted to refer to the event as the San Jose Gay Pride Celebration. The point of the name change was to accurately reflect the committee's plans to provide a big gala for San Jose's Gays.

The committee also voted to hold a contest to establish the theme slogan for this year's Celebration. Submitters of suggested theme slogans must be received no later than March 16, in writing, and should include: the suggested theme slogan; a brief explanation of the suggested theme (if it is not self-explanatory); your name (printed), street address, city, zip code and phone number (optional); a statement indicating whether or not the committee will be authorized to print your name as the winner of the contest in the program and in news releases publicizing the event, and your signature. Submittals should be sent to either *Lambda News* or *Our Paper* for forwarding to the committee.

The contest represents an attempt by the committee to achieve greater community participation in the Celebration's planning. A theme slogan could have an effect on everything from publicity posters to the way that the park is decorated. Definitely established is the committee's intent to create a completely festive event that will feature a big name entertainer, dance music, marching bands and other entertainment, and the happy addition of cocktails (rather than just beer and wine) to help spice up the afternoon's activities.

Of particular interest to this writer is the fact that the committee has decided that they will provide booths (as opposed to just booth space) for those community merchants and organizations who wish to have displays at this year's Celebration. The reason for my interest is the fact that last year's event was marred by an incident that

revolved around the esthetics (or lack thereof) of booth presentations.

My report on last year's Rally pointed up the fact that Sal Accardi, General Manager of the Watergarden, U-Hauled his display out of St. James Park and I expressed my feeling that his withdrawal signified a withdrawal of support for the Rally. It was my sentiment that his removal of the Watergarden display weakened the Gay community's presentation to the rest of San Jose.

Since my deadline for that column fell on the same day as the Rally, I left the event to write and deliver my column to San Francisco before Mr. Accardi returned to the Rally's podium to deliver an explanation and apology for his action to the crowd. That was a fact that I did not report because I was unaware of it. Because I'm unwilling to drag out controversies, I didn't report his explanation or the fact that he had apologized because by the time I found out about it, I felt that it had been amply reported in news stories and in biting letters to the editors of three Bay Area newspapers concerning my report, and that yet another week of discussion devoted to a relatively minor negative incident would constitute more a boring disservice to B.A.R.'s readers than the reports of the news and events that I chose to write about at that time instead.

A few months ago I had a discussion with Mr. Accardi about this incident relative to my report of it. As a result of that discussion and similar discussions with people who know him, I discovered that he is satisfied with nothing less than meticulous attention to details in anything that represents the Watergarden, and that he was very unpleasantly surprised by the display that had been set up at the Rally. He had expected a fully decorated booth, rather than just a sales counter planted somewhat unceremoniously on the lawn under a tree. His withdrawal of that display from the Rally was an angry and embarrassed reaction to what he saw as a totally unacceptable representation of the Watergarden.

The significance of all of this is, that although my readers got a regrettably incomplete report

on the incident at the time (for which I apologize to both my readers and Mr. Accardi), the effect of the incident itself may have had a very positive effect on the quality consciousness of the Rally committee and the other community members who may choose to set up displays at this year's Celebration.

Although the final result of their planning will depend upon their success in raising enough funds (about \$8,000) to put it all together, the committee members are anxious to throw a party that demonstrates the flair and quality that more fairly represents the Gay community in this high-tech and increasingly sophisticated city.

One element planned for the Celebration that will help publicize the event and establish its tone as well, is the publication of a program. The program, which will carry statements from political figures (to replace the usual and somewhat boring political speech-making), advertising (that will hopefully pay for the program) of Gay businesses, a program of events, and acknowledgements of those people whose contributions to the Celebration Committee will have made the event possible, is to be distributed (25,000 copies) in cities all over Northern California.

One further change is the location of the Celebration. Rather than being held at St. James Park in downtown San Jose (a practice that drew criticism from some segments of the community), it will be held at Columbus Park (near the Stockton area on Taylor between Coleman and Guadalupe). Although still centrally located, considerations like parking (among others) will be less critical.

All in all, this year's event has a group of enthusiastic organizers with proven expertise at both fundraising and a determination to introduce more fun and flair to a party for the Community.

Between the Celebration and the Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center's plans for events during the week leading up to the Celebration, this year's statement to the rest of San Jose, and anyone else who happens to watch, is that we're proud to be Gay.

Don't forget the AIDS Seminar being presented by the K.S. Foundation and the Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center at the old County Supervisor's Chambers at 70 W. Hedding St., in San Jose. The seminar begins at 7 PM on March 9.

Go hug your pet and have a great week.



Photographer Cris Evans, whose work is now on display at The Center, 1818 Colfax Avenue in Concord.

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year. The money received will secure a building for another year, provide phones for the operation of the Gay Stress-line, as well as provide for special events throughout the year.

We ask for support from Gay people in the area who can volunteer for any of the programs we are offering. Financial support is needed. Send your tax deductible donations to: Diablo Valley M.C.C. Center, 1818 Colfax Ave., Concord, Ca. 94520. For more information call: (415) 827-2960.

The Center is open from 10-5 daily. Stop by and meet us; the coffee is always ready.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Currently showing (through March 31) is Cris Evans' photography. This showing marks her third one woman exhibition. The work in this showing is representative of her previous exhibits and reflects her varied photographic styles. Ms. Evans is currently involved in opening a photography cooperative with three other artists in Suisun, Ca.

The show is free to the public at The Center from 10 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday.

WORKSHOP SERIES

Dr. C. Saether and Gail Andronis are doing a weekly series, "Discovering Your Own Personal Power." Participants will explore such issues as: Your Need

for Approval, Letting Go of Guilt, Immobilizing Anger, Enjoying Your Own Spontaneity.

The need for this type of workshop series in the Gay community is great. Our potential as fully productive, self-actualizing individuals is often limited because of the many social traps we have struggled with and have all too often come to accept.

Dr. Saether has been successfully addressing issues of victimization while specializing in work with alcoholics. Joining her will be Gail Andronis, health practitioner and educator. Together they will blend their modalities to enhance your personal growth process, expand your potential for living, and offer a means toward personal authenticity.

The series is \$20 each Saturday, March 5, 12, 19, 26. Participation may be in one or all of the remaining sessions. The workshops are being held at The Center, 1818 Colfax Ave., Concord, Ca. from 10:30 AM - 3 PM.

Coming soon will be a Women's Rap Group to discuss issues and needs in a woman's life in a uniquely women's style. We encourage all interested women to write or phone The Center.

March 18 at 8 PM is Movie Night at The Center, and the Friday Night Rap Group on March 25 will discuss "Facing Old Age Alone."

Cop Alert

Undercover police have recently been making arrests in San Jose's Macy's store.

THE STRIP: IN CASE YOU MISSED THE QUEEN...



BAY AREA REPORTER
ENTERTAINMENT

TAGE SCREEN SHOWS ROCK OPERA INTERVIEWS BOOKS MUSIC THE ARTS STAGE SCREEN SHOWS ROCK OPERA INTERVIEWS BOOKS MUSIC THE ARTS STAGE SCREEN

The 1982 Cabaret Gold Awards



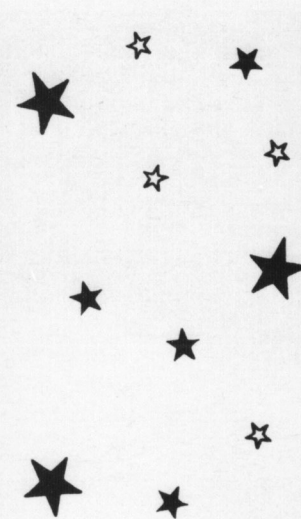
God Bless the Child Who's Got This Voice. Val Diamond won Entertainer of the Year, the sole category open to popular vote by the Award show's audience, for the second consecutive year, after her musically creative and dramatically exciting singing of "God Bless the Child."



No Yo-Yo. Weslia Whitfield became the first winner in a category created this year, Outstanding Jazz Performer. With prophetic foresight and her usual attention to the best of American pop tunes, she sang "I've Got the World on a String." She also heard her name mispronounced by everyone who got their lips near it.



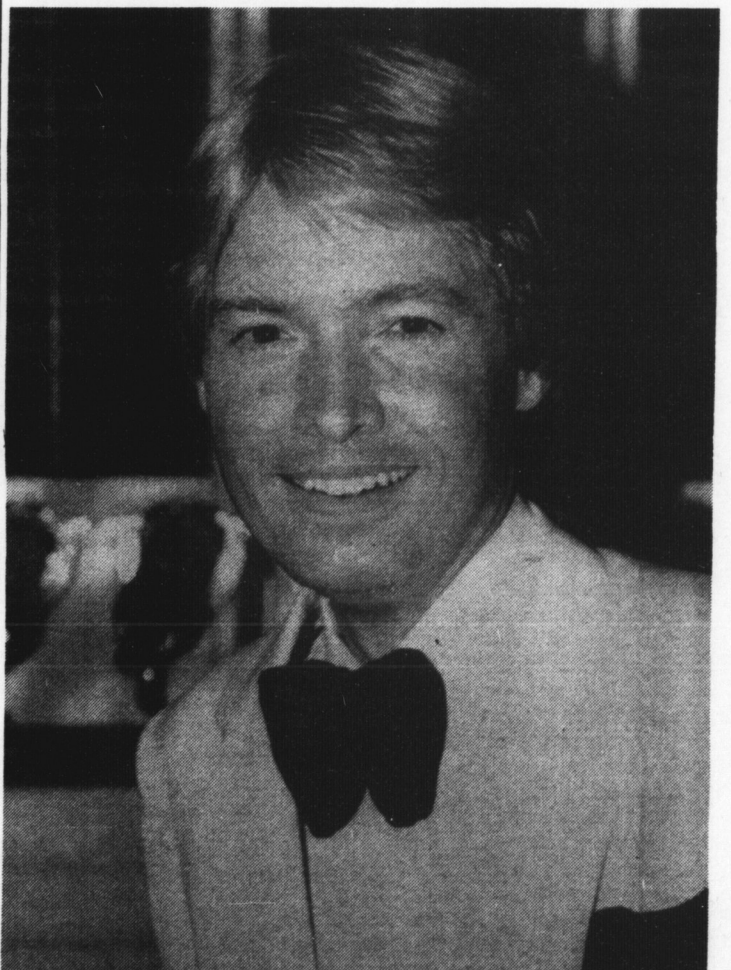
Chagrin and Bear It. Ronn Lucas won the award for Outstanding Male Comedy Solo but had to bear up under the insolence of his sidekick, Billy, who not only bossed Ronn about but insulted members of the audience as well. There's almost no controlling that Billy!



Go, Girl, Go! Outstanding Female Vocalist of the Year Lynda Bergen shoehorned more acting into her one song at the awards. DREAMGIRLS' dramatic "And I Am Telling You I Am Not Going," than the company of A.C.T. delivers in an entire evening.



No Stain. Jane Dornacker's second winning as Best Female Comedy Solo came shortly after she sang her tribute to the torch song with a tune she called "the essence of cabaret," "You Stained My Karma." Putting on a new pair of eyes, she then presented her classic portrayal of "Marge Battaglia, Snackologist."

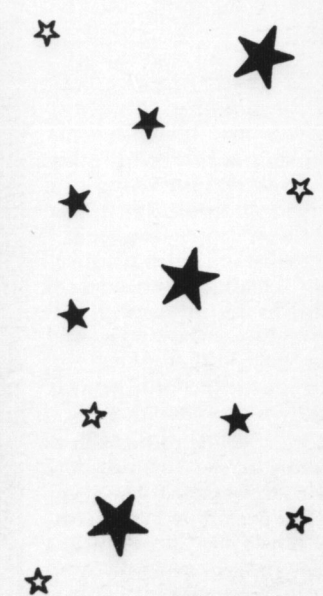


Where There's Love Overflowing. David Reign, Outstanding Male Vocalist, is another of San Francisco's favorites who has become popular in other cities. "It's great to be home," David earnestly proclaimed, after having been off on tour most of the year. He departs for Los Angeles performances within days of winning his award.

The Winners

- Entertainer of the Year
Val Diamond
- Female Vocalist
Lynda Bergen
- Jazz Vocalist
Weslia Whitfield
- Male Vocalist
David Reign
- Female Comedy Solo
Jane Dornacker
- Male Comedy Solo
Ronn Lucas
- Comedy Group
Pickle Family Circus
- Musical Group
Nicholas, Glover & Wray
- Musician/Accompanist
Joan Edgar
- Concert Performance
Lori Shannon and Lynda Bergen
- Cabaret Theatre
Piaf, No Regrets
- Technician
Ron Lazar
- Cabaret
Trinity Place
- John L. Wasserman Award
Cyril Magnin
- Golden Laurel Award
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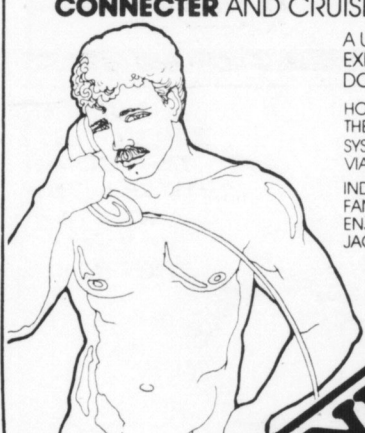
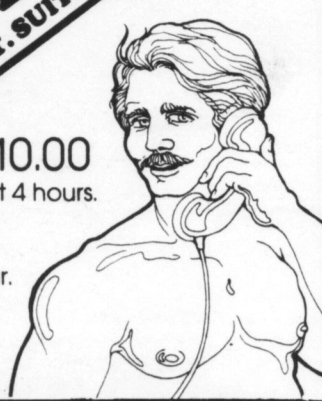
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BACK TO BATON
Introduction — Okay?

Ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime, the third annual Mostly Mozart festival has run its course for this year. The programmes have been a mixed bag of masterpieces and interesting curiosities with performances to match.

With so many people participating it might be asking too much to expect a smoother sense of continuity; what we have witnessed seemed to be more a two-week marathon than a "festival".

It is fairly obvious that the Symphony was not going out of their way this year to add those little touches that have made opening nights and special occasions so special in the past. If one looks back to last year's wonderful Stravinsky Marathon, complete with strolling musicians, birthday cake and Russian food, it is easy to explain why the recent Mozart Marathon appeared so lackluster.

The highlight (or nadir) of that evening occurred when a sextet of Symphony musicians presented a totally mis-conceived rendition of the subtly humorous "A Musical Joke" K. 522, in broad burlesque style wearing powdered wigs and sipping champagne. High school sketch wit is no substitute for an atmosphere of elegant gaiety.

So, the musicians themselves were left to their own devices to supply that missing sense of "festival"! Judging from the large portion of the audience that never returned after intermission it is not difficult to understand why there were so many empty seats at subsequent

concerts.

Ticket prices remained formidable even acknowledging a slight savings for multiple attendance. Mozart lovers with the strictest budgets were the only ones afforded a real boon for Terrace seating (the rear and sides of the stage) which remained constant at a genuinely agreeable five dollars.

The Festival started off on the right note (or purposely wrong one) with the crazed Peter Schickele, performer and apologist, bringing us another evening with P.D.Q. Bach. His concert this year was generally less scatological, more visual and appealing than ever before.

The inspired lunacy of Schickele was at its best in the Canine Cantata: Wachtel Arf! ("Sleeping Dogs Awake!"), performed by houndstentor Dietrich Fisher-Bauau. (Schickele himself), in a wonderfully silly dog outfit. Truly hilarious and high energy performance.

The energy had dissipated greatly by the end of the Festival's first week. Saturday brought us a strangely low-key Marathon of Mozart's music.

The more serious musical events of the evening were well served by pianist Garrick Ohlsson who performed a sonata and concerto in his usual virile manner. I may quibble with his idiosyncratic phrasing but his performance is always creditable.

This was also the night for the aforementioned "A Musical Joke", an embarrassment best forgotten and... for those who

braved it through to concert's close, a delightful rendition of the Divertimento in D. A wonderful piece that managed to raise drooping eyelids for the drive home.

There were other concerts and specific performers who deserve special mention for their contributions to the Festival. Of the conductors, it was relative unknown Mario Bernardi who proved most satisfying. His precision and flair elicited excellent orchestral response in Haydn's "La Passione" Symphony No. 49 in F minor and Mozart's gloriously grand Symphony No. 39 in E-flat.

Pianist Ilana Vered has an odd stage presence. Her gown would have looked more appropriate on Joan at the stake, and her posture gives the impression of someone very near-sighted who is about to lick the keys, but her playing is divine and perfectly in tune with Mozart's subtle sense of passion barely restrained.

Conductor George Cleve and our own Symphony's principal French hornist Arthur Krebbel made notable appearances and the evenings devoted to chamber works proved especially satisfying.

For those who cherish the genius of Mozart above all, this Festival proved adequate. For those who are yet to truly savor the master's delicious intricacies it was an okay introduction. There is next year to look forward to and perhaps sagging ticket sales will motivate the Symphony to rise above Reaganomic belt tightening and inject more of their customary wit and flair into next year's celebration.


Upcoming events at Davies Hall that hold special promise include an all Beethoven Sonata recital by matinee idol and keyboard virtu Peter Serkin, and a one night stand by the acclaimed Academy of St. Martin in the Fields.

SPORTS NEWS

TGWEDNESDAYNBL
V.P. to L.V. for?
JERRY R. DE YOUNG

ed circumstances. On 2/2, Jimmie Dragon, the White Swallow's ace-ette, picked up a very difficult 6-7-10 split on lane 17, and missed meriting an ABC BIG-4 patch by only one pin. What a pity, Jimmie is just getting her stride and the season ends.

Talk about getting one's gait, here are eight high-stepping studs who set a lively pace for the rest of us: this week's 200+ers.

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- The Badlands Bowling Team. (Photo: Rink)
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|------------------------|----------|
| Adrian Stenson (PWIL) | 254 |
| Larry Kramer (PB) | 234 |
| Eddie Carmick (SI) | 201, 224 |
| Robert Mondaldo (PWIL) | 210 |
| Bob Rolison (PWIL) | 209 |
| Willi Ward (WH) | 204 |
| Keith Ray (Bldnds) | 201, 203 |
| Rick Wotring (P-II) | 201 |
- Although the final games, assuming there were no ties, were played last night, here is how the teams lined up for that historic confrontation.
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| 1. Pin Pals | 43 | 23 |
| 2. Play With It, Ltd. | 42 1/2 | 23 1/2 |
| 3. Badlands | 40 | 26 |
| 4. Wooden Horse | 39 | 27 |
| 5. Sweet Inspirations | 38 | 38 |
| 6. White Swallow | 38 | 28 |
| 7. Different Strokes | 38 | 28 |
| 8. Pilsner I | 37 1/2 | 28 1/2 |
| 9. Grady's | 35 | 31 |
| 10. Pilsner II | 35 | 31 |
| 11. S.F. Eagle | 35 | 31 |
| 12. Pendulum | 33 | 33 |
| 13. Stagecoach | 32 | 34 |
| 14. Ambush | 31 1/2 | 34 1/2 |
| 15. Park Bowl | 30 | 36 |
| 16. Atherton Hotel | 29 1/2 | 36 1/2 |
| 17. David Kelsey's | | |
| Unmentionables | 28 1/2 | 37 1/2 |
| 18. Pilsner Playmates | 27 | 39 |
| 19. Pilsner 3 | 26 | 40 |
| 20. Temptations | 25 | 41 |
| 21. Pipeline | 24 | 42 |
| 22. Animals | 19 1/2 | 46 1/2 |
- With only 5 1/2 games separating the first 8 teams, the outcome is certainly anyone's guess. By now, of course, the guessing is over. Full results soon!

BAY AREA REPORTER
BOB'S BAZAAR

MY KNIGHTS
IN LEATHER
Swollen Streams and Musical Knights
KARL STEWART



MECCA-NIZED KNIGHT
One cannot become bored with variety and it's hard to avoid merriment in this town. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence presented us with an amazing assortment of frolics Saturday evening. It began with a "very serious" basketball game between UC Berkeley Basketball Club and our own Gay Games team. The close and exciting tourney brought UC up as the victor. The Gay Men's Chorus and Band joined together for some of our old favorites and the Hayward Rap Rabs seemed strangely appropriate here. For some unknown reason the crowd thinned considerably after the game, even though Sr. Frieda Peoples (Chrysler), after being summarily inducted into SPI as a member of the order, spun some mean discs. Tyne Mouton warmed up the boards at midnight and Jeanie Tracy and the Dreamboys scorched them. Even though there was only a handful of rockers left, Ms. Jeanie created the intimate feeling of a small club instead of the old barn in which the SPI threw their shindig.

Around the corner the night before, Dr. Sanford Kellman, with the aid of his staff and DJ Rob Kimbel, threw a people's party. As I arrived at midnight the line stretched nearly to Stanyan. Ms. Jeanie did it to 'em there, too. She had the hopper screaming for more. Waiting for her backstage was an old fan, Valerie Coleman, Channel 7's anchorwoman. A very gracious Ms. Coleman revealed, "I've been a follower of Jeanie's since Big Al's on Broadway. We had some good times there."

Meanwhile, the war-torn 544 Natoma Gallery was the site of some exceedingly interesting

sad event for me, for he'd been a close friend and buddy. The Ambush had a very festive Wake last Tuesday, in a spirit that Dan Gibson would have had it.

THIS AND THAT
President Frank Benoit of the Constantines announced that three butch numbers have been added to their rolls. John Zimmer, Steve Bushey, and the Eagle's David Stoll (aka Stella). Frank also announced his choices for First Ladies (one is not enough for this one) — Steve Bushey in San Francisco and "Mary Schino, Rex L' Ken Lawrey, current Rex of the Oedipus MC in Los Angeles. The Oedipus MC, by the way, is having a beer bust at the SF Eagle on May 1, the day following ICF's OTT with proceeds to benefit the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation.

In a marathon awards ceremony the GrandDuck Council of the city mounted their 10th annual Gay Community Awards. The draw show that preceded the awards and a hefty rain storm were semi-amusing, except for Margo, who does some wild S/M punk-New Wave stuff. Our Empress Connie is always terrific. As a matter of opinion Connie and Margo and Tattoo Jim were the only good thing about the Investiture, entertainment wise. Shows we got the best, I guess.

Some notable recipients of Gay Community Awards are Guy Healy of the Pilsner Inn for Bartender of the Year in the Silver Strip, Kent Reeder at Sutter's Mill. Hunky blond Steve of the Lion Pub won as that area's best mixologist. He was celebrating his birthday. Laurels also went to Gary Kenyon as Workhorse; the B.A.R. won Best Community Media; Dennis Yount received the Basket Award; the Eagle's Gary is our Hunk of the Year, and Michael Bowman (also of the Eagle) is So/M's Bartender of the Year... with JC as Best Manager.

Bobby Betcher and his main man, Russ, were glowing as they received the award for Best Bath House, Animals, and Hal Slate

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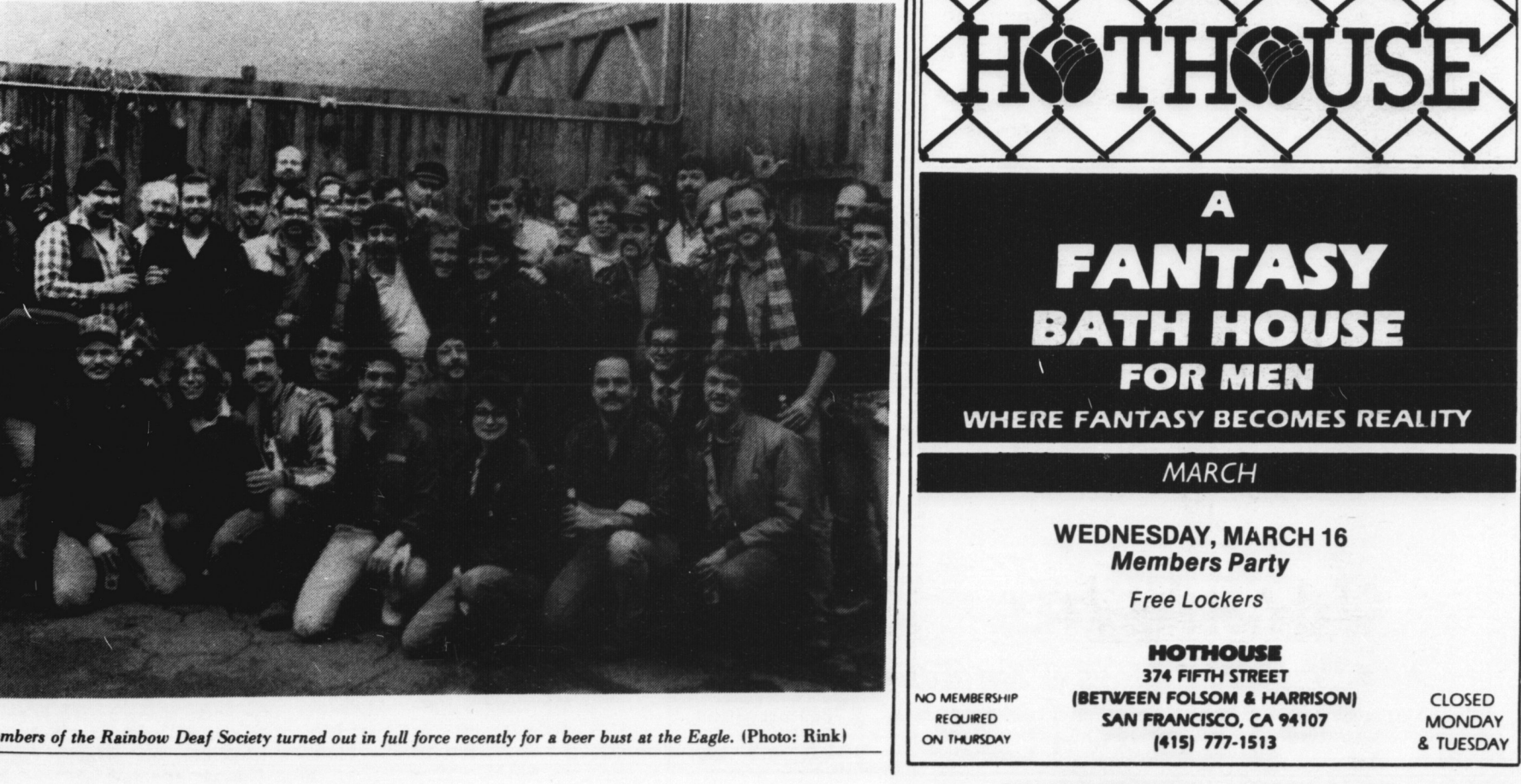
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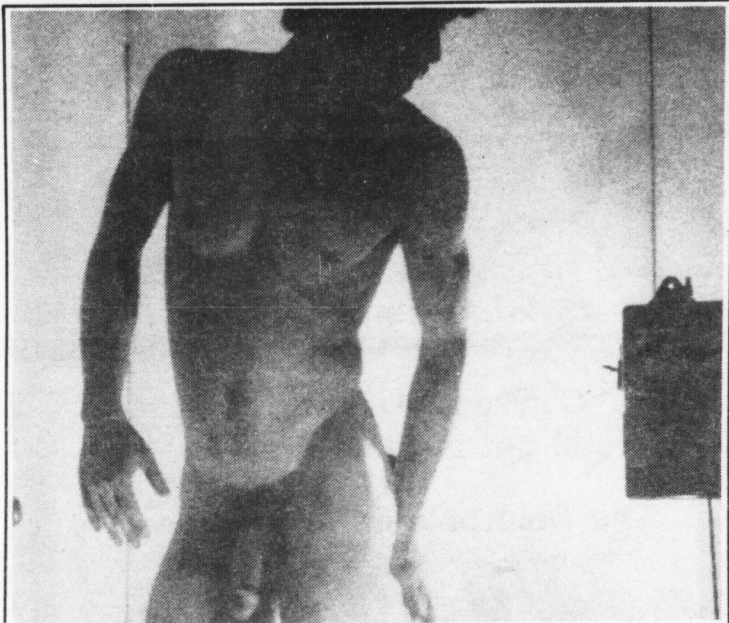


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Members of the Rainbow Deaf Society turned out in full force recently for a beer bust at the Eagle. (Photo: Rink)





Homovisual is a new live show at the Nob Hill Cinema. It's described by its creators as "more intense" than Restless, their last live show, and the reason can be seen in this photo. Homovisual finds its 6'3" star alone in a porno arcade booth — alone and naked. Showtimes are slightly erratic: Wednesday and Thursday at 8:45PM; Friday at 12:40, 8:30 and 11:45PM; Saturday and Sunday at 3:30 and 8:30PM, with a midnight show on Saturday. Times are slightly approximate; arrive early. Stay late — the Nob Hill is currently screening the curious, infrequently seen Erotic Films of Peter De Rome, along with Private Collection. A fuller report from Porn Corner reviewer Karr on Homovisual next week. ■

condo in Puerto Vallarta. The Pilsner Inn will have a "Name That Tune" at 8p.m. tonight (3/10) with \$50 in prizes for individuals and \$100 for groups. The cost to enter is 5 bucks for singles and \$15 in bunches.

KNIGHT STALKER

The Stables, in their superior tradition, hung a fine show by Daniel Ross last week. The paintings are strong male images, sometimes erotic. The notion that these works are done from life is eminent, as their faces seem strangely familiar. The technique is in the Uyvari/Randy West tradition, except, in West's words, "He's been working with color a lot more than I. He has a real good feel for it."

A painting of a cowboy from the Reno Rodeo takes on the size and feel of Randy's popular airbrush work. Ross, however, is very much his own man.

Mr. Brown had his birthday at Oasis last weekend with gorgeous blond Jim Ashley in the royal party.

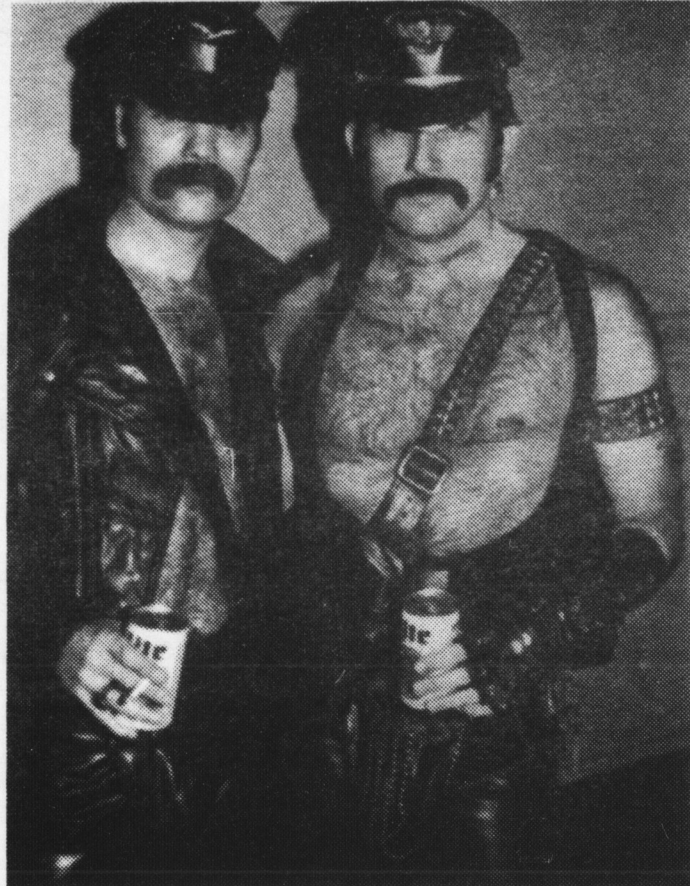
James A. is about to make a grand re-appearance. He is the star of many past MC stage and screen efforts and is currently appearing at the Brig's cocktail hour with butch, buxom, and friendly Ed.

Opening Day of the Gay Softball League will be one of mirth at Lang Field on April 10. It's always fun.

Marcus and Marvin are also celebrating a first anniversary this week. Happy One, men.

Work it this week, and I'll see ya around!

K. Stewart



When Leather wear gets Serious this is what it looks like. And there's the sweetest zipper on the rear of the Leatherman at left. These party-goers dressed for the Barbary Coasters' Motorcycle Awards. (Photo: Rink)

Karl's Calendar

Thursday, 3/10: Name That Tune. Pilsner Inn, 8pm; music from the last 50 years, from rock to the classics; entry: \$5 individuals, \$15 groups. Cash prizes. MC's: Olin Sanders & Jim Cvitanich (out of drag).

Friday, 3/11: Beast Party. Animals, 7pm-dawn; available: tattooing, body shaving, military haircuts & bootblack.

Saturday, 3/12: Opening: Shape Up, a co-ed gym, 10am-midnight, 2301 Market at Noe; call for invitation, 864-1776.

Sunday 3/13: Jock Strap Contest. The Endup, 8pm; \$250 in prizes; MC Randy Johnson.

Monday, 3/14: Preview: Giant Video System. The Troc, 7:30pm; movie: "Close Encounters," \$2, popcorn



John Bondie (2nd from right) won the Buddy Rider of the Year award at the Barbary Coasters award ceremony, and was honored again with a party by fellow leathermen at Febe's. (Photo: Rink)

Different Spokes

Different Spokes Sunday bicycle ride for March 13 will travel to East Bay Regional Park. It's a moderately hilly 20-mile ride and will be paced with occasional stops. Meet at the Fruitvale BART at 11 AM; bring lunch. Info: Mike, 626-3131, ext. 297.

An alternative Decide and Ride meets at McLaren Lodge in GG Park at 10 AM.

Gays and Suicide

Eric Rofes, author of "I Thought People Like That Killed Themselves": Lesbians, Gay Men, and Suicide, will discuss his book on The Gay Life, KSN, 95 FM, Sunday, March 13, 6 AM.

provided. Tuesday, 3/15: BRMC Bob McWehly's Birthday. Febe's, 9pm.

Thursday, 3/17: St. Patty Party. The Arena, 3:30pm to closing, drink specials.

Lunch & Dessert. Theatre Rhino, curtain 8:30pm, \$6.

Friday, 3/18: Barbary Coasters Open Meeting. Febe's, 8:30pm.

Saturday, 3/19: Warlocks' Garage Sale and Bake-Off. 1308 Guerrero, thru 3/20.

Equinox Party. The Caldron, 8pm-dawn; sex rituals, MC Karl Stewart; to benefit AIDS victims.

Pia Zadora, singing her hit "Clapping Song." The Troc, 10pm; \$7 members, \$10 general.

Sunday, 3/20: SFGDI Equinox Beer Bust. SF Eagle, 3-6pm, \$5.

Musica Brasil

A concert of new Brazilian and American music by songwriters and vocalists Matthew Allen and Julie Searles will be presented at the Valencia Rose on Wednesday, March 9, at 8:30 P.M. They will be joined by Brazilian composers Celia Malheiros and Carlos Oliveira. Admission is \$3.

Frontrunners

Frontrunners Sunday Fun Run for March 13 will cover 2.5 miles of U.C. Berkeley Campus. Meet at 10 AM at University and Oxford Street entrance to the campus. Need a ride or able to carpool? Meet at Safeway parking lot, Market and Church, at 9 AM.

SWEETLIPS SEZ

Getting Ready to be Green

DICK WALTERS

Seems as if Tim (formerly of the Phone Booth) is now running the bar at Phillip's on 9th Street, so we do have another Gay bar South of Market. Hope you have a good and successful run there, Tim.

Gus and Attilio of Tia Rosa's Restaurant at the Red Eye Saloon are serving Corned Beef and Cabbage on St. Patrick's Day from 11 a.m. 'til 10 p.m. for only \$3.50 of which \$1.00 from

under the candles at work or he will turn the notes over to me for printing . . . you aren't being evil, are you? You always have been a sweet and wonderful person (ugh).

Why do they call Dick Kaye of Pacific Crown Distributors "The Buddha"? We know; don't we, Champagne Jack and Phillip the Rimmer?

Yes, John Paul still has his leg in a cast but that wonderful Tom



Bye-Bye Baby. And farewell, M*A*S*H. These two fellows did it right on national television; "Hawkeye Pierce" hugged and kissed his buddy B.J. Honeycutt goodbye in a tender moment of the famous last episode. (Photo: Rink)

each dinner will go to the K.S. Foundation . . . now that is class. Totie will be having well drinks for only \$1.10 all day, so do drop in and have lunch or dinner and help defeat K.S.

Designer tip of the week: The question "How can I make my bedroom more masculine?" was asked by yours truly. "Staying out of it would be a step in the right direction," said Lillian Levy, A.S.I.D. I'd kill her but she did bring me some great Neiman-Marcus candy, so all is forgiven.

Jessie Shinn of the Hob Nob is serving Corned Beef and Cabbage on St. Patrick's Day from 7p.m.

You still have time to see the fabulous Charles Pierce at the Plush Room through March 20, BUT reservations are almost a must. Love your TV commercials, Charles.

Memo to Reba of Queen Mary's Pub: Casey insists that you stop leaving notes to St. Jude

Redmond is taking very good care of J.P.

Mike Dooley of the White Swallow: you are truly a saint, not only for loaning money but for taking the time and expense of delivering it . . . not many of your kind still around.

Yes, Dick Nelson of Off the Wall framers is back at work (hard) after a brief week's vacation in the camper. Hope to see you soon, Cristal.

From 4p.m. 'til 8p.m. Google's will be having a special St. Patrick's Day party. We are celebrating with an Abie's Irish Rose Party on Thursday with canapes from the Stage Deli on Geary St. It promises to be a fun cocktail hour, so come on down and visit Nooch and Duffy at their best. If you know about Abie's Irish Rose you are older than I, Rosie. Had a nice talk with Spanish Rose the other day who was at Ginger's and is looking quite well and promises to come up to say hi soon.



Connie Cadaver's favorite member of the Royal Family was Lady Diane (r.), while escort Darwin remained content to dress as South of Market royalty for the Elephant Walk contest. (Photo: Rink)



Empress Connie and Emperor Jim finalized their Investiture last Saturday with a Royal Kiss. (Photo: Nova Ltd.)

The Abbey Room at the Atherton Hotel is a great place to go for a drink in a very nice atmosphere and the food in the upstairs dining room is superb . . . had some truly great lunches there and have found out

Male Cantata

Die Mannerstimmen, A Chamber Chorus of Men's Voices, will present the dramatic cantata Rinaldo for tenor, male chorus and orchestra by Johannes Brahms in a concert on Sunday, March 27, at 2 PM in the Little Theater of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor. Though composed in 1863-68, this will be the first performance of the work on the Northwest Coast and only the fourth in the United States. The text, by Goethe, is based on the sixteenth century story of the Crusader hero Rinaldo and his struggle with the sorceress Armida. Dale Richard, tenor, will sing the part of Rinaldo.

The program will also include Brahms' Five Songs for Male Chorus and the Rhapsody for alto, male chorus, and orchestra with Delia Voitoff as soloist. The concert is being jointly produced with the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Edgar Braun, Musi-

cal Director. Rodger D. Pettyjohn will conduct the concert, which is free.

Die Mannerstimmen was formed in 1980 for the purpose of performing the original works for men's voices from all musical periods. Their concerts frequently include rarely heard works and first performances of music by the great composers of Western music. Unless substantial funds are raised in the next few months, however, this will be the chorus' last season.

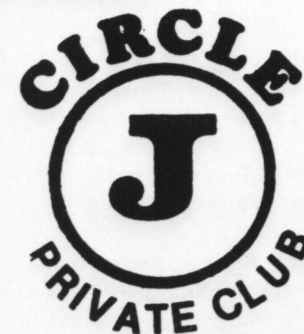
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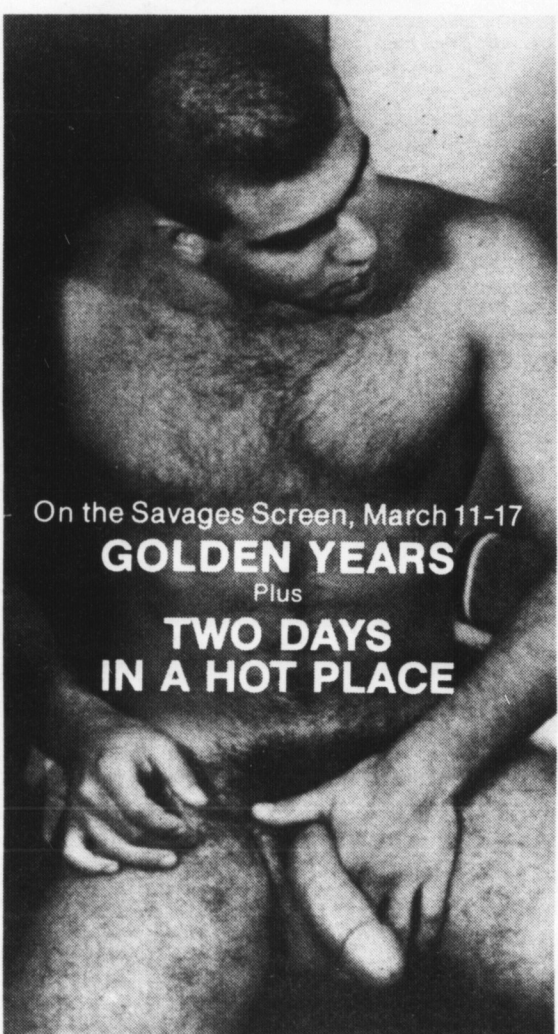


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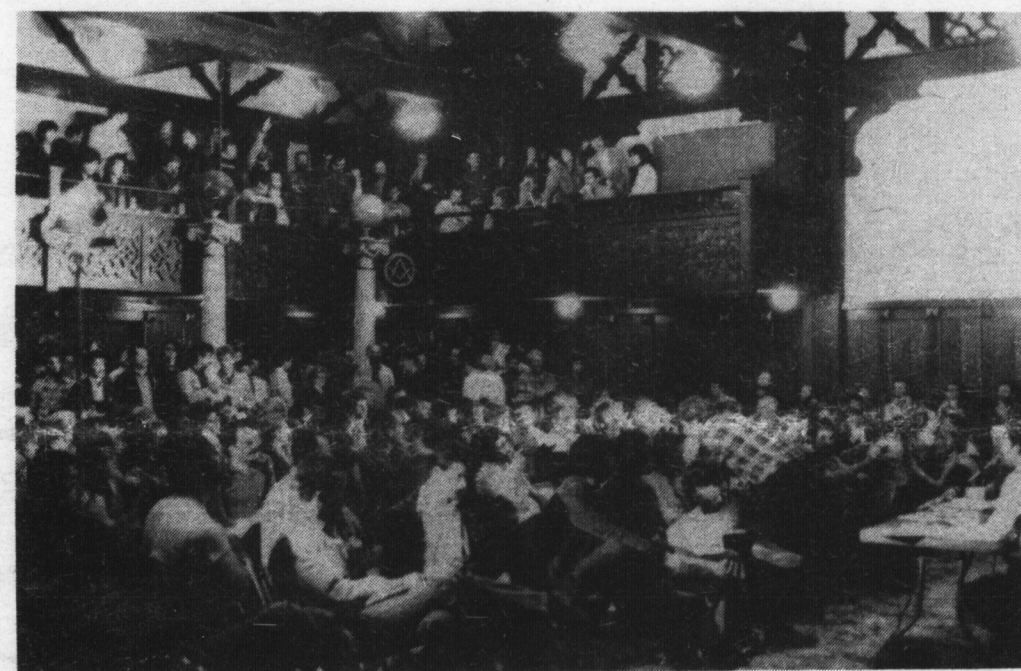
Alice Says 'No' on Recall

A Packed Meeting, Tight Reins, and Frayed Tempers; Meanwhile Mission PD Captain Takes Second Billing

by Margaret Frost

With a record 222 votes cast, the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club voted to oppose the recall of Mayor Dianne Feinstein Monday night.

Following a half hour of highly-charged debate to a standing-room only house, the vote was 73 for the recall (32 percent), 137 against (61 percent) and 12 for no position (5 percent). Sixty percent was needed for endorsement. The Women's Caucus had recommended opposing the recall, while there was no recommendation from the Issues/Political Action Committee, no side having received sixty percent at the committee meeting. Well over 300 people squeezed into the Swedish-American Hall on upper Market Street.



Alice votes NO on recall. Hundreds pressed their way into Swedish-American Hall Monday night. (Photo: Rink)

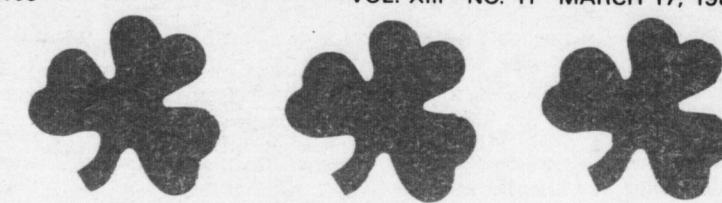
One reason for the unusually high turnout was a press release issued by the club which erroneously reported that Mayor Feinstein would address the meeting. Alice President Randy Stallings explained that the mistake resulted from miscommunication between the Mayor's office and the Alice Executive Board. "This should not be construed as either an attempt to embarrass the mayor or as a slight to the club," he said. Stallings reported on two meetings between the Mayor and the executive committee. Issues of concern in the community were raised, and the mayor agreed to the following

- actions:
- To appoint a Task Force of representatives of the Mayor's office and the Lesbian/Gay community, with Alice's guidance, to draw up a Domestic Partners bill acceptable to both:
- To direct Chief Administrative Officer Roger Boas to provide hotel tax funding for Gay arts and cultural projects in an amount comparable with that received by other minority communities.
- To increase funding for the Community United Against Violence.

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City Employee Benefits

Mayor Orders Bereavement Leave for Gays

Feinstein fulfills promise to run with 'Partners' bill

by Paul Lorch

Gay and Lesbian city employees have been assured of their right to bereavement leave. On February 17 Mayor Dianne Feinstein issued an official memorandum spelling out her policy that Gays are as entitled to leave as are any other city workers on the death of a family member. The directive was issued quietly and distributed without fanfare.

By signing the executive order, the mayor fulfills one of her pledges on Supervisor Harry Britt's ill-fated domestic partners legislation.

The mayor instructed all department heads in the following words:

"There has been some discussion recently on the city's policy on bereavement leave and under what circumstances a city employee may take such leave.

"Please be advised that Civil Service Commission Rule 22.02 A.3 provides for such leave on the death of a family member or relative and on the death of any person who is permanently residing in the household of the employee. The existence of a close relationship, be it heterosexual or homosexual, or

any other circumstance for which two individuals live together is a valid reason for a city employee to take bereavement leave.

"I trust that this policy is adhered to equally and fairly in each of your departments and expect you to take immediate corrective action if this is not the case."

In early December the mayor vetoed the Britt legislation which called for fringe benefits to be extended to homosexuals in city employ. A cornerstone to his legislation which had been passed by the Board of Supervisors 8 to 3 was a registration of same-sex couples with a facsimile of a marriage certificate. The media had dubbed the legislation the

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1,112 And Counting

(From the 'New York Native')

by Larry Kramer

If this article doesn't scare the shit out of you we're in real trouble. If this article doesn't rouse you to anger, fury, rage, and action, Gay men may have no future on this earth. Our continued existence depends on how angry you can get.

I am writing this as Larry Kramer and I am speaking for myself and my views are not to be attributed to Gay Men's health crisis.

I repeat: our continued existence as Gay men upon the face of this earth is at stake. Unless we fight for our lives we shall die. In all the history of homosexuality we have never been so close to death and extinction before. Many of us are dying or dead already.

Before I tell you what we must do, let me tell you what is happening to us.

There are now 1,112 cases of serious Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. When we first became worried, there were only 41. In only 28 days, from January 13 to February 9, there were 164 new cases — and 73 more dead. The total death tally is now 418. Twenty percent of all cases was registered this January alone. There have been 195 dead in New York City from among 526 victims. Of all serious AIDS cases, 47.3 percent are in the New York metropolitan area.

These are the serious cases of AIDS, which means Kaposi's sarcoma, Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, and other deadly infections. These numbers do not include the thousands of us walking around with what is also being called AIDS: various forms of swollen lymph glands and fatigues that doctors don't know what to label or what they might portend.

The rise in these numbers is terrifying. Whatever is spreading is now spreading faster as more and more people come down with AIDS.

And, for the first time in this epidemic, leading doctors and researchers are finally admitting they don't know what's going on. I find this terrifying too — as terrifying as the alarming rise in numbers. For the first time, doctors are saying out loud and up front, "I don't know."

For two years they weren't talking like this. For two years we've heard a different theory every few weeks. We grasped at the straws of possible cause: promiscuity, poppers, back rooms, the baths, rimming, fisting, anal intercourse, urine, semen, shit, saliva, sweat, blood, blacks, single virus, new virus, repeated exposure to a virus, amebas carrying a virus, drugs, Haiti, voodoo, Flagyl, constant bouts of amebiasis, hepatitis A and B, syphilis, gonorrhea.

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