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AB-1 Clears Assembly, Tackles Senate

by Paul Lorch

After seven years of planning, hard work, and repeated setbacks, San Francisco Assemblyman Art Agnos steered AB-1 through the State Assembly last week.

AB-1, which has been Agnos' pet project and pledge to the San Francisco Gay community, forbids job discrimination because of sexual orientation. The bill gives Gays and Lesbians the right to file job discrimination complaints with the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing rather than pursuing civil suits through the courts (as in Michael Raines who claims he was fired from his directorship of the War Memorial Board by homophobic trustees).

The bill specifically exempts religious and nonprofit organizations from losing the right to discriminate. This placebo made Agnos' bill much more palatable to its critics. To date the only major (and yet vociferous) critics of the measure have been Christian fundamentalist ministers).

The bill more specifically makes it illegal for an employer to fire, refuse to hire, or fail to promote workers because of their sexual orientation.

The bill passed with a bare majority 41 to 36 with three abstentions in the 80 member house. Forty of the votes were Democratic and the lone Republican 'aye' was that of Assemblyman William Filante of Marin.

Agnos aide Cleve Jones

reported that up until a few hours before the vote, "we weren't sure about the outcome. We were worried about three votes." The three were Lou Pappan (D - Daly City), Filante (R - Marin) and Dick Robinson (D - Orange).

He said the assistance of the Assembly Speaker Willie Brown was critically important but more than that was the work of Gay coalitions in the San Joaquin Valley. "Local activists," he said, "pulled out votes where we never had them before."

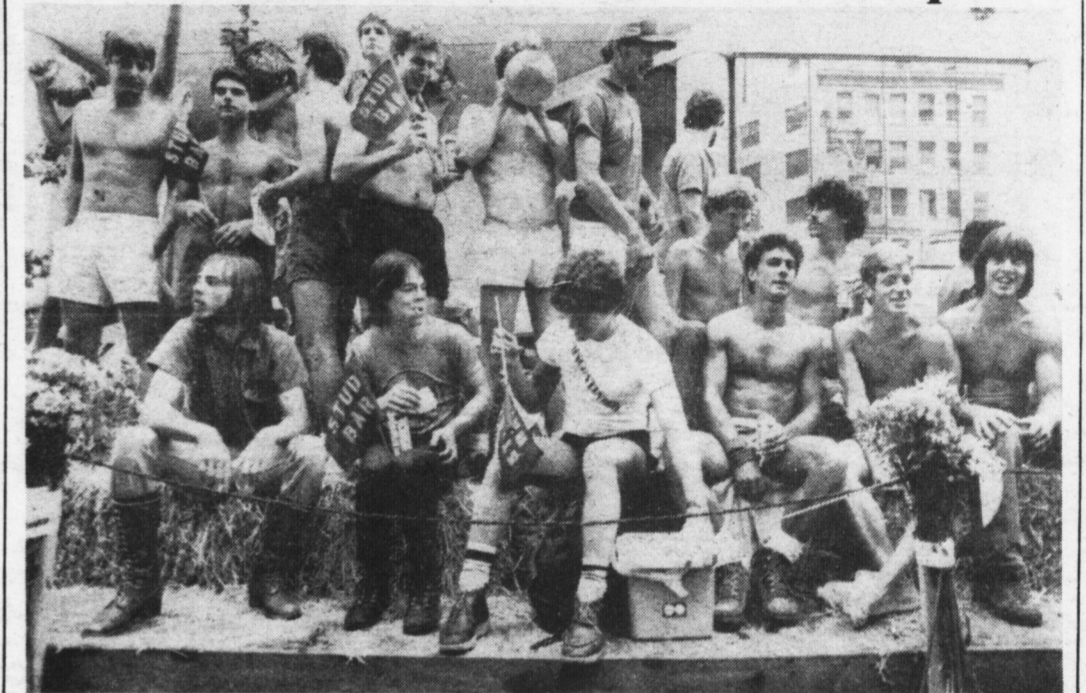
Moreover crucial in the victory was the state-wide support of labor, feminist organizations, and religious organizations. In the final days wavering legislators like how Pappan were deluged with hundreds of letters and mailgrams a day.

Jones and Eric Schotman and more recently veteran politico Jim Foster spent countless hours drumming up support for AB-1. The first two traversed the state from Modesto to Long Beach setting up Gay town meetings.

AB-1 now goes to the State Senate. Its first stop — which began this week — is the Senate Rules Committee where its journey will be mapped. President pro-tem David Robert (D - Hollywood) supports the bill and

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'83 Parade: More Coverage, Less Hoopla



The '83 Parade — The Stud Float: Boys, Boys, Boys. (Photo: Rink)

by Allen White

An estimated 200,000 people crowded downtown San Francisco for the 1983 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration. It climaxed a week filled with activity.

Starting at Spear & Market Streets, the parade was led by an almost two-block long brigade of Dykes on Bikes. Over 200 floats and marching units followed up Market Street to Civic Center.

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Debbie and Friends Sing and Swing for AIDS Benefit

by Paul-Francis Hartmann

Hollywood's MGM veteran Debbie Reynolds stole the hearts of Gay San Francisco last Thursday night and wondered aloud why she wasn't "invited up more often."

The benefit, the first for the National AIDS/KS Foundation, drew 2,000 — mostly men — to Davies Hall. According to Bob Ross, who co-chaired the event along with CDC president Lia Belli, early rough estimates put the take at close to \$50,000.

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Murder Trial of Gay Man Ignites Hall of Justice

'Homosexual Panic,' New Twinkie Defense for Public Defenders

by Paul Lorch

More than a run of the mill sex/murder case was bouncing around the beige marble corridors of the Hall of Justice these past two weeks.

On the Superior Court calendar of Judge Lucy Kelly McCabe it was the people versus Dana Holley, aged 19. The victim was 51-year old William Sink, Wells Fargo Vice President. Sink had been murdered by Holley in the former's John Muir high-rise apartment July 24, 1981. Sink had been stabbed, robbed, stabbed some more, and finally finished off with a massive smashing about the face with a heavy blunt instrument. His body was found the next day in his blood-smeared, bloodstained living room. He had bled from 12 stab wounds. Pools of blood were found in several parts of his apartment. The first weapon was a letter opener, the second a pair of scissors.

Holley wrapped the murder weapons in a bloodied towel. He stole some cash, a camera, a cigarette lighter, a ring and bracelet, and some credit cards.

He remembered to wash up before he departed and also before he tried to wipe away his fingerprints. At 8 a.m. he turned up in the bedroom of one of his South San Francisco pals (who was sharing it with his girlfriend — whose car Holley had

stolen earlier for his night on the town). He told them about his adventure on how he had picked up and robbed and killed this queer.

That same day Holley and his pals took off for Reno for drinks, slot machines, and more girls. They had sold Sink's camera to one of his pals' old man. They used Sink's credit cards along the way.

It wasn't long after all were in

custody that Holley's chums were quick to finger him as the sole perpetrator of the murder/robbery. They realized they were accessories after the fact and survival dictated they save their skins. Both those chums are today serving time in state prison for other crimes against the people.

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Elderly Conference Spans Weekend

by Dion B. Sanders

America is a nation that is slowly growing old say Census statistics. The median age of Americans has been going up for nearly a decade, with persons over 60 now a third of the population — and their percentage is increasing.

The Lesbian/Gay community is not exempt from this trend. Most of the Gay generation of the Stonewall Rebellion are now in their 40's and 50's. But unlike past generations, which floated into invisibility — and in many cases, outright hostility by younger Gays — today's Gays and Lesbians over 40 are still very much in the spotlight. And they are determined to stay that way.

For the first time in its history, the annual Lesbian/Gay Free-

dom Day Parade Sunday saw a contingent made up almost entirely of people over 40, as a powerful reminder to the Gay community, and especially to society at large, that they do exist — openly — and that they have made many contributions to the advancement of the community.

Riding on a motorized cable car sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders of Operation Concern, G-40 Plus, Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE), and a score of other organizations, the elders drew loud applause from the estimated 200,000 spectators along Market Street.

The parade contingent capped three days of activities involving older Gays that included a two-day conference on Lesbian and Gay Aging last Thursday and Friday at San Francisco State University, and a champagne reception at the headquarters of Operation Concern on Saturday evening.

Beatrice Tracy, GLOE Co-Chair, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that many younger Gays involved with GLOE do so in part because of a lack of contacts with older Gays in their social lives.

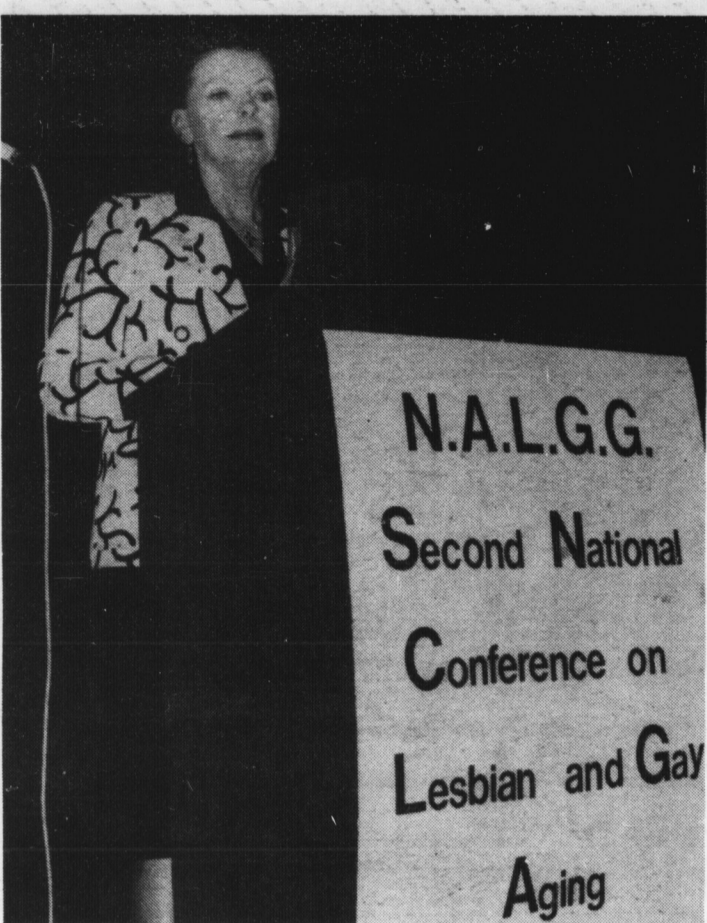
"We've got young people wishing to volunteer, asking, 'Where are the elders?'" she said. "They say everywhere they go, the oldest (Gay) people they see are in their late 40's or early 50's at the most."

Ben Trowbridge, facilitator of GLOE's support group for older Gay men, said that was partially attributable to the "Troll Syndrome" — in which younger Gays viewed older Gay men as "dirty old men."

Trowbridge told the *B.A.R.* that GLOE and G-40 Plus have had another problem: reaching to older Gays and Lesbians of color. "Our members are uncomfortable with the lack of participation by Gay people of color over 50," he said, adding that an attempt on his part to reach out to older members of one Third World Gay men's organization was coldly rebuffed.

Trowbridge acknowledged that a contributing factor in the lack of non-White input in GLOE may be an unwillingness by older Gays and Lesbians of color to come out of the closet in the face of "extreme" homophobia in their ethnic communities.

The two-day conference, sponsored by the National Association for Lesbian and Gay Gerontology, covered a wide variety of subjects, including issues of health care, images of



West Hollywood's Wallace Albertson keynote speaker at Aging Conference. (Photo: Rink)

older Gays and Lesbians in the Gay media, coming out in small town and rural environments, research on older Gay men, mental health services, spirituality and religion, midlife issues, work and retirement, legal and financial matters, and many more.

The conference was kicked off Friday morning at 9 a.m. by MC's Monika Keough and Dorr Jones. The senior pair, the former still doing research at the state college and the latter the

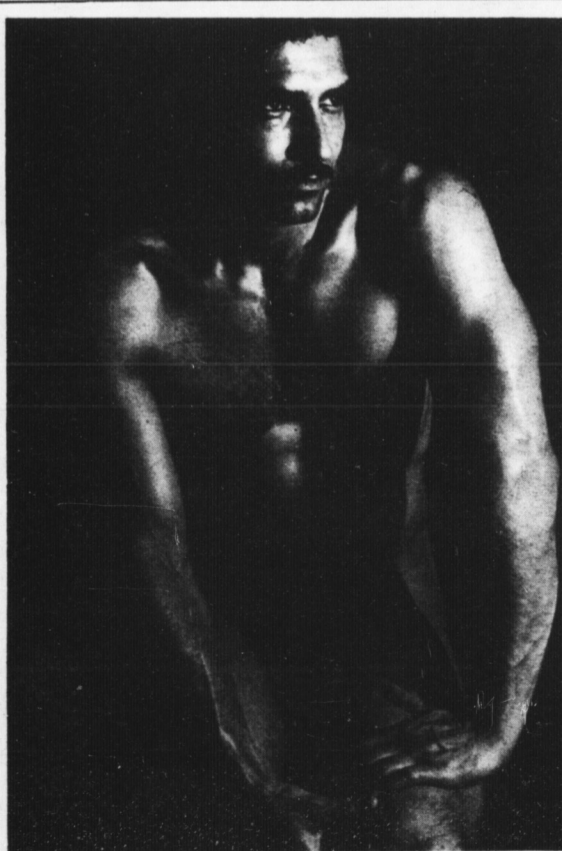
director of Meals on Wheels, introduced the keynote speaker, Wallace Albertson.

Albertson, a member of the State College Board of Trustees, is a former two-term head of the California Democratic Council (CDC) and former board member of the L.A. Community College District. Her address outlined some of the works accomplished by the Commission on Personal Privacy as pertained to aging.

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Gay Rights pioneers: Harry Hay, Bill Plath, Hal Call at 2nd National Conference on Gay & Lesbian Aging. (Photo: Rink)



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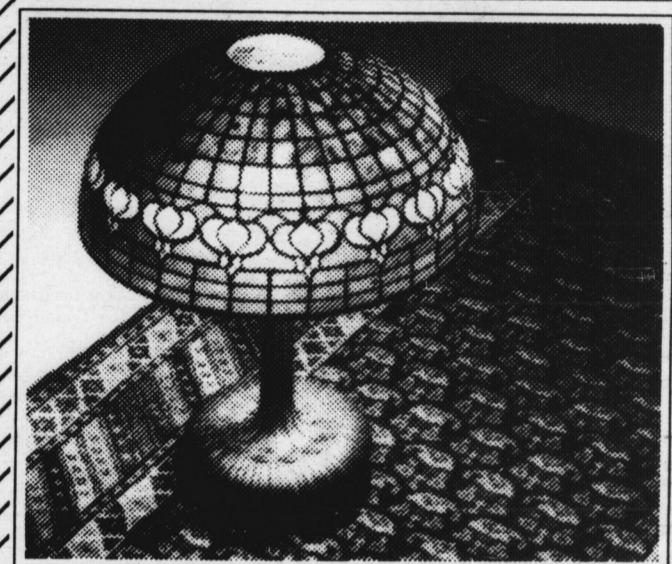
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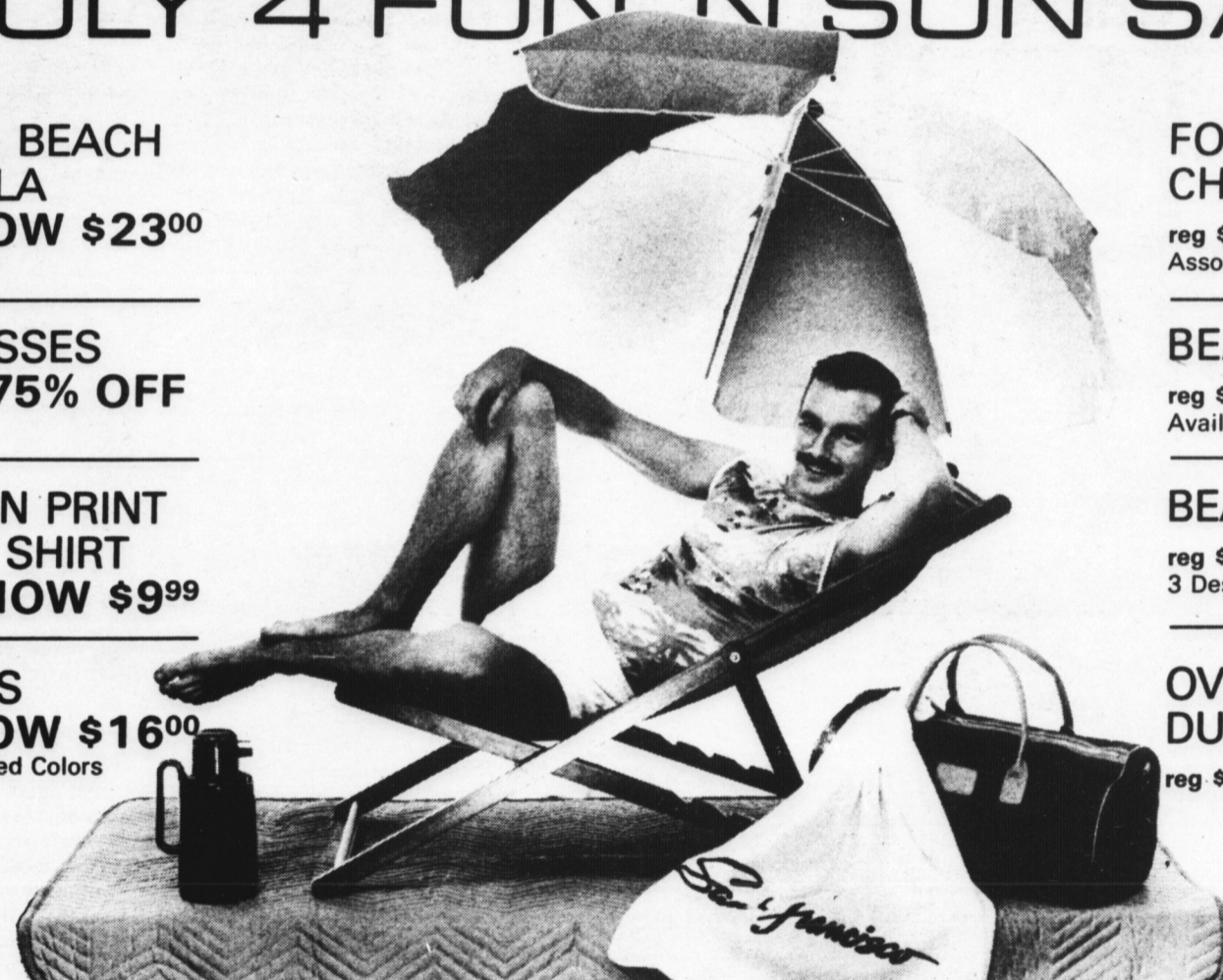
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testify, they refused and their taped statements of 23 months ago were read into the record. This stroke of luck was viewed as another victory for ace prosecutor Paul Cummins.

For the first 20-odd months of the ever-impending trial date opposing ace public defender Peter Keane was in the driver's seat. It was his show and his headlines; it was a big case for the number two man in the Jeff Brown administration.

Keane had secured \$20,000 from court funds to hire consultants to do a telephone survey on the attitude of prospective jurors and crimes against Gays. Keane first felt that Holley's only chance was in a change of venue and hoped the survey would make his point. The survey demonstrated the opposite: that one could indeed get a fair trial in San Francisco (the survey polled voters in three counties) and that next to no one remembered anything about the Sink case. All the same, Keane worked his plea up the judicial ladder to the State Supreme Court. He argued his survey argued for a change of venue; the survey demonstrated the reverse and the various judges rejected the star defender's plea.

Repeatedly over the months Keane had asked the courts for a delay of a starting trial date. Each time the prosecution acceded. To the DA's chagrin, when Keane's appeals ran out and a date set, the Assistant District Attorney in charge was already involved in a murder case. The prosecution asked for a continuance. The public defense refused; four days before the trial was to begin, DA Arlo Smith assigned one of his top

lieutenants, Paul Cummins, to call a halt to Keane's strategies and get a conviction.

The rivalry between the offices — which is always curling like fog through the Hall of Justice — heated up to a fiery fahrenheit. Staffers and Gay employees on both sides took an interest in the case and turned up daily in the two-week trial. The defense found itself on the defensive.

During jury selection Keane ran head-on into the thicket of Gay rights. According to sources close to the trial, the Public Defender systematically rejected Gays from the jury. Each prospective juror was summoned backstage to ascertain their "connection" with the Gay community, or if they read the *Bay Area Reporter*, or if they knew of the editorials of Paul Lorch. After seven rejections of Gay men, the prosecution objected and filed a rarely used complaint, the Wheeler Amendment, which charged that one side or the other was discriminating against a class of people. Say insiders that move really woke up the judge and while the motion was denied, the prejudice ended. One Gay man found his way onto the jury.

The prosecution charged Holley with murder in the first degree with special circumstances (torture, a murder committed in the course of a robbery). At first the defense sought an acquittal.

HOMOSEXUAL PANIC

Keane's major tactic was to introduce the notion of "homosexual panic" as what happened to his client. When gripped by this malady one is stunned, dazed,

frightened, yet sexually aroused. One behaves in a desperate, frenzied manner testified the defense's hired psychiatrist, a Dr. Rosenthal, Monday morning.

The "expert" who earned \$90 an hour for his interviewing and \$120 per hour to testify, first interviewed the defendant a year and a half after the 1981 murder. His task was to ascertain the defendant's state of mind at 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. July 24, 1981. Rosenthal testified under oath that the killer "felt violated, felt something had been stolen from him, that he had a right to steal something back."

Holley, by the time of his arrival in the courtroom last week, had produced several versions of what had happened that summer's night two years ago.

To some he said he only went with Sink to rob him. Actually he picked Sink up sometime after 12:30 a.m. The bank executive was still in his business suit, had left Castro Street's Twin Peaks and was waiting for a bus.

Holley told others, including his older brother Darrell, that Sink had tried to sodomize him. He told the psychiatrist that Sink had "grabbed his balls" which infuriated him to rage. On a much later interview with Rosenthal (shortly before the trial) he admitted Sink was sucking him off when he inserted his finger in the young man's rectum, "which threw him into a wild, agitated state in which a person cannot think rationally." The youth told the hired psychiatrist that he was suddenly reminded of when he was raped at 16 in a CYA installation by a gang of older boys.

Rosenthal concluded, "He (Holley) wasn't sure if he was in

the present or in the past." His symptoms of "homosexual panic" were classic the jury was told and that "Holley couldn't have read the literature" in the year and a half he was in jail awaiting trial.

Under a devastating cross-examination by Cummins, the expert witness told the jury that he relied only on the defendant's revelations to himself and that it was not unusual for an interviewee to change his story. Rosenthal said to the jury, "I'm only trying to render an opinion of Mr. Holley's mental state. I don't need to know the facts."

Under questioning the psychiatrist revealed that he had never looked at any documents or tapes or police reports on Holley that were made shortly after the murder and in the ensuing months. He said to startled ears of the courtroom listeners, "I believed what he told me."

All the same, he told the jury that Holley never had a homosexual experience, nor was he involved in other homosexual activities. With that Cummins played a tape of Holley's interview with police inspectors wherein the killer told of "trolling for fags on Polk Street," of getting one into the back of a car, driving up to Twin Peaks, and with relish savagely beating the man, "stomping up and down on his head."

This revelation ran in the face of the expert's statement that the accused "did not harbor malice" toward homosexuals. That the Sink killing was but a "wild episode."

The "homosexual panic" and the expert witness were the Public Defender's final trump card. Keane was well aware that the city's Gay community was highly sensitive to this "diminished capacity" line and there are reports in meetings with Keane and PD Jeff Brown it was said it would never be used.

The "homosexual panic" line was not the only tactic during the trial that angered the Gay trial watchers. Last week a senior Gay staffer in the PD's office told the *Bay Area Reporter* that District Attorney investigator Ron Huberman "was in a lot of trouble." Huberman, who is also vice president of the Harvey Milk Demo Club, was accused of "tainting the jury" by the Public

Defender. Keane tried to get Judge McCabe to declare a mistrial over an incident that Huberman said was blown totally out of proportion. The PD office version was that if Holley walked away free it would be Huberman's fault.

During one recess Huberman had words in the corridor with a Gay investigator from the Public Defender's office — chiding him on Gay employees allowing anti-Gay strategems of their superiors to go on without comment. The incident was magnified and the trial attorney said that jurors were or could have been within earshot. Huberman denied this vehemently, and his version was corroborated by another person at the scene. It was viewed by trial watchers as a last minute, desperate ploy to get off the hook.

The attorneys began their final statements this Tuesday morning. The courtroom filled with staffers from both offices. Cummins took the jury through a masterful two-hour review of the evidence presented. Keane used his hour summary mostly to impeach the credentials and performance of his adversary. He repeatedly referred to the prosecutor as creating theater. He repeatedly damned him with faint praise. Whispered one member of the audience to a man next to him, "Who's on trial here, Dana Holley or Paul Cummins?"

Keane said it was not the people who were trying Holley but the state. He said that they should not stereotype Holley, that he was not to be viewed as a "social leper." He told the jurors — which observers said was totally below the belt — that Cummins "in his heart of hearts" didn't believe that Holley was guilty of first degree murder with special circumstances.

Sensing that the trial had not gone well for his client, Keane said in his closing remarks he was no longer asking for an acquittal but would be satisfied with voluntary manslaughter (an accident?) and the robbery acceptable as simple theft after a death.

Tuesday afternoon the jury went out. At press time Wednesday they were still deliberating.

P. Lorch

AB-1 Passed

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should make its way as smooth as possible. Some observers do not think the bill will have any easier time than it did in the State Assembly. Some even fear for its fate. Senator Milton Marks (R - San Francisco) told the *Bay Area Reporter* that he would go all out to rescue the bill's enactment. He said "This bill is long overdue. Passage of AB1 is a big priority for me this and next year."

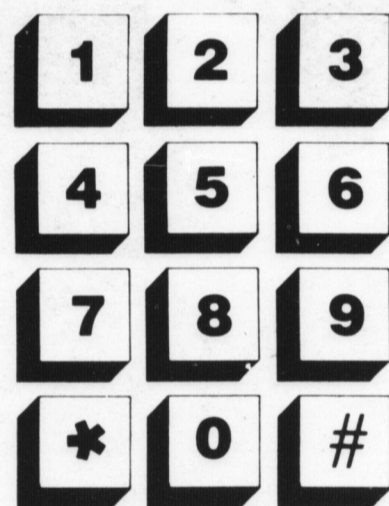
AB1's second hurdle will be the Senate Judiciary Committee. Jones hopes it will get there and come out successfully before the summer recess begins July 15.

In the early fall the bill must face the Senate Finance Committee and possibly the Industrial Relations where it would have a rough time say observers.

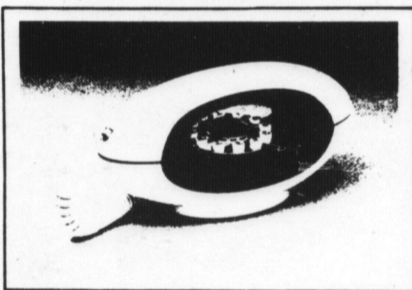
Once again key Senators are from rural/small town districts. Ken Mady (R - Fresno) Chair of the Senate Republican Caucus is crucial as are Bill Lockyer (D - Hayward), Alfred Alquist (D - Santa Clara) and Majority Floor Leader John Garamendi (D - San Joaquin).

Mady and Garamendi are influential legislators, and both are thought to have state-wide ambitions.

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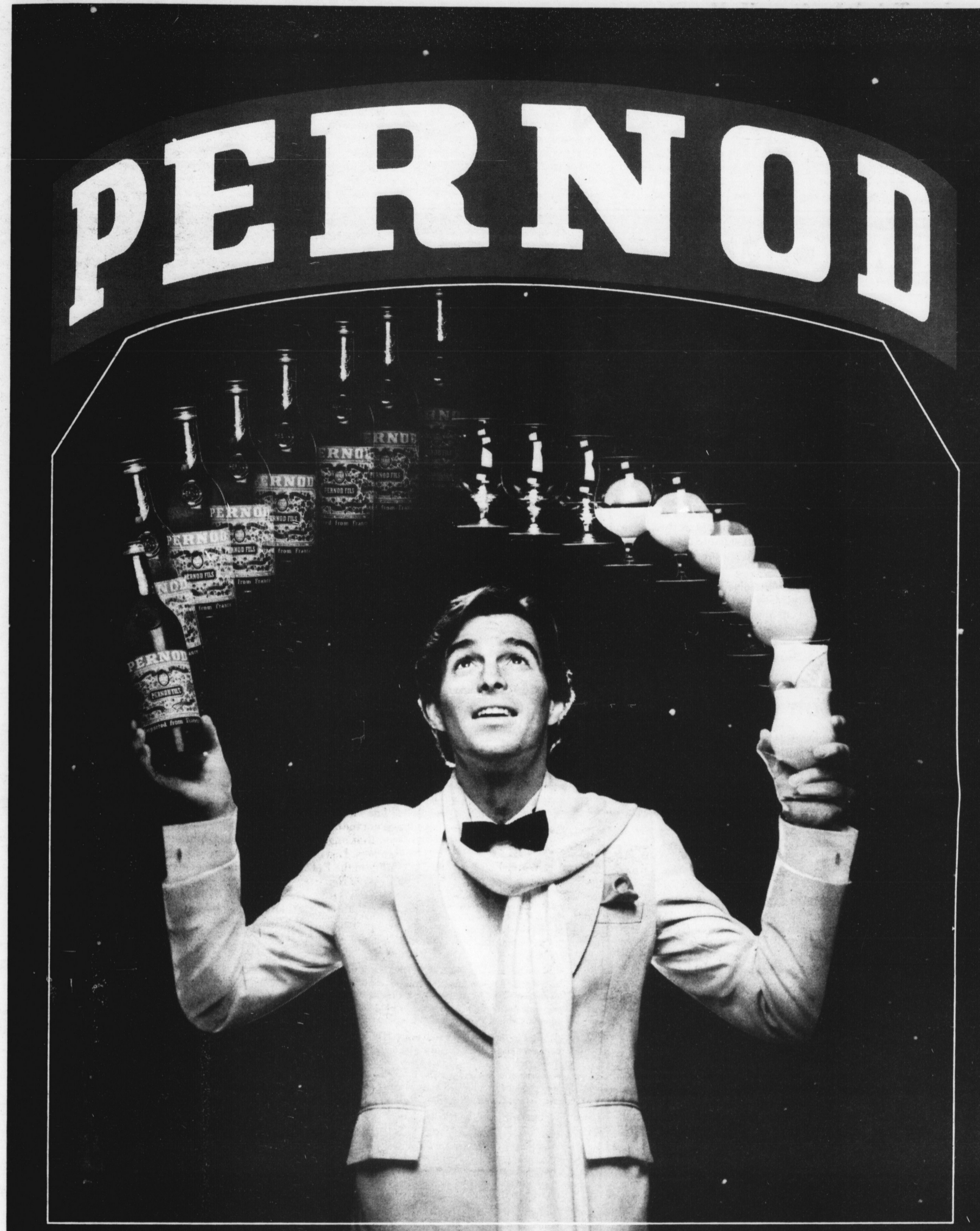
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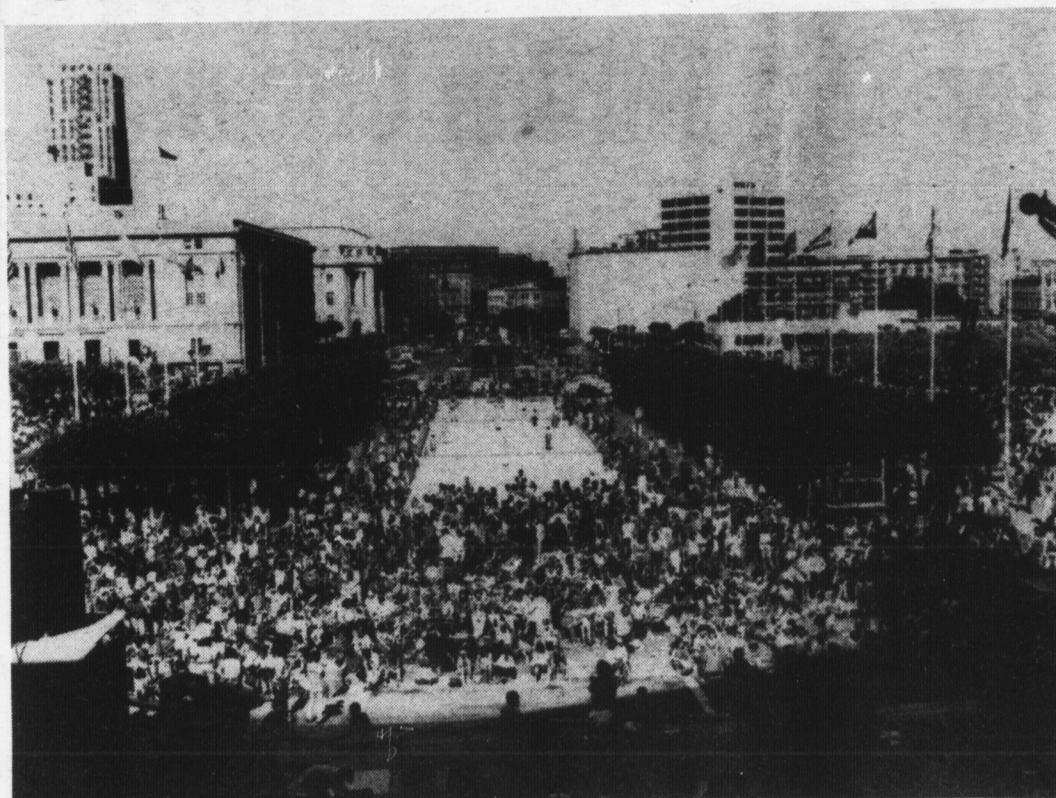
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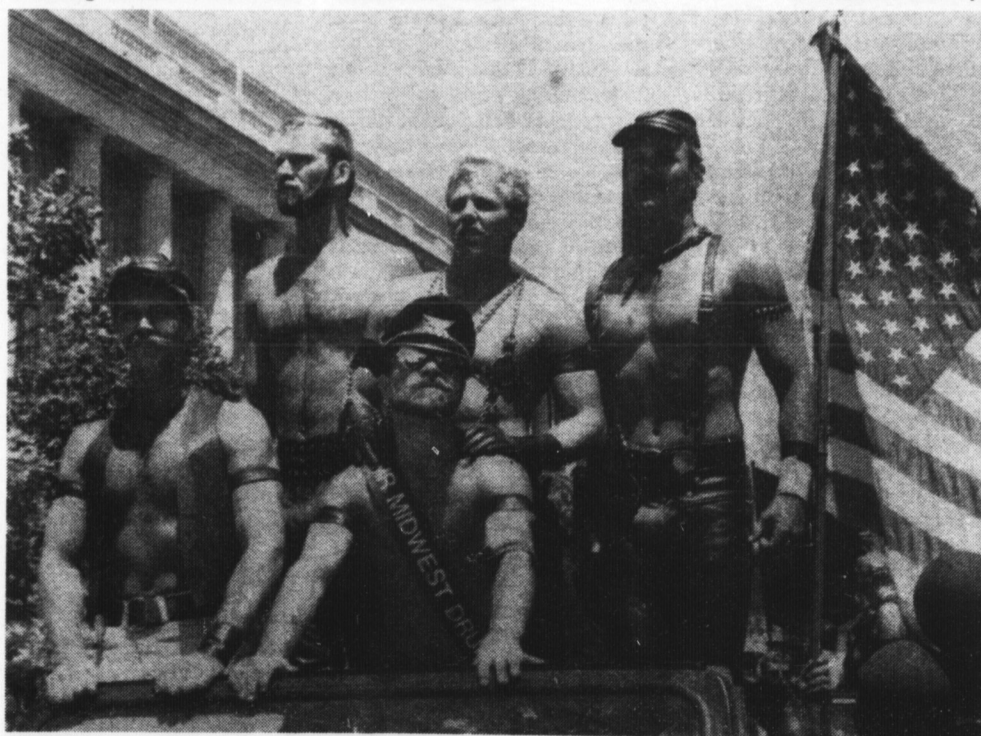
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This year the parade was dedicated to people with AIDS. There have now been over 265 reported cases in the San Francisco Bay Area. Some 20 of those diagnosed marched near the front of the parade. Tipped by threats of rooftop snipers, undercover police marched near the people with AIDS. There were no incidents of violence to the marchers.

Because of AIDS, the parade was inundated with media from around the world. The BBC and the *Manchester Guardian* sent reporters from London. *Time*, *Life*, and *Newsweek* magazines all had reporters and photographers covering. Together, more than 250 press credentials were issued. Almost a half-dozen helicopters were in the air with television crews as stations tried to top each other in coverage of the event. CBS-TV devoted almost ten minutes in their Sunday night news to coverage of Gay pride events around the country. KGO-TV gave almost 15 minutes of coverage in their final Sunday evening news with KRON-TV reported to have had three crews assigned to covering the Gay parade and celebration.

The spectators appeared to be in a more subdued mood from previous years. Yet there was ample evidence of people out to celebrate their community and their Gay freedom. Parade judges honored several floats and marching units for their excellence.

Winning entries in the float



Leather supermen patriots display their wares and American spirit. (Photo: Rink)

categories were: *Grand Prize*, Hayward; *Out of Town*, Oakland; *Theme*, Stockton; *Outrageous*, Don Ramon's; *Creative*, Leticia's; *Inspirational*, Gay Fathers.

Winning Marching Units were: *Grand Prize*, Dykes on Bikes; *Out of Town*, Hayward Raw Raahs; *Theme*, San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps; *Outrageous*, Troupe 69; *Creative*, Gay Men's Chorus; *Inspirational*, Living Sober.

The judges were selected by the Parade Committee and the Cable Car Awards Board of Directors. At the Civic Center Celebration site there was an afternoon of speeches and music keyed to the theme "Decades: Our History, Our Future." People important to the progress of the Gay and Lesbian movement were featured with an emphasis on the current health crisis. A highlight was the appearance of Wenche Lowzow, a Lesbian member of the Norwegian Parliament.

Following the parade and celebration several large tea dances were held throughout the city. The Galleria was jammed to capacity for Conceptual Entertainment's 6th annual event. On Haight Street, the I-Beam presented Sylvester to a high-energy crowd. At 5, two hours late, the doors opened for Dick Collier's "Metropolis" in Brooks Hall where a smaller than anticipated turnout was entertained by Grace Jones and others.

Earlier in the week there had been many other events celebrating Gay pride. On Monday night the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Film Festival opened with the San Francisco premiere of the 1919 German film *Anders Die Anderen*. The film is believed to be the first motion picture to openly discuss homosexuality. The same night the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade History exhibit held a reception at the Green Room in the Veterans' Building. The exhibit remains on display at City Hall for the remainder of the week.

The Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom held their first annual dinner on Tuesday night at the Stanford Court Hotel: 250 people turned out including District Attorney Arlo Smith and Public Defender Jeff Brown. The late Justice Matthew Tobriner was honored for his contributions to the advancement of individual rights. California Associate Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso gave the keynote address.

Thousands turned out Thursday night at Davies Hall for a benefit netting tens of thousands of dollars for the AIDS/KS Foundation.

Over 1000 people voted John Garger from Washington, DC, Mr. Drummer for 1983 at the Trocadero Transfer Friday night. The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Chorus performed

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(Photo: Rink)

with the Barbary Coast Cloggers for the 5th Annual Gay Musical Celebration at the Warfield Theatre. With some 1,000 people in attendance, the evening was a musical triumph and a financial disaster.

California Hall was jammed on Saturday as hundreds gathered to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band & Twirling Corps. Almost 1500 women dressed in their finest for the successful "In The Heat Of The Night" party at the Galleria.

Linda Hopkins entertained with the Glide Church ensemble at a benefit dinner at the Trocadero Transfer, and the I-Beam was stuffed to the rafters for the United States premiere appearance of "New Order," one of the leading English rock groups.

The San Francisco Convention and Tourist Bureau reported that literally millions of dollars were pumped in the San Francisco economy by tourists from around the world who attend this annual event.

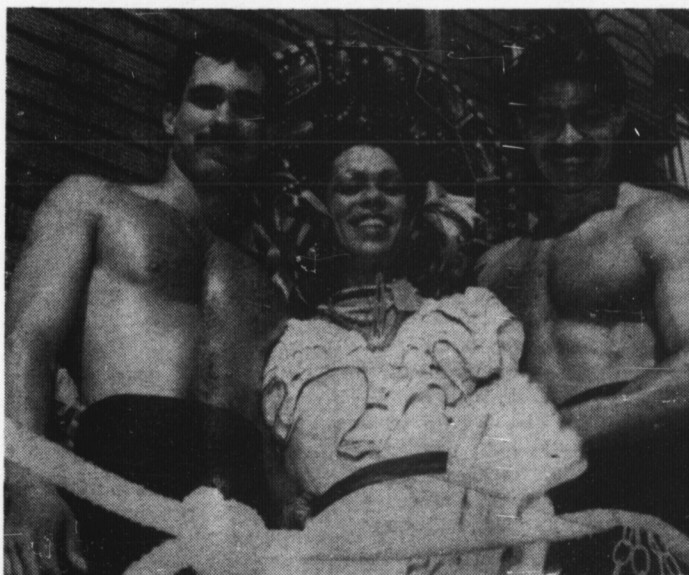
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Leading off the '83 March with the '83 slogan "Strengthen the Ties, Break the Chains!" (Photo: Rink)



544 Natoma Float with artist Lou Rudolph (center) and Ethyl Eichelberger (left) — with a painting of Ethyl as Carlotta of Mexico. (Photo: Rink)



Leticia's award-winning float. (Photo: Rink)

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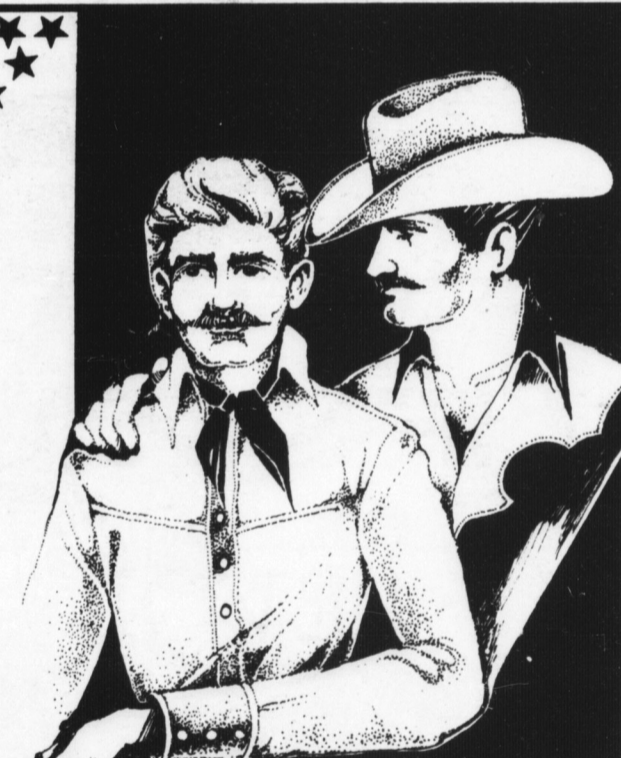
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"Many Gifts . . . One Spirit"
MCC to Convene in Toronto
 Church Growth Demands Splitting into Regions

by Steve Warren

After nearly 15 years, Metropolitan Community Church has grown too big for its organizational britches.

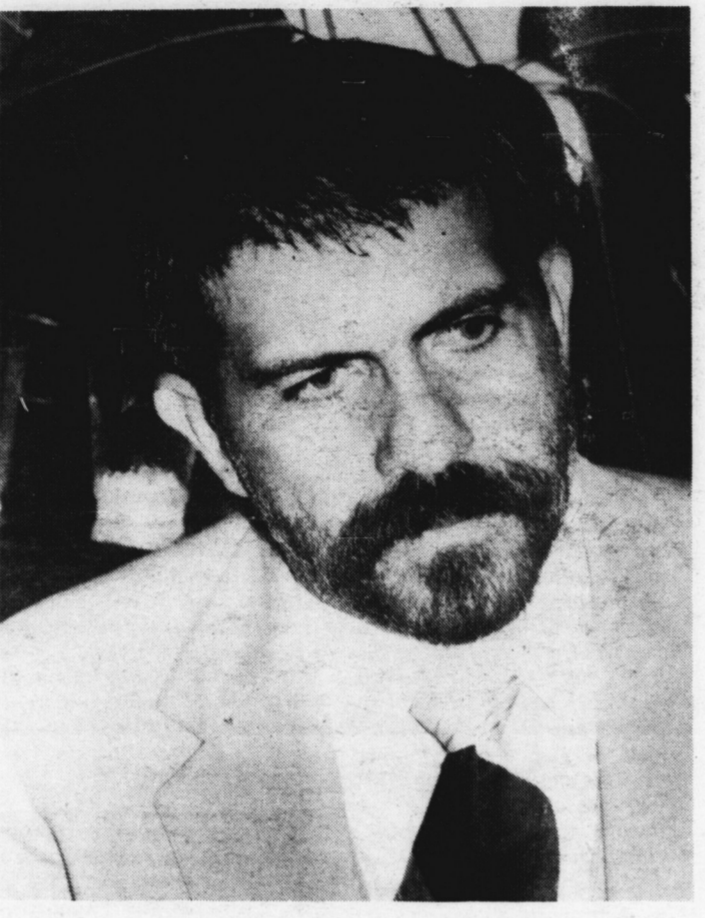
Incorporated as the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) in 1971 after a handful of congregations had grown out of the founding group in Los Angeles, the church's General Conference XI will vote this summer on a wholesale restructuring with an emphasis on decentralization proposed by its Commission on Government Structures and Systems (GSS).

In recent years UFMCC has been dealing with the complexity of adapting to the laws, languages and customs of many nations, as MCC's are now operating in nine countries, striving for a foothold in several others and keeping the lines of communication open with interested parties in dozens more.

The first MCC outside of the U.S. was formed in 1973 in Toronto, Canada, and that church will mark its tenth anniversary while hosting this year's General Conference July 10-17.

With a theme of "Many Gifts . . . One Spirit," the conference will feature guest speaker Dr. Virginia Mollenkott, author of "Women, Men and the Bible" and "Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?" All day seminars will include "Church Growth in Good and Bad Times" and "Embodiment: Uniting the Spiritual and Sensual Self." There will be morning and evening worship services each day in addition to business sessions and other activities.

The GSS proposal would divide the North American Churches into Regions, which would be larger than the present districts and would assume duties which now fall onto one central fellowship office. Each Region would elect a Regional Elder to manage its affairs and to represent the Region on the Board of Elders, which administers the business of the Fellowship between biennial General Conferences. This would increase the size of the current Board and assure that all Elders were salaried for their work.



Troy Perry, founder and continued inspiration of the Gay church. (Photo: Rink)

to-day running of the Fellowship . . . (I) get so encumbered with just the day-to-day things that I don't get out the material, I don't get out the type of letters that I need to our churches, I don't get to encourage new works, to be there to be able to speak—I honestly feel like right

"God, Gays, and the Gospel: this is our story."

Troy Perry

The Board of Elders would also include a five-member Executive Committee, elected by general Conference (as all Elders are now), who would be officers with specific duties. The Executive Committee would also hire an Executive Director to be the Fellowship's chief administrator. This would remove a lot of detail work from Rev. Troy D. Perry, MCC's founder and present moderator of the Board of Elders.

"I'm trying to get myself more time to be the prophetic leader that I feel like I should be," Rev. Perry told this paper, a change from the days when he joked about MCC being "a non-profit organization!" "I accept my prophetic role that God's given me," he explained, "but that doesn't make Troy God."

When he spoke in his Los Angeles office he had just returned from three months of travel, much of it devoted to raising money for the UF MCC TV special "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is OUR Story," which he hopes to start airing in the fall. His desk was piled high with letters and other items requiring his personal attention, making it clear why he wanted to get out from under "the day-

now I need to fly to Jackson, Mississippi, where we're having all kinds of problems with that destroy our work before it can even get off the ground, is raising money to expose on a statewide television special all the Gay bars, all the Gay businesses, MCC, et cetera; and honest to God, it's just not simple to do that kind of thing."

By coincidence or what Rev. Perry sees as "the movement of the Holy Spirit," the Board of Elders had hired a Director of Administration shortly before receiving the GSS report. His functions are similar to those proposed for an Executive Director.

Citing the need for other changes Rev. Perry quoted Rev. Elder Freda Smith as saying that UFMCC has "The body of an elephant on the skeleton of a mouse. Our government hasn't kept up. It was great when we had just 25 or 30 churches . . . I look on this as growth for the future that will put intact a good church government for at least another hundred years or so."

Based on previous experience with complex issues, it's quite possible that the General Conference will refer the restructur-

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24 Divisadero Remains A Hazard

by Randy Schell



(Photo: Rink)

Haight/Waller
 The victim was at Haight and Waller. Two men on the street yelled at the victim, "What time is it?" The victim looked at his watch and responded with the time. The men came closer to the victim and again asked him the time. The victim responded once again. The question was asked a third time, and the victim began retreating slowly. One of the men then yelled, "Was that you who came out of that faggot bar?" The victim noticed something in the hand of one of the assailants, and rushed past them. The assailants pursued the victim down the street. The victim managed to go into the Deluxe Bar and the staff encouraged him to call the police. The police then arrived but did not take a report. The suspects were not found.

24 Divisadero
 This witness reported that 5 people were waiting for the 24 Divisadero on Castro and Market Streets. These people were yelling comments pertaining to the amount of faggots in San Francisco, and they couldn't attack them because there were too many of them and too many of them had whistles. The 24 Divisadero arrived, and the 5 assailants and other people boarded the bus. As the bus continued up Castro Street the assailants began taunting the passengers. Some of the assailants were lamenting over the fact that they "didn't have hand grenades and machine guns to deal with the faggots." Another suspect commented on how sick it was to fuck another man up the ass. This comment was aimed at two Gay men in

Stonewall to Tackle 'California Magazine' Fake Story

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club at its meeting Tuesday, July 5, at 7:30 p.m. will host a discussion of AIDS policy after the recent *California Magazine* smear. Stonewall holds its monthly meeting at the Women's Building, 3543 18th Street (near Valencia).

Horowitz, the *California Magazine* article author; Catherine Cusic, chair of the Harvey Milk AIDS Committee, who is quoted in the article; Ed Powers, Co-Executive Director of the AIDS/KS Foundation; and Bob Geary, Executive Director of the Shanti Project.

The article which is the cover story of the July issue and super-hyped by the publishers is titled "Whitewash" and claims that "San Francisco's Gay leaders, worried about the image of their community, have obscured vital information about how the deadly disease is spread. Their actions have endangered thousands of lives." The article has prompted a storm of controversy and is the subject of extensive debate throughout the Lesbian/Gay community. On hand for the discussion will be David

MCC Toronto

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qualified clergy to supervise new works. The proposed budget for the next two years is less than \$900,000 — indicative of continued belt-tightening but with a resumed expansion pattern.

If the last two years have represented stabilizing and consolidation, the next two should feature renewed but cautious growth.

UFMCC will hold General Conference XII in 1985 in Sacramento, California. The 1987 meeting will be held concurrently with that of Dignity, the organization of Gay Catholics, at a time and place to be announced jointly by the two groups next January. The other

Gay religious organizations will also be invited to participate, according to Rev. Perry.

MCC's founder continued to be optimistic about the church's eventual acceptance into the National Council of Churches. That vote should come next year if NCC's Governing Board, which met with UFMCC representatives in San Francisco in May, approve the application at their November meeting.

Should they delay their vote again, Rev. Perry won't be concerned. "We feel like the longer they wait the better off we are," he said. "To know us is to love us."


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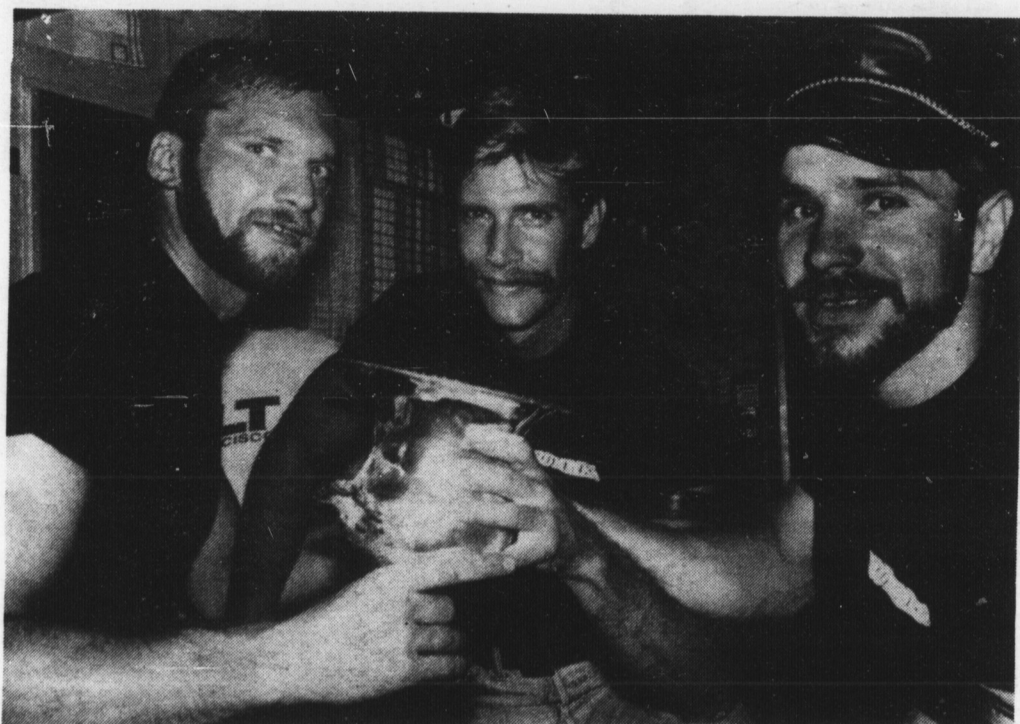
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DRUMMERETTES

The 1983 Mr. Drummer Contest



Titleholders Toast. Swilling champagne from a giant silver goblet, the top winners in the contest toasted their success: (l. to r.) Mr. Drummer John Garger of Washington, DC; First Runner-Up David Earl Lee of Atlanta, and Second Runner-Up George Moore of Cincinnati. (Photo: R. Pruzan)



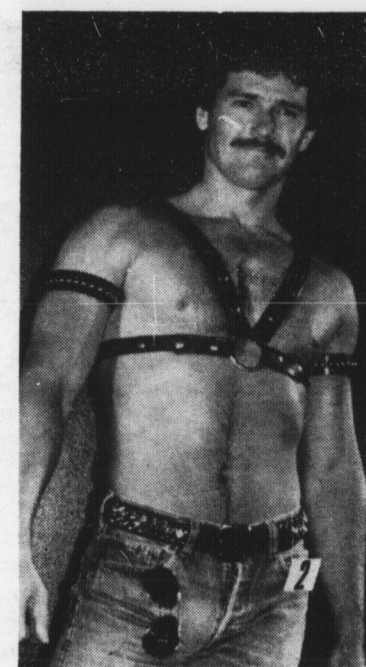
All the Winners at Once. Or "Veni, Veni, Veni," as they say in Rome. Riding in the Parade were the Mr. Drummer triumvirate (at left) of David Earl Lee (with cap), Mr. Drummer John Garger (rear) and George Moore, with Colt Thomas and Luke Daniel fraternized at the right. (Photo: R. Pruzan)



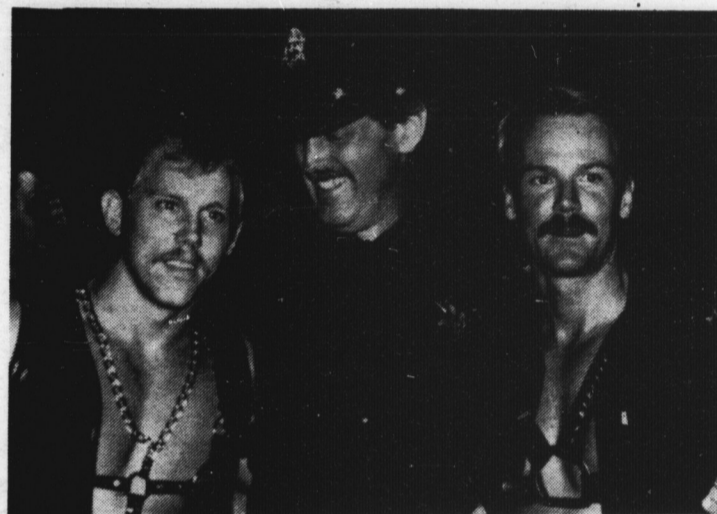
Let Him Eat Cake. Mr. Pacific Northwest Drummer, Bob Bullen, acts out a fantasy — he sat on a cake and had a slave eat it off his ass. One spectator commented, "Only at a Drummer Party do they pass out condoms at the door and rim on the stage." (Photo: R. Pruzan)



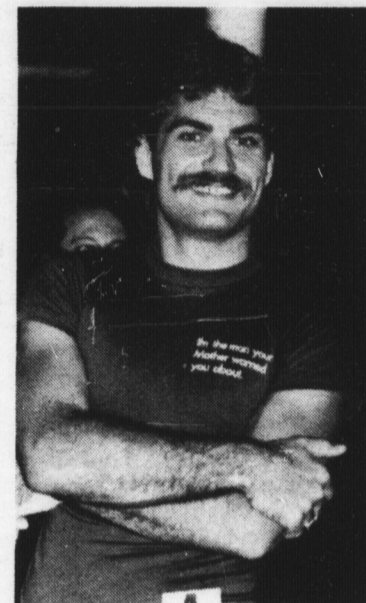
No One Ever Tells Tourists to Dress Warmly at Night. They must be brave as well as buxom to bear the evening's cold as contestants await the jockstrap parade. (Photo: R. Pruzan)



Mr. Pacific Northwest Drummer, Bob Bullen from Portland. (Photo: R. Pruzan)



Black and Blue. Police/Gay Community Liaison Paul Seidler wore the most official uniform of the evening, and let admiring glances be his lances when he met Colt Thomas (l.) and Luke Daniel. (Photo: R. Pruzan)



Mr. Southwest Drummer, David Leblanc from Houston. (Photo: R. Pruzan)



Mr. Drummer 1983

TGWEDNESDAYNBL

JERRY R. DE YOUNG

Animals Eyes 1st Place

If you glanced at the right-hand top corner of the Team Standing sheet of 6/15, you already know that the League Team Average that week was 737. But, did you look a little further into this number and see that the individual average (based on a 5-person team) was 147? This high individual average based on the League Average is a certain indication that the TGWNBL is not resting on its laurels, but is attempting to improve its image by continually striving toward a higher level of accomplishment.

A perfect example of this soaring spirit is the Animals team. They spent the entire last season struggling against the undertow of despair, having their hopes of achievement constantly dashed against the cruel rocks of frustration. They simply could not break away from the smothering waves of ill-fortune that swept over them, forcing them down to last place and holding them there. This season, however, the valiant Animals, disregarding their ill-starred past, seized one of the top seven positions in the league and are holding-on with the tenacity of an angry bulldog. It doesn't hurt to have someone as determined as Jay Merriman on their team either. He has vowed to bowl a 200+ game before the season is out. It's the pin, I think.

There is also another group that refuses to be mediocre, that outstanding cadre of bowlers that make rare achievement look so very easy: the 200+ Club members. On 6/22, these nine bowlers reaffirmed the excep-

tional ability that is so common on the alleys at Park Bowl each Wednesday night.

Lew Watson (P.P.Pals) 226
Ralph Brenner (P.W.I.L., Too!) 224
J.P. Schlotzauer (Ath. Htl.) 215
Jack Hiatt (P.B.) 212
Eddie Carmick (Swt. Insps.) 207
Ed Burnette (P.H.) 204
Larry Kramer (P.B.) 203
Lowell Hills (P.W.I.L., Too!) 202
Winston Matthews (P.P.Pals) 202

Here is the teams' line-up after 13 weeks of bowling (as of 6/22):

	Won	Lost
1. Play With It, Ltd., One!	36	16
2. Sweet Inspirations	33	19
3. Animals	31	21
4. Pilsner I	30	22
5. Park Bowl	30	22
6. Pendulum Pin Pals	29	23
7. Play With It, Ltd., Too!	28½	23½
8. Stallion	28	24
9. David Kelsey's Unmentionables	28	24
10. Pilsner IV	27	25
11. Gay Sports Magazine	26	26
12. Atherton Hotel	26	26
13. Arena Karma	25	27
14. Badlands	24	28
15. Grady's	24	28
16. Deluxe	23	29
17. Pilsner II	22½	29½
18. Pilsner #3 SFDC's	22	30
19. Pendulum	21	31
20. Ambush	20	32
21. S.F. Eagle	19	23
22. Temptations	19	23

The first letter of the last four teams spell PAST. Could that mean that their last place position is to become a thing of the PAST? In any case, there are a lot of fireworks in store for the alleys at Park Bowl, so grab your favorite companion and come experience the excitement some Wednesday evening.

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If AIDS is indeed sexually transmitted, why have there been so FEW cases? Yes, I say few because if an estimated 20,000,000 gays have an estimated 200 "contacts" per year this means that in 4½ years we have seen 1279 AIDS cases in 4,000,000,000 "contacts," or odds of 3,127,443 to 1 against getting AIDS during a given "contact." With all this gay-play going on, why aren't we all getting AIDS instead of only 1279 of us?

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