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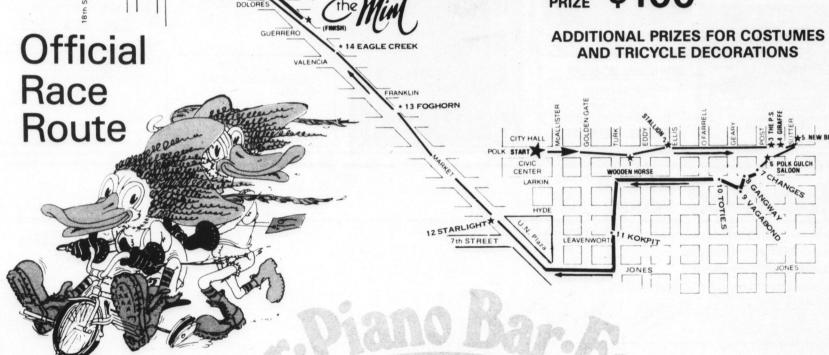
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Sex Registration Halted by High Court "Cruel and Unusual Punishment" Say the Justices by George Mendenhall

Many thousands of Gay men are affected by a California Supreme Court decision released last week. In a 5-2 vote the justices ruled that it is "cruel and unusual punishment" to require people convicted of soliciting "lewd and dissolute" acts to register for a lifetime as "sex offenders."

For nearly 40 years state penal code 290 required that every Gay male arrested for sexual solicitation register - and to re-register every time he moved within the state. Although a man could have his arrest for 647a (lewd conduct) expunged, he could not erase his sexual registration records. A re-registering in every city in which he lived included fingerprinting and a set of photographs. Copies were sent to local police sex details, a state registration office, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Allen Eugene Reed, now 54, made the challenge in 1979 when he was convicted of lewd conduct. Reed had masturbated himself in front of a plainclothes officer at a rest stop urinal. The challenger was not a Gay activist, but became angered when he learned that he would be registered as a "sex offender" for his

Reed, formerly married and the father of children, has been living with the same man for ten years at Newhall. He had served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring honorably as a Senior Master Sergeant. He had worked steadily since his military career and had no prior arrests.

The challenger had told the justices during the hearings earlier this year that it is "harsh and irrational for me to register, as it forces me to carry the mark of Cain for the rest of my life.' The petitioner had never sought publicity during his 3-year testing of the law. When he heard of the court decision last week, Reed told his attorney, Jay Kohorn, "I am glad that something good came out of all this. Kohorn said his client wept and could barely talk.

"Petitioner is not the prototype of one who poses a grave threat to society," the majority opinion says, "nor does his relatively simple sexual indiscretion place him in the ranks of those trable offenses." Justice Frank Richardson disagreed, calling the act of masturbation in public 'introductory conduct" that could lead to "even more serious assaultive sex offenses.'

The Supreme Court indicated that it might look with favor on voiding the entire sexual registration requirement, but the Reed challenge was only on the "lewd conduct" section. People convicted of some sex crimes still

\$12 Million for AIDS Likely from Congress

Funds Pass House; Same Expected from Senate

The House of Representatives passed, 309 to 92, a \$4.8 billion supplemental appropriations

bill last Wednesday that includes \$12 million for AIDS research. The surprise money will be used to fund AIDS projects through the end of the government's fiscal year, which ends October 1. The Department of Health and Human Services will seek an additional \$14.5 million The surprise funding came at partment's AIDS Office; and AIDS funding, that the funds

the last minute and in a highly unusual way, according to spokespersons with the Gay Rights National Lobby and Congresswoman Barbara Boxer's office. Both GRNL and Boxer's office had been lobbying extensively for the AIDS appropriation before the Appropriations Committee and among members of the House. Three weeks earlier, GRNL arranged for testimony before the committee by Dr. Roger Enlow, Director of New York City's Office of Gay and Lesbian Health Concerns; Dr. David Ostrow, director of the Chicago Health De-

Ginny Apuzzo, director of the National Gay Task Force.

Although the testimony was impressive, and was specifically mentioned as such later by health subcommittee chair William Natcher (D-Kentucky) the committee "was originally resistent" to the AIDS funds, according to GRNL spokesperson Tanyan Corman. It wasn't until an under the wire letter was received from Dr. Edward Brandt, Jr., assistant secretary for health in the Department of Health, saying that the administration wouldn't object to more

"The committee was really angry with the Dept. of Health, said Corman. "They saw it as a sudden reversal on Brandt's

Brandt's letter provided a pretext for bringing the AIDS funding back up, according to Boxer aide Mike Housh. "Ordinarily, it's impossible to bring up a motion on a bill that has already been written out of committee, but Natcher did it. Anyone could have blocked it, but no one

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AIDS Survey Finds Most Men Continue as Before

Many are More Careful About What They Do with Pickups

Most informed Gay men have been affected by the AIDS epidemic, but a recent survey shows that, although worried about it, most are continuing to engage in behavior that could transmit an AIDS infective agent — and at the same frequency as before they found out about AIDS.

This is one of the findings that came out of a survey of 600 Gay San Francisco men, done by three psychotherapists who were interested in what kind of reactions the acquired imune deficiency syndrome has had on the Gay co

The researchers had encou ered a wide variety of psycho-ogical reactions, including anxning of sexual desire and ex-ressions of homophobic senents about Gay life.

At the same time, they had lso witnessed a confused impact on the sexual behavior of heir patients and friends, ranging from no changes at all in sex-ual frequency or behavior to total abstinence from sex.

In February, 1983, McKusick designed a pilot questionnaire and passed out 70 to men walkng out of bars in the Castro istrict and out of a popular athhouse in the Folsom area. In addition, 15 Gay couples were mailed questionnaires. The re-searchers then developed a more lengthy and detailed question-naire, which was based partly on the responses of the test group.

The final version was five

frequency in the three most com-monly used sexual outlets for sexually active Gay men: bathhouses, bars, and relationbathhouses, bars, and relation-ships. In addition, there was an attitudinal scale which allowed the respondent to express his agreement or disagreement with certain statements about AIDS and about its impact on his Gay lifestyle. Finally, a section was devoted to gathering muchneeded data about paterns of Gay relationships over the past five years for each respondent, as well as frequency of sexual ac-tivity outside current relation-

SAMPLING

The research questionnaire was distributed to 1,000 men in San Francisco and the Bay Area

1. 175 Gay male couples (350 men) were mailed questionnaires. This sample was genera-ted by previous research on Gay

Gay Crime Victim Study Cuts Out Mayor's Claim

An Analysis of the New Crime Report

by George Mendenhall

When Mayor Feinstein alleged last November that it was a "myth" that Gays are more likely to be victims of violent attacks, the roof fell in. Numerous activists attacked the mayor and her conclusion, which she had based on a study by her own Crime Victims Task Force. The report was withdrawn after staff members of the mayor's Criminal Justice Council admitted they had erred.

"The Lesbian/Gay and Bisexual population is not more likely or less likely to be victims of violent personal crime than their heterosexual counterparts' read the original report.

The newly revised report emphasizes, "Due to definitional and reporting problems, making any definitive conclusions with regard to whether Lesbian/Gay/ Bisexual citizens are more or less likely to be victims of violent personal crimes than their heterosexual counterparts is not currently possible." The task force now concludes that its research was limited because 82% of the anti-Gay attacks were not reported to the police.

Cindy Winslow, who directed the research, and Jim Buick, staff deputy director, were discouraged by the 1982 Gay activist attack on their lengthy report. The study was withdrawn for six months until it could be revised. The full 150-page document released last week reveals that 15% of the reporting victims reveal that they are Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual. Some conclusions

from the study: • Over 75% of the victims reporting murder, rape, robbery, and assault in the city in 1981 were residents - not tourists.

• A large number of victims (24%) were Black, although Blacks are only 13% of the population. Chinese were victims only 5% of the time. They are 12% of the population.

· Most of the victims have liv-

ed in the city over two years. • Slightly over 50% are either part-time employees or un-

employed. · Victims usually recover physically, but suffer emotionally from attacks for several

• Women victims (73%) felt that being a woman was a factor in the assault, while 50% of the elderly victims believed they were attacked because they appeared old. When quizzed, 43%

of the Gay victims said they were attacked because of their sexual orientation. Less than 20% of racial minorities felt they were were asked the same question

and 10% said they were Gay. A recent survey of 880 respondents reached by telephone had 9%

saying they were Gay. The mayor's study concludes that

possibly 12-15% of the popula-

Police rarely relate informa-

tion in writing as to whether

individual victims are perceived to be Gay or not. The survey de-

pended on admissions by victims

themselves — although close to

25% would not even answer the

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tates, it is not whether a victim

is Gay or not - but whether the

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attacked because of their race. • People in low income areas often have more fear of being victims than those in high income

"Victim" lists were provided by the police department. A study of offenders was also made from police records. It was learned that offenders displayed a gun in about 10% of the incidents and their use of drugs and/or mental illness were factors in 35% of the cases.

Most crimes occured in the neighborhood of the victim and happened with equal frequency every day of the week. The overwhelming number of assaults occurred between people who knew each other - with the notable exception of robberies.

Gay people, among other classifications, often did not report crimes because of a belief that police will not help, because of language barriers, or because of a distrust and fear of the police. There was a feeling that the police will not apprehend and prosecute offenders.

The largest number of victims reporting were in the Western Addition, Mission, and Tenderloin areas. The areas with smallest number of victims included South of Market, Polk, and Castro/Noe - all frequented by Gay people. Victims were equally divided by sex, with the 25-49 age group having the highest

number of incidents reported. Numerous respondents to the survey "declined to state" their sexual orientation and the overall report said that many Gay people do not report crimes committed against them to the police or the Community United Against Violence (CUAV). Thus a survey of Gay victims, the report states,

is extremely difficult.' How is it determined how many Gay people are in San

Francisco if so many do not co-**Supreme Court Questions** operate with a survey? One political research firm, the mayor's study explains, asked Police Decoy Deployment 841 people who voted at polls in 1978 if they were Gay and 11% said they were. In a random telephone survey in 1981, 601 people

The Supreme Court indicated how it feels about the use of police decoys in its decision last week on sexual registration. In an important footnote, the court quoted this section from *The Consenting Adult Homosexual and the Law*, published in 1966 by the UCLA Law Review:

"The [police] decoy's modus operandi at a public restroom may be to loiter inside, engaging a suspect in friendly conversation, using handwashing or urinal facilities, or even occupying a commode for long periods of time. If the suspect makes a lewd solicitation or touching, the decoy will usually suggest going elsewhere to consummate the act and the arrest will be made outside of the

"Since the decoy operates to apprehend solicitors, it is difficult to argue that he is a victim or that he is outraged by the proscribed conduct, particularly when he engages in responsive conversation or gestures with the suspect. In fact, complaints to the police regarding lewd solicitations are infrequent."

Sex Registration

(Continued from page 1) must register. These include indecent exposure, incest, sodomy, assault to commit rape, sodomy or oral copulation, forcible rape, and numerous crimes against

Unfortunately, expunging sex-ual registration records for those from buildings - when possible, arrested for lewd conduct is not Do not invite a stranger that possible. The thousands of recyou just met to come home with ords are intermingled with countless narcotics registration · Do not physically resist durfiles. "There is no way the recing robberies. Try to remember ords can be separated," according to Officer Mel Pinsler of the the physical characteristics of the robber to relate later to the local police department's registration detail. Ironically, he add- Seek refuge if you think you ed that the local files are usually used to determine the current · Keep your car doors and addresses of repeat narcotics windows closed when driving. users and rapists. There has

The task force made numerthousands of registered Gay ous recommendations to agencies and the police department. The mayor has urged early im-Relatively few homosexuals in plementation of two council sugurban areas have any need to gestions — a 24-hour clearingmake sexual contact by cruising house to serve crime victims and about public restroom areas. an emergency fund to help However, thousands of Gay people and married men seeking

been almost no use of the files on

relief pursue this activity. Few arrests are made for public sexual activity in San Francisco, where there are numerous sex clubs. Public Defender Jeff Brown said that the local police department has a for Gay and Bisexual men are general policy in recent years of not deploying undercover of-

ficers to arrest homosexuals in

public restrooms. He said such

arrests occur usually when an of-

ficer accidently walks into a rest-

room and is blatantly confronted Alan Rockway, a licensed Cliniwith such activity. cal Psychologist. For information call 821-6774; fees are \$20 The justices said in their decision that the offenses under 647a "are relatively minor." The court also stressed that since 1975 private homosexual acts are no

> In the earlier Pryor decision the court had limited "lewd and dissolute" to require that the police officer "know or have reason to know that someone might be offended by the conduct. This by no means renders the sexual overture violent or dangerous." But the decison went on to say

longer criminal, indicating that societal attitudes have changed. that it is "sufficient for conviction that a single undercover vice officer be present in a public restroom; no one need be 'victimized' in the traditional crimi-

The lewd conduct section (PC 647a) was originally part of the vagrancy statute when it was adopted. It described as "very lewd and dissolute" people who "loiter in or about public toilets in public parks." Court decisions changed the law to be more specific and by 1970 (Barrows v. Municipal Court) the section declared that the violating person had to be one who "solicits anyone to engage in or who engages in lewd or dissolute conduct in any public place or in any place open to the public or exposed to public view."

Holding that the phrase "lewd or dissolute" was too vague (Pryor v. Municipal Court) the court in 1979 further limited 647a to apply only when there is a "touching of the genitals, buttocks, or female breast, for purposes of sexual arousal, gratification, annoyance or offense, by a person who knows or should know of the presence of persons who may be offended by the

In its decision the court alluded to the fact that the state legislature specifically requires regis-tration of some offenses, but omits other offenses. Those convicted of these crimes do not have to register: prostitution, child pornography, bestiality, lewdness in the presence of a child, and pimping. The legisla-ture had determined that "loitering around a public toilet" was a more serious crime than these.

Former State Senator Alan Sieroty had attempted to pass state legislation on three separate occasions in the 1970's that would have halted sexual registration. He failed to get it out of

Nakatani of Coles-Nakatani, wrote a supportive Friend of the Court brief that assisted the justices in their deliberations on the Reed decision. Also filing a brief for Reed was Los Angeles City Attorney Ira Reiner.

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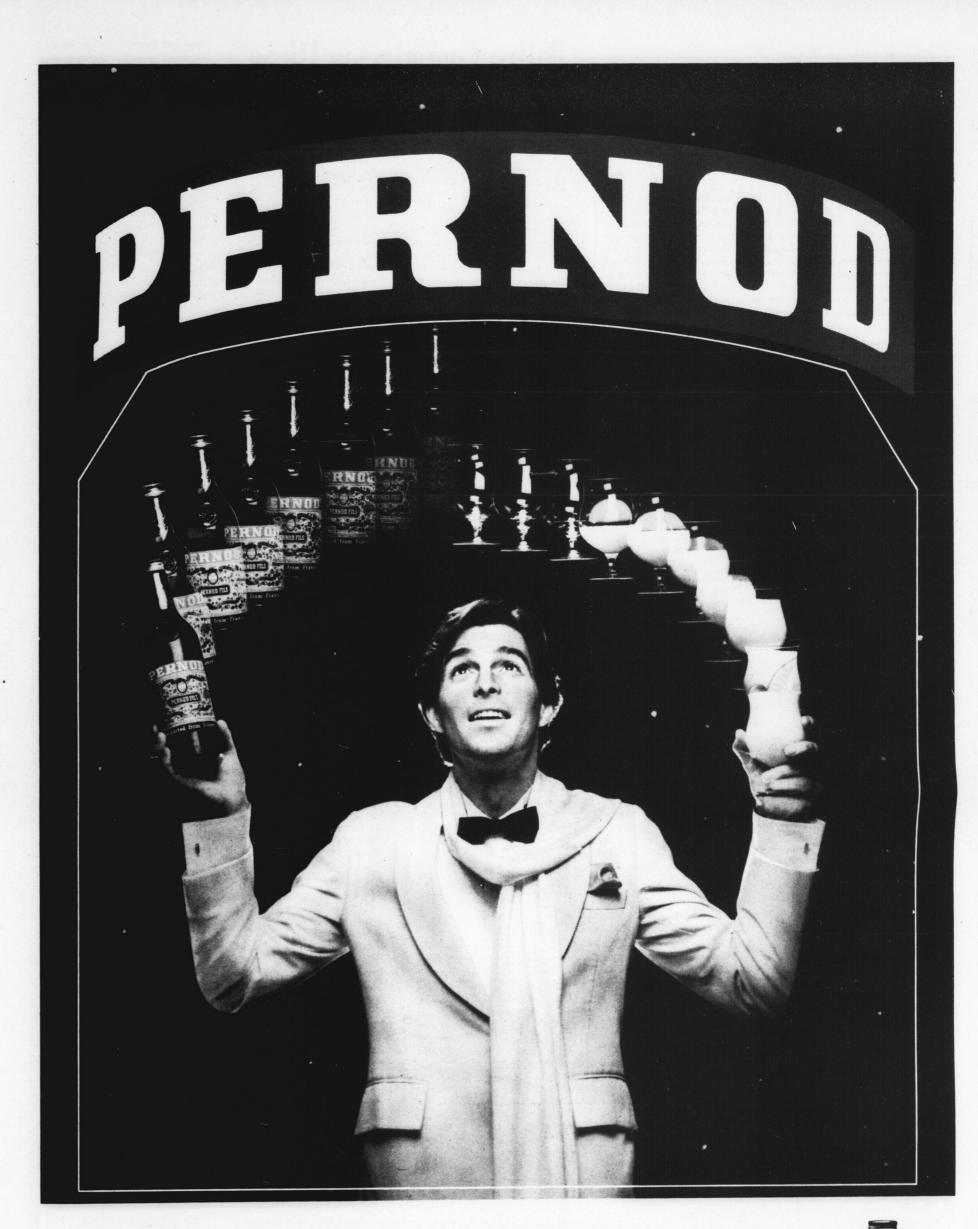
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Gay Rights National Lobby Hires Midwest Regional Director

Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) announced this week that it has hired Kathy Patrick to serve as the Director of its new Midwest Regional Office. The office, scheduled to open its doors this summer, will be located in Chicago. A lifelong resident of the Mid-

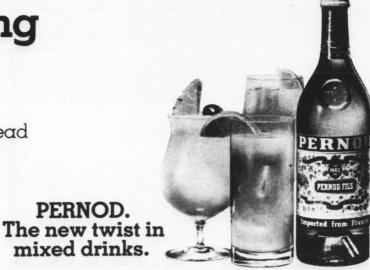
west, Patrick has been living in Milwaukee for the last five years. She has worked as an organizer and political activist for the last six years, primarily with the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Patrick has been a member of Wisconsin NOW'S Lesbian Rights Task Force since 1980. She helped coordinate NOW's participation in the successful fight for a Gay and Lesbian civil rights ordinance in Milwaukee, and later for AB-70, Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill. She is also a member of the Wisconsin Lesbian and Gay Network and was active in the effort to establish the Wisconsin Governor's Council on Lesbian and



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Atlas Seeks Gay President, **Stock Value Almost Doubles**

by George Mendenhall

The usually quiet atmosphere of stockholders' meetings was changed yesterday when Atlas, the nation's first Gay savings and loan company, held its second annual gathering of investors. President Gerald Flanagan, who is not Gay, announced that he is resigning and a new Lesbian or Gay male will replace him, probably in July. S & L's have been having financial trouble everywhere, but Atlas announced that its stock has climbed from \$10 to \$19 in one year. The only controversial aspect of the session was a lengthy attack on Atlas's employee relations during the question period.

branch, after becoming established on Market Street last year. That branch, at 18th and Castro, will be moving to a space now occupied by Eureka Super Market, 446 Castro Street (across from the Castro Theater). Construction on the 2-story Castro building, which will also hold the executive offices, will begin in August and will be completed early in 1984. The design will be "old Victorian" with a modern touch and will include a basement and mezzanine. The cost estimate is over \$500,000. It will become the main office. Additional branches are contemplated for the Polk Street and Financial District areas with a long-range plan to open branches in Hollywood and Guerneville.

Although Atlas suffered a temporary setback in 1982 by the financing of its first branch in the Castro, the office has proved to be a boon in deposits - close to \$9 million in that branch alone. It also has more total savings than the current Market Street main office.

The total assets of Atlas are a healthy \$38 million, a 196% growth in one year. Deposits in the past year increased from \$4 million to \$26 million, a 148% increase. Loans granted are over \$28 million, an increase of

President Flanagan stressed in his annual report that S & L companies can now offer a broad spectrum of services - many of them once offered by banks alone. These include commercial checking, VISA and MASTER-CARD service, corporate services, automated tellers, and a large variety of loans.

Rumors that Atlas might split its stock two for one were unfounded, although John Schmidt, the S & L chairman, said the directors had discussed the possibility. In answer to a question from the floor, it was revealed that the directors are contemplating the issuance of additional stock.

The ghost of Jeannette MacDonald was felt by the assembled as the organist, projected high in the air, played 'San Francisco' at the Castro Theater. The formal business session included staid financial reports and announcements. Everyone agreed to almost everything unanimously. Over 98% of the over 100,000 share votes cast for directors re-elected those currently in office. No one was nominated from the floor.

The question/answer period was enlivened by Rev. Charles Thorp of the Church for Unity

Atlas opened a second and Service. Holding a crying baby ("It was my day to babysit for a friend"), he read a detailed letter listing the names of 12 Atlas employees which he said had either quit or are resigning. Thorp said his letter asking questions about these employees and alleging poor employee rela-

> Thorp, a Gay activist in the downtown area during the 1970's, said that employees at Atlas "won't speak up because you hold their jobs over them. If you think working from force is okay, then ignore them."

Flanagan did not refer to

tions at Atlas went unanswered

The letter was mailed to Atlas on

those who had quit during his response. He said "some employees just didn't have it. I made some mistakes in hiring people and then the levels of incompetence were recognized. I now have complete confidence in our current staff and my door is always open to employees who wish to talk with me." When asked by another stockholder if Atlas workers were organized into a labor group, Flanagan replied that no such representation had been requested by

When confronted with why Thorp's letter, a vitriolic attack on Flanagan himself, was not answered, the President replied, 'We do not always answer kooky letters." His response was

The criticism of Flanagan and employee relations at Atlas ruffled the feathers of several stockholders who felt that an additional attack from the floor of the meeting was unfair. There was considerable praise from the Atlas chairman, Schmidt, who told the gathering, "Gerry has our heartfelt thanks for helping direct Atlas in its formative months." Schmidt, alluding to the Thorp criticism, said, "Employees often leave for better opportunities."

Flanagan expressed delight that he was part of the Atlas growth and said he was proud of his role in the success of Atlas. He stressed, "I said some time ago that if I did my work properlv. I should work myself out of a job. I believe I have done this job properly, and it's now time for me to turn the reins over to a qualified member of the Lesbian/Gay community. This company should be and must be managed and operated by the Gay community. No one can serve your needs and aspirations better than you yourselves."

Health Dept. Orders AIDS Warnings

The city Health Department has ordered Gay bathhouses to post AIDS warnings before the annual Gay Pride Parade celebrations begin at the end of June. City Health Director Dr. Mervyn Silverman said that he will use his powers over the citylicensed bathhouses to get health warnings posted.

He is also meeting Thursday (June 2) with Gay businessmen to discuss what to do about other businesses where sexual activity takes place, but over which the Health Department has no

This story will be covered in greater detail in next week's Bay Area Reporter.

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Police Commission Hires OCC Director

Black Attorney Chosen to Head New Police Review Board

by George Mendenhall

Lawyer Eugene Swann, 48, has been chosen by the five-person SF Police Commission to head the city's new Office of Citizen Complaints. The dynamic Black activist has served as a legal services attorney in the East Bay, helping lowincome residents. He will now head up a civilian staff of investigators who will check out and analyze complaints citizens have against police officers. The office is being established after a series of public hearings and a strong public vote for establishing the office in last November's election.

Eugene Swann lives in the National Legal Aid and Public East Bay town of Orinda. He is single and the father of three children aged 13-20 who attend East Coast schools.

Since 1977 Swann has been teaching while practicing defense law. Earlier, 1963-1967, he served as deputy district attorney for Contra Costa County. More recently he was director of the Contra Costa Legal Services Foundation, a nonprofit free legal aid society.

The attorney has served as a hearing officer for the state Personnel Board and as a judge protem of the Municipal Court. He was named Outstanding Legal Services Attorney in 1972 by the

Defenders Association.

Commissioner Jo Daly, a Lesbian activist, said she was amazed "that a person with his abilities wants the job." She added, "As far as the Lesbian/Gay community is concerned, he will work well for us. I believe our community will like him."

Commissioner Jane McKaskle Murphy, a member of the Toklas Democratic Club, and her colleague, former Police Chief Al Nelder, did the candidate screening. They sifted through 108 applicants. There was considerable criticism along the way over the sometimes poorly scheduled public hearings and lengthy police checks on candidates. The commission was accused of "stalling" by Supervisor Harry Britt.

"It has been a deliberate and thoughtful selection process, Daly now emphasizes. "The soul-searching the commissioners went through has been very healthy for us. We have been extensively discussing, more than ever before, our relationship with the police and with the public. We now have a better a stronger — commission as a

There has been speculation that a lawsuit filed by Britt may further delay the setting up of the board. The legal action is an attempt to limit the funds allowed in the November vote to hiring only a director and investigators. This would require other staff and clerical help to be hired from other financial sources. The original measure voted by the public allowed \$645,810 for the first year's budget. The City Attorney has issued an opinion that all of the office's funds must come from the voted amount.

Commissioner Murphy told this reporter, "We all want additional money. If this suit can get us more money that will be fine. She emphasized that the current three Commission clerks can help set up the new office and said she is hopeful that additional help can be found from other departments so there will

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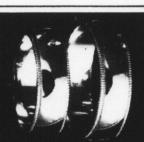


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The "Nothing Special" tricycle duo careen into the finish line to the cheers of an estimated 5,000 spectators. (Photo: Rink)

Lesbian Denied Visits to 'Semination' Child

What is probably another "first" in legal history occurred last week when a Lesbian was denied visitation rights to her former same-sex lover's child.

Linda Loftin, who was party to artificially inseminating her partner five years ago, was denied the right to visit the child of her ex-lover. Loftin claimed she had been a better 'father' to the child than many men were. Her former partner, Mary Flournoy, disagreed and insists that continued visits by Loftin would damage the child.

Loftin had visited the little girl periodically over the past three years since the couple separated. A trial is pending to determine the visitation rights but Loftin was seeking a temporary right to

Alameda Superior Court Judge Demetrious Agretelis had asked the couple to reach an outof-court arrangement on visitation rights but they failed to do so. He has now asked the county family service agency to report back to him by August 12 as to a proper course of action.

Gay American Indians Sponsor Benefit

Gay American Indians (GAI), an organization serving the Gay American Indian community, will be sponsoring a benefit to raise money for the GAI contingent in the Les-bian/Gay Freedom Day Parade, Sunday, June 6, in San

The benefit will be held at the El Rio, 3158 Mission Street, San Francisco, on Friday, June 10 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Thrift Store Collects \$7,000 More for **Gay Groups**

The Community Thrift Store has an additional \$7,123.07 for Gay, Lesbian, and other nonprofit groups. This money is the profit from their second quarter of operation.

The current profit distribution should go faster than the first one, since most of the bigger beneficiaries have now clarified their tax status for the store. Altogether, nearly 90 projects and charities will share in the

The sum of money is approxmate and must be voted on and passed by the Tavern Guild Soundation Board. This board will have it's quarterly meeting in the Middle of June.

The Community Thrift Store s operated by a troupe of 40 to 50 volunteers whose idea of good times is to work hard at playing store, and to see how much money they can raise for Lesbian, Gay, and other good causes. Volunteers include both straight and Gay men and

Donations are still coming faster than they can be processed, and the store is still welcoming additional volunteers.

Manager Don Miesen says that all lines of goods have been moving well, except they have developed a big overstock of clothing. To deal with the clothing overstock, they are discarding even the slightly damaged items, and selling the rest at \$1 or less per garment. People on limited budgets (and who isn't these days??) should take advantage of this remarkable clothing sale.



Tricycle Race officials (?): "Dr." Naomi Murdoch, "Cigarette Girl" Gladys Bumps, and "Hot Lips" Nurse Nina at the Civic Center. (Photo: Rink)



AIDS supporters: (l. to r.) Dr. Roger Enlow, Dr. David Ostrow, Ginny Apuzzo, Rep. Bill Green, Steve Endean.

AIDS Funding

(Continued from page 1 The motion to amend the

committee's bill was made by both Natcher and Sylvio Conte (R-MA), the committee's ranking minority member. It was discussed for about an hour on the floor of the House, with testimony given in support of it by Boxer and others. The amendment passed by voice

The most active House supporters of the AIDS funding were representatives Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Julian Dixon (D-CA), Edward Roybal (D-CA), Henry Waxman (D-CA), Sidney Yates (D-IL), Mike Lowry (D-WA), Ted Weiss (D-NY), Bill Green (R-NY), and Josephine Addabbo (D-NY).

"The vote spoke well of our lobbying program," said Housh. "The only good thing to come out of this AIDS epidemic is that people here have become more positive and concerned about Gay people.

On May 26 the Senate Appropriations Committee passed an almost identical \$12 million AIDS supplemental appropriation. According to GRNL, key

Senate staff members predict the \$12 million proposal will pass the full Senate this month.

The funding increase, if approved, will nearly double the federal government's 1983 budget for AIDS research.

In the Senate, Lowell Weicker (R-CT) and Daniel Moynihan (D-NY) have led the AIDS research funding battle. Support has also come from Senators Lawton Chiles (D-FL), Alan Cranston (D-CA), Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), and Paul Tsongas (D-MA). Weicker recommended that \$12 million in "new" money be spent on AIDS this year, in addition to the \$14 million already budgeted. Weicker's proposal was included in the committee's supplemental appropriations bill without

"We are dealing with a public health emergency, one of mysterious origin and deadly consequences," said Senator Daniel Movnihan. "Public health officials suggest we may have only seen the tip of the iceberg, but one thing is certain: our search

for answers must begin now." W. April

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An Overdue Thank You

In an almost continuous forecast of bleak weather ahead, the sun finally broke through. I am referring to the fact that federal funds for AIDS research seem to be forthcoming. It has taken a lot of people many hours of hard work to make this fact a reality. In speaking to members of Congress who voted for this measure, it boiled down to a severe straining of principles; the AIDS package is a rider on a Pershing missile appropriation. These members of Congress who normally would not have voted for the arms measure did so, in the assurance that this would be the only way to get public funding for the nation's "Public Enemy #1."

In the meantime here in San Francisco, "The City That Knows How!" once again shows its concern for its citizens. The mayor had already stated her concerns and granted thousands of dollars for supplemental aid and patient care services. This was followed by a resolution from Supervisors Britt and Molinari for a 2.1 million dollar supplemental AIDS package. The measure came out of the Finance Committee with the help of Supervisor Renne to the full Board. In a rare vote the entire Board voted 11-0 to grant the funds. Once again, many people worked very hard to put this appropriation together. This brings me around to the main text of this editorial, people.

Without the incredible amount of energy and time by volunteers and a sparse staff of underpaid help, the AIDS story in San Francisco and the Bay Area could have been a disaster.

Dedicated physicians and nurses, along with medical assistants, have given uncounted hours of treatment, help, counseling, and guidance to those with AIDS-related diseases. as well as to those who just needed reassurance that they had not been infected.

The staff and volunteers of the AIDS/KS office over on Castro field an average of 300-plus phone inquiries a month with approximately half of these going on to medical referrals. This group has kept up the public information forums and has helped to maintain the flow of new information as it arrives. They keep track of patients in and out of the hospital and follow up with counseling and assistance. All of these services have been done on less than \$70,000 for the year by generous donations from the community at large. Donations of any size are always welcomed and put to good use. All of these services are followed by the Shanti Project, whose volunteers do a quiet, efficient job for those afflicted in the many stages of AIDS-related diseases. Thanks should also be given to the tireless work by the staffs of UCSF Hospital, SF General Hospital, Kaiser Hospital, the SF Health Department, and the other Bay Area institutions and foundations who have helped to make all this funding possible.

But it is the volunteers, men and women, straight as well as Gay, who care, pitch in to help, and spend thankless hours at thankless tasks to make all of our lives more secure. So before the politicians take all the kudos (as well deserved as they are). let us remember and thank all those individuals who rolled up their sleeves and pitched in before it became "politically correct" to do so.

Bob Ross

Protest on Ethics

* I wish to protest the lead article in your issue of May 26 concerning the meeting of several concerned community people with some business owners with regard to AIDS. Mr. Berlandt, one of the article's authors, attended the meeting as a representative of the Parade Committee and was aware it was closed to the press. Mr. April was given the information agreed upon by the group that the meeting was positive, led to communication, and that further meetings would be held.

The article in the B.A.R. is in clear violation of these understandings. If Mr. Berlandt could not abide by the group's decision, he should have left the meeting. I consider his actions to be a serious violation of professional

Most of us at that meeting gave our time because of concern over AIDS. The various business owners attending were responsible and concerned. I am proud of them and I am dismayed that their good will and trust should have been treated with so little regard.

When we don't behave responsibly toward one another, many of us simply leave the field to the irresponsible and the uncaring. I was asked to chair the meeting and did so out of a sense of community concern. I will think hard before putting myself in such a position again.

I hope reporters such as Mr. Berlandt will recognize their need to act more responsibly in the future. We want the news, but we want help in solving problems, too.

> The Reverend James E. Sandmire Pastor, Golden Gate MCC San Francisco

ED. NOTE: Our reporter attended this meeting in his role as Co-Chair of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee. We asked him afterwards if he could write a story about the meeting. He felt that since the meeting was closed to the press, he could not quote directly anything that was said during the meeting. The information in his story was gained from participants before and after the meeting and printed statements distributed at the meeting. Others who attended the meeting were not at all closed-mouthed afterwards - witness Rev. Sandmire's own synopsis and Law Wilson's lengthy interview obtained by co-author Wayne April.

W. April

Alice Protests Meeting

* On May 11, 1983, a letter was sent to Gay bathhouse. theatre, and club owners by a group of individuals requesting a meeting and that specific steps be taken in regard to the current AIDS crisis. This letter was signed by an individual who identified himself as a representative of Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club. This was done without the club's authorization and in no way reflects positions taken by our organization. Alice was not invited to participate in the closed meetings which produced this letter or to attend the meeting with the bathhouse owners. We had no knowledge of this letter's content prior to its releae.

As officers and members of Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club we do not approve of the closed process which produced this letter or of its content. The AIDS/KS Foundation and the Office of Lesbian and Gay Health Services of the Department of Public Health were also excluded from these meetings. These organizations have been the primary providers of educational materials about AIDS that are factual and that provide risk reduction information in a manner that is supportive of Gay sexuality. In contrast, the information included (as an insert) in the letter to bathhouse owners for distribution to their patrons presents theory as fact and uses anti-sexual and sensational language.

No one knows what causes AIDS or how it is transmitted, but one thing is certain, if this illness is sexually transmitted, it can be contracted from someone met in church as easily as from someone met at a bathhouse.

There is no evidence that the bathhouses or private clubs are the cause of this illness. To single out one type of Gay business as somehow "responsible" for this epidemic is to begin the process of destroying our

It is important, especially during this health crisis, that we be careful and mutually supportive in our sexual relationships. However, it is essential that we never deny our sexuality. We must provide accurate and nonsensationalized information about this epidemic so that individuals can make their own informed decisions. Personal choice is a cornerstone of Gay liberation.

It is the height of arrogance to assume that only a small group of "concerned individuals" are aware of this epidemic and are capable of dictating sexual behavior for the rest of us. There is a trend among some elements of our community to be anti-sexual and panio prone at a time when we should be banding together to defend a way of life that is precious and hard-won. We have heard talk by individuals and groups of plans to inform visitors to San Francisco during Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week that this is an unsafe city and that sex with San Franciscans should be avoided. We have also heard of plans by some to picket and leaflet the baths and bars during Freedom Week.

What are these people really trying to accomplish? Labeling San Francisco as unsafe for our people is inaccurate and a direct attack on the social and economic viability of our community. AIDS is a national epidemic. AIDS has been reported in 37 states and in most urban centers in the United States, as well as 16 foreign countries in Europe, North America, and the Caribbean. Does it serve our community to frighten people away from San Francisco on the very day each year when we come together to assert our pride and unity? This year on Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day we should encourage the largest gathering of people ever, to show the strength of our community and to demand adequate federal funding for this health crisis.

This recent attempt to single out and intimidate in private one part of our community in order to force their acceptance of the agenda of a few cannot be tolerated. It is essential during this time of crisis that we discourage panic and conflict within our community. We must work together in an open and democratic way to include all elements of our community in our planning efforts: business, medical, social, political, and, in particular, the people who have AIDS. Encouraging unity, strength, and pride in our diverse lifestyles and in our fellow Gay men and Lesbians is our best offense during this attack on our community.

Randy Stallings Jo Kuney Vice President Connie O'Connor **Greg Day** Past President **Issues Chair** Tom Buxton Diana Christensen Membership Chair Women's Caucus Chair Robert Barnes, Jr. Frank Fitch **AIDS Subcommitte**

Coming Out to AIDS

* AIDS poses a specially large problem to those of us who are just coming out. It is a different situation because (for me, at least) it is not at all an issue of whether I have AIDS, but whether I should become active and risk contacting the disease. Obviously, it would be extremely unhealthy to maintain the celibacy that this closet has forced me into, but where do I draw the line? Finally, when I begin to trust my deepest feelings I am hit with a deadly blow. I won't let it stop me, and I can't let it kill me.

Is there anyone out there facing a similar dilemma? I need all the support I can get.

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LETTERS

A Square Dance Convert

★ About a year ago a friend asked me to join him for a graduation party for his beginning class with Skip Barrett's Foggy City Squares. After the party, I was invited to watch the class square dance. As I watched those 50 or 60 Gay men and women on the dance floor, laughing and having a tremendous amount of fun, I knew that I wanted to be a part of this group. There isn't a disco in this city which can match or bring out the sheer energy and enthusiasm I was witnessing at that moment from the people on the dance floor.

During my first few dance lessons I felt awkward as I tried to coordinate my body to the time of the music and the square dance calls that Skip was singing. Over a period of weeks I gained some confidence and I started to experience "the energy." I was truly having fun! Then I knew it would be hard to go back to the bars and cruise as I had in the past. Now many of my dance partners were men I had seen for months in Castro bars. Here, we could drink beer, laugh, share in an activity of square dancing and have a good time getting acquainted.

Well, to make a long story short, I know that I am now hooked on square dancing. The man behind all of this is Skip Barrett, a man who solicits thanks for all who work with him, but rarely takes a bow himself. This man has a faithful following. He projects positive attitudes and is able to bring out that magic energy in each of us as we approach the dance floor. He is a special blessing for San Francisco's Gay community.

In light of the AIDS situation these days I would encourage your readers to investigate joining a square dancing group. During the month of June Skip is looking for new members to join the Foggy City Squares begin ning dance class. It is an opportunity to have fun and meet new people in a non-threatening environment. Skip can be reached most days and evenings at 474-1917.

I want to extend my heart-felt thanks to Skip for heading up a marvelous organization, to Brian Jackson for teaching us the new square dances, and to the Foggy City Squares exhibition team and all my dance partners for support and lots of fun and good memories. I look forward to even a better second year. Thanks y'all.

> Jim Norwood San Francisco

Stars & Sex

★ The Gay community can take small consolation in the thought that it took the Roman Catholic Church over three hundred years to accept the fact that the Earth revolves around the Sun. The manipulation of sex, by which the Church has controlled the faithful, is of much greater importance than the movement of the stars. Hence, we can expect it to be another thousand years before the Church accepts, rather than merely tolerates,

If this were the era of Galileo, the nuclearly noble Archbishop John Quinn would have shown his love for us by burning us at the stake so that we might more directly experience the compassion of God. In the present instance he has simply used us as a foil, a quid pro quo, for his stand on arms control. Those of his flock who find his contemporary stand on nuclear limitations distasteful will delight in his classic denouncements of homosexuality. One does not have to be concerned with enlightenment on that issue, particularly its sexual

Alas, until the Church, and this means the total Christian community, can accept sexuality as an expression of love rather than sin which must be carefully proscribed, we will remain tolerated only. Reality for the homosexual Christian necessitates the splitting of the Church from Christ.

San Francisco

Legal Help for AIDS People

* I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom ("BALIF") to advise you of a recently formed committee to provide al services for persons with AIDS.

Members of our committee have agreed to provide a one-half hour consultation without charge to any person with AIDS, and to prepare simple Wills and/or Powers of Attorney, without charge, for those who cannot afford to pay for such services.

If more complex issues arise for a particular client, such as questions of insurance coverage, employment difficulties, problems in dealing with landlords, etc., each case will be evaluated by a committee member and a fee arrangement will be concluded with the client, if possible. In the event a fee arrangement cannot be agreed upon, every effort will be made to refer the client on to another attorney or to a referral service.

Our experience to date indicates that we have been of significant help to a great many people, both by responding to people's questions and concerns, as well as by preparing documents which provide them with much needed peace of mind.

I would appreciate your including a brief note in your next issue concerning the existence of our committee, which should include my address and phone number for those who want additional information. That address is 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 911, San Francisco, California 94104, telephone 982-9211.

Please don't hesitate to call me directly if you have

Steven A. Richter San Francisco

Marcello's Explains

★ We hope to clear up a small misunderstanding in regard to "The Candlelight March" poster. We were informed that a few people were upset at our long-standing no poster policy. We have this policy because we wish to avoid conflicts of posting some group's posters, but not others. We felt we could help the community in a more constructive way by giving a substantial donation instead.

> James L. Mottweiler Marcello's Pizza

Russian River Query

* The cases of AIDS & VD are astronomical in the Russian River area.

As a resident of Guernville, I see the cases increasing, at a frightening rate. With the influx of Gavs to the area resorts, substandard sanitary conditions, open sexual attitudes, a program must be established.

Are there any programs being established to control this epidemic at the Russian River?

Marc Miller

AB-1 Flawed

* Assembly Bill 1, the proposal to eliminate discrimination in employment based on "sexual orientation," may sound like a good idea, but it betrays an uncertainty as to what human sexuality is all about and sets a bad precedent. AB 1 assigns Californians to three sexual categories: the term "sexual orientation" is broken down into heterosexuality, homosexuality, and bisexuality. Not even the statutes that formerly punished extramarital sex and sex "perversions" between consenting adults in private attempted this stratification. vet, Art Agnos, author of AB 1, characterizes it as the "Gay and Lesbian employment rights bill," and the LA Times has praised it for "upholding the civil rights of homosexuals." This is hardly the way to change existing

The trouble is that the term "sexual orientation" ssumes, in advance of a demonstration of the fact, that sexual behavior is indeed a matter of orientation. No assessment can be made of the scientific propriety of such an assumption. It may be right; it may be wrong. However, a few scraps of systematic knowledge indicate biologic or genetic factors just as well. Without reference to some clinical proof — both sexual and every other, which does not now exist - inclusion of "sexual orien tation" among the protected species in the language of this measure is meaningless.

It should be evident that God made men and women not heterosexuals and homosexuals.. It is also discernible that the words "heterosexality," "homosexuality," and "bisexuality" do not describe social classes of persons. Too many persons step outside the sexual-classpattern in which they "belong." Heterosexuals have no rights; homosexuals have no rights. The state can no more guarantee freedom from discrimination on the asis of "sexual orientation" than it can guarantee eternal life. It can and has guaranteed the right to privacy. Sex is a matter of private conscience. How and with whom a man has sex is nobody's business. No reference to a quasi-suspect sexual classification or orientation s necessary to provide the protection.

Human sexuality is complex, complex in its origins. in the range of its manifestations, in its interaction to social conditions. To reduce all of man's sexual life to a matter of "orientation" - although understandable as a political tactic — considerably diminishes its richness and diversity. Furthermore, giving civil rights status to citizens by sexual labels misses the real point at stake, which is that the welfare of all Californians is best served by laws that prohibit infringement on the constitutionally protected right to personal privacy.

As of January, 1976, penalties against all sexual activity between consenting adults in private — whether en persons of the same or opposite sex or mar ried or unmarried partners - where removed from California's penal code after years of harsh and unequa enforcement. The logical way to end any hold-over discrimination in the area of employment is to protect workers from an abridgment of the right to sexual privacy implicit in the new code — in the same way men are protected from unreasonable search and seizure and self-incrimination. Statutes aimed at preventing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation obscure this principle by appearing to shield only the standardized "Gays." The amendment to AB 1 should be withdrawn,

reworded, and resubmitted. The wording should sufficiently describe the facts so that persons of ordinary intelligence will be able to understand what the state commands and forbids, and not be composed of catch words and phrases. Although popular at the moment and seemingly innocuous, the notion that " 'Sexual orientation' means heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality" should not be given legal authority. It is a loaded concept, and like the concepts lewd, moral and mmoral, natural and unnatural — which are meaningless when it comes to describing sexual conduct today — it will cause trouble. To achieve its purpose the proposed measure has only to state that there shall be no inquiry into private sexual conduct as a condition

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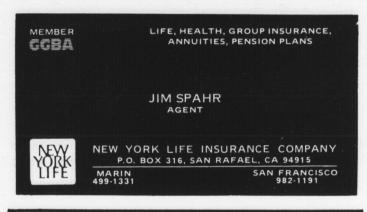
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LETTERS

Why Not Celibacy?

As a native born San Franciscan, no one is more appalled than this writer over the detrimental publicity which is constantly directed against our city and its citizens from all parts of the United States and foreign

We've always had the reputation of being a "spicy city, being a seaport and Mecca for travelers from all parts of the world, during wartimes and peaceful years, but few, including this writer would every have imagined that the City of St. Francis would become labeled with so many scurrilous names as has been directed against us the past few years with the influx of the 80,000 or

I am of the opinion that had we more conservative public officials directing the activities of our city the past twenty years, San Francisco would have been spared the avalanche of such a large segment of the Gay lifestyle, and we certainly would have survived as a city with less adverse publicity, disease, and moral degrada tion. The promiscuity that has risen in this fair city from the "fast buck" operators who deal in sexual avenuedtype establishments which bears great blame on the spread of highly communicable diseases, has made the citizens of this city pay a high price, to say nothing of the so-called Gay community which has been wracked by tragic deaths. The newly discovered "AIDS" disease has created a certain degree of panic in the city life of our city, and justly so because it is hidden beneath the cloak of mystery at this present time . . .

While Mayor Dianne Feinstein and most public officials have been most responsive and active in seeking positive assistance to this very serious health problem, should not members of the Gay community do a bit of soul searching into their own life patterns which has spread this disease to fearful proportions?

This writer who has attained much good from periodic sexual refrainment, suggests that individuals practice a period of "celibacy", a moratorium on sexual permissiveness. Those of us outside of the church who have at various times in our life followed a course of celibacy, can indeed testify as to the mental, physical, and emotional gains that has been forthcoming.

Celibacy and abstinence can indeed rekindle the reative forces within one during these periods. One should contemplate this period as a point for moral. physical, and emotional rejuvenation.

The large Gay community of San Francisco in its greater numbers can do both great harm, and great good to their adopted city, earning both self respect and that which will follow from its neighbors.

The "Gay plague", as some call it, need not continue its growth pattern in my city of San Francisco. I am jealous of my city, the place of my birth, and as a native born, I, and other citizens of this city do not deserve the excesses of certain lifestyles which have brought rampant abuse and promiscuity into our daily lives.

Members of the Gay community have a moral responsibility to all of the people of this great city since they have "come out of the closet", as some call their new expressed lifestyles.

As a writer who has for years written and championed the cause for national independence, self-determination rom colonial ruled peoples and nations, never have I believed in the so-called "out of the closet policy" as expressed by some within the community. The sexual preference of individuals and consenting adults should remain between those private individuals in a manner and expression which both law, good manners, and the community make-up adheres to in just and even understanding . .

The flaunting of the Gay lifestyle in San Francisco the past several years has been a discredit upon the city, those individuals who must advertise and attract in the most bizarre manner to a level of shamefulness and depravity that borders on the lunatic . . . freedom, independence of the individual starts in the mind, and no amount of coming out of the closet can create an atmosphere of acceptance unless it earns the respect of its community . . . the Gay community has spent much of itself on a wasteful lifestyle of over-indulgence endangering the citizens of this community . . . the people of San Francisco deserve better than what they've peen getting from the Gay community . .

San Francisco

Milk "Party" - No Fun

* Having just returned from the "Harvey Milk Birthday Celebration", I should like to address to your readers

I arrived at the Castro at 7 p.m. The air was a bit 'nippy?" shall we say, and in more ways than one.

The Choral Majority was singing their version of "White Christmas", calling for us to do such lovely things as to "crucify Dan White for show". The buttons on sale for the "Day to Remember" were plain and simple, basic white with two words in new wave black "off white". Very tasteful!

During my one hour stay at the "party", I had occasion to witness the end of a "fight" and I mean fisticuffs, always pleasant!

Having had enough of this merriment, I made my way to the 24 Divisadero where upon I was witness to vet another lov ly display of human communication (fisticuffs, blocd, etc.) between Black and White. Soooo? I've had a bad day? I think it goes deeper than that! I'm not really sure where all this started, but I wish the hell it would stop!

Michael J. O'Connor

Letter-writing Parties

★ Rathern than weep and gnash our teeth about AIDS, we can pressure public officials to fund research leading to a cure of this epidemic. The recent March Against AIDS was a good step in this direction. Another way to pressure public officials is to organize massive letter writing campaigns.

Last week, several Gay activists gathered at the home writer Bruce Boone for an "AIDS letter writing par-'Some of us typed xeroxed letters to pass on to other friends. We wrote to several elected representatives such as Barbara Boxer to support her proposed legislation to fund AIDS research.

If every Gay person held similar "AIDS letter-writing parties," we could exert tremendous political pressure. Friends across the country could help too. Representative Boxer's adress is 1517 Longworth - House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

"Writers are Fighters!"

Steve Abbott, Robert Glueck, Bruce Boone, Bryan Monte, Denny Smith, Roberto Bedoya, Kevin Killian San Francisco

Feinstein for Archbishop

* Archbishop Quinn's logic would flunk a freshman ollege exam. He can't tell people that homosexuals are sinful, perverse, evil and immoral on the one hand, and on the other expect them to treat homosexuals with love, respect and human dignity.

If Quinn is against gangs bashing in the heads of homosexuals (Chronicle 5/20/83), then he needs to instruct these gangs that homosexuals have the same human rights as their heterosexual counterparts. He cannot continue to proclaim publicly that the Catholic Church can "never" accept the homosexual lifestyle, to forbid Gay men from singing in people's churches, to insinuate that homosexuals are an inferior brand of human being, and still expect these gangs not to at-

Traditionally, there have been two brands of Christianity: that practiced by the people who live the meaning of Christian love, and that one perpetuated by leaders of organized religions. People of the first category struggle through life hating violence, war, injustice, man's inhumanity to man, and understand love as accepting your neighbor as yourself. Too many of the latter brand somehow get caught up in being more God than God, and fail to respond to the true human needs of society.

Gangs who attack homosexuals are in need of a credible public voice, and they might better listen to Mayor Feinstein than to John Quinn. She doesn't merely condescend to tolerate homosexuals, as Quinn so smugly does. She accepts homosexuals and their lifestyle as a valid emerging reality of contemporary society. Actually, Feinstein makes a better archbishop than does John Quinn - and that's something for a Jewish lady!

> Jerry Walker San Francisco

ED. NOTE: Mayor Feinstein's mother was Catholic

They're Not All Locked Up

* Publish the term GWM (Gay White Male) in your sex ads so I don't waste my 10 cents in a phone booth. Don't forget, Buster, I have a legal right to choose white people. If you don't I will sue you for breaking federal

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> William Stevens San Francisco

Lonely Prisoner

* I would like to start writing back and forth to someone that can understand me . . . understand my feelings . . . and will take me for what I am.

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Thorson Sues Liberace Again

Denies Sex with Father

by George Mendenhall

Wealthy nightclub entertainer Liberace has been sued again by his alleged ex-lover, Scott Thorson. Thorson's mother is filing her own suit. The former companion/chauffeur and alleged sex partner of the popular entertainer con-tends that Liberace encouraged a Globe newspaper article last October. That article purported that Thorson had sex with his father — an allegation denied by Thorson and his mother. Liberace denies that he had

any connection with the Globe article, although Thorson alleges that the entertainer paid its coauthor, Wayne Johanson, to lie. The successful star, playing to packed houses at Lake Tahoe, told the Los Angeles Times, "Neither myself nor my staff had anything to do with that article. I am not even quoted in it. It is another attempt to embar-

Thorson is attempting to get \$113 million in an earlier suit because he claims that Liberace cut him off last year after he promised him lifetime financial support. Liberace is 63 and Thorson is 23. The alleged exlover says that Liberace began to seek younger men. He said he

Elizabeth Gatov, former trea-

surer of the United States dur-

ing the Kennedy Administra-

tion, and San Francisco Sheriff

Mike Hennessey have an-

nounced June 1 as the official

beginning of the AIDS Emer-

AIDS (Acquired Immune De-

ficiency Syndrome) destroys the

body's defenses against many

diseases and has caused a na-

tional epidemic of often fatal in-

fections. More than 250 San

Franciscans have contracted

AIDS. The number of diagnoses

has been doubling every six

months. At present, there is no

known cure for AIDS. In re-

sponse to the epidemic, the

Shanti Project has sponsored the

Emergency Sweepstakes as a

fundraising campaign. Shanti is

a nonprofit agency founded in

1974 to help people who face life-

Gatov and Hennessey serve as

co-chairs of the sweepstakes,

along with Dick Collier, owner

of the Trocadero Transfer, and

Sherman Williamson, an Ana-

Scott Eaton and Adrian Tiller,

leaders of a support group for

Gay men called Genesis, an-

"The purpose of the group,

says Eaton, "is to provide a safe

and nurturing place where Gay

men can openly share their con-cerns and feel supported by

others. Recently, our group has

been exploring new, more nour-

ishing and caring ways of relat-

ing to men; ways which signifi-

cantly reduce the high levels of

stress and feelings of loneliness

which are resulting from the

Adds Tiller, "We see Genesis

as a mixture of a support group,

a therapy group, and a growth

group. Each week, we draw

upon both traditional and holis-

tic perspectives to accomodate

the unique needs of each indivi-

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AIDS epidemic."

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nounce that they now have open-

ings in their ongoing group.

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was shocked to discover his partner once with such a man in a sexually compromising position. Thorson claimed that he met Liberace when he was living in Las Vegas at age 17.

The Globe article described Thorson as a teenage male prostitute, but Thorson claimed that when he met Liberace he was sexually straight and was agreeable to Gay sex and companionship only after being given large sums of cash and gifts. The young man lived high and had little savings when he was cut off. Liberace claimed that Thorson spent large amounts of cash

Liberace has emphatically denied that any homosexual

The sweepstakes is an effort to

raise money for free patient sup-

port services, including housing

for individuals in Northern and

Southern California who have

contracted AIDS. Those who

enter the sweepstakes qualify for

the first prize of \$25,000 in cash.

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for two from Los Angeles to

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change wrought in his life by

AIDS. Marty used to be an in-

dependent businessman whose

lifestyle included a lot of over-

time in the sexual fast lane. To-

a day and his sexual lifestyle is

pretty much confined to the jack-off circuit. From 7:05 to 8

Sunday night from 7:05 to 9

p.m. Hal Slate, owner of the

Caldron, returns to discuss the

post-AIDS style in his South of

Market sex club. Slate will

answer questions from listeners

at 928-0104. The program will

cover the recent rumblings from

city government about the need

to more carefully regulate the

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relationship existed. The entertainer describes Thorson as a former "employee" who was his chauffeur, bodyguard, secretary and animal attendant. Thorson had trained briefly to be a veterinarian before he met Liberace and contended in his original suit that he was denied a veterinarian career by his relationship with Liberace.

The current suit adds an additional \$6 million to the original \$113 million. The action was evidently filed to stop Liberace from being connected with future articles that might damage Thorson's original claim. Attorney Michael Rosenthal, representing Thorson, said, The Globe article was a put-up job to try to scare Scott from exercising his rights."

The Globe, a sensational national newspaper, published the Liberace story — favorable to the entertainer - shortly after the Thorson suit details were featured in The National

Bay Area Reporter readers may have seen Thorson on the Liberace TV specials or in the nightclub act. He was the one driving the star onstage in his Rolls-Royce and taking away Liberace's ermine wraps.

Doctors Urged to Report AIDS Cases

Doctors in San Francisco and Los Angeles have been urged to report all AIDS cases to their city health departments. The April issue of the SF Medical Society's magazine asked 2,000 member doctors to report all cases, while in Los Angeles 22,000 physicians and health professionals were mailed similar letters in mid-May. The stepped-up campaign on reportings in San Francisco was initiated by Dr. Mervyn Silverman, city health director.

Continuing research and analysis of AIDS requires extensive nationwide reporting to central offices. The most recent breakdown by national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta shows 81 reported cases in Los Angeles County among 298 reported in the state. The largest number of reported cases is in San Francisco Bay Area which has 249, of which 72 are dead. Nationwide, the estimate is at 1,450, of which 558 are dead.

October 15, 1983, at the One of the reasons there has Trocadero Transfer, 520 4th been limited reporting of Cali-Street, San Francisco. Winners fornia AIDS cases in the past is need not be present to win. that not all physicians are yet aware of a state directive making Sex & AIDS Aired on AIDS a legally reportable disease. Some are reluctant to fill out the detailed 4-page report being requested on the patient's health history, lab tests and social/sexual history. Living on the edge - sex in

Gay College Gets

live from 8:05 to 10 p.m. AIDS Southern California's Update reports the Erickson Foundapatient Marty Cox describes the tion's decision to give a three and a half acre site to the Los Angeles One Inc., the 31 year old institution that includes the One Institute Graduate School of Homophile Studies. day Marty often sleeps 20 hours

> The Erickson Foundation, which has been a supporter of One since 1964, has gifted One with the three buildings on the property that once belonged to the Millbank and Morgan families. The largest of these, a 1914 replica of the Tournament of Roses House in Pasadena, will house One's graduate school and it's library.

Rev. Dwain Houser, graduate school chancellor, said seven students are currently pursuing master's and doctor's degrees.

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GUEST COLUMN

Church Needs Pro-Gay Bishop

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was submitted to the Bay Area Reporter by the Episcopal Rev. Robert Cromey to do with as we saw fit. We have chosen to publish it as a guest column because it pertains to an issue that has been much discussed over the last six months. Cromey was scheduled to "bless" a Gay male couple's union April 2 but was forced to cancel when his bishop

To: The Bishop of California, From: Robert W. Cromey, Rector of Trinity Church, S.F.

Re: Your letter of 28 April 1983

I am so bored with challenging the Church's discrimination against Gay people. I have been doing this since 1964 when I preached a sermon at Grace Cathedral advocating recognition of homosexual human beings in our midst. I'm so bored with reminding Church leaders not to discriminate, not to dehumanize Gays. Yet I'll not luxuriate in the sloth that follows from boredom and fail to remind my brothers and sisters of the

The Word became flesh. Those fleshy folks out there are invested with God. It is my duty to love and care for those Godfilled Gays, to be sure they are treated humanly, not discriminated against by bad laws, canons, and resolutions keeping them from ordination and bless-

You invoke the Convention resolution asserting that Christian marriage is for heterosexuals. You use that to prevent either homosexual weddings or blessings of a relationship. That is clearly a bad and discriminating resolution, canon, or law. It

15th

should be disobeyed. Laws forc ing Blacks to ride in the back of the bus were bad laws. They were disobeyed, then finally revoked. Law follows action. No one is going to change equally discriminatory laws against Gays without action first. Bad laws need to be disobeyed so they can be changed or revoked.

The Church needs a Bishop who is an advocate for Gays, rather than one who defends the Biblical prerogatives of heterosexuality - whatever that means. We need a Bishop who regards Gays as equals; a Bishop who ordains Gays because they are God-called priestly persons; a Bishop who sees same-sex couples as people of God whose relationship needs the love, support, and blessing of the Christian community; a Bishop who assists the laws of the Church and State to change to assure homosexuals full and equal status with everyone else in the Church and State. The Church needs an advocate Bishop, one who calls the Church and society to change the underlying assumptions of bigotry. It is not enough to have Bishops who are patronizing pastors of Gays who need help." It is not enough to have Bishops who will delcare war directly on the oppressors of Gays. It should be a gay, happy,

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I'm glad that you made clear on the domestic partnerships issue that you acted alone. hoped you had consulted the Gay community as exemplified by people from the Parsonage and Integrity, San Francisco. You saw fit to make a statement on domestic partnerships in the homosexual community without consultation with members of it. I had assumed you had consulted with those concerned before making a public statement which affected the lives of many members of Trinity Church as well as many Gay people in the city and county of San Francisco and the Bay Area.

I do agree with you that domestic partnerships and marriage are thought of interchangeably by some people. That question must be seriously discussed and wrestled with, particularly in the religious and legal community. I tend to think it is much less of a problem than people would think. I think it is seen as a problem as more a reflection of middle-class morality than a question of the nature of human relationships. People who live together and make vows together, Gay or straight, become an instant institution. They have rights, responsibilities, and agreements between them which did not exist before, when they acted solely as individuals. There are certain legal contracts that can be drawn up between Gay people who live together that are institutional in their very nature. I don't see what the problem is. One can compare marriage as an institution or Gay relationsips as an

The basic intent of the legislation [Britt's domestic partners bill] was to let Gay partners have medical information about their

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possible. There's no reason why in three months. You refer several times to people at the Parsonage as the essential contact you have with the people that I know at the Par-Mayes are long-term friends. represent the whole homosexual rity, the group of Gay people who happen to attend Trinity Church, or any other parish in that since you have paid particular attention to the Parsonage, toward being friendly with you

How about people who are compulsively married in consecutive polygamy? They are married. Are they whole persons? How about the wretched-You say "I will not tolerate the ly married who stay together for the kids? Are they whole?

How about the sexually active (Continued on next page)

loved ones who were in the hospital, and to have rights to visit

hem in prison, and rights to certain medical and dental benefits. Far from being a bureaucratic nightmare and a financial disaster, I see it as just one more opportunity for people to be numan with each other and get some benefits from the society as a whole on the basis of their mutual commitment.

I note that while the legislation was voted down, the essential points have already been put into effect in the city hospitals and prisons just by administrative order of the mayor.

have a right to bless anybody or

anything that I wish as part of my priestly function. Giving a

blessing to two people who live

together and who are making

www and promises to each other

s very clearly within my author-

ty. We priests have been asked

to bless all kinds of things, from

bombs and bombers, to taran-

tulas and outrageously inappro-

priate heterosexual marriages in

public and in private. I do not in-

tend to have my authority as a

priest usurped by a Bishop or

anyone else telling me who I may

or may not bless. It is a scandal

o humans that priests may bless

inanimate objects and events,

but not homosexual human

Somewhere in the newspaper I read that the service which I

submitted to you was "merely a

rewrite of the Marriage Office.'

In planning the blessing of

same-sex couples where should

I have started? At the Burial Of-

fice? The Marriage Office gives

us some of the best thinking and

liturgical words for couples to

share the best of their vows and

promises to each other. In the

lessing for same-sex couples the

Marriage Office seems to be a

very good place to get ideas and

to set the focus for the blessing.

No matter what we say about

olessings or marriages, we must

always face the great Catholic

sacramental principle. In the

sacrament of marriage, it is the

two people who are the officers

in the wedding. They are the

ministers of the sacrament. On

the one hand in the blessing of

a same-sex couple, it is the cou-

ple who are "doing it" to each

other, and that the clergy are

merely standing around saying

the odd prayer over them. On the

other hand, since it is not a mar-

riage, the priest is absolutely

necessary to be there because it

is the priest who gives the bless-

ing. So our Catholic theology

can give us a number of ap-

proaches and routes to handling

I think it is far less thorny

than we make it to be. My per-

sonal belief is that it should be

left in the hands of the individual

clergy and couples to be worked

out as seems best on the local

Now I want to deal with the

appendices from the Journal of

General Convention of 1979. 1

think that the opening statement

about the Old and New Testa-

ments being clear that humanity

is incomplete without man and

woman is absurd. That may be

the interpretation of middle

class moral theologians who

happen to be married in their

reading of the Old and New

Testaments. The notion that two

shall become one is a poetic one.

not a canonical one; it is a sex-

ual one, not a theological one.

One of the great dangers in mar-

riage is that a man will seek to

be complete by marrying a wo-

man, and a woman will seek to

man. The most healthy view is

that when a man or a woman

feels healthy and whole in them-

selves, then they are fit to be

married, and not until. I suspect

that we could juggle Scripture

aplenty to justify that one, too.

they not whole persons because

they are not married? I think

not. How about single men and

women who choose not to marry,

or who have not found a suitable

partner? Are they not whole be-

cause they are not married?

How about widows and widow-

ers who choose not to remarry?

Are they not whole persons?

What about celibates? Are

Concerning the blessing of the relationship between two men at Trinity Church on 2 April 1983, would also like to make some comments. In January of 1983 I preached a sermon and issued a press statement which I sent to you. It was not picked up by the press, nor did you respond. A month later I wrote you a note after I heard you were upset by my statement. I got no response to that. When the two young en sent 150 invitations to the blessing of their relationship, they rather stupidly, by their own admission, sent out twentyfive partially-printed invitations that did use the word "wedding." ome anonymous person sent that to Rollie Jones, who in turn sent it to your office without the courtesy of talking to me about it. I instructed the two men that the event was not a marriage or a wedding; it was to be the blessing of a relationship. They alone are responsible for the use of the word "wedding."

I am glad that the Diocesan liturgical renewal commission will make a study of same-sex relationships and make a report to you. In light of that, I would like to request that a list of the members of that commission be made available to all of the clergy of the Diocese. It does not seem to appear in the 1982-83 Dirctory of the Diocese of California. I would also like to see that it is clear that on that committee are openly Gay men and women, clergy and lay, people with some psychological and sociological know-how, as well as liturgical sense. I would also like to see what charge you have given the committee, and the timetable of when we might ex-

In a 26-year ministry in the Church, I know that commissions can bog down, meet once a month, and finally get around to issuing a report that then indeed may sit around the Diocesan office before being published to the clergy and laity of the Diocese. I really would like that not to happen. I think same-sex couples have a right to know what our Diocesan thinking is on this matter as quickly as such a report could not be ready

homophile community. I have enormous respect for all of the sonage. Jim Frooks and Bernard But the Parsonage does not community, neither does Integthe city. I would like to suggest they would have a natural bias and perhaps not challenge your thinking in a way that might move you to an even deeper understanding of the problems and opportunities of the homophile community.

clergy usurping the authority that is not theirs . . ." I contend that I as a priest of the Church

Former Congressman to Head Special AIDS Lobby

The Gay Rights National Lobby has announced that former Congressman Jim Corman will head a special AIDS Lobbying Task Force. The task force is expected to significantly assist the short-staffed Lobby in dealing with the many AIDSrelated measures on Capitol Hill, as well as bringing considerable extra clout to GRNL's AIDS lobbying efforts. Joining former Rep. Corman are Judy Goldsmith, the President of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and Dan Bradley, the former President of the national Legal Services Corporation. Allan Jonas, the former President of the American Cancer Society, has agreed to serve as a Special Advisor to GRNL on its AIDS efforts. GRNL's Executive Director,



Jim Corman

Steve Endean, indicated that other prominent community leaders may also soon join the

AIDS Task Force. Rep. Corman, who represented the San Fernando (CA) Valley for 20 years, can be expected to substantially enhance GRNL's Capitol Hill AIDS efforts. During his time in Congress. Corman was a leading advocate of both Civil Rights and national health insurance. During his last four years in Congress, he served as Chair of the influential Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (the House Democrat's campaign funding group). Since leaving Congress, he has become a partner in the law firm of Charles Manatt (Chair of the Democratic National Party) and now spends extensive time lobbying Capitol Hill.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Congressman Corman's stature, experience, and ability playing a leading role for us on AIDS," commented Steve Endean. Former Members of Congress are often the most sought-after lobbyists because of the relationships they build while in Congress and because of their knowledge of the Hill. "We're extraordinarily blessed that his commitment to this issue has led him to play this key role,' said Endean.

The National Organization for Women (NOW) has agreed to put its full clout into the AIDS

to justify heterosexual biases and keep faggots in their place.

Whatever wholeness a person has is imperfect, emerging and developing. Marriages do not make people whole. Marriage is a bedroom of life, death, passion, pain, dialogue, quiet, strength, weakness, absurdity, laughter, and fleeting glimpses of wholeness, glaring cries of sin, glorious opportunities for forgiveness and love. All of that happens for Gays, straights, single and married.

I will happily continue to use the media in whatever way I can to set forth my ideas and th ing and to challenge and confront the leadership of the Church where they perpetuate injustice and ignorance. I believe the media is one of God's gifts to us, as well as something protected, along with the separation of Church and State and the Freedom of Religion, in the Constitution of the United States. I think there are three ways to observe success in the Church. They are not the only ways, but three very good gauges. They are how many people are coming, how much money is coming in, and how much attention does the news media pay to what the Church does. I think they're good criteria for the Christian witness in the times in which we live.

All good wishes.

Gay Campaign Fund Appoints Director

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the national pro-Gay civil rights political action committee, today announced the appointment of Vic Basile, a Washington, D.C.-based Gay activist and labor union organizer, as the Executive Director. The Campaign Fund, in its first major elections in '82, raised over \$600,000 and won an extraordinary 81% of the Congressional

races it entered. Basile will be responsible for the overall operation of the Campaign Fund, including fundraisng, media and public relations, staff supervision, and the critical oversight of the Campaign Fund's City Committees, Relations with other PACs and with candidates will continue to be supervised by HRCF's Treasurer, Steve Endean, who supervised the overall operation of the Campaign Fund until Basile's

The selection comes as a result of an extensive nationwide search process, with nearly one hundred resumes submitted to the seven member Search Committee. Peter Fenn, a non-Gay

fight with their national President, Judy Goldsmith serving on GRNL's special AIDS Task Force. With their strong grassroots constituency and important political involvement, NOW's support and participation is seen by many as being very important.

Joining Corman and Goldsmith is Dan Bradley, the former President of the Legal Services Corporation, who has come out oublicly as a Gay man. When he eaded the embattled Legal Services program, he mastermindmember of the Committee who had been with Democrats for the '80s, said "The search process was the most open, exhaustive and unbiased that I've ever been involved with. We had a wealth of qualified candidates, and the Campaign Fund is fortunate to have had so many first-rate applicants.

Basile had been deeply involved in the labor movement and had helped lead the successful effort to gain endorsement of the



Vic Basile

ed one of the strongest lobbying efforts in recent memory to save legal aid for the poor against attacks by the Reagan Administration and the New Right. The contacts he made in the successful effort are expected to help a great deal on GRNL's Capitol Hill AIDS lobbying campaign.

The special AIDS Task Force is expected to complement the work of GRNL's staff through its ongoing AIDS Project. Endean stressed the special AIDS Task Force very likely will be expand ed to include other notable

County and Municipal Employees for local, state and federal Gay civil rights legislation. He currently serves as Vice President of Gay Activists Alliance of D.C., and as labor liaison for both Gay Rights National Lobby and National Gay Task

"HRCF was enormously successful in 1982 and I believe its impact can and will be even greater in 1984. That effort will not be easy, but with the help of our unusually talented staff and Board, I expect the Campaign Fund will achieve its ambitious goals," said Basile.

Newly elected Co-Chair of HRCF. Dan Bradley, the former President of the Legal Services Corporation whose coming out made national news, called Basile "the right person for the tremendous task facing the

Endean, who is also Executive Director of the Gav Rights National Lobby, praised Basile, saying, "Vic has excellent organizing skills, as demonstrated by his efforts to secure labor support for Gav civil rights."

Anyone wishing to contribute support to GRNL's AIDS Project, its AIDS Special Task Force or other programs of GRNL should write: GRNL, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, D.C. 20013, or call (202) 546-1801.

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BISHOP

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teenagers? Are they not whole? How about sexually active adults who are not married? Are they whole if they are in their sixties? or fifties? or forties, thirties, twenties, or teens? Who knows?

You go on to quote "Homosexual unions witness to incompleteness." The writer of that sentence obviously knows little about homosexual relationships. the dignity and affection and love that many homosexual unions bear and the completeness which is available in homosexual individuals and unions

The great Christian witness to completeness is not marriage. It is Jesus. Jesus was a single person. He is the incarnate one. He is completed in his relationship to his own being and to God. Completeness comes for the Christian person in the receiving of the sacraments of bread and wine in Holy Communion and the presence of Christ. In that completeness, a Christian human being can turn around and find a good relationship with another human being, a joyous one. But to expect marriage to complete a person is to expect marriage to do far more than it is capable of doing, given the whole human condition.

We have got to raise the level of theological and ethical thinking about marriage, same-sex unions, and completeness above conventional wisdom and morality, into the meaning of the Incarnation and the nature of human beings. It must not reflect the middle-class heterosexual biases of resolutions written in haste in smoke-filled hotel rooms at General Conventions

But the notion of wholeness in itself is absurd. No one is whole, healthy. In the Church we are not called to be whole. We are called to be repentant. We know we are sinners, radically imperfect. We are called to ask for forgiveness. Wholeness is a juicy. pop-psychology term bought by the Conventions of the Church

I want to say one final thing

about the use of the news media for the airing of Church business. The news media is the best reflection of the Church's relevance. The news media will pick up and discuss what people are interested in and what will sell newspapers. When the Church truly grapples with issues that get reported and dealt with in the newspapers, we know that we're touching on the issues that really affect people in our

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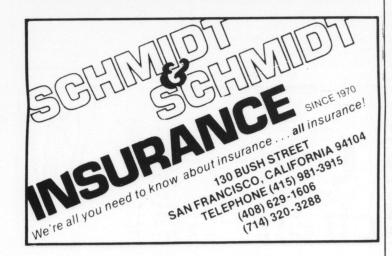
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Leonard Matlovich planning a

comeback? According to an in-

terview in the Oakland Tribune

this week, the former Air Force

sergeant and would-be San Fran-

cisco supervisor, now the owner of

a pizza parlor in Guerneville, is

threatening to lead a mass dem-

onstration in Washington for

AIDS funding before Congress

goes into session in September.

Matlovich, asked how he could

lead a national campaign from

sleepy Guerneville, humbly re-

plied: "It comes down to sacri-

fice; if the sacrifice is that I have

to give up my restaurant, then this

what I am going to have to wres-

One of the most intense debates

between two members broke out

last week on the floor of the U.S.

Senate when Massachusetts'

Paul Tsongas (D) rose to explain

to fellow members his new ERA

legislation and was immediately

cross-examined by the Right Wing's Orin Hatch (R) of Utah as

to the ERA's supposed impact on

homosexuality and homosexual

marriages. Hatch, a darling of

the Moral Majority, attacked ERA and questioned what it will

do for women and the nation from

every conceivable reactionary

local police lineups.

he Sala Burton for Congress committee is sponsoring a vote-by-mail campaign, much like the highly successful one used by the Feinstein forces in the recent recall effort: the obvious goal of the Burton people is to get the required 51% on June 21, thereby avoiding a run-off election. • Demo presidential candidate Gary Hart, a senator from Colorado, is in town this week seeking support for his lagging national campaign; when Hart appeared recently at the MECLA dinner in L.A., he failed to excite many of the Gays in attendance with his lukewarm human rights speech, only mentioning the word "Gay" once and failing to disclose whether or not he will co-sponsor the Senate's Gay employment bill, although he was pointedly asked about the Rep. Barbara Boxer (Photo: Rink) bill. Meanwhile, Cranston watchers are more hopeful now that Hart's sagging campaign the federal government last week; will result in his withdrawal from Boxer was the key in this funding the race soon after this summer's and deserves all the praise she scheduled Wisconsin Demogets. Two of our supposed liberal cratic presidential straw poll, friends in the House, Pete Stark of thereby giving the California Oakland and Ron Dellums of favorite son a clear field at the na-

against the \$12 million AIDS ap-Craig Claiborne, famed N.Y. propriations last week by not sup-Times food critic who came out of porting the \$4.8 billion House the closet in his latest best-selling bill. Both claimed that funding book, coordinated all of the food for the Pershing 2 missile money, menus for the recent world Ecoincluded in the total approprinomic Summit in Williamsburg, ations, was the reason for their no Virginia. (Out of the closet and into the kitchen, so eat your heart out, Julia!) • Wisconsin state Court ruled last Thursday that it representative David Clarenis "cruel and unusual punishbach, author of that state's Gav employment law, has now sucof lewd conduct in this state to cessfully authored a consenting register with local police agencies adults bill that was signed by as sex offenders; the Supreme Democratic Governor Anthony Court justices, in a 5 to 2 decision, Earle; the Clarenbach legislation struck down the registration remakes Wisconsin the 27th state in the union to legalize consensual Gay sex between adults over the age of 18. Meanwhile, in Texas a tle more than a sexual indiscrefederal court earlier ruled striktion, involving no violence." The ing down that state's sodomy law and that ruling is now under apsenior Justice Stanley Mosk of peal. In Hartford, CT, where the San Francisco, who noted that state Senate had passed a Gay registration makes offenders' employment bill recently by a 20-15 vote, the state House of prints, and other information Representatives rejected the permanently available to police legislation this week by a 92-49 vote; Gay and Lesbian activists in date frequent appearances by ofthe Connecticut capital are blaming the defeat on House Speaker Irving Stoberg, a New Haven Democrat, and are threatening to form a political action committee

tional Gay and Lesbian vote.

islative elections. Gav and Lesbian across California are hailing San Francisco Congresswoman Barbara Boxer for her role in securing \$12 million AIDS funding from

to raise funds to defeat the bill's

opponents in the state's 1984 leg-



Sen. John Foran (Photo: Rink)

viewpoint, and political observers saw this as a beginning of a major strategy by the Right Wing to block ERA passage in this session by bringing in the irrelevant arguments surrounding homo-The prospect of a fast-

approaching world in which parents can choose the sex of their expected offspring was the subject of a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A group of scientists meeting in Detroit worried last week about the possibilities and the dangers of choosing the sex of yet unborn children. One speaker warned that some societies may become predominantly male because "more parents tend to prefer boys to girls, an imbalance that could lead to more war, more violence, and more homosexuality." • Gina Moscone received one of the few standing ovations at last week's Milk Club dinner, but few people in the large crowd knew that the widow of the former mayor actually saved the party and averted a possible disaster when she quickly doused out a burning napkin with a bottle of wine at the Bay Area Reporter's table.

The Sunday Examiner came out with a lead editorial urging the federal government to "Spare Nothing to Conquer AIDS; meanwhile, the Chron's conservative columnist Abe Mellinkoff



Assemblyman Art Agnos (Photo:

apparently takes the view that as long as the general public is not apt to catch the dreaded disease. there is no reason to be alarmed saying that "as of now, the only danger to the general public is if infected blood should be used in a transfusion." Mellinkoff apparently feels that as long as the straight community is not apt to contract AIDS, there is no real reason to give a damn about the Gay community. • Senator Alan Cranston, though busy running for president, is writing a book to be titled Inside the Politburo, the 12-member group that runs the Soviet Union. • State Senator Milton Marks was one of five votes in favor of SB814, the socalled transsexual bill but, as usual, John Foran didn't bother to vote (where is this guy Foran when we need him anyway, and why does he always manage to avoid controversial votes?). • In Sacramento everyone is waiting to see how successful Assemblyman Art Agnos will be in getting his AB-1 legislation through the legislature and to the governor's desk; Agnos' aides tell me he is "cautiously optimistic."

'Dial-A-Gay-Atheist"

The San Francisco Chapter of the Gay Atheist League of America is pleased to announce a new educational service called "Dial-A-Gay-Atheist." By dialing 431-X-G-O-D, callers can hear a recorded message regarding homosexuality and rational thinking.

"Dial-A-Gay-Atheist" offers an alternative to the massive amount of religious proselytizing in our society.

Milk Club Hosts **Jubilant Dinner**

Boxer and Burton Receive Acclaim

by Wayne Friday

A sold-out Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club dinner, held annually to commemorate the birthday of the late Harvey Milk and attended by 500 of the political faithful, gave a near hero's welcome to Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, who was just off a plane from Washington, D.C. Boxer played a leading role in helping to get \$12 million in AIDS reseach money through Congress last week. An equally warm reception was given to Sala Burton, who is a candidate for her late husband's congressional seat.

At the dinner last Thursday held at Kezar Pavilion, Boxer and Burton both praised the Milk Club, in particular, and the Gay community, in general, for their support and pledged to continue to work for AIDS funding as one of their major goals in Congress. Boxer had the Milk Club's support in her Democratic primary battle last year, and the dinner crowd was clearly with the new congresswoman as they gave her ovation after

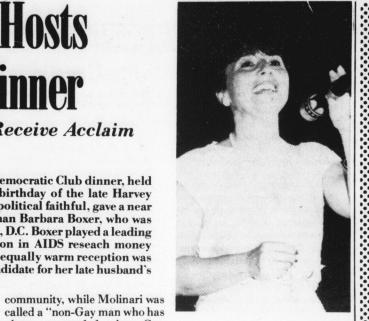
East Bay Congressman George Miller was billed as the guest speaker of the evening, but his staff claimed he missed his plane from the capital and was a no-show. The other guest of honor, Sala Burton, was obviously pleased with her welcome, which included three standing ovations. The Milk Club was probably the first political organization in the city to endorse Burton's candidacy in the special June 21 election. The dinner crowd, in a festive mood after an above-average political meal in the converted basketball arena, also gave standing ovations to Gina Moscone, former Milk Club president Gwenn Craig, and former Milk Club president Bill Kraus, the Gay aide to the late Phil Burton.

One of the other largest hands of the evening went to Supervisors John Molinari and Harry Britt for their sponsorship of the successful effort to get \$2 million in city AIDS funding. Britt was praised as an invaluable representative to the Lesbian and Gay

called a "non-Gay man who has always responded when Gay people needed him." The audience, which paid \$35 per person for the dinner, included many politicians and Gay leaders, as at past such dinners, but was particularly notable for its large labor contingent, including the heads of many of the city's largest unions. Other tables were occupied by environmentalist and minority groups, including many Asians and the Black Leadership Forum.

The showing of part of Rob Epstein's upcoming film, Out of Order, about the career and the death of Harvey Milk and the riot that followed the Dan White verdict, was clearly the most moving part of the evening and some of Milk's friends wept openly while viewing the film. But the general tone of the evening, set by club president Carole Migden in her remarks to the crowd, was almost one of celebration. "You had to be impressed by this dinner," said one well-known political observer; "clearly this club has become a power in the San Francisco political community." The Milk Club was the major political group to support the recent recall effort of Mayor Dianne Feinstein and most City Hall watchers would agree that the club is, at least temporarily, out of favor with the mayor and her supporters. Feinstein did not attend the dinner, nor did the leadership of the Toklas Demo Club, a more conservative and older Gay

but it was Bill himself who used them; he never stopped talking about AIDS, to Phillip, and to me, and he went back to Washington to make the people back there listen and understand," Burton said. Sala Burton then made a strong pitch for her own candidacy in the upcoming June 21 election, thanking the Gay community for its support and promising to fight for Gay rights and against the Reagan adminstration "if you send me back to Washington." Other than Molinari and Britt, other political dignitaries seen at the dinner included Supervisors Silver, Maher, Hongisto, Kennedy, and Walker; Sheriff Mike Hennessey. District Attorney Arl Smith; Public Defender Jeff Brown; and numerous judges and city commissioners. and city commissioners.



Rep. Barbara Boxer (Photo: Rink)

political club, often thought to e the Milk Club's organizational rival.

The subject of AIDS domi-

nated part of the evening as it seems to dominate everything of late. But it was one of the first times people seemed to feel good about what was said. Former Milk president and Phil Burton aide Bill Kraus, who has spent the last year in Burton's office working almost full-time to get AIDS funding, was the first to introduce the subject at the dinner, saying, "After a terrible year in which the federal government turned its back on us when we asked it for the help which only it can provide, this week we seem to have turned a corner." To someone who had spent a frustrating year's work, Kraus told the dinner crowd that Congress's passage last week of \$12 million in AIDS funding "seems like a miracle." Both Congresswoman Boxer and candidate Sala Burton spoke at length about AIDS, and in an extraordinarily personal tribute, Burton described at length the AIDS work of Kraus in her late husband's



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Bay Area Reporter staff and friends at the Milk Club dinner. (Photo: Rink)

Gay Health Conference Slated for June in Denver

Over 600 Lesbian and Gay healthworkers are expected to arrive in Denver for the Fifth National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference on June 9-12. The Conference will offer concurrent seminars and workshops on all aspects of Lesbian and Gay health including Gays' participation in health, health research, and health politics. It will be held at downtown Denver's Executive Tower Inn and will also include the Second National Forum on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

This year marks the first that the National Gay Health Educa-

tion Foundation, Gay and Lesbian Health Alliance of Denver, and the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights join forces to sponsor this

The Second National Forum on AIDS will assume that its healthworker participants are up-to-date on medical issues of AIDS. The Forum will focus on making recommendations about risk-reduction, medical therapies, and political action plans. It will take place in conjunction with the Conference on Thursday and Friday, June 9 & 10.

All healthworkers concerned with services by and for Lesbians

and Gay men are invited to submit papers, workshop and panel discussion ideas to be presented at the Conference to the National Gay Health Education Foundation, Inc., c/o cochairpersons Fran Miller and Dan Pfeffer, 5938 Chabot, Oakland, CA 94618. The deadline for a one-page narrative and/or opical outline is March 31.

General admission to the Conference is \$50 with special discounts to students, senior citizens, and those who will stay at the Executive Tower Inn. For further registration information. contact Dan or Fran at the above



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couples as well as from mailing lists of Gay organizations and included referrals from early respondents.

2. 350 men were handed questionnaires as they left Gay bars between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. The verbal instructions were to take the form home fill it out, and mail it back in a stamped, pre-addressed envelope. The areas selected for sampling were representative of a cross-section of San Francisco Gay bars, including Castro, Fol-

press some of their reactions, usng the vehicle of the questionnaire as a vent. This explanation is reinforced by the handwritten additions to the backs of questionnaires returned by about one-third of the sample. These expressed varying concerns, theories about transmission, and personal disclosures in response to the disease. Such comments provide another indication as to how profoundly AIDS is influencing the social and emotional adaptation of the Gay community as represented by this sample.

This sample of sexually active

ethnic characteristics as

Gay men displays various social

By occupation, 54% are pro-

fessionals, 16% clerical, 11%

skilled manual labor, 13% re-

tired, and 2% unemployed. Four

By residency, 83% of the

respondents are from the Bay

Area, 13% from other Bay Area

counties, and 4% from outside

percent cited no occupation.

"Bathhouses are the places where bacteria develop. It's in the

som, Polk, and Pacific Heights neighborhoods.

3. 300 questionnaires were distributed between 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. at the baths. As men left six popular bathhouses in San Francisco, they were asked to volunteer and given the same instructions as the bar sample.

The rate of walk-aways, or men who refused to accept the questionnaires, was twice as high for the baths (21%) as for the bars (11%). The sidewalks outside the bathhouses are less well-lit than outside the bars, which may indicate that men emerging from bathhouses are more suspicious of strangers on the street. In fact, most of those who did refuse questionnaires walked rapidly away. An explanation the researchers can offer for a higher percentage of bathhouse refusals is a lack of motivation to change behavior on the part of this group, resulting in a higher level of denial, and thus an unwilling ness to cooperate with researchers in their endeavor. The explanation is substantiated below when this group is compared with other respondents on the significant measures within the

survey itself. The return rate of questionnaires was much higher than normally expected for survey research. As of April 1, 600 men, or 60%, had returned it through the mail. Another 40 sent them back later, but were not included in the initial data analysis.

The breakdown of returns was as follows: 204 of the 350 men in couples (58%), 213 of the 350 men sampled outside bars (61%), and 183 of the 300 bathgoers (61%) returned the questionnaires. This high rate of return is explained by the growing level of concern, interest and alarm about AIDS in the community in the months up to April, when the questionnaire was administered, and the op-

Regarding general health, the average number of work days missed last year was six. Seven (1%) had been diagnosed as having AIDS; 142 (24%) had had an attack of herpes simplex; 118 (20%) had had Hepatitis A; portunity for respondents to ex-185 (31%) had contracted Hepatitis B: 24 (4%) knew that they had had hepatitis in the past, but did not know which type. Nine of the men were chronic hepatitis carriers.

An obviously health-concerned group, 361 respondents had visited their physicians in the first quarter of 1983, and 159 in the last six months of 1982. Ony 50 men in the entire sample had not visited a doctor within the last year. Eight percent, or 50 men, are currently in psychotherapy. Since they have found out about AIDS, 27% of the respondents reported seeing their physicians more often.

In sexual behaviors, the researchers found that 280 men. 46% of the sample, don't go to the baths; 105 (18%) go once a month, 77 (13%) go to the baths two to three times a month, and 137 (23%) go once a week or

Similarly, 55%, or 330 individuals in our sample, meet men in bars for sex less than once a month 16% or 96 men do once a month, 16% do this two to three times a month, and 12%, or 72, meet men in bars for sex once a week or more often.

PARTNER CHANGES

about AIDS:

Respondents were asked whe-

ther they had changed their sel-

ection of sexual partners in the

following wasy since finding out

1. Having sex with men that

they know from previous en-

2. Getting to know partners

sexual and health habits before

having sex with them; 20%

3. Serial monogamy, or hav-

ing a series of sexual encounters

with one man before moving on

Twenty-six percent of the re-

spondents cited other changes in

selection of their partners and

listed a variety of adaptive

to another; 20% said yes.

strategies, such as:

counters: 30% said ves.

responded affirmatively.

"On the one hand, I'm concerned about going to bed with anyone; on the other I refuse to live in a cocoon.

the Bay Area. These last respondents were excluded from statistical analysis. Mean length of residence is 8.7 years.

Racially, 84% are white, 3% black, 5% Hispanic, 3% Asian, and 5% other. Three percent left this item blank. The mean income is \$23,000 per year. The age range is from 18 to 67 years. with the mean at 35 years.

With respect to relationships,

interesting data emerges. Three hundred and seventy six, or 63% of the sample, are currently in a primary relationship which has lasted six months or more where the partners have sex together the majority of the time. Of these 376 men, 82, or 22%, are "monogamous". Four hundred and fifty four, or 76% of the sample, reported having had one or more six-month relationships over the past five years. The mean length of all relationships listed by the respondents is 3.2 vears. Of the men in relation-

ships, the average number of sex-

ual encounters per month with

the non-monogamous relation-

ships, average number of outside

per week.

In Loving Memory

SCOTT BARNARD

Man of music, light, and love. Taken

A profound loss to family, friends,

after 30 years of living, of AIDS.

Sex less often; Asking for physical contact and jacking off: Sleeping with straights and bisexuals only; Joining introduction services; Avoiding people who look unhealthy; Meeting people introduced by friends or their partner is 10 times, or at parties; Secondary boyfriends about once every three days. For to the primary relationship: No sex with Americans, only sex in Europe; Invite people to come sexual contacts per month was home, making sex less anonyfound to be four, or about once mous; Making a relationship more monogamous; Only having sex with my lover and other monogamous couples we trust in a four-way situation; Dating prior to sex; Celibacy; Considering abstaining from sex;

Analysis of these varying strategies revealed to the researchers three major shifts in types of partner selection. First, some people were reducing the number of contacts overall and increasing the frequency of sex with known partners. Secondly, some were more attentive to surface characteristics of their partners that might provide reassurance that they are not AIDS carriers (e.g., European, healthylooking, straight).

Many of these attributes were found by the researchers to be based on erroneous assumptions or colored by respondents' preferences and prejudices. In many cases, they were less an adaptive response to AIDS than a response to internal fears or pressures or were abstracted from the

Changes In Specific Sexual Behavior With New or Anonymous Contacts Since Respondent First Found Out About Aids:

	Never Did	Stopped	Less	Same	More
French kissing	6%	6%	32%	54%	2%
Rimming new contact	46%	28%	25%	11%	_
Getting rimmed by					
new contact	25%	17%	24%	29%	1%
Anal intercourse					
receptive	20%	15%	28%	33%	3%
Active anal intercourse	11%	9%	29%	45%	6%
Sucking new contact	6%	5%	30%	55%	4%
Getting sucked	2%	3%	15%	71%	9%
Mutual masturbation	11%	2%	5%	54%	28%
Fisting	80%	6%	6%	6%	2%
Water sports	78%	6%	8%	7%	1%

publicity about AIDS. Finally, some respondents reacted by curbing the level of their sexual activity overall, and in some cases have inhibited sexual impulses altogether.

RISK GROUPS

The researchers consulted with medical and epidemiological researchers regarding AIDS transmission through sexual activity. One current theory is that the infective agent for AIDS is transmitted through exchange of body fluids. The following types of sexual behavior which have a greater possibility of body fluid exchange are designed as high

With New Or Anonymous Contacts: French kissing, active oral-anal contact - rimming, active oral-genital contact sucking, anal intercourse — receptive, fisting, and water sports Some researchers also believe that within primary relationships, fisting, water sports, and active rimming were also high risk behavior, because of the shock to the immunological system and the possible transmission of residual infective agents from the anal tract to the blood

Based on these guidelines, the researchers computed the number of men who fit into four groups of varying risks. These groups are not mutually

1. No Risk: For the entire sample of 600 men, 54 or 9% were found to not engage in any fluids, an elimination of the behaviors cited above places a man at lower risk for contracting the disease. The sample of 600 men shows an attempt at reduction of some of the behaviors by 30%; however, an alarming number of at least some form of high risk behavior in the majority (62%) of the respondents persists.

IMPACT

Although a complete factor analysis of all items is not ready for inclusion in this article, it is possible to make the following assertions about the impact of AIDS on the psychological adjustment of the Gay men

The vast majority is more worried since finding out about AIDS. The level of denial of the problems posed by AIDS seems to be low with only 3% agreeing with the attitude that one need not worry because a cure is forthcoming. Eight percent expresses the sentiment that they have heard too much about AIDS, and only 7% says that AIDS has not affected them.

Suspicion and paranoia (reflected by the statement that AIDS is a conspiracy) found only 6% in agreement, although more respondents in their handwritten responses indicated that they feared a political

Whereas most men agreed that some concern about their sexual behavior was necessary to avoid AIDS, few believe that

"As a Black, I am concerned about AIDS but not unduly stressed. These diseases generally do not appear to me to affect my people to the degree they hit whites.'

risk behavior. Thirty-seven of these men were in monogamous relationships and 17 had stopped or never engaged in any of the risk behaviors with new or anonymous contacts or in their primary relationships.

2. Heightened Risk: 41 or 7% of the men in our sample had increased the frequency of at least one high risk behavior since they had found out about AIDS. A closer look showed that the majority of the increases were in receptive anal intercourse and sucking with new contacts. This may be a compensatory respons to decreases in other high risk behaviors. The mean age of this group is lower than the mean for the entire sample, most falling in the 18 to 29 year old age group. These respondents may be increasing high risk behaviors out of ignorance, disregard, or confusion about health guidelines, or by shifting from one risk behavior to another.

3. Risk Reducers: 177 or 30% of the sample had stopped or reduced at least one high risk behavior without an increase in any other high risk behavior since finding out about AIDS.

4. Respondents Still At Risk: 372 or 62% of the men in the sample continued to engage at the same frequency or more since they found out about AIDS in at least one high risk behavior with new or anonymous contacts.

If AIDS transmission occurs through the exchange of body they must abstain completely from sex and 76% did not want to close down bathhouses. This indicates that most feel that constraints on sexual behavior should come from personal monitoring of one's own behavior and not from externally imposed authority.

AIDS seems to have little impact on Gay respondents' desire to change their sexual orientation, nor does it appear to signal a return to "closeted" social relations, nor a high level of overt sentiment that Gay sex is wrong. Gay men may be experiencing in the face of AIDS emerges from the attitudinal section of this questionnaire at low level, as only a small percentage (4%) believe Gay sex is wrong and think of becoming heterosexuals.

Those men who feel they are not as susceptible as others to AIDS are in monogamous relationships. Those who feel they have little control over whether or not they get AIDS are more in the bath group; bath goers and men with a high frequency of outside sex feel they are hav-ing sex that they should not be

Most men sampled believe that it would be best for them to be in a monogamous relationship. In general, the trend as reflected by the attitudinal section is more toward forming relationships, feeling more committed to existing relationships, and

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limiting sexual contact outside of the relationships.

HEPATITIS LINK

Many epidemiologists and medical researchers believed that the transmission of hepatitis served as a model for the transmission of the AIDS infective agent. Similarly as would the hepatitis virus, AIDS is thought to be transmitted through intimate physical contact that involves exchange of bodily fluids Some believe that the AIDS agents may be linked to the hepatitis virus. If this is the case,

(neither agree nor disagree) than other groups about whether they are more susceptible to AIDS than other people.

These men, who are not in

relationships and who probably use the bathhouses as their primary sexual outlet, appear to have changed their behavior least as a result of AIDS. However, they are as worried as others about AIDS and are aware that their behavior is placing them at risk. A content analysis of handwritten respons es by bath group respondents found that this group is changing its sexual behavior perhaps to the same degree as those in other groups within their particular sexual context. As an example, before, a respondent may have had sex in a public room,

"Whatever the cause, this disaster has renewed my determination to fight our oppressors, whether microscopic monsters or microscopic minds.

without washing between partthe price of behavior that Gay men engage in that predisposes ners. Since hearing about AIDS, them to hepatitis may also he may now stay in his own predispose them to AIDS. More private cubicle and inspect his specifically, as a history of potential sexual partners, and hepatitis correlates highly in our wash after. The respondent then sample with frequency of believes that those who continue to use the public rooms are at bathhouse attendance, it is evident that engaging in high risk high risk for AIDS and he is not. behavior frequently in the con-text of a bathhouse can result in That kind of assumption was more evident to the researchers a heightened risk of contracting in this group than in others, although many respondents AIDS more than any other form across groups supplied the raof sexual activity (bar-going, sex tionale for how they were not at in monogamous relationships, or high or low frequency sexual activity outside relationships). "I suppose one could compare AIDS with Russian Roulette -

Incidence of hepatitis was next highest in the men who practice risk forms of sexual behavior (contacts more than three times per month outside the primary relationship).

The bar group (men not in relationships who go to bars for sex more than bathhouses) was found to have a lower incidence of hepatitis than either the bath group or the high-out group. They were also more interested in spiritual concerns than any other group in response to AIDS and had reduced or stopped their use of Amyl Nitrite more than any other gruop. This

risk and others were in the handwritten portion. Defensive psychological reaction formations of this type are to be expected in the face of a diffuse life threat such as that which AIDS poses; however, they are maladaptive if disease prevention is the goal. The high-out group (men who

and if the wound is fatal."

are currently in relationships with a higher frequency of sex outside, exceeding three times per month) were more likely to have had Hepatitis B than any

"This has affected our relationship greatly, although not necessarily in a negative way. It has brought an element of fear

and doubt, and concern into our lives that was not there before.'

group also had a lower mean age than any other group. They tended to agree that it would be best for them to be in a monogamous relationship almost as much as men who are monogamous; at the same time, they tended to have had the least number of six-month relationships over the past five years of any of the groups. They were more likely than other groups to have changed their method of partner selection since finding out about AIDS in protective ways.

The researchers deduced that those people who can delay sexual gratification by meeting people, even if only in a bar context, tended to be healthier and use their awareness about AIDS to limit potentially risk-exposing behavior, but also appeared less likely to maintain longer-term relationships.

This finding is diametrically opposed to the bath group, more whom know they are involved in high risk behavior that they shouldn't be having. They also were the most likely to disagree with the statement that the bathhouses should be closed. Like the bar group, they tend to have had fewer six month relationships than other groups, a higher percentage of Hepatitis B than the bar group, but a lower incidence of herpes simplex than all other groups. Use of Amyl Nitrite has stayed the same for more of these respondents. They tend to be more non-committal

other groups. The mean age for this group is higher than the sample mean, more men falling in the 40-67 range than other groups. They are not more committed to their lovers since finding out about AIDS and less likely to desire to be monogamous. They are second in agreement to the bath group to the attitude that they have sex that they know they should not be having. They have decreased the use of bookstores, tearooms and parks for sex less than groups. As these men are highly sexually active and are more likely to get Hepatitis B, the researchers deduced that they are at higher risk for AIDS than all the bath group; they also seem less compelled to develop or commit themselves to their primary relationships as a defense against

The low-out group (men currently in primary relationships with three or fewer sexual contacts outside per month) tended to engage in three-way sex with their partner and one other man more than other relationship groups. The mean age for this group fell between 30 and 34 years. These men tended to have more anal intercourse, both active and passive, than the highout group; both with their primary partner and with outside contacts, as well as experiencing a lower incidence of hepatitis and herpes simplex. One possible explanation for the difference in preference is that this kind of

except one doesn't know who fired the gun, if a bullet emerged, relationships in direct response to fear of AIDS; or had "closed" their relationship when one member of the couple contracted hepatitis. Some said that their "closing" of the relationship was not predicated on any belief that monogamy is the best form of Gay relationships, but on fear of AIDS. Respondents also expressed fear or alarm over the hypothetical incubation period for AIDS, realizing that al-

though monogamous, they are

sexual activity requires more

planning and preparation (lubri-

cants and clothes removal) than

oral sex and may indicate more

forethought on the part of low-out respondents before having

sex. This group also tended to

have changed the selection of

new sexual partners toward more

healthful adaptations than the

The monogamous group had

the lowest incidence of all forms

of hepatitis, the highest number

of respondents who had never

tried recreational drugs such as

psychedelics, stimulants, and

Amyl Nitrite. They displayed the

strongest sentiment that they are

less susceptible to AIDS than

others. They agreed most that

single men should find a lover

because of AIDS and displayed

the highest level of agreement

that bathhouses should be clos-

ed of any group. They also show-

ed the least change in sexual

behaviors inside their relation-

ships. The mean age of this

group is between 30 and 34 years

Logically, this appears to be

the group least at risk in the

AIDS epidemic, if the disease is

transmitted through bodily

fluids and intimate contact.

However, this group also demon-

strates a high level of agreement

with the statement that they are

worried more since finding out

about AIDS. Content analysis of

written responses yields the fact

that many had "closed" their

high-out group.

CONCLUSIONS

still at risk.

The AIDS epidemic has been shown by the survey to already have had a profound impact on attitudes and sexual behaviors in the respondents in this sample Dramatic increases or stopping have occurred in most forms of drug usage, and the overall level of sexual contact with new or anonymous partners has decreased in all arenas of sexual activity. An alarming number of these men, however, are still engaging in high risk behavior which, according to current epidemiological thinking, has not removed them from danger of infection. As the rate of infection is climbing exponentially while this report is being submitted, it is evident that measures Gay men are currently taking to avoid infection have begun, but are still inadequate.

As the survey indicates, the Gay men surveyed are still poorly informed about disease transmission or are unwilling or unable to change sexual patterns in a manner that will palce them at lower risk. Those men who are bath-goers, or who have a high frequency of sex outside their primary relationships, are both more likely to contract other sexually transmitted diseases and less likely to modify their sexua behavior more healthfully. They are thus more likely to become victims than men who use bars for sexual contact, men in monogamous relationships, or men who have a low frequency of sex outside their primary relationships. It is therefore important to inform these men that they are at risk, and to help them make

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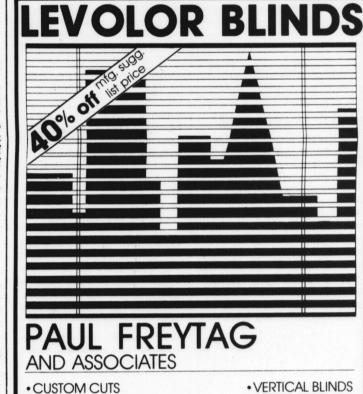
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Stonewall To Discuss **Gay Taxation - Poverty**

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club will tackle the complex relationship between Gay Taxation and delivery of services to the Lesbian/Gay community at its meeting Monday, June 6th, 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Women's Building, 3543 18th Street (near Valencia).

The issues of taxation of Lesbian and Gay people and the delivery of social service to the community have been recurrent themes at Stonewall's meetings for over a year. "We investigated the extent of poverty in the Lesbian/Gay community and the gross disparity between what we pay into the Hotel Tax Fund and what we get out. Now it's time to investigate how much money Lesbian and Gay taxpayers are paying into the City's coffers and how much we're getting back.' said club President Paul

Panelists at the club meeting are Edwin Sarsfield, General Manager of Department of Social Services; Supervisor Harry Britt; a representative from the Office of the Budget Analyst; and Jeff Jones, Gay community fundraiser. Panelists will be given five minutes to present their basic positions before the program is opened to audience questions and comments.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club is the second oldest Gay Democratic Club in the nation. For information phone 626-1245 or 552-4287.

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Deaf Community Relay Celebrates First Year

The Deaf Community Relay located at Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church has just celebrated its first year of operation. Operating totally on user and church donations with all volunteer help, the Relay service has performed a valuable service to the deaf community and their hearing friends.

The service receives calls from special machines attached to the phones of the deaf. The volunteer operator then calls the hearing friend or business and relays the message. The operator can communicate with the deaf user through the Relay's own special teletype machines. The Relay can operate also to communicate with the deaf if a hearing person or business calls the Relay and asks that a message be sent over

Picnic For Older Gays

A picnic in Golden Gate Park for

Gay people 60 and over is being

held on June 5, starting at 11

a.m. The event is sponsored by

the Gay and Lesbian Outreach

to Elders program of Operation

Concern and is one of an ongo-

ing series of social events for older Gays sponsored by the

The staff and volunteers of

Gay and Lesbian Outreach to

Elders is a social service pro-

gram for Lesbians and Gay men

60 and over and is funded by the

San Francisco Commission on

'Partners' Youth Program

Community Church is sponsor-

ing another auction to benefit

"Partners", an outreach ministry

of Golden Gate MCC that pro-

vides counseling, housing, cloth-

ing, food, education, and medi-

cal care for needy young persons.

The Auction will be held at

the New Bell Saloon at 1203

Polk Street, on Tuesday, June 7,

from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Donated

items to auction may be brought

to the New Bell Saloon on the

day of the auction, or may be left

at the church office at 625 Polk

St., (at Turk St.), by Monday,

June 6. For further information

AIDS Survey

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the painful adjustments neces-

sary to place them at lower risk.

This survey did not seek to

reach men who have drastically

curtailed all social and sexual ac-

tivity as a result of AIDS.

However, it appears that some

men in the sample have chosen

this course and may be represen-

tative of a much larger group

who have responded appropri-

ately in terms of eliminating con-

tact with the infective agent.

They may be experiencing reac-

tive difficulties in psychological

and social functioning, however.

Public information agencies

may need to become aware of the

special needs of this group, and

tions as to the type of sexual and

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the deaf person's phone.

The Deaf Community Relay begins its second year with a real need for additional volunteers. The Relay can only stay open when staffed by volunteers. The Relay is asking the general community to provide more volunteers for the summer months. Training is provided and hours

Persons interested in helping this important service to the deaf community should call 474-3184 or 474-0307 (hearing lines) or 474-3185 (TDD). The Deaf Community Relay office is located in the offices of Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church in the North Mezzanine of California Hall, 625 Polk

Gay Youth Rap Group **Discusses Hygiene**

The San Francisco High Risk Youth Project and Hospitality House are conducting a rap group for young Gay or Bisexual men and women under 21 years of age entitled "Staying

The purpose of the group is to provide young Gay men and women an opportunity to develop a positive personal support system and provide a forum for discussion aimed at increasing awareness about health-related issues as well as the relationship between health and lifestyles.

The Staying Healthy Rap Group is held on Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Hospitality House, 146 Leavenworth Street at Golden Gate Avenue.

tive mental health" services for

Lesbians and Gay men in the

community. To mobilize the

project again, the Pacific Center

needs a core group of 4-5

enthusiastic volunteers who are

knowledgeable in Lesbian/Gay

Gay Library Display Needs Help

The Pacific Center in Berkeley is attempting to resurrect its Library Outreach program by beginning a third tour of its highly controversial Lesbian/ Gay library display. It was shown at ten libraries throughout the state of California between May of 1979 and July of 1982, but has been gathering dust for the past nine months, due to severe staffing shortages

lovely meadow in the park, Because of its previous success which is close to parking and to the #5 Fulton bus. Please call at reaching thousands of area residents, the display has been Stafford or Bea at O.C. to confirm reservation or get directions credited with reducing homoor transportation information, phobia and providing "preven-

at the Center.

history and culture, with emphasis on our diversity. Specific skills needed are graphic arts, photography, knowledge of books and library

Anyone interested in helping with this project, please phone the Pacific Center, 548-8283, and leave a message for John, Kristen, or Peg.

Women Donate Blood for AIDS

Eighteen women donated blood to congregation Sha'ar Zahav's blood account at Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, May 14. The blood donors were responding to the urgent need to help replenish the congregation's blood account, depleted in the current AIDS epidemic, which as stricken several of the congregation's members. New reguations at the blood bank have made it impossible for most Gay men to donate blood.

The blood drive sponsored by

the women's havurah (circle of friends) which in a letter to its members, wrote:

"... Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is proud of being one of the few organizations to have its own blood account along with the congregation's own 'Phooey on AIDS Fund.' The need for Lesbians and Gay men to join together has never been stronger.'

Additional donations are urgently needed. For further information call 921-7612.

Women's Course Offered at City College

For the first time, a course in women's studies will be offered at the Castro/Valencia site of the San Francisco Community College. "The Female Experience." taught by Peg Cruikshank, will meet Thursday evenings in the fall term, which begins August 16. The course will include interdisciplinary readings in women's studies, a unit on women

rent thinking about AIDS

respondents' questions about

sexual identity, although it has

inspired worry, fear, and some

guilt about sexual behavior, as

well as a desire to be in relation-

ships. One offshoot of the AIDS

epidemic may be that men will

overcome their resistance or in-

ability to commit to primary

relationships, which may shift

the overall sociology of the Gay

community from a singles-ori-

ented to a couples-oriented

source of stability. Gay men may

be forced out of fear to endure

the abrasions of adjustment in

their relationships, particularly

since the major outlet for sexual

and aggressive energy (that is,

sex outside a relationship) has

now been found to place men at

risk for AIDS. The question will

be posed by the threat of ATDS

social contact still "safe" by cur- whether men can adjust ad

AIDS has had little impact on

and work, fiction by Alice Walker and Maxine Hong Kingston, and autobiographical writings by Lesbians.

Registration deadline is July For more information on registration, call 239-3581. For more information on the course. call Peg Cruikshank at 239-3384 or the City College women's studies office at 239-3442.

emotional resources toward pri-

mary relationships now have the

negative impetus of fear of AIDS

The long-term affect of AIDS

on Gay men's sexual patterns is

still in question and trends may

change as new medical informa-

tion is brought to light. The start

in the direction of lower risk

behavior reflected in the survey

points to the confusion Gay men

are experiencing in the face of

conflicting advice and publicity,

as well as difficulty for these

adults to rapidly change patterns

of behavior developed over years

of psychological and social ad-

to motivate them.

justment. The attempts at shapadapt in their social patterns to facilitate smooth relationship ing sexual behavior appear to be functioning and manage all of accompanied by worry, fear, and two-men's sexual appetites and guilt, as well as defensive forenergies. Thus Gay men who are mulations as to what behaviors newly monogamous or who deneed to be eliminated and which sire to redirect their sexual and

> The question of whether these changes, as reflected in the survey, are temporary or the beginning of an ongoing trend in the Gay male lifestyle can only be answered in the months to come. As more friends of respondents are diagnosed or die, as more media coverage emerges, and as public information outreach to these men continues, the researchers predict that the changes described in this article will continue; that the Gay community will become more alarmed and suffer the pain of psychological adjustment to a greater degree in the months to come.

Front Runners

Sunday Fun Run Schedule June 5 - Marina/Fort Point (1 to 5 miles, level) Meet in parking lot opposite Marina Safeway.

Pot Luck Brunch. June 12 - Marin Headlands (1.5 or 3 miles, some hills) Across G.G. Bridge to Alexander Ave. exit. Towards Sausalito, left for Ft. Cronkite, through tunnel, to end of Bunker Road. Meet at parking lot at Rodeo Lagoon. Scenic. Carpool meets at 9 a.m. Church & Market Safeway.

June 19 - Father's Day - Lake Merced (1.7 or 4.9 miles, level) Meet at boathouse on Harding Rd. off Skyline Blvd. Los Angeles Frontrunners Run for Gay Pride today!

June 26 - 9 a.m. Golden Gate Bridge (3.6 miles, rolling) Meet at unpaved parking lot just east of the toll plaza off Lincoln Blvd Remember to turn off before going over the bridge! Spectacular city views. Gay Freedom Day Parade today at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday Track Workout Meet at the San Francisco State University Track, behind the Gym, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Fun Runs (3.2 miles) - Meet at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, at 6:00 p.m

Saturday Fun Runs (3 to 5 miles) - Meet at Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park at

Saturday Long Runs (15 to 20 miles) - Runs start at 8:00 a.m. Call Dave at 346-3718 for further information.

Front Runners Organization Our purpose is to provide support and encouragement for running to Gay men, Lesbians and others who enjoy the exhilaration of the sport.

All runs are non-competitive free, and open to all.

For more information, call Dave at 346-3718 or David at

Gay Man Wins Key to Miami Beach

More than 4,000 participants entered the "Why I Love Miami Beach" contest in March and one of the first prize winners was an openly Gay man, according to Florida's The Weekly News.

Bob Kunst, who led the opposition to Anita Bryant's campaign and waged his wn battle for the Florida governorship recently, was one of two adulwinners in the creative writing contest. The City of Miami Beach sponsored the contest for its 68th Birthday Jubilee.

For winning, Kunst reveived a check for \$25, a key to the City of Miami Beach, and a "The Courtesies of the Police Depart-

I must confess that a sadistic **Church of Christ Moves to Accept Gay Pastors**

> Delegates to the 22nd Annual vital part of its ministry. The study was introduced by the Rev. L. William Eichhorn, pastor of Mill Valley Community United Church of Christ, one of the ference Grounds on the Moneleven persons on the national United Church Task Force on Human Sexuality, and the Rev. Loey Powell, national coordinator of the United Church Coalition for Gay and Lesbian

MCC's application as part of a

general effort to change the whole

Church, and those Gay mainline

church folks who see MCC as

nasty spoilers who threaten to

upset their carefully constructed

Like most Gay and Lesbian

organizations, MCC is not above

allowing the powers-that-be to

hoist themselves by their own

petards. (Did you know that

delightfully sensual-sounding

phrase actually means to blow

yourself up with your own

grenade?) We stand back and gig-

gle at the KABOOM. While

there have been moments of high

comedy and low camp as the

Council contorts itself into

serpentine coils trying to deal

with MCC, the general mood

among MCC'ers is anything but

laugh-filled. As one of several

dozen Bay Area MCC'ers who

"resourced" the National Coun-

cil, I even found myself taking it seriously. Me! who has been

labeled a Gay arch-separatist!

Yet as I sat in Old First Presby-

other MCC'ers as we worshipped

under the watchful gaze of many

members of the Council, I felt

powerful emotions at work; a po-

tent longing to be accepted by

these representatives of the op-

pressor churches. How humbling

to discover the persistence of feel-

ings I believed I had escaped. But

feel them I did. And what am I to

As someone who has worked in

make of that?

terian Church with hundreds of

The Annual Meeting attract-The recommendation was part of a larger study which called 750 delegates and visitors from 105 congregations from Eureka to Tulare. "The issue of ed on the church to embrace the issues of human sexuality as a

homosexuality is more correctly stated as an issue of human sexuality," said Powell, in addressing the meeting.

The resolution advocated support of nondiscrimination based on sexual discrimination within the whole United Church of Christ, including all hiring and firing of lay and clergy personnel and use of volunteers.

The resolution also called for changes in the church 'dictated by our growing understanding of human sexuality."

RELIGION AND US



let me fill you in.

ew could have missed the re-

Churches and the National

Council of Churches. For those of

you newly arrived from Mars or

recently recovered from comas.

The National Council of

Churches of Christ (USA) is an

inter-church group representing

about 40 million US Christians of

mainline Protestant, Eastern Or-

thodox, and Black churches. It

includes almost every church

other than the Roman Catholics

and white evangelicals. Its stated

aim is to work to heal the many

divisions among Christians with

an ultimate goal of church re-union. The Council coordinates

enormous programs of social wel-

fare and reform. You may also

have noted that the Council is

under attack by right-wing politi-

cal and religious groups for

alleged bias in favor of Marxist

states and movements. The Met-

ropolitan Community Church is

a Christian denomination form-

ed in 1968 intended to minister

primarily to Lesbians and Gay

men. It also happens to be the

largest organization in the world

that is seeking to serve the Les-

bian and Gay community. Re-

cently MCC applied to become

part of the National Council. A

The Council's Constituent

Membership Committee ac-

knowledged in March 1982 that

MCC met the National Council's

stated requirements for member-

ship (Trinitarian Christian be-

liefs, organized structure, mini-

mum number of churches and

members). Well, the American

Baptists, the Reformed Church

in America, and all the Eastern

Orthodox churches announced

they'd be damned if they'd sit on

the same council with a bunch of

homosexuals. Homosexuals of

the closeted variety already

ensconced on the council pitched

a very circumspect blue tizzy.

Everyone is looking for a painless

way out of the quandary. Many

are also busy looking for any

reason other than MCC's Gay-

ness to deny them admission. The

Council has given itself a gracious

time limit of two years to decide;

When the Council met in S.F.

in May, they spent a substantial

part of their time considering

what to do. They listened to their

own theologians announce that

the Council's own theology was

too vague to serve as a measure by

which to evaluate MCC. The

Council also heard from

MCC'ers themselves. Thus all

the flurry of news reports, almost

all of them confused and mis-

taken, but then the Church has

Meeting of the Northern Cali-

fornia Conference, United

Church of Christ, meeting May

19-22 at the Asilomar Con-

terey Peninsula, voted 186-86 for

a recommendation that sexual

orientation should not be

grounds for affirming or denying

a candidate's request for ordi-

always given journalists fits.

May 1984.

brouhaha erupted.

ent publicity concerning the

Metropolitan Community

The National Council of Churches and the Problem of Acceptance

RICK WEATHERLY

part of megained much pleasure the Gay movement since 1971, as I saw the National Council and someone who has been trainsquirm because of our presence. ed to act as a guide, counselor. Our application uncovered for all and companion to Lesbians and to see some basic disunities in that Gay men, I know how deadly the "uniting" council. Asked for desire for acceptance can be. So long as a Gay person or group acts their position on whether MCC was really a church, the Eastern primarily out of that need or rests Orthodox churches replied that their sense of purpose or worth on they themselves were the only real the approval of some one or other churches on the Council. Everynon-Gay authority, then they are in grave peril. We either know one else is simply heretical or schismatic. This did not sit well deep in our own guts that we are with the heretics and schismatics. persons of worth or we are still One Presbyterian theologian slaves in one sense or another. wondered in his presentation if Whether it is craven subjection to the issue of lifestyle was to be disapproving parents, fear of an raised when considering a mememployer, or lusting after ecclesibership application, how could astical stamps of approval, such his own money-worshipping de-nomination ever qualify? Many groveling will earn us nothing more than the collapse or still-Black Council members from birth of our own self-respect. non-Black churches were our Knowing and believing all

supporters. But they were conthat, still I cared. I cared when I fronted with the intransigently saw tears in the eyes of Council anti-Gay attitudes of the Black members who shared our wormembers from Black churches. ship. Cared when Troy Perry gave And Oh!, the problem of closthem our story as only he can. eted Gays! For centuries homo-Cared when putrefying archaic sexual men have enjoyed special theology was trotted out to condemn us. Cared when closeted entree into, some say even effective control of, the episcopacy of Gay folks in the mainline churchthe Orthodox churches. Their es badmouthed MCC and sought to aid our opponents. Cared tradition allows priests to marry but makes bishops only of unwhen some of them risked career and status to stand in the open married men. The most persiswith us. Cared too much perhaps. tently hypocritical remarks were anti-Gay diatribes by Orthodox But I cared. prelates of decidedly doubtful But then I've never considered sexual orthodoxy. Among Protmyself a separatist. The idea that estants there was wide divergence between Gay people who favor

any group should or could live some sort of independent existence in a world where a nuclear warhead can reach any spot in 30 minutes, is the highest foolish ness. I know we are all, friend and foe alike, in this life together and our preservation as a race rests on our being able to accept that fact and one another. Yet I firmly believe that we Lesbian and Gay folk must enter into that unity as full partners, not be allocated a servant slot by our oppressors. We must bring into that future partnership our own self-respect and self-worth or we have nothing more than a sham of unity. Too many of us are so eager for that reunion that we will gladly purchase it with the coin of our selfrespect. I decline. Before the grand reunion we must rid ourselves of our internal oppression just as we must break the oppression outside us. We must stand up and stand apart first before we can truly stand together with

Yet, it is that larger unity which remains the goal. It is that need to be a part of the whole, the caring about what "they" think which acts as a goad to our action and as a restraint on our own tendency as humans toward arrogance and a part of a new Humanity before we first become a people, we will never build a life-giving Lesbian and Gay community without having eyes and hearts fixed on that greater world.

So I cared. So I care. Blush, blush. How Humbling!

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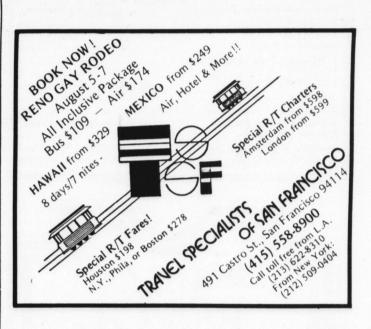
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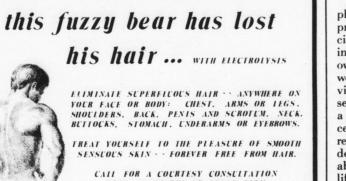
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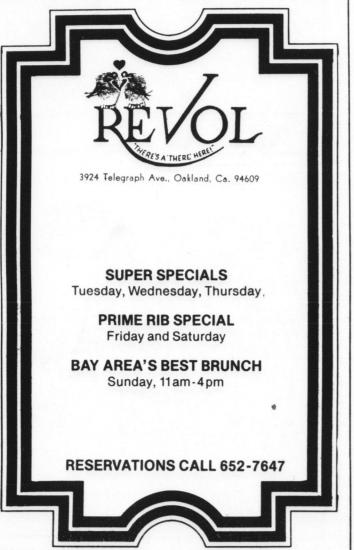


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FINANCIAL PLANNING

Becoming Financially Independent

BURNEY O. ALLGOOD, CFF

Financial independence is a phrase with a variety of interpretations. To some of us financial independence means running our own business, being our own bosses, defining our own work situations. Others would view financial independence as secure career employment with a predictable income source, excellent benefits, and a generous retirement program. A purist definition can be stated as being able to sustain a satisfactory lifestyle without having to work for an income or without having to rely on the government or other people for money.

Most people continue to tote around vague notions that someday they will retire from the workworld and somehow be financially independent. As yet I haven't been able to determine whether these people with said notions are simply dreamy optimists or ostriches with their heads conveniently buried in the sand. Too many people coast through life with the belief that a combination of ample social security, good vibes, and a supremely benevolent diety will make all just fine for their future years. Wrong!

The startling but true reality for Americans is the harsh fact that for every 100 individuals who reach age 65 only 2 are financially independent. Another 23 must continue to work while the remaining 75 become dependent on financial support from friends, relatives, or charity.

To prepare for your financial future you first must face the obvious fact that the future is indeed coming. Frankly a lot of Gay people (mostly men) are terrible about planning for their futures. Mention anything about 'life after 40" and they switch channels on you! Well boys, best give some thought to who among your friends and loved ones is going to buy you the appropriate gift of diamonds for your 75th birthday. Statistics dictate that most of us presently living will see that event take place in our

Five basic reasons exist why only 2% of us achieve financial independence by age 65.

1) Procrastination — The old "Manana" syndrome is the avored method we employ to steal time from ourselves. Many have developed procrastination into a virtual artform. Procrastination is the natural enemy of action and action is what captures opportunities for us.

2) No Planning — Let's say we've resolved to end proastination and we're ready to initiate actions. For our actions to be effective we need a plan, a point of reference, a goal framework. most of us have never realistically set financial goals. The absence of goals gives us no adequate way to monitor our actions relating to their effectiveness. Planning for financial goals provides the motivations for our actions.

3) Lack of Knowledge -Sadly, financial planning is not included in our basic educational system. Far too many adults can't even balance a check book or fill out a short form tax return. There exists two choices for remedy in this area. Devote the time and effort to educate yourself in financial planning or retain the services of a professional. During the last decade the investment world became so technical and complex that even the best informed are advised to consult with a financial professional.

4) Tax Law - The tax laws of the United States change every year. Keeping up with these changes is the proper realm of the professional and not for the novice do-it-yourselfers.

5) Money — How many times have you heard the old adage "It takes money to make money"? Well it's 100% true! Many people don't think they have any money. The fact stands that if you currently create an income, you have money. The key is pay yourself first; keep a portion of everything you earn. Remember that. Practice it. Make it a rule of your life and you will build your financial independence.

Those serious about wanting to create financial independence need keep in mind several fundamentals. Unquestionably, the most important of these is start saving early. Each year you delay starting your program adds to the difficulty of achiev-

ing your goals. Secondly, plan that all of your investments and savings are growing enough each year to offset, as a minimum, an annual inflation rate factor of 8%. Thirdly, plan for your combined savings, pensions, investments, and social security to generate an annual income at least 80% of your preretirement income. Lastly, do everything legally in your power to reduce vour tax obligations. Your objective is retaining control over as large a portion of your earnings

Planning for personal financdial independence is a sober matter. Nevertheless, it should be a psychologically rewarding endeavor. After all, let's face it. The total sum of all these efforts and resources will go to support your favorite charity: the protection and perpetuation of

as possible for as long a time as

San Francisco Fair Woos Gays

The San Francisco Fair and Expositon is looking for Gays. They held an open house at the Other Ways clubhouse last Thursday evening in an effort to "reach out" to the Gay community. They want this year's Fair to "be even more representative of the diversity of culture and lifestyles that make up this fascinating city."

The Fair is put on by the City and County of San Francisco with money (\$85,000) it gets from the state as the "Fifth Agricultural District." Since the main product of this district is people, rather than corn or heifers, the Fair organizers are trying to get everyone in the city to participate.

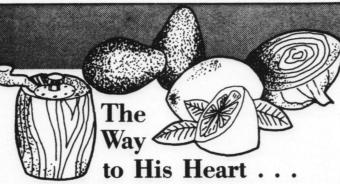
The first Fair was last year and was held on the same weekend as the Gay Pride Parade. Needless to say, it didn't attract a lot of attention from the Gay community. This year the Fair is scheduled for the end of July and the organizers are making a concerted effort, with a little nudge from Gay Fair board director John Cailleau, to get out and drum up some enthusiasn about it in the Gay community.

Last week's open house was a step in that direction. Cailleau. Fair director Patricia Novick, and a group of other Fair staffpersons gave a presentation among the usual wine and niblets. Basically, the city Fair is similar to the rural ones everyone has been to at one time or another, except cleaner. It's at the Moscone Center, instead of outside; there are no animals, and no carnival rides.

To make up for what it loses in country flavor, the Fair people have added urban amenities such as Las Vegas-type entertainment, haute cuisine, and contests and competitions that city people would be attracted to, instead of 4-H'ers.

What you end up with is a "Fair City," which director Novick hopes "will represent all segments of the community.' For more specific information

on the San Francisco Fair, call



n asta for dinner? Garlic bread is great with pasta, and we're going to tell you how to make the best garlic bread you ever tasted. For this recipe all you need is a loaf of French Bread, a stick of butter, a little chopped parsley, two or three cloves of fresh garlic, and Parmesan cheese, which you have anyway if you're serving pasta,

It is also a big help if you have a food processor. If not, fear not; it's just a little more work. Without a food processor let the butter sit out in a bowl until it softens. While it is sitting take the garlic cloves, peel them, and chop them up fine. Then take a fork and mash up the garlic and butter together, adding about half a cup of grated Parmesan and about a tablespoon or so of parsley.

On the other hand — with a food processor — just throw everything in (peel the garlic cloves first) and turn on until everything is mushed up and ready to spread.

Split your loaf of bread in half lengthwise. Take a rubber spatula and spread the butter mixture evenly on both halves. Sprinkle both halves with grated Parmesan cheese and pop into a hot oven — about 450° — until the butter melts and the top just browns a little. This s guaranteed to beat anything made with garlic salt — bar none. Not sufficient pounds lost to indulge in pasta? Try this garlic bread

with steamed artichokes. Easy, good, and tasty. More later.

Peter Hirsch & John Prisco

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A Notice or Two

It might be tit for tat or Trish for Spats . . . since Al donated ten bucks out of his pocket for Oakland's float, it was the least I could do to agree to sponsor him in Frumpy's Walk-A-Thon for Hayward's float. I really splurged for ten cents a mile!

Speaking of said villain, there just might be a semi-regular column about Hayward in this paper. "The Eyes of Hayward" and "The Nose of Oakland!" Who wants to be the mouth and

East Bay pool tournament #8 showed these winners: White Horse 10, Turf 6; Inbetween 9, Big Mama's 7; Revol 12, Driftwood 4; Ollie's 11, Lake Lounge

Failing and Flurry. The Oakland Pom Pons shook up the pom-poms while entertaining at A NIGHT TO

uled to appear, according to

The Gay Pride Celebration

will be in St. James Park in

downtown San Jose starting at

noon on Sunday, June 19, one

week before the San Francisco

Gay Parade. Admission to the

concert and Gay Pride festivities

The committee organizing the

Gay Pride Celebration has

raised approximately 60% of

their proposed budget of \$9,000.

In addition to \$4,500 pledged in

previous weeks, two local Gay

business leaders have pledged

REMEMBER, a benefit of the Parade Committee at the Trocadero. (Photo: Rink)

San Jose Parade Organizes

Two star entertainers, both of

whom have recorded hit singles,

are scheduled to perform at the

Gay Pride Celebration in San

Jose on June 19. Sharon Redd.

well-known for "In The Name

of Love," "Love Insurance," and

"Can You Handle It," has tenta-

tively confirmed her appearance,

according to Jon Snell, owner of

Desperados and coordinator of

Claudja Barry, famous for her

hit singles "Boogie-Woogie

Dancing Shoes," "Sweet Dyna-

mite," "I Will Follow Him," and

"Work Me Over," is also sched-

entertainment for the event.

Game #9 stacks up like this: Big Mama's @ Lake Lounge, Turf @ Driftwood, Inbetween @ Ollie's - 7:30 PM, Monday, June 6. White Horse @ Revol-7:30 PM, Sunday, June 5.

and Mr. & Miss Gay/Foxy Lady Alameda County at Ollie's Radcliff Hall, Saturday, June 4,

eye to eye, we'd all be the same

Don't forget the Closet Ball Sudden thought: If we all saw

Festival will be the appearance on June 10 of Academy Awardwinning filmmaker and cinematographer, Haskell Wexler, and will feature his three outstanding documentaries on nuclear weapons: Enhanced Radiation, War Without Winners II, and the Northern California premiere of The Bus II. Wexler received an Oscar for his cinematography on Bound for Glory, and his credits include In The Heat Of The Night, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, and

The June 3rd evening will feature the Northern California premiere of two unique and award-winning documentaries, Atomic Artist by Glenn Silber, and Bombs Will Make The Rainbow Break by Barbara Zahm and Tom Hurwitz. Also

Women After Dark

Women After Dark," has been opened by Eve at 59 Grand Avenue (at Webster) in Oakland. With hostess Shirley, the club is open each Thursday and Saturday Night at 10 p.m., and offers disco, video games, wide screen TV and other pleasures. Info:

rally. The charge for information only vendors is \$25, \$50 for any group or organization offering food or items for sale. For booth space, please send your reservation to: Gay Pride Celebration, P.O. Box 26255, San Jose, CA

To contribute your time or at (408) 294-2311.

Disarmament Film Festival

The Livermore Action Group, a Bay Area organization working to oppose the nuclear arms race by focusing attention on the nuclear weapons design center in Livermore, California, is sponsoring the Disarmament Film Festival over 5 June evenings in Berkeley. This festival will take place at 7:30 p.m. on June 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th at Berkeley High West Campus Auditorium, 1222 University Ave., and on June 7th at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave.,

One highpoint of the Film One Flew Over The Cuckoo's

support, or for further information, please call Doug Winslow

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on the Festival program are several classic films on nuclear war, Dr. Strangelove, The War Game, and Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang. Setting the stage for the dem-

onstrations at the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Lab on June 20th will be an evening of films on nonviolent direct action, including Gandhi by CBS News. and a beautiful and moving film on Martin Luther King: Montgomery to Memphis.

The Disarmament Film Festival is co-produced by David Brown, producer of the 1982 Nuclear Film Forum in San Francisco. Tickets are available for \$4 at BASS, the Livermore Action Group office, the Old Mole and Women's Place bookstores in the East Bay, and at San Francisco bookstores Limelight, City Lights and Modern Times. For group and/or series discount tickets call 540-7977. ■

Cafe, Kaffee

A new cafe will provide an intimate atmosphere for Gay people to meet at the Diablo Valley Community Center. There will be live entertainment and exotic coffees. Try the cafe on Thursday, June 9, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Balls in Modesto

The Maya, a new club "For Reno during the Reno National Gay Rodeo and \$25 each ex-

kickoff for a grand weekend in Modesto. That night a Farm Dance will be held and the winners of the Cowboy/Cowgirl contest will be announced. Winners of the Cowboy/Cowgirl contest will receive one night lodging in

Friday, June 10, will be the

Saturday, June 11, the Grand Duchess/Grand Duke Ball will be held and the new Grand Duchess and Grand Duke will be announced.

Tickets for each event will be \$3 advance or \$4 at the door. Both events will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4342 Dale Road in Modesto.



Diablo Rap

ity campaign.

The Center, 1818 Colfax Ave. in Concord presents a weekly Friday night rap at 8 p.m. The subject for discussion on June 10 will be "Who Do You Trust?" A Women's Rap will meet on June 20 from 7-9 p.m. to informally discuss the joys and trials of being a Gay mother.

their support. Dale Seawright,

owner of Renegades, and Kevan

Kevan's, have each pledged con-

tributions of \$500 or more.

Daniel, owner of Toyon and

Entertainment expenses are

projected to amount to 85% of

the proposed budget. Other ex-

penses include the cost of park

site acquisition, security, rest-

rooms, and an extensive public-

Contributions are badly need-

ed to cover remaining expenses

of the June 19 festivities. The

event is expected to be the larg-

est Gay event this area has ever

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had, with more than 2,000 peo-

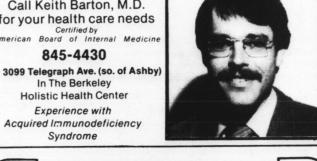
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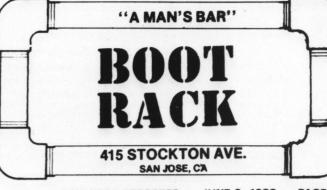
Twice The Guys

The Temescal Gay Men's Chorus is presenting a concert on Saturday, June 4, which includes the participation of the Gay Men's Chorus of Santa Barbara. The joint concert features Brahm's "Alto Rhapsody" with a guest mezzo-soprano, a work by Randall Thompson and "I Sing The Body Electric" from the movie Fame, specially arranged for male choir. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. in Berkeley at 8 PM; \$5 donation.

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ENTERTAINMENTER-T

'B.A.R.'s' Traveling Critic

New York Theatre on \$10-\$45 a Ticket

New York has shows for almost any budget, and movies for the rest. If you want to choose by price, here's a guide to three hits we saw on a recent visit:

LE BOURGEOIS AVANT-GARDE \$12 Top (\$10 Weeknights)

At the low end in terms of price, quality, and Manhattan geography is the Ridiculous Theatrical Company's new show, Le Bourgeois Avant-Garde, subtitled "a comedy after Moliere."

A low budget is not a negative factor to Charles Ludlam's troupe, whose camp sensibility tends to conceive shows economically and have fun with the challenge at their One Sheridan Square home in the Village.

But a low budget alone is no more guarantee of a substantial product than the millions lavished on Cats. I've seen three other plays by the Ridiculous and none was as thin as Bourgeois.

The best thing to be said for the show is that it's cute. The worst is that it sounds like it was written 20 years ago as a topical sketch. Within a format of "Moliere meets the Marx Brothers" it pokes fun at nouveau riche patrons of the arts, the sort who know nothing about art but even less about what they like.

Ludlam plays such a man,

Foufas, a pigeon who's been bagged by some starving artistes who can sell him anything as long as they persuade him it's the most avant possible garde. If this "My garde is avanter than your garde" foolishness didn't go out with the 60's, at least most of us have stopped paying atten-

It's fun in a nostalgic way to listen for a few minutes to the squabbling about whether neomodernism is newer than postmodernism. "Then you're a futurist?" "No, the future was over by 1930."

When boredom is the joke you have to know how far to carry it. A second act dance involving a man, a bird, and a lot of paper is brief and varied enough to be funny. John Heys' endless 'Newspeak" babble ("doy doy duh doy doy" repeated ad nauseam) is not, especially when it's just setting up an old and predictable gag.

Black-Eyed Susan brightens the show as a wealthy Pole, Mrs. Panzaroff. Hearing her murder the language (she clearly enunciates "succumb" as "suck cum") kept me from fretting about missing Makarova in On Your Toes (or Holly Woodlawn

manic dialogue or outrageous

costume will make the show momentarily irresistible, as when Foufas tries on a pair of ultra-tight avant-garde pants and asks, "How do they dance with no ballroom?" An exploding stomach gag has already been topped by Monty Python's The Meaning of Life. Gender is only an incidental

in The Ritz, which I wasn't fret-

Every few minutes some

ting about anyway).

consideration in Ridiculous casting. Everett Quinton, who also did the costumes, plays Mrs. Foufas. Ludlam's character, a would-be womanizer. learns that it's avant-garde for men to embrace and even kiss each other; but he declares early on that he's "not one of those lah-de-da guys."

Ludlam is, of course, and that's part of the fun. It was good to see less than a third of the audience was Gay, so this camp troupe appeals to a mixed crowd in New York. Among the viewers was actor Bill Murray, who could be the "William J Murray" listed as the company's largest contributor.

I guess he knows what's avant-garde when he sees it.

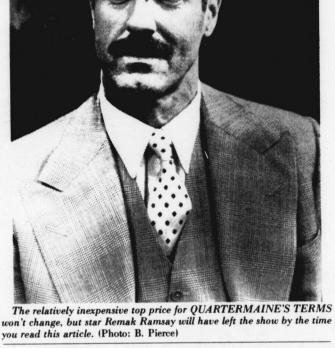
OUARTERMAINE'S TERMS

Getting away from Broadway can be dangerous. You may wind up seeing some esoteric experimental and/or Third World (which to New Yorkers includes San Francisco — True West is finally a hit off-Broadway) contrivance that can't be appreciated by anyone from this planet unless transported by the proper

Getting away from Broadway can also be rewarding. More and settle for a modest return on a moderate investment through a respectble run in a house where the audience can see the stage without opera glasses, instead of playing winner-take-all in a Broadway crapshoot that often begins and ends in a single night.

A current off-Broadway sellout, Quartermaine's Terms by Simon Gray, is putting a lovely new upper east side theatre Playhouse 91, on the map.

Probably the most subtle play Gray has written, OT draws you slowly into the life of an English school where foreigners go to learn the language. It's run by two old - I've hesitated to speculate about the sexual orientation of any of Gray's characters since I learned that "Butley" wasn't Gay, but these men plan to retire to a seaside cottage together so draw your own conclusions. We meet only one of them, Eddie (Roy Poole), who



won't change, but star Remak Ramsay will have left the show by the time

grows visibly older over the play's three-year span.

The other six characters teach at the school and get together to discuss their lives in the staff room. That's where we encounter them, on David Jenkins' functional but unattractive set. half of which looks too fresh and Henry (John Cunningham),

who "specializes in - everything," has a problem daughter; Melanie (Dana Ivey) has a problem mother; Anita (Caroline Lagerfelt) has a problem husband; Mark (I saw understudy George Hosmer in his second performance in the role and he fit beautifully into the ensemspeak - without listening - to each other is one of the rare joys of modern theatre. The dialogue is about 90 percent exposition very little happens within each scene - but Gray's writing is so clever we're seldom aware of it and less often annoyed by it.

Under Kenneth Frankel's direction seven fine performances are keenly meshed into a group you can believe has worked together for years. Each character is woven from subtle comedy and subtle tragedy. You may do most of your laughing and crying inwardly as they reach out to each other without making contact; and you'll understand how the world may

Sexuality on Broadway: incidental to Ridiculous casting, a speculation in Quartermaine, and disregarded along with race and genitalia in Cats.

ble), an aspiring novelist, has a problem wife; Derek (Anthony Heald), the new part-timer whose name no one remembers. has a problem with accidents; and St. John Quartermaine Remak Ramsey, who will have left the show by the time you read this) just has a problem.

Despite the title the show doesn't revolve around Quartermaine. He spends most of his time (possibly including weekends and holidays) sitting in a relatively comfortable chair and spacing out, having no social life except when someone else finds a use for him as "the perfect outsider." I won't speculate on his sexuality either, especially as he loesn't seem to have.

The play is just as much the story of any of the others - Eddie, as he copes with the school's shifting fortunes; Melanie, as her hated mother dies under uspicious circumstances and she finds, then loses, Jesus; Derek, as he struggles for acceptance at the school while an old girlfriend cures him temporariy of his accident proneness; and

Watching these seven people

not end with a whimper, but go on muddling ahead whimperingly through eternity.

> CATS \$45 Top

Cats is the show to see on Broadway this season, but the fact that it's fashionable doesn't mean it's the best.

Oh, they try; but it looks as if they set the price first and then attempted to put enough on the stage to justify it: "Nobody's going to pay 45

cents to listen to a bunch of poems by T.S. Eliot, even if cats are trendy. We'll have to set them to music - let's get Andrew Lloyd Webber. Anybody who can orchestrate a crucifixion . . .

"We want an environmental piece that will draw the audience into it, like Nicholas Nickelby. Let's use the same director (Trevor Nunn) and designer (John Napier) . . . "There had better be one hit

song, and we can't trust that to Eliot. (Trevor Nunn wrote the lyrics to "Memory" from poems by Eliot.) . . . If the costumes

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create the characters we won't need any big stars or great actors, just some kids who can really sing and dance . . .

"We're almost there, but we need a few razzle-dazzle gimmicks to send them out on a total high. How about transforming the stage into a day-glo pirate ship for the campy "Growltiger" number and flooding the floor with fog for a climax where a giant tire that looks like the ship from Close Encounters carries Grizabella to the 'Heaviside Layer' (cat heaven)? . . .

"And to knock them completely on their ass, we'll let the audience come on stage at intermission. Does Equity say we have to give the actors a break? I'd like to leave Old Deuteronomy (Ken Page) out there to hold court and sign autographs . . .

"Now, have I forgotten any-

Yes, the T.S. Eliot poems you started with. They're in there somewhere, but not as a focal point. If there is a focal point it's that \$45 ticket price.

If song, dance, and spectacle are enough for you - and the advance sale indicates that someone must be recommending it - Cats offers them in

the Winter Garden's interior, is composed of blown-up human - not kitty - litter. It looks like the floor of a movie theatre at the midnight show and feels like the haunted house in a theme park. The costumes - mostly glori-

ing most racial and some sexual characteristics (Jellicles have no genitals). The lights look like everything from a Christmas tree

to a disco to hundreds of pairs of cat eyes blinking in the dark. Terence V. Mann plays Rum Tum Tugger, the leather cat. His gyrations put the female cats in heat while the toms' reactions range from furious to curious.

Mann is one of the few performers to give his part some personality. Another is Bonnie Simmons as Growltiger's love in-The cattivating set, which terest. Ex-San Franciscan street covers every available surface of singer Stephen Hanan is excellent visually, but a stronger voice would make his characters, Bustopher Jones and Asparagus, more outstanding.

Four (out of 22) performers were absent at the show l caught, indicating both a lack of discipline and the unimportance of the individual to a show like this. One who was missed was Betty Buckley. "Memory" was no show-stopper as sung by her understudy, Diane Fratantoni.

A few characters recur but none develop as the show zips from one vignette to another. If you're looking for mindless entertainment, you can turn off your brain and just be dazzled by flash and motion that gives new meaning to Gilbert and Sullivan's phrase "with cat-like

I'd love to see what six or eight good cabaret performers could have done with the same material in a no-frills production of Cats, but that's been ruled out

Cats is overblown, overrated, overproduced, and overpriced; but you don't dare come back from New York without having

S. Warren

JUNE 3

Celebration of Gay Voices During Valencia Rose Showcase Month

Terrence V. Mann and company felines keep the fur flying in CATS. (Photo:

On Fridays in June, The Valencia Rose presents a series of concerts entitled "Gay Voices" in celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride Month.

On Friday, June 3, singersongwriter Blackberri performs at 10:30 PM. Blackberri is a Black, politically progressive performer, with a unique blend of jazz, blues, and rock. Letteta Theresa, a flutist, singer, composer, and songwriter opens the show. Tickets: \$4 at the door.

On Friday, June 10, Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips perform in concert at 10:30 PM. Tickets: \$4 at the door.

On Friday, June 17, The Valencia Rose presents A Night

Of Political Comedy with comics Christopher Hershey and Ruby "Rodriguez" Rubenstein. Hershey has gained recognition for his scathing political comedy and satire. Rubenstein is a political satirist. This comedy concert begins at 10:30 PM and Tickets are \$4 at the door.

On Friday, June 24, Gay singer-songwriter Charlie Murphy from Seattle performs two concerts at 8 PM and 10:30 PM. He will be accompanied by cellist Jami Sieber. Murphy' unique and strong presence as a performer results from a balance of artistic skill and political intelligence. Tickets: \$5; Reserva-

Ecstasy and Broughton

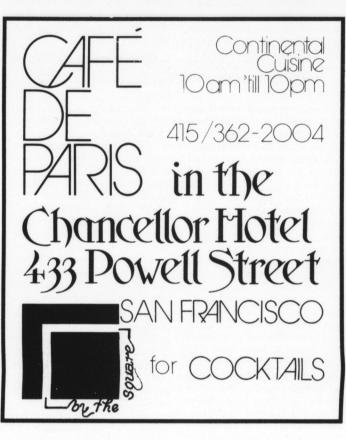
James Broughton, Bay Area poet, playwright, and film-maker, will be the speaker at the final meeting of the Gay Academic Union for the current academic year. On the same occasion, the GAU will present its \$300 Student Academic Award for Excellence on a Gay/Lesbian Theme, Image, or Project.

At his June 12 appearance Broughton will talk on "The Care and Feeding of Ecstasy' and will read from his books, A Long Undressing, Graffiti for the Johns of Heaven, and his forthcoming Ecstasies.

GAU meets monthly at 4 PM during the academic year at 1668 Bush Street. Visitors and guests are welcome and are asked for a \$1 donation to help finance the Academic Excellence Award and operating expenses.







JUNE 4

JUNE 6



"You wanna buy a canard?" Charles Ludlam makes an unusual appearance

out of drag in his LE BOURGEOIS AVANT-GARDE and seems to have

TALES OF TESSI TURA Coming Home with a Ho-Jo-To-Ho!

GEORGE HEYMONT

an Franciscans are in for a surprise this month when Jeannine Altmeyer begins to whoop up a storm as Brunnehilde. The Oklahoma-born soprano has been living abroad for many years and (until the recently televised production of the Chereau Ring) has been almost unknown in America. Other than a Sieglinde in 1980 her career has been made mostly on foreign

regarded as a dark horse in an exceedingly tight race. Possessing one of the few heroic soprano voices active in the profession, she is younger than most of her colleagues who have been singing such roles as Elsa, Isolde, Sieglinde, and Brunnehilde. A visit with Jeannine sounds less like any of those ladies and perhaps more like a chat with an aging cheerleader. Her comments are punctuated with "Wow! Gosh! Yeah! Ya think so?" as she describes her own growth and where she now stands in the trade.

"I won a contract when I was 21, dropped out of school, and went to the Met that fall. When Mr. Goentele died the management team that came in didn't know me and I had a hard time with the transition. I knew by the time I left that the Met was a dead end. There are so few singers who sing my roles that there are more than enough engagements for me (which isn't true for lyric sopranos, Mozart singers, lyric mezzos, etc.)," explains Altmeyer. "But in this fach — the dramatic spinto there's just no one who sings these roles. Look at the other Sieglindes. Why on earth would I put myself in competition with Leonie Rysanek? She's a phenomenal singer and I admire her tremendously. But she's much older than I am. We're completely different. If someone were looking for a Sieglinde they wouldn't try to decide between Rysanek and myself. The same with Gwyneth Jones or Hildegarde Behrens. And that's it!"

"It's really too easy for some people to be called great singers

To some, Altmeyer may be in this fach. The Karajan movie I did was a tape that we made almost ten vears ago. My voice is much bigger today. Impresarios are really looking for new voices now - especially heldentenors. Anyone who can sing a note gets labeled as a new Melchior. Just look at who's singing Lohengrin: I know two tenors who began fantastic careers while turning out mediocre performances because they

weren't ready."

Birgit Nilsson once joked that Isolde wasn't a hard role to sing as long as a soprano had a good pair of shoes. All teasing aside, the Wagnerian soprano roles demand tremendous stamina. "Look, even if you sing Gutrune in Gotterdammerung you come into the theatre at 5 o'clock and leave at 11. Can you imagine what it's like to sing Brunnehilde?" asks Jeannine. "I'm a very strong person and don't have vocal fatigue. Physical fatigue, yes. Singing Elsa and parts like that which are long have made my voice very strong, so that I don't get fatigued in normal Italian parts. You learn how to pace yourself."

One of the curious advantages Jeannine has is that her voice speaks for itself. "I've seen singers get so worried about their public image that they don't worry about their public performances anymore," she gasps. "Singers in Europe don't go on TV doing interviews because it's not necessary. In America you see singers billed as 'the world's most versatile soprano' - which an artist would never do overseas. No one there would hire people to do publicity. Maybe these singers

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Viva Brazil

you watch TV and see what peojust need it for their egos." ple are being fed, what the government is doing to their The mass media (and its effect on the arts) has become a minds — it's poison. People hot subject in recent years. But don't realize it, but when you for an artist who has been livcome back vou see it." ing abroad, the American media

is a source of more ominous

problems, as Altmeyer outlined

in detail. "The newspapers

abroad are much more inter-

ested in events which are closer

to Europe than America. I think

Americans should be more

aware of what their image is in

the world. They're terribly iso-

lated to a point of being really

chauvinistic. It's getting dan-

Perhaps the utter passivity of the American population annoys Jeannine the most. "Americans are always so content to take their turn!" she sighs. "There are so many rules in this country. If you go into a restaurant and you're a party of two people you can't sit at a table that has seating for three. You have to wait in line even when



Jeannine Altmeyer returns to her home country as a sought-after Wagnerian soprano. There just aren't many of those around.

gerous for this country. Some Italians are very anti-American because of the way the tourists act (they're rude and expect everyone to speak English). When people talk to me they see that Americans are not always the stereotyped image."

"I live in Switzerland and there's a definite cultural shock when you come back to the States. I find the American mentality has gotten too regimented — I think we've become too controlled by the government. Americans produce themselves to be little gnomes: they don't speak out anymore. When

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there are ten empty tables. I can't get used to following so many rules again. I wonder if I ever did or if it's just getting

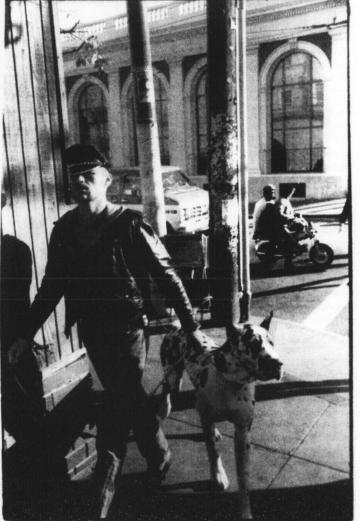
That kind of structured thinking even overflows into her work environment -- often with surprising results. "People think of German society as being regimented, but it's nothing like America. With the smaller opera companies in America they try to be very professional but in truth they're very regimented. The attitude is so business-like: your interview is here, your rehearsal is there, you can't have people in your dressing room, you can't give an interview unless it's okayed . . . In Europe you're so much freer you never hear about these things!"

Much of the problem in the United States, however, stems from a lack of sufficient funding for rehearsal time. Instant opera still exists in some American cities (compared to Germany where there is infinitely more government support for the arts than under the Reagan administration). "A lot of times in Europe when you rehearse a production for four weeks there are days when you have time off or when you don't get so much done because you're not inspired," explains Altmeyer. "I really like long rehearsal periods when you work on detail. That's when you can concentrate on every finger, on your face and on your inner feelings - which are so much more important than blocking your movement on-

In addition to her filmed performance in the Chereau Ring, Americans will soon be able to see Jeannine Altmeyer as Chrysothemis opposite Leonie Rysanek's Elektra (which was taped in a studio with Karl Boehm conducting and then shot outdoors in Greece). "I sang my first Chrysothemis opposite Ingrid Bjoner's Elektra,' recalls the soprano. "Doing those performances with her helped me enormously with my vocal technique. She's the kind of artist who helps pull me up to another level. I think she's one of the greatest singers. Bioner has a wonderful vocal technique. She has perfectly effortless high tones and can sing them pianissimo. She can do things with her voice that Nilsson could never do. She's really come to her peak at about 51 — when she's an old lady.'

While her voice specialty guarantees Jeannine employment until she retires, Altmever is faced with a strange, yet delicate irony. One of the roles she covets will always remain out of her reach. "I would love to sing Traviata," she confesses with a wistful sigh. "It's one of the most beautiful roles. But it's completely outside my fach."

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Dog Dominance. A stern look in both Master and pet.



GayWHOGayWHATGayWHEREGayWHENGayWHY

Gay Theatre in Oakland

A fresh angle of vision will be brought to Gay theatre when Deborah Rogin's one-act play Angle of Vision is performed on a double-bill with Ruth Friedlander's Xantippe. The plays open at 8 PM on Friday, June 3, at Ollie's Radcliff Hall (4130 Telegraph in Oakland) and run until Sunday 20.

Rogin's play shows the conflict experienced by a man who watches a Gay youth murdered by fag-bashers. The man does not act to help the boy, and his subsequent turmoil provides the framework for Rogin to explore the "shame and humiliation" she so often sees in her Gay friends' experiences.



Playwright Deborah Rogin

"The sense of being a foreigner in one's own society brings psychological numbing," she said. "The denial of fear is further deadening." Rogin feels that straight society so traumatizes our feelings towards eros that we cannot act, sometimes allowing ourselves to be victims, at other times causing inability to act against oppression and

violence. Her play presents these conflicts in the love story of her two main characters and the protagonist's inability to take

"I'm trying to look at the process of numbing. People deal with violence by ignoring it, by not paying attention," Rogin said. "We don't have the energy to take charge of a world that's disintegrating, which increases our numbness. Gays can deal openly with these problems, organize and act against shame and numbing.

Rogin has taught drama to both children and adults, and has had ten productions of her work in three years. She feels Angle of Vision is important to San Francisco Gays and would like to bring the production across the Bay.

"The openness and love of the lead characters are a good antidote to the problems of our lives," she said, "and the depiction of Gays the truest I've seen on stage."

Reservations: 527-9146.

Playing For Legality

Robin Sutherland, San Francisco pianist, will give a benefit recital for Gay Games II at 5 p.m., June 5 at Albion Hall, 141 Albion St., San Francisco. Tickets for the Sutherland benefit are \$60 and are available at the Gay Games office at 890 Haves St., San Francisco, 94117. or by phone at 861-8282. This will be the first of a series of concerts to help support the legal fund for Gay Games II. The games will be held in San Francisco during the summer of

Dr. Tom Waddell, founder and President of the Gay Games said that Games II has reached its first critical threshold: the granting of a tax deductible status by the Internal Revenue Service. "Their first reading was not favorable", Waddell said, "we must turn this decision around. Our legal efforts are just getting underway"

Sutherland will perform works by J.S. Bach, Maurice Ravel, William Bolcom and Rachmaninoff.



Pianist Robin Sutherland

B.A.R. INTERVIEW

No Bitching for Brown

A New Author and His Mellow Satire

by Scott Treimel

people of every age enjoy a good laugh. It is with this in mind that the humorist sets about his work. If he amuses he wins fame, fortune, and is desired in the sack. If he does not he is just like everyone else and waiters hold him in contempt.

On May 5 The Official Gay Handbook was published and its author Hudson Brown is now on the verge of one or the other scenario. The book, Brown's first, is fashioned after the Preppie Handbook and follows its protagonist Bruce from birth through his 25th year by recording the shifts in his rarefied sensibilities.

Hudson Brown was in town last week on a promotional tour and we met. He is the kind of man who gives life to the concept Teddy Bear. He is 42 years old, 5'9", wears Oxford saddle shoes, and has eyes that are just as pretty as he claims. Upon meeting me he tried to be funny. Then he plied me with liquor and talked his head off. Here is my report.

Hudson Brown was born to middle-class Baptist parents in Memphis, and the hellfire of damnation was a conversational favorite. Almost at once young Hudson displayed his scorn for all things fundamental and converted to the Church of MGM, where his zeal proved truly evangelical — often he could be found dressing his little brother in bedspreads and commanding him to twirl in reverence of Esther Williams. The dictates of decorum Brown learned from his sister, whose instruction he applied to the letter. In 1951 she chanced to remark, "Look at them, what a nice couple - he's so tall," and Brown has obediently desired basketball players ever since.

murely pedaling to his piano

finally concluded queer was the

thing he must be. Although he

did not know what it meant, he

sensed he was a sissy and figured

queers were sissies who had

n 1958, the concept of homo-

sexuality apparently had

little currency at Memphis

grown up.

Kitsch fellow Hudson Brown (Photo: Rink) It was also in 1951, while State University, at least not in eleven-year-old Brown was de-

the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity, where none of Brown's brothers lesson, that he spied grafitti pro-nouncing "So-and-So Is Queer." He considered it at length and suspected their vice-president wanted to do it with boys. Certainly Brown supplied evidence galore. He was a cheerleader and a pushover for talent night, for which he wrote spoofs, staged stagey skits, and made the costumes. Later Brown cut out of Memphis State, for he showed little promise for the pre-med and accounting courses he for some reason took. Later, at

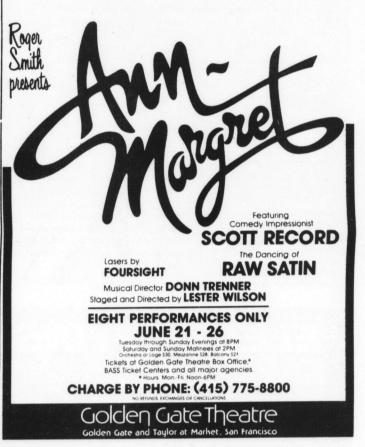
Memphis Academy for the Arts, Brown met the fine-boned, longhaired beauty who was his first

Just as Brown believes he was a big man on campus, he now believes he is a big man in Chicago where he lives with a fellow who bartends at the Gold Coast, a leather-is-my-life type who Brown says has "mellowed" him. Brown's claim to recognition seems to refer to his exploits as a window dresser, a chic store owner, and his conviction that he is eminently quotable. If he is indeed a big man in town the stake rests on the Nancy Reagan White House Paper Plates he designed two years back. He was right on the money there, and Us and People paid him tribute for

The Official Gay Handbook is kitsch on the order of the paper plates, so it is easier to read Brown as a trend clincher than as a writer. Aside from his diary, he had written hardly at all before he spent five sporadic months tapping on his word proferings. He hopes Gay men will identify with the little habits and preoccupations the book records in a "gently" humorous fashion. Gentle is the way Hudson Brown likes to be funny. Not for Hudson Brown the punch of Joan Rivers or the "bitchy" and 'ugly" business he thinks most Gay humor is. Although he assured me he can "level a guy at the knees," to do that is mean and he is not. He wants his humor to be "positive and up," which is a peculiar sentiment for a satirist. Satire is activated by criticism. Look, for example, at Fran Lebowitz, whom Brown

Brown shies away from criticism perhaps because he discovered it was the culprit behind his problems when he underwent psychotherapy at 39. His year-long self-examination session left Brown to dot his speech with self-help idioms. (Continued on page 26)

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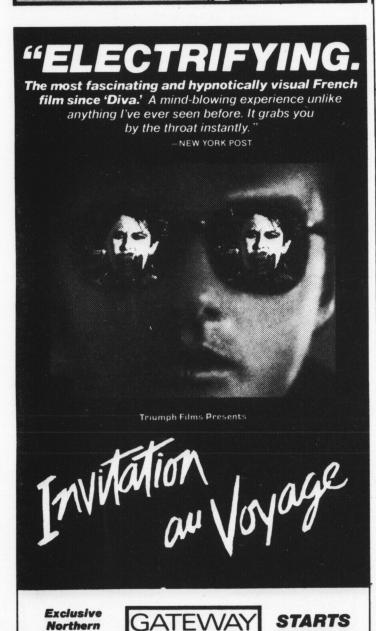
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Return of the Jedi

Ewoks by Night

As you might have suspected, Princess Leia does not die at the end of Return of the Jedi and leave Luke Skywalker and Han Solo free to romp through the universe enjoying laser sex together. Nor do R2-D2 and C-3PO admit — as we've known since Star Wars - that they're lovers, and reveal how droids do

Actually, nothing about Jedi is much more surprising than those details, save the disclosure that Luke has a twin sister (guess who - when there's only been one female character in the series); and that comes early on.

To compensate for the script's predictability, director Richard Marquand moves the action along with the pace if not the coherence of Raiders of the Lost Ark. There are fewer dead spots than in either of the first two parts of this trilogy. The first half-hour is spent

resolving the situation from the end of The Empire Strikes Back. Han Solo (Harrison Ford) has been captured by Jabba the Hutt - a lizard-limbed Orson Welles — and frozen in carbon. Within 24 hours — or whatever constitutes a day on Tattooine all of our heroes penetrate Jabba's impenetrable fortress and rescue Solo. Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher), in an iron bikini, has never looked so feminine nor acted so masculine.

Meanwhile, back at the Galactic Empire, they're rebuilding their space station to make the Death Star "the ultimate weapon." All that stands in their way is the rebel force led by Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), 'the last of the Jedi.'

Luke's goodness is pitted against the evil of his father, Darth Vader, who has succumbed to the "dark side" of The Force. Dark = evil is a racist concept, but that's countered by having Lando Calris-

Invitation

au Voyage

'Querelle' Co-Star

Takes the Lead

Invitation au Voyage begins

with a succession of new wave

images, as if it's going to be a

Diva ripoff with rock music in-

stead of opera. A few minutes

later, by the time Lucien and his

twin sister Nina kiss passionate-

ly in what looks like the steam

room of the Club Baths, the film

has developed a personality of its

But that's a flashback. Lucien

has put Nina's body in a bass

who may have just killed his

wife; and an old man with strong

opinions about pop music - he

likes Nina Hagen, David Bowie,

and Lou Reed, but "Julio Ig-

"If I die what will you

do?"Nina once asked Lucien.

"I'll make you live again," he

lips of a man she once loved.

Thus Lucien marks time un-

til the inevitable final trans-

lesias makes me puke."

High Sail-ers, New in Town. Carrie Fisher and Mark Hamill ride a deser

REVIEWS BY MICHAEL LASKY & STEVE WARREN

barge into battle in RETURN OF THE JEDI, the long-awaited and worththe-wait conclusion of the "Star Wars" trilogy. Don't worry, a "pre-quel" trilogy

sian (Billy Dee Williams) as the dark side of the good side.

The plot, Freudian father-son conflict and all, is just an excuse for a string of adventures which already look like the video game they will soon become, and which find the protagonists facing certain death at least every 30 minutes. The best of these episodes is a high speed forest chase on the equivalent of air-

The special effects, while not always as perfect as I remember them being in Empire, are still astonishing. The Rebels' war room is equipped with what looks like holographic computer animation, and most of the action is so lifelike we can accept it without question.

(Coronet) S. Warren

Then there are the creatures,

a mixed bag in more ways than

one. Our old favorites have never

been in better form - except

poor Yoda, whose cameo is bad-

v synched and largely unintelli-

gible. New to this film are the

marvelous, blob-like Jabba and

his Felliniesque court, some of

whom suffer from too much

Muppet influence; and the 66

Ewoks, a forestful of stuffed

Nitpicking aside — and my

mother always told me not to

pick my nits - Return of the

Jedi is a powerfully pleasing

package that reminds us what

the joy of moviegoing is all

animals come to life.

Made in France by Italy's Peter Del Monte, Invitation au Voyage suffers from a natural comparison to Diva. This is unfortunate because it can stand on its own as a bizarrely compelling black comedy.

* * * Laurent Malet is making his

The handsome young (27) Frenchman who plays Lucien in Invitation au Voyage has been acting for ten years but is just be-U.S. as two of his films, Voyage and Querelle, go into wider release here than any of his previous efforts.

fiddle case and strapped it to the He got to visit San Francisco top of his car and started drivwhen both pictures played at the ing. Others on the highway in-26th annual S.F. International clude a hitchhiding klepto-Film Festival, and stayed on an maniac who has left her husextra week "for fun." band; a man who sells artificial Although he answers politely, flowers; two horny Norwegian truckers who haul logs; a Turk

one senses that Malet is tired of hearing Invitation au Voyage compared to Diva. He admits their visual styles are similar but contends, "Diva is about the stylization of the style. Invitation is about something else . . . It's a road movie."

It was his idea to make the film, Malet says. He read the book about five years ago and responded. That's what his started working on it with his 'Voyage" is about, as he plays her tapes, hangs up her posters, and even plants a big kiss on the

The actor has a real life twin — a brother, Pierre Malet, also an actor, who may be seen in The Night of the Shooting

Laurent says no thought was ever given to his playing both siblings: "The film is about an-

drogyny as a philosophical idea. This is not Tootsie." The message conveyed by the ending, as he sees it, is that "Love is even stronger than death.' By what he calls "pure coinci-

dence" Malet plays another young man with a sister in Querelle, R.W. Fassbinder's controversial final film about the sexual odyssey and spiritual descent of Jean Genet's sailor in the rench port of Brest.

Malet plays Roger, who is always promising to fix Gil the hard hat up with his sister Paulette, although Gil looks as if he would settle for Roger.

> The Frenchman says he (Continued on page 26)



Laurent Malet discusses his film with writer Steve Warren. (Photo:

STAGE

When 'Luv' Goes Impotent

by Dan Turner

urray Schisgal wrote Luv in the Sixties and co-wrote Tootsie in the Eighties. Twenty years separate these two successful comedies. Why does Luv only bring a few chuckles

The revival of the 1964 comedy at the 1177 Theatre Club on California Street has an able cast. Richard Lauren has appeared in films, TV, and on stage throughout the United States. Rodney Sheriff currently appears with The Comedy Underground at the Punch Line in San Francisco. Denise Schultz was a member of The Comedy Store Players in Los Angeles.

The staging is simple, the performances concise, the applause polite, but the bubbles are gone. I did not feel like staying for champagne.

Though both Luv and Tootsie take comedic excursions into the absurd, they have different themes. In Luv the character Harry wonders if he can love. In Tootsie the character Michael wonders if he can get a job.

Though there are some funny bits in Luv - such as the extent to which people will go to prove they are in love - in the end they remain just bits. I was not convinced. I was more concerned that Harry was out of work than that he was impotent.

Blame it on the times. Job hunting is more important to us than love hunting. În the Sixties we could get nervous about love.

Comedy plays with people's nerves, fears, hopes, whatever -

We could afford to. In the Eighties we get nervous about

jobs. We can't afford it. Murry Schisgal is a smart playwright. He knows that when people are nervous about something, comedy is not far behind.

but it reaches fastest and furthest when it coincides with the angst of the age.

Someone mentioned that with better actors maybe the play would - but, no, I believe the actors are good, and even if Dustin Hoffman would take over one of the roles (even the part of the woman), we'd still find the play itself trapped in its own comic time zone. Comedy goes flat when the bottle has been open too long.

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Not old enough to be a period piece, the sexual and lovelorn antics of LUVseem slightly out of date. Richard Lauren (front), with Denise Schultz and Rodney Sheriff appear in the comedy.

Blooming One Acts

by Bernard Spunberg

ompression. Economy. Brev ity. All three characteristics mark Encounters, an exhilarating evening of plays being presented by the One Act Theater Company

What an attractively compact form the one act play is! Concentration is kept in focus with an unrelenting hard edge. There's no waiting for the interesting part — the whole thing is riveting.

Riveting, that is, if the play is 27-year-old Craig Pettigrew's Mandate, based on the actual murder of liberal politico Allard Lowenstein by a former student. Sociologically, Mandate is the expulsion of a jagged shard of shrapnel lodged by a shotgun blast of madness and disillusion; dramatically, it is a spring wound tightly. Director Simon Gray has littered the action with sexual references which reveal character and heighten tension, and Gerald Winer's portrayal of Lowenstein is seamlessly natu-

Scott Smith is the murderous former student who can't stop reliving the terror of a white boy working for civil rights in Mississippi in 1964. His torment is multifaceted, linked to his selfhatred for the failure of his marriage as well as his paranoid conviction that his former mentor has been systematically harass-

Smith's metamorphosis from clean cut hunk to monster warms the heart even while chilling the blood. We want to reach

Melvin Thompson (l.), Anita Merzel, and Ellery Edwards in THE LONG GOODBYE, one-third of the One-Act Theatre bill ENCOUNTERS.

out and cradle him tenderly. Finally, we realize that his sou is lost, and can only weep.

Holly Kern's Taps at 8:23, directed by Tom McDermott, is much more lighthearted, even though it deals with a funeral. Carol McElheney is an adorable Gram, the hilariously hep grandmother everyone should have. Maureen Coyne is Gram's daughter, Ruby, the formerly patchuli-drenched radical hippie who is now the kind of teacher she would have walked out on. Stacy Jack is Joni, abandoned to her grandmother's care at an early age and now heavily into

There's a thin line between heartwarming and cornball, and these characters, though lovable, are stereotypes who fall into the latter category. This production, however, is blessed with deft pacing and a vivid and responsive ensemble which neatly sidesteps sentimentality while evoking the discomfort of a reunion of ridiculously disparate family mem-

Tenessee Williams' The Long Goodbye, directed by Ric Prindle, is but a chip off the master's workbench. All those familiar Williams trademarks are here; the claustrophobic at of decay and regret, the pervasive sexuality, the mom whose chokehold on her son is not loosened even by her death.

All are authoritatively established and sustained, and the ensemble, strongly led by Ellery Edwards as the tormented son, make beautiful chamber music. Somehow, though, The Long Goodbye does not have much impact, probably because it follows Mandate, which burns with a white heat that makes anything that follows seem anticlimactic.

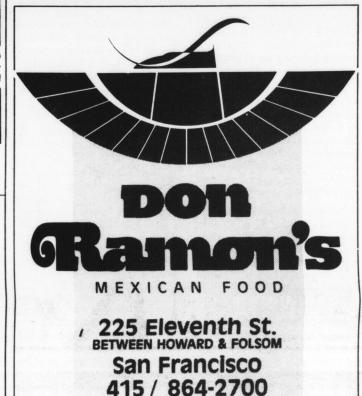
Peggy McDonald's three settings climax with a gloriously rotted Long Goodbye. You can almost smell the mildew. As a matter of fact, the entire One Act Theater Company emits an odor throughout the evening, but it isn't mildew. It's more like a rose.

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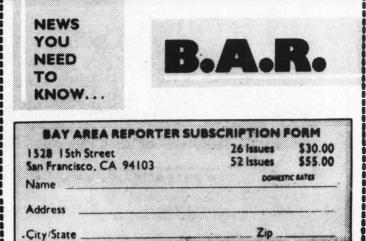


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Babylon Goes to Olympus

wonderful as the star-crossed

lovers. If it ultimately does not

prove as satisfying as Syber-

berg's more cerebral Parsifal it

is simply because the opera itself

is cut from far simpler cloth. In

fter years of ignorance and neglect, two of the world's liveliest art forms, Cinema and Opera, have finally discovered one another. Judging from some recent results, the affair will be passionate.

exception of Ingmar Bergman's enchanting Magic Flute, movies have been more interested in operatics (Yes, Giorgio; Luna; Diva) than operas.

Ironically, it's TV that has sparked renewed public interest n opera with hits like Franco Zeffirelli's La Boheme and Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's stunning version of another Puccini classic. Madama Butterfly. It was, perhaps, inevitable that film directors would follow suit. But while Hollywood remains wary, Europe has brought us two maior releases back to back: Franco Zeffirelli's feverishly romantic version of Verdi's La Traviata and Hans-Jurgen Syberberg's towering filmization of Wagner's final masterwork, Parsifal..

Discussing the relative merits of each is pointless for the respective composers, directors, and operas themselves are all about as similar as apples and oranges. Both films succeed on their own terms and most importantly, the music has been

Traviata has never been more limpidly lyrical. It is all rosy gold and midnight blue. Aside from the lavish production values, Teresa Stratas and Placido Domingo look and sound

MALET

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"knew Genet's work very well' before he was asked by Fassbinder to play Roger, whom he calls "the only innocent one . . . in the book." Malet finds Ouerelle as incestuous in theme as Invitation au Voyage because when the title character gets tougher with Gil it's "a translation of his love relationship with his brother.'

While he says there's "no way" anyone on the set could have guessed Fassbinder would die so soon after completing Querelle, Malet amends that with, "We all had the impression he might die, but not so soon.' He says the prolific Gay German spite of the gorgeous party sequences, La Traviata is basically a chamber work and film has an uncanny knack for magnifying flaws. Seeing two lovers yodel their essentially unfounded passion to one another on stage is easier to believe in than in cinematic close-up, where it borders on face chewing. Nevertheless, it's outgrossing E.T. in Paris and who can resist those glori-Far more radical, in concept

and execution, is Syberberg's probing interpretation of Wagner. Parsifal is a long and difficult opera filled with murky symbolism and undeniably sublime music. Syberberg delves deep into the complexities with shattering intensity and what results is a brilliant enactment of the score and a fascinating analysis of the composer.

Parsifal the film becomes a gloriously sung, superbly acted, and visually mind-boggling experience that also provides historical, political, and psychological insights.

There's enough happening on screen to provide material for several films and with a playing time of five hours, it is several films. Syberberg is almost always in control, displaying a mastery of cinematography. music, theological ideology, and hypnotizing theatrics.

filmmaker worked 15 hours a

day and burned the candle at

Asked if any of the actors were

worried about the impact

Querelle would have on their

careers Malet blurts, "Not me!

but adds, "Some of the people

were scared (about working in a

Gay film)." Franco Nero, for in-

stance, "has this macho image

clined to participate in the film,

writing producer Dieter Schidor

that he "had nearly forgotten

Querelle de Brest. That may

have just been his way to be out

The actor thinks Fassbinder's

film is "very faithful to Genet's

world." He likens the two men in

that "Genet is an outsider too.

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of the game.'

Malet says that Genet de-

limited run at the Castro in June.

He doesn't belong to any party (or group)."

tic" because of his heresy.

to play foreigners."

(Gateway)

Utilizing a setting that rivals anything in Fellini (an enormous death mask of Wagner), this remarkable director guides his characters, most notably Edith Clever (a medieval Glenda Jackson look-alike) in an unforgettable portraval of the cursed Kundry, through a maze of symbols that serve to enlighten rather than confuse. No small task, when one considers that all of the performers, save two, are lip-synching their roles.

The laser voice of Yvonne Minton burning its way out of Edith Clever's tortured face is worth the price of admission alone, but this entire, albeit exhausting, experience deserves the necessary investment of time, concentration and ticket

I treated the event as though were enjoying it in the Festival House at Bayreuth. The Castro Theatre always feels especially comfortable and my partner and I spent Intermissions gorging on picnic food and making vain attempts at visiting the restroom.

When the performance ended there were a lot of bleary eyes, heated conversations, more than a few boos, and also a great deal of applause. Maybe not as dramatic as some operatic premieres in the past but certainly a fitting response to a movie that held a packed house silently mesmerized, heedless of the calls of nature for five incredible

Parsifal and La Traviata may both be guilty of a certain excess, but it is not of the wretched variety. Opera will always be bigger than life and now that the movies have displayed it so thrillingly, the big screen will never be the same.

La Traviata is now at the Vogue Theatre and Parsifal will play a

Querelle aroused a furor in Europe, Malet says. In France, "It was quite discussed in the Gay community . . . Genet is a god. You shouldn't touch a Genet novel." He says they considered Fassbinder "opportunis-

The next project for Malet is a film about the Algerian war, another hot topic in France. It will be shot in Yugoslavia in September. Asked if he's considering working in the U.S. he exadds that there isn't much opportunity for a European star in Hollywood: "They only want us

S. Warren



"It's a lot of hard work being a Queen; and there are factions out there who don't like what I represent. Well, tough noogies," says Ethyl Eichelberger in "Nefert-iti," one of the monologues he'll present in his one-man show, The History of Western Culture as Seen Through the Eyes of Its Most Famous Heroines, opening at 544 Natoma Performance Gallery on Thursday, June 2, at 9 PM. "I have a right to be here; I've paid my dues. There have been Queens on this earth since before the building of the ancient pyramids, and I'm not the last Queen you'll see around here either." Eichelberger's show transcends drag or impersonation — he won an Obie (the off-Broadway Oscar equivalent) for his show, and his appearances here, through June 18, are a rare chance for San Franciscans to view an artist respected in New York without having to cross the country to do so! Info: 621-2683.

BROWN

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"Where my head is at" and "my energy" are two of his favorite phrases. He also punctuates his every declaration with a disclaimer. For example, when he says "I don't think that kind of behavior is very mature," he then adds, "but I think it's marvelous for the people for whom it

Whether or not Brown's own

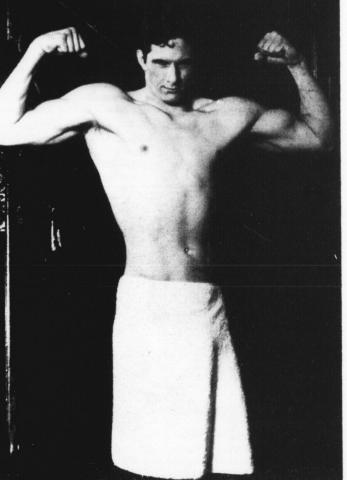
brand of humor will work and make him a national celebrity remains to be seen. In the mean time, he is behaving as if it were a certainty. He is now working on a cookbook, though he admits he is an awful cook, called Not Just Another Pretty Brunch. Sounds kitsch, doesn't it? Ultimately I think that is what Brown is about. He is a kitsch fellow trying to exploit his disposition for what he can.

S. Treimel

Gay History In City Hall

A Lesbian/Gay History Exhibit will be housed in City Hall June 20-26 as part of Gay Freedom Week. Exhibit creators Glenne McElhinney (861-5404)

and Sr. Salvation Armee (431-8776) request those with memorabilia that could be included in the exhibit to call



It may not be the ritziest theatre-going apparel, but The Ritz cast member Greg Bedford promises if you wear a towel to the show you'll get in free! The Ritz is at the Victoria Theatre, 863-7576.

SPORTS SECTION

Tournament Season Begins

by Jesse McMaster

The first women's B slo pitch regional qualifier softball tournament took place May 14 and 15 in San Jose. Four teams from the S.F. Park and Rec. Women's A League travelled South to participate and battle each other and four southern teams for the one regional qualifying spot.

During the winter two longtime women's A teams had folded, scattering their top players among the remaining women's teams. The result has been a strong, evenly-balanced league with an exceptionally highcaliber of athletic skill and competition. This became evident after the first day of tournament play. Being a double elimination tournament there remained four teams after the last game on Saturday, and all four teams were from S.F. Scamps and Olsen Electric had one loss apiece, and the Artemis Cafe and S.F. Merchants remained

Olsen Electric's defeat had come off the bats of Artemis as Artemis avenged a league loss by shutting out Olsen 9-0. The Scamps, who had lost to the Merchants in league play, fell once again, in a close game, by the score of 4 to 2.

Sunday morning's first game was between the two teams with one loss each, Scamps and Olsen Electric, Scamps bats cracked from the first inning and never stopped. In accordance with the ten run rule the game was called after five innings and Olsen Electric retired to the sidelines to cheer, scout, and party for the rest of the day.

Next the two undefeated teams played. In league play that same week Artemis had taken a 3-2 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning only to see the Merchants score two runs and win the game. Artemis wanted this game badly. More than half of the Artemis players this year were new to the team. In league play Artemis had lost three games and won only one. The scores were close, but a loss is a loss. On Saturday the team seemed to be working together as a finely-tuned unit and the confidence level of the players was obvious. Artemis was on a roll and the roll continued Sunday as they beat the Merchants 4-1 to advance to the championship game, to play the winner of Scamps and Merchants.

The Scamps took an early inning lead and still led as the Merchants opened the top of the seventh inning. True to their budding reputation as the league's premier come-frombehind team, the Merchants scored once again in their half of the inning to take a 5-4 lead held the Scamps in the bottom of the seventh, and advanced to the finals for a rematch with

see-saw affair in the tradition of these two teams. There were few errors and many outstanding defensive plays on both sides. As the Merchants came up in the bottom of the seventh inning, Artemis led 3-1. With two outs the Merchants loaded the bases, and Pam Patolo hit a clutch line drive single to score the tying and winning runs. For the second time in a week the Merchants had come from behind to beat Artemis 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning. Each team now had one loss. After a fifteen minute break the teams were on the field again for the final, and championship game.

Artemis had looked very down at the end of the previous game, and the big question was: after their heartbreaking defeat, would this team bounce back and continue to display their winning form? Artemis was certainly the team to beat, having displayed timely hitting and sharp, solid defense throughout the tournament.

The Merchants won the toss and once again took the field with the home team advantage. Artemis came to bat pumped up and serious. They scored two runs in the first, added another in the second, and increased their lead to seven after a three run homerun in the fourth. Everyone in the Artemis line-up scored a run in the game which showed strength, consistency, and balance of the batting order. Although the Merchants did score two runs in the bottom of the seventh, it was not nearly enough to catch Artemis who won the game 11-5, and captured a spot in the Regionals a goal many teams strive all

summer to attain. Artemis returned to town to win their next league game against Silver Streak, 4-3, scoring the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Artemis has now won its last five out of six games; tumbling dice on a roll, they are hot. They play in a league full of phenomenal women athletes — full of teams all capable of catching the spark. In San Jose Artemis caught fire. Time will tell how long the flames will burn, or what team will catch fire next. In the meantime Artemis is having a ball, and victory is sweet.

Women's A league plays Tuesday nights at various city fields. Don't miss them! Contact the Park and Recreation Department for fields and times.

Indoor Sports. Thomas-Mark (1.) and Valentine Hooven star in the Theatre

Rhinoceros revival of A Perfect Relationship, a comedy that centers around

two friends who decide to live together to sidestep the problem of having a lover.

They aren't sidestepping in this photo, however. The paly runs Thursday through

Sunday through June and July. Tickets: 861-5079.

The final game was a close, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

citement of bowling with the best, there were generous cash prizes awarded to the First (\$195), Second (\$145), Third (\$105), and Fourth (\$55) place teams. Also, there was a \$3 sidepot into which any bowler could contribute and which was used to provide a cash award for the highest score of each game. It was most assuredly a Super-

bowling teams.

In the meantime though, here are the facts and figures of this wonderful first Gay Bowling Tournament held here in San Francisco. (You might want to remember that the team pintotals include an 80% of 1000 handicap, while the 200+ games are scratch.)

SCORE **TEAM & CAPTAIN** All Mixed Up, (Sac), Jerry Hicks Saga II, (Sac), Jan Hi-Five, (SF), Al 2880 Atlas Savings, (SF), Dan Burley Hot Trotters, (Sac) & (SF). Brad Cavalier Badlands, (SF), Mike

Jim Hahn Grady's, (SF), Bill

Ralph Bremner Men's Room, (SF), Leland Jensen

Bring lunch.

Games to be played June 5th at Rossi Field:

10:30 Pipeline @ Mint Acme @ B.A.T.S. 12:00 Jack's & Slow Rush 1:30 Rainbow @ Nap's

3:00 Nap's @ Bunkhouse Village @ Rainbow

First Annual Gay Bowling Tournament

by Jerry R. DeYoung

The First Annual Gav Bowling Tournament, held April 24th in Park Bowl, was a smashing success. Two squads composed the full line-up; the first, consisting of 9 teams, bowled from 12:30 to 3:15 p.m.; the second, comprised of 14 teams, bowled

As a bonus to the heady ex-

Sunday for all the bowlers who participated, particularly for the members of the two top teams: All Mixed Up and SAGA II, both from Sacramento, who carried home \$345 in prize money. not to mention the prestige of defeating 24 other excellent

San Francisco was not completely left out in the cold. The Hi-Five and Pilsner Inn teams managed to quite handily cop 3rd and 4th positions respectively. (The last cash positions, I might add.)

Win or lose, high or low, we all had a great time August 24th and we are very much looking forward to the 2nd Annual Gay Bowling Tournament in 1984. Watch out Sacramento!!!

Pilsner Inn, (SF), Keith

Pilsner IV, (SF), Aubrey

No Name, (San Jose), Play With It, (SF),

Sports Clubs

Different Spokes Bicycle Club. Decide and ride. Meet 10 AM, McLaren Lodge, GG Park.

C.S.L. Schedule

Cinch @ Hot & Hunky Bunkhouse @ Village

Deluxe, (SF), Tony Szep Mabels and Olympic Gold Medals are both women's teams.

The WINNING TEAMS consisted of these players. ALL MIXED UP: Mike Bogrovill. Norene Johnson, Robert Perez, Jerry Hicks, and Dee Lusish.

SAGA II: Kathy Chunson, Mark Harrison, Norm Frohwein, Chris Nielsen, and Jan Hernusen.

Hi-Five: Pat Moore, Jerry De Young, Roger Spencer, Rod Hilacion, and Al Welinski.

Pilsner Inn: Ken Sexton, Pat Con lon, Dan Burley, Rick Wotring, and

There you have it, an historic record of the outstanding achievements realized by some remarkable people during the very first Gay Bowling Tournament in San Francisco.

G.S.L. UPDATE

mond Burns

Sleezy Pick-Up, (SF),

All Mixed Up, (Sac),

Park Bowl, (SF), Mal

Taddy Bears, (SF), Tad

No Name, (SF), Randy

Pilsner I, (SF), Dennis

Pilsner IV, (SF), Aubrey

Mabel's, (SF), Maria

Olympic Gold Med.'s.

(SF), Sara Lewinstein

Oldies But Goodies

(SF), John Perry

Gutter Sluts, (SF), Rav-

Paul Keoppel

Jerry Hicks

O'Neil

TOM VINDEED

Crucial Contests

Jackson Field, 17th St. and Arkansas, will be the place to be this Sunday, as several important games will be held.

The Kokpit will host Trax in a battle for second place in the Barbary Coast Division. The Howard Bloomfield-sponsored "Pits" team rules a slight favorite to hold onto second place, although they must eware of Monty Casley's booming bat. This promises to be a

Over in the Golden Gate Division, the Cafe Sn. Marcos will do battle with archrival and division leading Moby Dick at 11:45 AM. This game is always

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a crowd-pleaser, as there is no better rivalry in the GSL. The undefeated Whalers feel that this is the year for them to defeat "The Cafe" and put a big dent in their (Cafe's) playoff hopes.

Super nice guy Cliff Wilson will see his Ambush squad play host to the streaking Pilsner Inn Penguins at 1:30 PM. The Pilsner, after losing their opening game, have come on with three straight victories and appear ready to challenge for the division title. The Ambush will try to regroup after suffering their first defeat last time out. This game could decide the division





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MY KNIGHTS IN LEATHER

Late Knight Spin-Offs

KARL STEWART

man. Steve Hayes has one:

"Never wear mascara while in a

The Mistresses have hit town

sling at a bath house. It always

runs." Next case . . .

THE MEMORIAL

With the cars at Indy setting the tone, San Francisco in general and So/M specifically moved into the fast lane for Memorial Day Madness. It began with a smart party at Animals in honor of birthday #33 for owner Bobby Betcher and myself. From champagne and pate we proceeded to festivities upstairs. It was fun.

in a big way. This ain't nauga.

Mst's Carol and Kathy define someone who puts on leather but doesn't live it as "Leatherette."

Talking of that, which Constantine MC member celebrated birthday revels at the Eagle Saturday, not only to join JC's



Savage Slave Driver. The Slave Auctions at Savages get pretty serious when Auctioneer Mack starts to work over a "difficult" slave. Chuck wore preppie clothes, which Mark quickly removed before pouring hot wax on Chuck and beating his bottom with a belt. Savages' next Slave Auctions are June 8 and 22 at 10 PM. They donate \$1 per person to the Shanti Project. (Photo: Rink)

moods?

Bucket Brigade, but fall victim

to one of JC's more amorous

Srs. Sadie, Sadie and Vish

stopped by Animals to check out

the facilities at our birthday.

They'll be providing Bordello

I'm sure I speak for Bobby as well as myself when I say thanks to all of our friends.

So/M men were on the prowl. The bars were filled with fun and some incredible out-of-towners. The Hothouse turned in a packed house of hot ones during the weekend. Saturday night you couldn't turn down a hallway without either falling in love or running into an ex-lover. Lotsa tangling. One noted little pieces of the building disappearing as the weekend went on - slowly dying, sort of. It was if an old friend passed out of our lives. More than that, it felt as though we were passing into a new era. Scared of the unknown, like darkness. I only hope we take a step forward, not backward.

More madness, this time at the Caldron, where Hal and the boys mounted another one of their sleazy fetes. Pigging out was easy to do last weekend.

The Brig gives rare but high quality events. This S/M bar served up a feast for the common man Sunday on the back pool table. Leather studs were pigging out here, too. Down the street, Steve, Warren, and Rick (R, S, & W) rounded up the cowboys for an old-fashioned beer bust with the Hen House tending a new, expanded menu.

Savages' innovation and promotion paid off in an "Erection Carnival" Sunday afternoon and eve.

We rested Monday. Well, perhaps just one Bloody Mary at brunch, but mostly rest.

KNIGHT SPOT

Larice isn't the only one with a book of Hints for the LeatherBAY AREA REPORTER JUNE 2, 1983

for the Lesbian/Gay History Exhibit. They'll sing raunchy ditties, provide a living altar for candles, staff a Room of Repentance with a "Father Confessor" and tie Sr. Boom Boom to a rack, ready for flagellation. So go to it — let Boom Boom know how you feel and contribute to a good cause. There is an \$8 door charge with an open room policy. Uproarious activities will continue all night from 7 PM Friday until 10 AM Saturday.

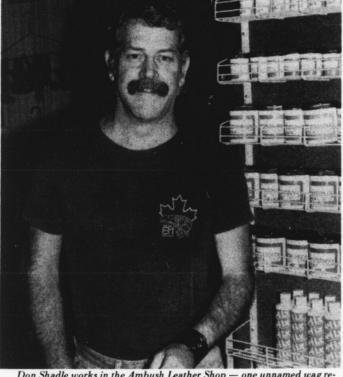
TALENT KNIGHT

Tuesday's opening of Doric Wilson's Street Theater at Valencia Rose was directed by the High Heifer of Comedy, Lea DeLaria. The Mistresses, myself, and producer Jerry Semas caught her one-woman show last week at the Valencia Rose. Her talent doesn't quit. She sings very well and does stand-up comedy. She threw in a piece about the inner workings of a woman working on a clean-up crew in a factory. This characterization of a withered old washer woman was moving but much too long. Her comedy, though, is flawless. She concentrates on women ("Fuckin" Dykes") and being Gay. No one is safe: Gloria Steinem, Sarah Vaughn, Sally Gearhart and her Bay Area Women's Classes, Jackie O, and Holly Near all fell victim to Ms. DeLaria's stainless steel tongue. Lea includes a great send-up of Jeanne Dixon Predicts on a fictional TV station. KQER. Her home-made slides and support from her lover, Jeanine Strobel, are a complete evening of variety.

At the other end of the entertainment scale was Gary Menger's "Cabaret/San Francisco," a fundraiser to create a monetary reservoir for Hats Off Production's Cabaret Guide, which will be published toward fall. The evening featured the appearances of no fewer than 16 of our favorite cabaret stars here (Continued on next page)



International Mr. Leather 1983 Coulter "Colt" Thomas struck a pose remarkably like the contest's poster drawing. He beat 43 other contestants for the title. (Photo: I.M.L. Studio)



Don Shadle works in the Ambush Leather Shop — one unnamed wag referred to him as "Super Daddy!" (Photo: Rink)

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The Catacombs will have one of their "Special Parties" each month. Exact date to be announced at the Catacombs.

All other rules and policies of the Catacombs remain the same.

KNIGHTS

(Continued from previous p

in the city, including Pam Brooks, Kevin Ross, Val Diamond, and others in countless musical shenanigans. Ross and his back-up singer Baomi Butts hit the ceiling with a rendition of "Mountain High." This Ms. Butts sure is sumpthin'.

BULLETIN LORD

544 Natoma is mounting a month-long entertainment fest called Luna Park, beginning with the renowned impersonator Ethyl Eichelberger doing his famous heroines, June 2 through 18, with our painterly documentarian Lou Rudolph at his easel. There will be Performance Pieces by Mark Chester and Lou, as well as other guerrilla theater throughout June. Call 544 for details: 621-2683.

How much leather have you lost to thieves, tricks, ex-lovers, and the like? Let me count the ways! But Alan Selby of Mr. S on Seventh Street has a great solution. He will emboss your leather goodies with silver monograms. These letters are available in groups of three for just \$2.50 and can either be visible or hidden. He is also having



Chuck Kiser, Chicago's rep for "Club Scene" magazine, with the S.F. Eagle's C.

a sale in honor of the Marquis de Sade's birthday with 10% off all merchandise.

Be sure to check out the first Western meeting of members of Interchain (for men into leather) at the Brig, June 8, 9 PM. Fun, raffles, and surprises are in store.

TOP 25 will celebrate their third anniversary at the Troc Sunday, June 12, 7 PM 'til dawn. David and George pro-

vide San Francisco's finest DJ's with a home for wayward disco spinners: The Record Pool. Featured entertainers are Debbie Jacobs, Jeanie Tracy and those hot Dreamboys, as well as wild woman Taka Boom.

Don't miss Rita Rocket's Sixth Anniversary Party for the Bal-ony Sunday, June 5, from 6 AM. Three bucks will get DJ's, no-host liquor bar, costumes, photos by Bobby Murillo, video by Walter Rowan, and even discounts to the Troc Tea Dance. How can ya beat it?

To relax Monday, June 6, you might stop by the Plush Room at 8 PM and let Scott Rankine (of Champagne! in a Cardboard Cup fame) lay some of his cool sounds on you.

If you don't want to relax, apply to the SFGDI's run above Auburn the weekend of June 17; 55 posadas buy into a weekend of MC revels, including all the grub and booze you can consume.

Relax this week and get ready for the rise to Gay Freedom Day. See ya in the skins!

K. Stewart

Karl's Calendar

Thursday, 6/2: Ethyl Eichelberger: History of Western Culture as seen through Its Most Famous Heroines. 544 Natoma Gallery, 9pm, \$5 - Thurs., Fri., Sat; Painting by Lou Rudolph. Marquis de Sade Birthday Sale. Mr. S., 227 7th St., 10% off thru 6/4.

Friday, 6/3: Bordello Night. Animals, SPI benefit, \$8; 7pm on.

Sunday, 6/5: 6th Anniversary Party. Bal-ony (The Academy, 2166 Market); 6am-2am, \$3; no-host liquor bar, DJ Otis, Leona, Jonnie.

2nd Annual Blessing of Bikes. SF Eagle Patio, 3pm.

Monday, 6/6: Scott Rankine Concert. Plush Room, 8:30, \$6.
Cash Grab \$2,300. Ramrod, 10pm.

Wednesday, 6/8: West Coast Meeting of Interchain Club. Brig, 9pm; fun,

Ken Wood Art Show. Stables, reception 8-11pm.

Get Clogged Pride and Poetry

The Second Annual Gay Janice Hanzell, artistic direc-Pride Month Poetry Series tor of the Barbary Coast Clogpresents four weekly readings on gers, will begin an eight week Monday nights in June. The course in clogging beginning first, at 7:30 p.m. on June 6, in-June 6. The class will meet on cludes Canyon Sam, Aurora Monday nights at the Nova Levins Morales, and Demece Center, 16th and Dolores, and Garepis. At Modern Times costs \$45 for the series. It's a Bookstore, 968 Valencia. Donachance to learn clogging from tion is \$2 - \$3. the Bay Area's best known teacher, have fun and meet new

While the crowd watched jugglers at the Haight Street Fair, here's what

the jugglers saw. Very fair on Haight Street. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

friends. Info: 829-0846. Curzon Signs In Suzanne Shanbaum an

Author Daniel Curzon will

autograph copies of his new novel, From Violent Men, at

the Walt Whitman Bookshop,

2319 Market St., on Saturday,

June 4, from 1-3 p.m.

Suzanne Shanbaum and Nancy Vogl bring their accoustic rock to Clementina's on Sunday, June 5, 9 PM, \$3 cover, no minimum.

Pianist/singer Debbie Saunders performs from 6 to 8 PM on Monday, June 6. Free. ■

Reflections of Rio

Tropical Nights and Chevere' will combine talent on June 11 from 8 p.m. to midnight, for Reflections of Rio, a benefit dance in Building A of Fort Mason's Conference Center. Advocates for Women is sponsoring the event. Proceeds will go to their "Jobs Not Jail" Emergency Fund, which assists women coming out of the San Francisco Jails with tuition, housing, food, and clothing costs. Tickets are \$5 advance from BASS and \$6.50 at the door. Charge by calling 835-4342 or Advocates for Women at 391-4870.

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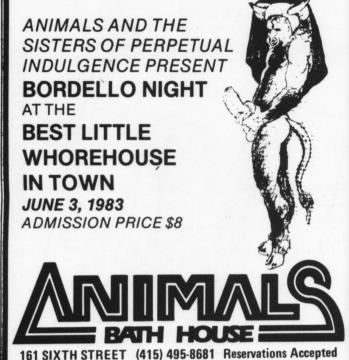
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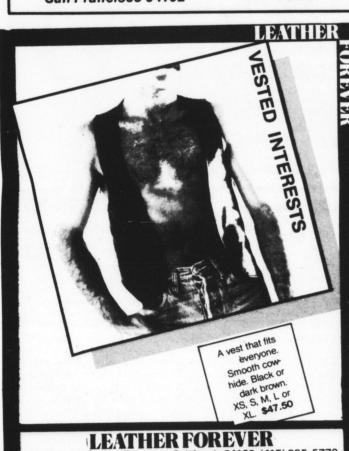
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Power in the Raw

A Birthday for the Menacing Marquis of Attitude

by Tom Rogers

oday, June 2, is the 243rd birthday of the Marquis de Sade. Although he didn't invent it, his exemplification of a particular sexual activity led us to give its name to the dictionary in his honor: sadism.

He once wrote, "Every man is a tyrant when he fornicates.' This statement is a buttress to the edification of sadism as one of the main wings of the libertine philosophy.

It is a fraction of that concept that we in the Gay leather community have come to call

Attitude, according to our friends at Webster, happens to be just broad enough a term that it works in this context. Figuratively, that publication labels attitude as referencing the mental or moral disposition of a person. Comes from the latin word aptus, meaning to fit.

Attitude, according to my mentors on Folsom, the heart of the modern-day libertine movement, means the projection of (a) enough mal-intent to convince every man within ten feet of an "attitude practitioner" that their lives are in immediate danger, generously mixed with (b) enough charisma to cause most or all of those same fearful men to crawl at his feet, tears of joy and gratitude in their eyes for the anticipated experience of his

The ultimate test is that he be able to secure this adulation without speaking a word and without using a wardrobe of any kind. It's called power-in-theraw. A simple towel should work. Eyes that glow in the dark do help, but a chilling glare illuminated by a cigarette lighter often

Most attitude practitioners have developed a reputation for living up to the attitude being projected. To have created this reputation and still have hope of luring future willing victims, the successful practitioner had to allow his more talkative victims to survive, preferably in a state ust slightly short of maimed. Anything more is still regarded s socially unacceptable.)

While the most successful attitude practitioners acquired their success either by birthright preferably as the result of a cross

Here Today; Tomorrow -

The Bay Area Women's Par-Academy Award winning documentary If You Love This Planet on June 3, 7:30 PM, at the Community College Building, 33 Gough. Another powerful documentary, Growing Up In The Nuclear Age — What The Children Can Tell Us, will be shown. Donation. All welcome; free parking; call for childcare. Info: 981-8909.

Original Works **By Blacks**

The Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 1115 Geary Street, commences its 1983 Playreading Series with a champagne reception (\$13) on June 8. The evening's work is Charles Gordone's A Passaic Encounter. Twelve other evenings (\$1 each) offer a dozen other new plays. Call 474-8842 for schedules and info.

involving a Roman bitch), or by a combination of the right drugs and survival of a collision with a bolt of lightning, it is possible to achieve success by rote practice.

Beginners should start by assessing their body, in particular their musculature. It is absolutely necessary to look as though you are physically (as well as mentally) capable of tearing a man's arm off. If you are everyman's picture of a 98pound weakling, report to a gym and don't come out until you bristle with muscles.

As a beginner, you should wear clothes.

the Folsom Street bars.

development, you should begin

by attending an evening in one of

The first and most important thing to realize is that you must have a reason to feel superior. This gives you cause to smile smugly. (Since, as a beginner, you are still inclined to smile, it must be disguised.) For example: never mind that you only stand four-foot-nine in your new engineer boots. Look down on

The secret of sadism lies in the mastery of Attitude, without word or wardrobe. Just master musculature, voice, and gait; smile smugly, and take your-Attitude to the bars.

The second essential assessment is of your voice. Buy a tape recorder and practice a manly tone until you have eradicated that girlish giggle that got you so much attention when you were "chicken." It is important that you achieve a vocal level that shakes pictures off walls with your delivery of a whispered

is of your gait. It is mandatory that the earth shake beneath your feet when you walk.

The third essential assessment

When you have achieved suitable muscular, vocal, and gait

the crowd by projecting that your intellect is fifteen feet tall.

While it should be obvious to most, I feel it is mandatory that you be cautioned not to order quiche should you be invited out to dinner by anyone who may have fallen for your attitude. To do so would blow you right out of the water.

Since the remainder of the lessons have to do with the lurid details of unlawful carnal knowledge, suffice it to say that if you begin practice now, by next vear vou'll be able to celebrate the Marquis' birthday in the dominant style.

Gay Men Over Forty Sought for History

Philip Willkie, a Gay freelance writer, is seeking to taperecord interviews with Gay men over 40. The interviews will contribute to a book on Gay life before 1970. Willkie is interested in a cross-section including men over 60, racial minorities, rural men, and artists. The interviews will focus on people's personal lives, bars and bath houses, on early social and political organizations, experiences in the military during World War II and Korea, life during the McCarthy era and the rebelliousness of the 1960's. The book will be similar in style to a Studs Terkel book and Word Is Out.

Men over 40 who are interested in the project should send a short biographical letter to Philip Willkie, 117 MacKubin St. #5, St. Paul, MN 55102; (612) 291-2913. Names will be held in strict confidence.



Mike Carr stars in SOLOSEX, the new live show at the Nob Hill Cinema. With lunchtime matinees and evening shows, everyone can catch it. Call the theatre for show times. (Photo: C. Enzi)

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Professionals On Parade

Viewing my videocassette of

Michael Christopher is receiv-ing top billing in half a dozen current movies, so it seems he's here to stay. It's a good thing that in Wm. Higgins' Printer's Devils he reveals some facets of his personality — let's say some personality — I didn't see during my first exposure to him in Tom DeSimone's Skin Deep.



in the PRINTER'S DEVILS video and the full-color magazine of the scene called "Cockshot."

From the neck down he's more than everything a porn fan could desire. A double acre of breast, a magnum of muscle, a cock whose tree-like circumference is matched by a popular length, an attentive and deep make-out technique and orgasms of de-pendable projectile pomp are all his. A great checklist, but undercut by a strange face which might be handsome if it didn't look — it's mean but true —

the film several times awakened my admiration of Higgins' dependability. This is not his best movie, certainly not when compared to the near classic Members Only or several other efforts. Yet it has an assurance that makes each section acceptably effective. If little of the video is viscerally exciting or passionate, Printer's Devils does have attractive boys, the best camera work and lighting and an endless stream of sucking and fucking. If the lack of foreplay and creativity in sex cuts down on our identification with the performers, and therefore the eroticism of the film, it doesn't hinder the video's ability to provide a hardon for the viewer. The 'hello; let's suck, let's fuck, let's JO to orgasm" formula lends a sameness to the episodes, which are basically interchangeable, but that ol' Higgins dependabiliy is there. I found Printer's Devils did what sex films are supposed to do — turned me on. As such it's a decent video to own, especially for watching several scenes to begin an evening — a visual appetizer.

Although the video vindicates Michael Christopher's claim to leading man status, it's Michael O'Leary who is seen most in Printer's Devils. He appears in three scenes in which he plays (pardon the expression) straight man to Jon King, Derrick Stanton and newcomer Craig Scott. Like Higgins, O'Leary is dependable. A nineteen year-old with an unaffected personality, an undistinguished but attractive body



Michael O'Leary and supercharged Jon King tangle in the PRINTER'S DEVILS video and a full-color magazine of their scene called "Cockshot.

his attempt to fulfill the director's requests in that seriously plotted film make him appear more wooden than he is. Printer's Devils rectifies that, not enforcing a character on him but allowing him to be himself. That doesn't change that curious face of his, but it does reveal a casually hip, unaffected guy who is, simply, likeable.

That's the key to Printer's Dévils, too. It's likeable. Higgins wins the All-American Medal of Sanitized Sleaze with this video film. It's constant sex, the plot taking only seconds between sex scenes. The crew of a printer's warehouse gets laid off and decides to waste their last afternoon swapping sex stories, which are seen in loops. In these each boy is laid off in another fashion. The stories arouse the crew to a group orgy. It's a simple frame which leaves Mr. Higgins lots of room for the sexy

Turns out Skin Deep doesn't and a fat cock, O'Leary provides present him in best light. Sexual- a good foil to the take-charge ly he's fine. But he's no actor and desires of stalwart stars King and Stanton.

> Probably the last King scene that will be made, Higgins closeup photography and wide-eyed lens capture King's cock at the fullest. This scene, along with Stanton's, conveys a passion the other scenes replace with professionality. King throws himself onto each partner as if they were the lust of his life. He is both a top and a bottom to O'Leary. first bouncing in delirium as he sits astride O'Leary's cock while jacking off, and then topping O'Leary, grinding up and down and left to right. He puffs, moans, rolls his head as if in convulsions, resists cuming by thrashing and screaming. He's such an active boy.

O'Leary's second scene is with Craig Scott, who has a college prep body and a college prep cock. Their 69 is nice because their cocks are nice — watch for



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June 11 is the exciting Portland Rose Festival and I know that a lot of San Franciscans will be there, including Bob Cramer and his new flame, Peter, whose pic is printed here. Also Jay Noonan and Chester as always . did you recover from your day of playing last Friday, Jay?

Allan Scott drops drawers. Don't you know that it isn't nice to fool Mother Nature, Allan?

Hope you all enjoyed the Sutter's Mill/Mint Tricycle Race . . you did a good job, Tommy Turner — here's looking forward to next year . . . can you give a handicap for us older folks if we enter?

Paul (Luscious Lorelei) Bentley of the Video Mart on 9th Street took his staff to Reno for the Memorial Day weekend. Paul is moving the Video Mart next door to much, much larger quarters . . . he does have one of the largest video tape rentals in the city . . . try him.

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the drop of natural lube atop Scott's cock, visible for only a second before O'Leary engulfs the cock with his throat. It's lusty details like this that mark Higgins' boys and keep the video

benefit for the two ball teams

Kokpit. You need not be present

Ask Trouble, Stark & Dolly's

bassett hound, why I am going

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Father's Day, Sunday — Daddy

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. the drawing will take place Saturday, July 2, at the

A talkative fellow, O'Leary launches into a third story for his workmates, detailing his encounter with Derrick Stanton. Stanton needs no introduction. and like King, acts as if what he's doing means something to him. After the obligatory kiss and 69, Stanton fucks O'Leary . . everybody else has. But he comes up with several novel positions, providing good visuals for the camera besides throwing off some charisma. He talks dirty to O'Leary, O'Leary's cock and to himself before cutting loose with his trademark orgasm, long strands projected in solid ribbons across yards of space. If you like cum shots you'll be running this one backwards and forwards

on your video machine. The finale is not so much an This leaves three other

two fellows who have no other episodes. The first, opening the scene. They are an especially movie, pairs Christopher with good match and share a nice Scott Dixon, seemingly the fuck. Christopher tops Mandrell voungest of the cast. Higgins' and delivers a smash finale wide-angle lens broadens the flaring rim of Dixon's bulbous cockhead, which is perfect for

It's true that other films may be hotter, sleazier, more passionate or romantic. But this one works at a basics level, and its straightforward sex will have your dick pointing straight forward, too.

You'll want to substitute your own music however. The Printer's Devils theme is nice, but repeated to the point of torture. One other thing I noticed - with its straightforward suck and fuck format there isn't much cock display here. I missed that, and if that's what you want, look elsewhere. Otherwise you know what you're gonna get here, and Higgins delivers.

The hour long video is followed by three bonus scenes, solo jack-offs for O'Leary (his cock looking bigger than in the feature), Mandrell (who spits on his dick and plays with a long dildo), and new face Jeff Hunter (his orgasm hits hard and he licks up his cum). The three scenes are a ten minute bonus you won't see in theatres. They're short but effective.

Higgins hasn't gone for broke in Printer's Devils but come up with a good one anyway. It's nice to be able to trust a porno filmmaker.

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which Christopher does before

proceeding to a manly fuck.

Dixon flashes a big boyish smile

before rolling his eyes up in

ecstasy as Christopher splits his

ass. Like several other scenes,

what this one lacks in interper-

sonal passion it makes up for

with proficient, professional sex.

I love the way Christopher jacks

Dixon off as he fucks the boy.

Christopher is so attentive. Some

fuckers never notice their part-

Eric Mandrell puts in a bid

for future use in his scene with

Charles Michael Jourdan. Jour-

dan's dyed blonde hair, cut-off T-

shirt and designer jeans were a

bit twinkie for me, but once out

of them he looks fine, working a

large dick with both hands and

bucking under a stiff fuck from

Mandrell. This one has a surly

curl to his upper lip, somewhere

between street punk and bee stung. The head of his cock is a

golf ball atop a tee, and Jourdan

tees off with no handicap. When

Jourdan cries "harder", Man-

drell advises "Don't Shoot!" I

admire such helpful caution in

an aggressor, but despite an ex-

citing build-up, the scene ends

before Jourdan's orgasm. In

Higgins' magazine, Youngment.

the climax is fully documented

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Shanti Gears Up to House AIDS Patients

AIDS House Address To Be Secret

by Kevin Styers

At this moment at least 20 people, all AIDS victims who are unable to work, are living in downtown hotels. They had been evicted from their homes by frightened landlords, roommates and lovers. Placed there by the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation, they live on \$248 a month, which pays the rent, and \$70 in food stamps.

As of July 1, these and other AIDS victims in similar circumstances may have another alternative — the Shanti AIDS Residence Program.

"It's not a hospice," said Helen Schietinger, residence director for the program. "A hospice is a way of helping people die — Shanti helps people live." Schietinger is a registered nurse with a master's degree in ed by a \$229,000 city grant, will find houses, flats and apartments in which to house AIDS victims. Shanti wants units with four or five bedrooms — one person to a room — in "safe" neighborhoods.

"And not in the fog," Schietinger said. "These people have enough trouble staying warm as it is." the top rent Shanti will pay is \$1,4000 a month.

The touchiest problem — house residents' sex lives is not an issue says new director.

counseling. Until two weeks ago she was the coordinator for the Kaposi's Sarcoma Clinic at UCSF

The Shanti Project, begun nine years ago to counsel Gays with life-threatening diseases, now spends much of its time with AIDS victims.

The residence Program, fund-

depending on the unit. Residents will be charged rent, based on their ability to pay.

Currently, AIDS victims and other disabled people are eligible for three kinds of public support: General Assistance, from the city; state disability; and social security.

Under General Assistance, the

AIDS Takes Four Locals

Mark Feldman Succumbs to 7-Month Battle

by Allen White

Mark Feldman was one of four San Franciscans who died of AIDS last week. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome also claimed the lives of Scott Barnard, John Russo, and Dick Gamble.

outspoken persons with AIDS. Following his diagnosis last Thanksgiving, he set out to educate the public about the mysterious disease. He embarked on an ambitious schedule that included press interviews, public speaking engagements, and seminars.

Feldman discouraged the use of the word "victim." He felt the word became a barrier to those afflicted with AIDS. He was a strong advocate of "safe sex" and often commented that "there is sex after AIDS." Because of his roots in the Gay community, he was able to state with firmness that "sex and Gayness don't cause AIDS germs do." His many interviews ranging from the Noe Valley News to Newsweek Magazine became one reason for the increased awareness of AIDS in early 1983.

Feldman was the Director of Admissions at New College, the (Continued on page 2)



Mark Feldman three weeks before his death. (Photo: Rink)

maximum available to those eligible is \$248 monthly, and \$70 in food stamps, according to a woman at their office who refused to give her name. If the applicant gets money from any other source equal to that amount, he can't get General Assistance.

State Disability payments, according to Diane Bouey of that office, amount to between \$50 and \$175 weekly, if they qualify. They pay up to nine months.

To be eligible for Social Security, applicants must be unable to work for a year or have an illness that will end in death. SSI doesn't pay during the first five months of the illness. After that, the maximum monthly allowance is \$471, according to Dana Edwards of the Social Security office.

Residents of the Shanti Program will have to live entirely from these resources if they cannot work and have no other income.

There are three requirements for acceptance into the Program. The applicant:

1. must be a resident of San Francisco for three months;

2l. must need housing; and 3. must be diagnosed as having AIDS, as defined by the Center for Disease Control in

Atlanta.

The CDC's official definition of AIDS, according to Schietinger, is "having an opportunistic infection like Kaposi's Sarcoma or

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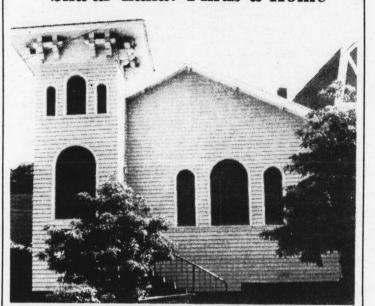
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Sha'ar Zahav Finds a Home



Congregation Sha'ar Zahav has finally found a home. It's June newsletter, "The Jewish Gaily Forward" reported that the group had voted to purchase a building at 201 Caselli Appropriate the control of t

a building at 201 Caselli Avenue.

The Gay Jews had been searching for three years for suitable quarters. For a while the group had its eye on the Bush Street Synagogue but the Redevelopment Commission had tied up the property for the foreseeable

future.

The congregation had met several times at the Caselli Ave. site before making a firm offer to get the "feel of the place". The feel must have been a good one for, reports the Gaily Forward, over 90% of the congregation voted for 201 Caselli.

The next step of the plan is to raise \$240,000 over the next months.

A News Analysis

Catholics Recognize Gay Love

However . . . No Sex!

by George Mendenhall

"Homosexual people fall in love. And as long as this is so, sexual activity might occasionally occur." That was probably the most startling conclusion in Archbishop John Quinn's Priest Senate report on homosexuality. Gay priests are urged to "recognize this fact... and assist the person toward a progressive assimilation of the church's ethical values." the end goal: No recreational sex. In fact, no sex at all except within heterosexual marriage.

The 40-page report, "Ministry and Homosexuality," is Quinn's attempt to deal with the rising criticism within and without the Roman Catholic Church that homosexuals are left out. Overall, the 2-year study reiterates the traditional Catholic viewpoint that sex should be for producing children and not for fun. The new study stresses, "Chastity is a virtue of responsibility."

"I hear them condemning promiscuity but hinting that they are condoning a monogamous relationship," commented Frank Scheuren. Scheuren is the national president of the Gay Catholic group Dignity. The local spokesperson for Dignity, Kevin Calegari, said his group would study the report and issue a statement later.

GAY SEX

Frequent emphasis in the report is placed on "gradualism" — an allowance that "purification and growth in holiness come about only gradually." It recog-

nizes the view that homosexuality is "a deep and integral component of a person's psychic structure," making it "virtually impossible for such people to lead lives of chastity." However, it urges, "This type of conscience fails to grasp and integrate the Church's teaching that all sexual activity finds its best and morally good expression only within the context of the man-woman convenanted relationship of marriage."

The report surprised some critics by stating that "homosexual orientation is not held to be a sinful condition . . . it represents the situation in which one finds oneself." It then calls for a "call to Christian perfection" which entails "living out the demands of chastity within that orientation."

The mythology that many homosexuals are attracted to children is debunked in the study. It also states that homosexuals are not easily identified, mentally disordered, able to

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