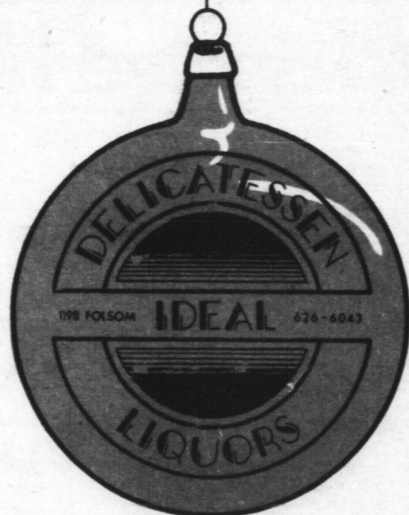
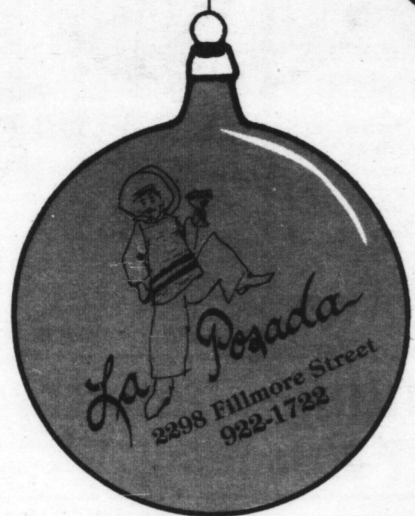
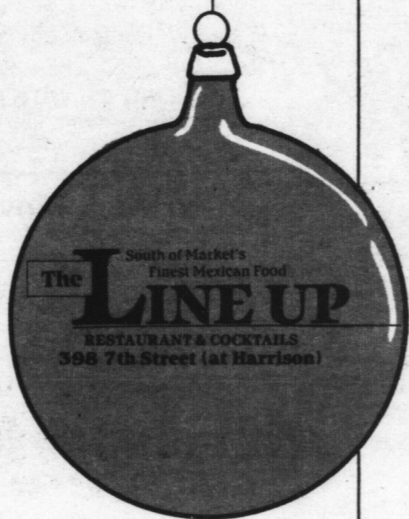
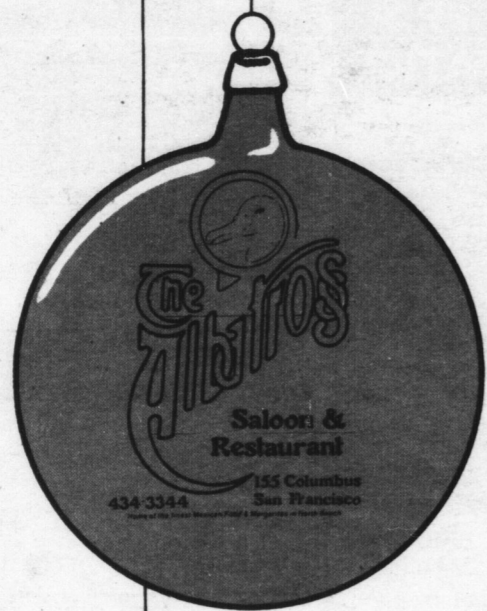


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New Year's Eve

## Megaparties Close Out '83, Blast Off '84

Producers Wage Star Wars for Gay Bucks

by Allen White

Disco impresario David Bandy announced this past weekend that he has booked the "Dreamgirls" from the Golden Gate Theatre show at the Galleria for his New Year's Eve extravaganza. He felt his party offering needed that something extra. Trocadero Transfer, competing for the "even better" prize, is flying the Weather Girls from Washington, D.C. The two announcements are the turf fight for the big party business on New Year's Eve in San Francisco.

Meanwhile, I-Beam owner Sanford Kellman and John Vukas have teamed up to produce the "So Many Men" gargantuan at Moscone Center. Though reluctant to announce a goal, reports indicate they hope to sell well over 10,000 tickets. That's more than twice the number of people who attended the opening of the Gay Games at Kezar Stadium in 1982.

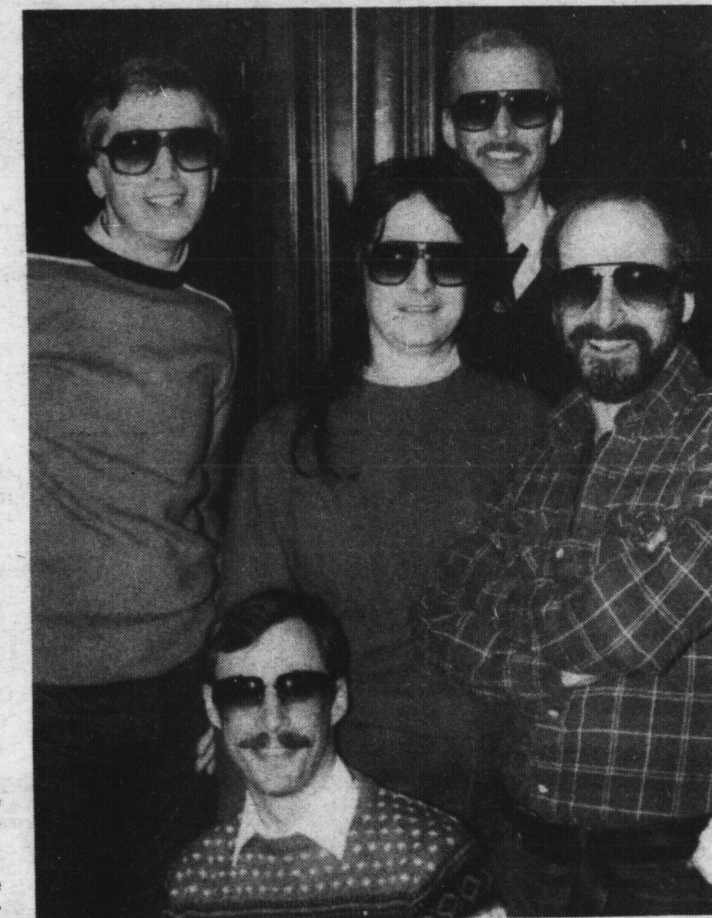
Across town, David Bandy is hoping to sell out the Galleria as he has done for the last five years. At the Trocadero Transfer, the club must produce a strong entertainment package to satisfy its members who pay \$100 a year and to maintain a solid industry profile.

rupted entertainment, is promising "3 Nights of New Year Partying." Their entry is "Modern Rocketry" starring Peter Bilt. Studio West says Rocketry will do two shows featuring their hits "I'm Not Your Stepping Stone" and "La Cage aux Folles." New Year's Day manager B.J. says the club will be passing out free LP's — "while they last." Studio West, say disco watchers, is trying to corner the youth

market. What the public will see are parties unequalled anywhere in the world. San Francisco is the only city to present the super Gay dance parties.

The cost to produce these events has never been higher than this weekend. The costs for lighting, sound and staging are

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Well shaded Bay Area Reporter staffers say goodbye to '83 and welcome in '84: (l. to r.) Allen White, Dianne Gregory, Tom Rogers, Robert Pruzan, and (bottom) Bob Dern. (Photo: Rink)

## Places to Go on New Year's Eve

132 Bush is presenting Pamela Brooks as their New Year's Eve star in their third floor cabaret. Their evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 8 p.m. in the first floor bar. At 9 p.m. guests will repair to the second floor for a roast filet gourmet dinner. The price is \$45 per person, \$84 per couple. Included are party favors, wine, and champagne in the cabaret (bar drinks not included). 132 Bush holds 70 patrons. As of Tuesday, they had 15 places left. Reservations only: 362-4484.

Ivy's, 398 Hayes, is serving New Year's Eve dinners from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. They have a special menu: Prime Rib, \$20; Rack of Lamb, \$20; Game Hen, \$15; Tenderloin of Veal, \$17.50. The evening's soup is cream ginger carrot; the salad, butterleaf. Management says they're filling up fast. Reservations: 626-3930.

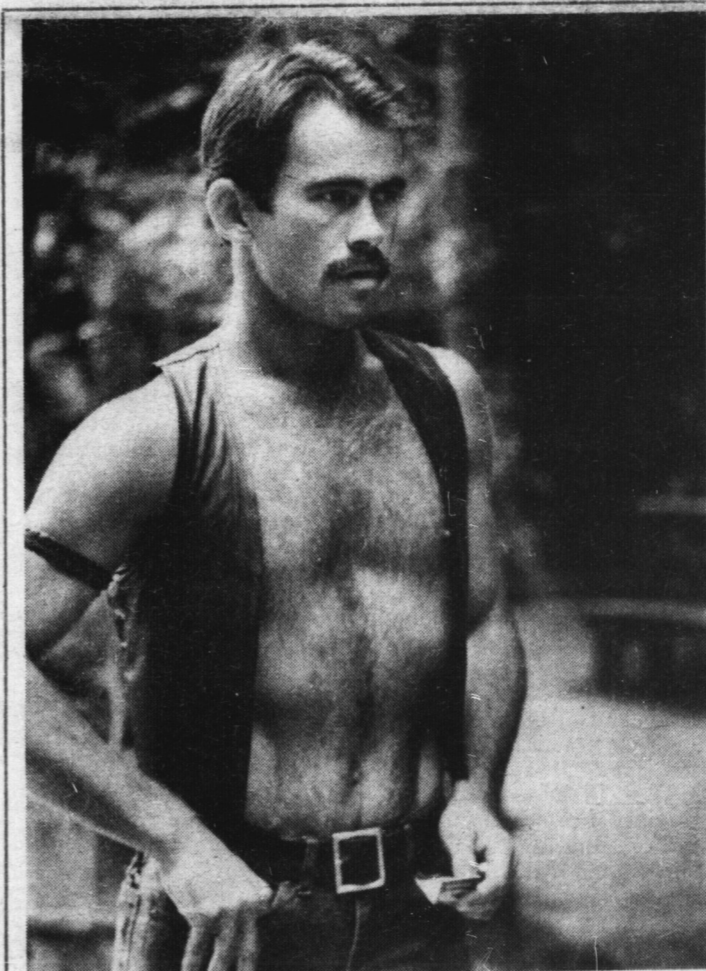
Castle Grand Brasserie, 1600 Folsom, is going for an eight-course gourmet dinner, with one 9 p.m. seating at \$60 per person. The Brasserie can handle 45 diners. They have a piano player and promise "a bottomless glass of champagne." The menu begins with ham in a pastry shell with a cream sauce. Tomato consommé is followed by sea bass (in white wine and leek sauce) then salad and next a cheese plate. The entree is roast veal in a citrus glaze. Dessert is both pineapple sorbet and a chocolate flambe. Some space still open. Reservations: 626-2723.

\*P.S., 1121 Polk, is preparing a special menu in a price range from \$13.95 to \$21.95. The entrees include lobster, baby salmon, breast of capon, prime rib, butterfly steak Mad-

agascar, and filet de boeuf. Bob Sandner will be at the piano all night; drinks are on your own, but the \*P.S. hosts will be supplying balloons, hats, and party

favors. Serving begins at 6 p.m. and runs until midnight. They are already heavily booked. Reservations: 441-7798.

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New Year's Eve will bring out the beauties: to a disco, a Gay restaurant, a Gay bar, or one of the megaparties. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

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## Dial-A-Porn: Kids Love It FCC Wants It Stopped

Frustrated members of the Federal Communications Commission have turned to the general public for assistance. Children are calling a free Dial-A-Porn "800" telephone number advertised in *High Society*, a sex magazine, to hear a woman moan and groan. The popular number is being circulated about among children in the public schools. The turn-on message receives as many as 500,000 calls daily.

Car-Bon Publishers, Inc., New York City, is challenging a new federal law which prohibits such calls. The FCC, in an unusual move, is asking the public to write-in, suggesting how it might enforce the anti-Dial-A-Porn law.

Advertising appears in many other sex-oriented publications that encourages readers to call specific numbers and talk with a male or female about sexual matters. Usually credit card numbers are used to charge the service. The fee is often \$20 and up. While a person under 18 could use the service, the fee itself makes the jack-off gimmick primarily an adult-patronized business. It appears that the new law could end all the Dial-A-Porn Services if the *High Society* lawsuit fails.

The law, signed this month by President Reagan, prohibits a commercial telephone service from using "obscene or indecent" language if it is available to anyone under 18 years of age. The effort is a continuing attempt by government bodies to stop children from being "exposed to sex. People may continue to talk about sex on the telephone outside of a commercial service.

The Pentagon claims that it has discovered 136 calls were made to the *High Society* number from its phones during a three-month period this year. It has installed a special device that now blocks such calls, evidently fearful that employees will become sexually aroused when they should be working.

The FCC has 180 days in which to establish regulations that will halt the free Dial-A-Porn number and possibly the pay-for-phone-sex numbers. Any enforcement would involve the telephone companies in monitoring calls and tracing subscribers' numbers by electronic surveillance. The *High Society* suit claims that the new federal law is a violation of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

## Megaparties Close Out '83,

staggering. Literally dozens of people will be working at each location.

The parties are big business; failure to make it big at either the Galleria or the Moscone Center could mean financial disaster.

The stakes are enormous for the producers who care to play the game. Close to half a million dollars may be spent on ticket admissions alone. Another half a million is predicted on such ancillary items as new clothes, cabs, limousines, restaurants,

drugs and liquor. The take at the coat check at Moscone Center could easily be over \$10,000.

Not surprisingly, the party presenters are showing the tension. The "Mister Nice Guy" attitude that prevailed a few months back is gone. Pride, ego, economic survival are all motivating factors as they push themselves to the limit to gain a competitive edge.

At the Galleria, Bandy has landed Arnetia Walker and the "Dreams" from the Dreamgirls show at the Golden Gate Theater. Through some deft



The star attraction at the Galleria for New Year's is the cast from the hit show Dreamgirls: Arnetia Walker, Lillias White; Linda Leilani Brown; Deborah Burrell.

backstage string pulling, Walker and friends will be presenting music from the show and wearing costumes from the production. David Bandy said they will be performing "One Night Only" and "Hard to Say Good-bye, My Love" which is the finale of Dreamgirls.

There will also be the appearance of Cheryl Lynn, Moby Dick recording star Lisa, as well

as discoteers Gary and Gloria Poole. New York dj's Robbie Leslie from The Saint and Sharon White from The River Club are also scheduled.

Now in their sixth year, Conceptual Entertainment has always sold out their New Year's Eve Galleria show in advance.

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## Marines/Gay Bar 'Toys' Incident Stirs L.A.

by George Mendenhall

Gay men in a bar. The U.S. Marines. Toys for children. It was the perfect Christmas story, and every TV and radio newscast in Southern California carried it over the holiday. The Los Angeles Times made it into a major story. It became news because the manager of the Job Site, a small North Hollywood Gay bar became irritated over how Gay people were being maligned and called the media.

The scenario began when Mark Siefker, the bar manager, decided to have a Toys for Tots party at his bar with patrons bringing in toys. The annual U.S. Marine project interested Siefker, who had served in the Marines from 1977-1981. He had an assurance from a Marine that the toys would be picked up by a Marine at the bar three days before Christmas during the evening party. However, the 100 toys were not picked up. No Marine appeared.

Siefker called the Toys for Tots campaign the next day. He was told by Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Tom Briggs that it had evidently all been a misunderstanding. The toys could be delivered to the Toys office but "I won't send a U.S. Marine into any Gay bar for any reason. We're very proud of our uniform and we are not only concerned about how we wear it but where we wear it." Ex-Marine Siefker inquired further and was told by Marine Major Bill Woods at the Louisiana "Toys" headquarters, "Homosexuality is not permitted in the Marine Corps, and consequently it is inappropriate for a Marine to go into a homosexual bar, while representing the Corps."

That was enough for Siefker. He called The Los Angeles Times and other media sources, and within 24 hours he was on television himself and was being quoted in a national Associated Press story.

Siefker himself could easily be the subject for a Marines' recruitment poster. He is exceptionally handsome with macho appearance and husky speaking voice. On the evening telecasts he was the perfect role model as he asked the millions of Southern California viewers, "Why does it make any difference who gives the toys? The kids don't know the difference. Our money is just as good as anyone's."

The bar manager surprised

viewers by adding, "I am surprised that they weren't willing to pick up the toys. There are more Gay Marines than you can imagine. I know, I was in the Marines."

### HAPPY ENDING

The news stories brought in additional toys from Gay contributors and a Santa Claus to take the toys away. The Santa Claus was State Senator Alan Robbins (D-Van Nuys). As the TV cameras whirled and "In Touch" type males filled his car with the gifts, the senator appeared delighted. When asked why he involved himself with homosexuals, he replied to the TV audience, "Well, they are my constituents and I was elected to serve my constituents. It seems a silly thing to squabble over." Later, he told Siefker he might campaign for re-election with the slogan "I Go Where the Marines Will Not Go!"

Reflecting back on the incident, Marine Sgt. Briggs said, "I don't find any humor in this. It's a little irritating because we've got guys around the world that we have to worry about." Marine Master Sgt. Sandra Eysaman, at a Toys for Tots center in New Orleans, added, "We do give guidance to our reserve units that when they do conduct the campaign, that they conduct it in such a way that it doesn't put a bad light on the Marine Corps or embarrass the Corps."

When this newspaper's reporter Allan White talked with Siefker after things calmed down he said, "This whole event made the Marines look like assholes. The local Marines, of course, are only saying what they have to say. They are taking orders from above. I just couldn't take the reaction that they just did not want to have anything to do with Gays." ■

## Blast off '84

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Their Halloween party tickets were gone two days in advance and indications are that the Galleria may be sold out by tonight, Thursday.

At the Moscone Center one of the biggest attractions will be the huge number of people. At an advance ticket price of \$19.84, hundreds of tickets were sold before Christmas Day. The producers say that their outlets are still showing a healthy ticket sale at the bumped-up \$25 charge.

The big entertainment guns at Moscone Center are Marlena Shaw, Lipps, Inc. and Dreamgirls star Linda Brown. Though Brown has a starring role in Dreamgirls, John Vukas said she will not be performing music



Once again, Conceptual Entertainment takes over the Galleria. (Photo: Rink)

from the show. She will present an independent show with her

dancers.

There have been indications that other rooms at Moscone Center may be opened to handle the crowd which may swell to over 12,000. Only one-third of the giant complex is now used for the presentation. Sanford Kellman said the next area which may be opened would probably be the main ballroom.

To complete the entertainment offerings, both Moscone Center and Galleria producers are promising dramatic special effects with lasers, lights and surprises to satisfy the most conservative cynic.

For the two major shows to be successful, they must have good out of town ticket sales. All American Boy on Santa Monica Blvd. in West Hollywood is selling tickets for both the Galleria and the Moscone Center events. A spokesperson at their Southern California store said the number of tickets sold before Christmas for both events has been well above average. ■

A. White

## Major Victory: Gay Lovers May Receive State Death Benefits

by George Mendenhall

Homosexual couples must be given the same credence as heterosexual unmarried couples in awarding death benefits under the state's Workers' Compensation law. This ruling by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board this week is a "first" in the country.

Earl H. Donovan of Los Angeles will receive \$25,000 and his attorney \$3,000 in the case that led to the general ruling. The victor had lived with his lover, Thomas Finnerty, for 27 years. In 1973 Finnerty was granted a disability leave from his position as a Deputy District Attorney, claiming he had permanent damage to his nervous system — caused by the threats to his life from those he had prosecuted. In 1976, he took his own life. Donovan filed for his partner's death benefits and lost the preliminary hearing. However, he has now won at the state appeal level, making the ruling broader in its future effect to other couples.

Unlike state courts, which do not permit unmarried lovers to inherit automatically, the

Workers' Comp has allowed for death benefits to be passed on to heterosexual partners. The determination is on dependency rather than legal inheritance law. This is the first known case, however, where such benefits were given to a same-sex lover.

When the original hearing concluded, the judge questioned whether Finnerty's suicide was job-related. The board, however, overruled its judge and concluded that the deceased could not avoid suicide because of the extreme stress that he experienced.

The Appeals Board ruling has the effect of interpreting the state Labor Code to mean that, in the future, death benefits may be given to same-sex partners. ■

## Bay Area Teamsters Support AB-1

According to the Gay Labor Alliance, the leadership of more than 65,000 Bay Area Teamsters has voted to support legislation banning employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. The executive board of Teamster Joint Council 7 joined the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO and other labor bodies representing over 1½ million workers in backing AB-1, which has passed the State Assembly and awaits consideration in the Senate in

January. Joint Council 7 President Chuck Mack said that the Teamster lobbyist in Sacramento has been notified of the endorsement.

The Joint Council action was a response to requests for support from Howard Wallace, Co-Chair of the Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance (L/GLA) and Bobby Heacock, Chair of the Labor Caucus of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club. ■

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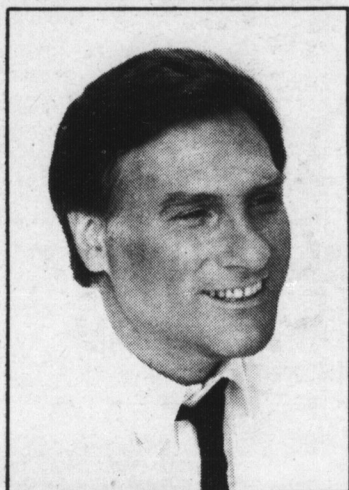
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**City Hall Friends Bid Nardoza Adieu**

by Allen White

"A good friend. A good friend always." Dianne Feinstein was describing her loyal aide and friend, Peter Nardoza. After eight years he is departing his position as aide to the Mayor of San Francisco. January 1 he assumes his new position as Assistant Director of Business and Finance at the San Francisco Airport.



Departing aide and Gay liaison Peter Nardoza and his longtime friend share a proclamation. (Photo: Rink)

Last Tuesday night, over 200 of his friends gathered at the Atherton Hotel on Ellis and Larkin to celebrate his new job and say "thanks." The thanks were in order because Peter Nardoza has done more than most any person to bridge the gap between the mayor's office with the Gay community.

The mayor had intended to give a speech and present a proclamation. Because of the crowd she chose to enjoy the people and dispense with any speeches.

If she had spoken she said she would have talked about how Peter Nardoza had joined her supervisory campaign in 1975, became a part of her staff, and

worked with her through all these years. She continually focused on her respect for Nardoza as a friend. Dianne Feinstein is a very precise person when she uses the word "friend." Though the mayor had proclaimed December 20 Peter Nardoza Day in San Francisco, it was obvious that the most important proclamation she intended to make was to label Peter Nardoza "a dear, dear friend."

Betty Lynn, a co-worker with Nardoza, had helped present the party with Supervisor Richard Hongisto's aide, Dennis Collins. Lynn said the reason she threw the party was because he "had so many friends that if I didn't

throw a party I would be lynched."

Dennis Collins was equally excited about presenting the event. Collins is a close friend of Nardoza's and noted that he found him to be "one of the most liked and most respected people at City Hall."

Collins might have been right, as many of the people who work at the government center arrived at the party. City Commissioners Jerry Berg, Jo Daly, and Sue Bierman were joined by Supervisor Harry Britt; Louise Renne's aide, Allan Johnson; Brandy Moore, aide to Doris Ward, and Deputy Mayor Hadley Roff, as well as Cyr Cuperini, the mayor's appointment secretary.

Earlier this week the Board of Supervisors had voted a resolution paying tribute to Peter Nardoza. It was one of the few times when all eleven supervisors have ever collectively signed a resolution.

The jewel box hotel was crammed with well-wishers. With a unique balcony design, the hotel lobby was the scene of a party on two separate levels. Though crowded, the people were relaxed as they mingled about. Manager Russ Alley had prepared entertainment for later in the evening. One of the most relaxed was Dianne Feinstein. Dressed in a bright holiday red, she moved comfortably through the crowd greeting every person.



Hongisto aide Dennis Collins bears unanimous testimonial from supervisors. (Photo: Rink)

**UC Allocates AIDS Funds**

Twenty-one faculty members at the University of California have received special funding for research into the cause and treatment of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). In addition, funding for the balance of the academic year has been provided to two AIDS Clinical Research Centers, one at UC San Francisco and the other at UCLA.

In July, the state appropriated \$2.9 million to UC specifically for AIDS research. Initial distribution of \$800,000 to 11 researchers and for three-month funding of the two centers was made in August.

The 21 faculty members who received research awards in November are on the Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Santa Barbara campuses. The awards range in size from \$3,000 to \$154,000.

The awards were made by a University-wide Task Force on AIDS chaired by Merle Sande, professor and vice chairman of medicine at UC San Francisco.

In selecting proposals to receive funding awards, Sande said, "We sought proposals across as broad a range of relevant disciplines as possible, so

that we would not overlook any promising avenue of research."

Among the 21 UC researchers and their projects are the following:

- William Drew, associate clinical professor of medicine at UC San Francisco and director of microbiology and infectious diseases at Mt. Zion Hospital, will study the role of a virus called cytomegalovirus in the possible causation of AIDS. He will select 100 Gay men who are not currently affected by the virus and study them every two months until the onset of the viral infection can be pinpointed and its effects on the immune system identified.

- Jay Levy, associate professor of medicine at UC San Francisco, will head a study directed at the specific identification, isolation, and recovery of the infectious agent responsible for AIDS.

- James Cherry, professor of pediatrics at UCLA, will head a pilot study designed to determine whether AIDS can be transmitted to health care workers and to measure the risk involved, if any.

- J. Allen McCutchan, assistant professor of medicine at UC San Diego, will investigate the

role of two specific viruses and determine if they either cause AIDS or whether they make AIDS symptoms worse once the immune system is depressed.

- Andrew Moss, adjunct assistant professor of epidemiology at UC San Francisco, will conduct a case-control epidemiological study of AIDS victims through extensive interviews and lifestyle questionnaires.

- Warren Winkelstein, professor of epidemiology at UC Berkeley, will study a number of skin tests as a means of screening large populations for the risk of developing AIDS. Early identification of high risk individuals has important implications for the eventual control and prevention of this highly fatal syndrome.

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## VIEWPOINT

## LETTERS

### '83, A Hard Year to Fathom

We close out another year. And as the days dwindle down to a handful, tradition will have us tie together the previous 360 or so and make telling totals.

Real life doesn't begin on January 1st's nor do things tidily end up on December 31. Still, we use the calendar year as a crystal ball in reverse: What have we been through? What have we won; what have we lost? What has been the price?

1983 has been a difficult year for the Gay community and the Gay Rights movement. For me it has been the most difficult year — Gay wise — since I began writing for the Gay press in 1972. As I look back over the decade, only one time before did I feel my step falter and my resolve weaken. That came with the assassination of Harvey when it became apparent that the entire movement had been thrown back five years, a decade, a generation. Who knew the cost, the consequences? Our best hope — victorious and flourishing — had been cut down in the flick of a trigger. With Harvey we lost a leader, one with infinite potential.

Dan White proved him finite and he sought to finalize the movement. White won the battle and lost the war, for Gay leaders began to spring up everywhere and the momentum has not abated.

Early in 1983, via this paper, we detonated the nuclear explosive of AIDS in the San Francisco Gay community.

Up until March 1983, all the expert advice had been "go easy," "don't get people excited," "people might panic." This was the health establishment position — both heterosexual and homosexual. Larry Kramer called from New York City and told me of his exasperation and the article he was preparing for the *New York Native*, "1,112 and Counting." The New York experience with AIDS (as we were beginning to learn to call the horror) was a year or more advanced than anywhere else. San Francisco was second in line; places like Chicago were two years behind in the number of cases and deaths. Kramer told me he was going to let out all the stops and would I stand behind him. I agreed and decided to throw the San Francisco consciousness a year ahead of itself; (like Kramer) I was cocky enough to say to myself and those about me I would let the chips fall where they may and bear the consequences.

New York was ready for the wild crying out loud. San Francisco was not.

Little did I realize the genie I had released out of the corked AIDS bottle. Within three months of the alarm sounding — even my publisher was referring to me as the most hated Gay man in San Francisco (move over, Harry Britt).

In late April, a letter written by one of the AIDS Foundation leaders and signed by some 25 AIDS victims was circulated throughout the city demanding I be replaced as editor for spotlighting their malaise. At the same time, I was confronting the horror in my own household. At the same time a number of friends were sick or dying or dead. And I found myself projected as the nemesis of those who were sick.

Placing the entire Gay liberation dream against the reality of the killer of liberated sex, I found myself for the first time unsure of the direction, the point, the need of our movement.

I couldn't sidestep the haunting refrain if sexual freedom is going to kill its players, how can anyone keep waving the flag?

I realized that no one else had any answer either. Neither the Gay clubs, nor the street activists, nor the Pacific Heights set, nor the AIDS/KS functionaries and moneymakers. It was a new deck. Anyone's Game. With nobody who knew more than I did or less than I did.

I realized — after a few weeks away from the heart of the pain — that the paper had to pick its way through the confusion, the ignorance, the leadership vacuum, the panderers, the fakes, the opportunists . . . the dead and dying — and

(Continued on page 11)

### What Christmas Means to Me

★ Christmas is to many people a time of presents and toys and family and friends. But how many of us rushing in and out of stores stop to think of the Baby Jesus and the Three Wise Guys who followed an exploding supernova in the Andromeda Galaxy on a cold, starry night long ago somewhere in Europe? Last year I was in the Christmas Pageant at Marybeth Murdock Junior High and I played an angel who watched over the Baby Jesus lying in a manger. I had to climb a ladder at the back of the barn set to reach my spot marked "B" which overlooked the crib and the four sheep flats. Miss Ely, my fourth period teacher and band instructor, offered me a choice: I could either be Mary or I could be an angel. I chose the ladder.

Why, you may ask, did I let Gloria Pachinsky have the "big role" of Mary while I chose a mere drop-part? Because I knew that being both upstage and above stage of everyone else I could upstage the rest of the cast, sons of bitches all of 'em. I saw Carrie. I know how to work a pageant. Let them all laugh at my Mary Janes and my pigtails; so what if they already have their periods and breasts and junk! I've got something better . . . a Frederick's of Hollywood black corset, garters, and fishnet stockings just like Liza Minnelli in Cabaret which I found in Mommy's drawer under her daytime panties, and which I wore under my angel tunic. When the Three Wise Guys placed their frankenstein instant mirth at Baby Jesus' side, I pulled off the tunic and worked the rafters blue like they do in those sex clubs.

I guess they would have brought the curtain down if our cafeteria stage had a curtain, which it does not. Anyway, even if I did get expelled for two weeks and Mommy was drummed out of the PTA, it was all worth it.

I made the *Marybeth Murdock Junior High Bugle* with a column titled "Tammy Tells It True," and I get lots of obscene phone calls from the boys at the Abraham Parish Boys School.

And that's what Christmas means to me.

Tammy McCracken

### Sister Defends Underage Decoy Use

★ Who is *The Voice* to decide what issues are "legitimate" anyway? "There are enough legitimate problems facing our community. *The Sentinel* should not attempt to create more." It would appear the legitimate issue in the eyes of *The Voice* is the defense of those businesses which advertise in their publication.

It is hypocrisy for a community demanding equal protection under the law to discriminate against its own minority members. We all know it happens in the gay community. We all know there is a double standard. Entrapment is not necessarily a homophobic vehicle, especially when attempting to discover real but unofficial discriminatory practices by certain gay businesses which contradict their espoused nondiscrimination hiring and admittance policies. I suppose some would call the Freedom Trains and sit-ins at southern lunch counters in the 50's "entrapment." Used by the vice squad in the 60's, entrapment became an instrument of our enemies. In the 80's it may be necessary to use it to secure minority rights in those same gay establishments. One's liquor license is an unofficial contract of accountability to the community. I would not, as a very last resort, rule out enforcing that contract to secure compliance with nondiscrimination policies.

*The Voice*, a "responsible gay press," calls our survey "irresponsible." The implication is that our motive is one of personal glorification and damn the repercussions. The "Sister Super-Inflated Ego" syndrome as Wayne Friday calls it in the *B.A.R.* On the contrary, I am well aware of the consequences of my actions. What Girl Friday and her friends still haven't gotten is a basic difference in our messages. Self-labeled "Responsible Gay Leaders" have since '77 demanded conformity, a heterosexualizing/cloning of Gay America to achieve acceptance. The very existence of

The Sisters has been to affirm our uniqueness as gay men. We must not sacrifice our uniqueness to appease the insecurities of the majority culture. We must not compromise to attain acceptance. To be a different skin, a different sex, and wear a different dress is acceptable.

The bar survey was my brainchild following an unwarranted and particularly phobic attack on The Sisters by several members of the Gay Games committee last year. (Waddell was dead set against our appearing in habit at the festivities.) I proposed the survey to Gary Schweikhart last summer as a concrete means of illustrating the extent of a widespread inidious disease in the gay community: minority prejudice and discrimination, the twin results of the assimilating lobotomies taking place since Anita Bryant. Bar policies are merely opportunistic symptoms of his underlying malady. The survey will continue as planned.

Sister Vicious P.H.B.  
San Francisco

*ED. NOTE: Entrapment, regardless of who's setting up the sting, is a loathsome process. The plan of the Sisters and some newspaper people to send a minor into a Gay bar to get the bartender to break the law is dirty business. Even the press perpetrators have had second thoughts and are now disavowing any involvement. After all, one of their owners owns a bar. Would they have their own colleagues fall for the trap, break the law, and face prosecution?*

*Good luck on your decision that "the survey will continue as planned." We seriously doubt your media outlet will be publishing the results of your use of underage decoys.*

P. Lorch

### Decoys

★ That the Sisters of P.I. should help sponsor underage decoys to Gay bars should surprise no one. While they were amusing at first, what more do we need to prove these guys have now outwitted whatever usefulness they might have had?

What's most amazing is that so many of us should have been gulled (*sic.*) into thinking a guy calling himself Sr. Vicious Power-Hungry Bitch was merely "camping." He is one for real, along with Br. Doom Doom, et al.

Reed Vernon  
San Rafael, CA

### Priapussy

★ As a practicing and believing Christian, I find the fact that St. Priapus calls itself a church offensive. I do, however, fully (reluctantly) support their right to advertise that fact. Every mainline religion has symbolism, but they all acknowledge a supreme being (God). The only symbol St. Priapus acknowledges is the male phallus. Why can't their name be the "St. Priapus J/O Club?"

H. Levy  
San Francisco

### Making Change

★ Let me share a Castro Christmas story with you. Recently I have stopped in the Nothing Special twice, maybe three times a week. I was there at about 1:00 AM Christmas morning, talking with a friend who is a frequent and long-time customer. He told me he was temporarily out of funds, and asked if I could lend him \$5 or \$10. Sure, I said, and asked the bartender (Ron, I'm told) to change a \$50. "This place," he said, "is a bar, NOT a bank."

Happy Holidays to all nice people.

R. M. Nelson  
San Francisco

## LETTERS

### How Disco'ed Are You?

★ Music is a wonderful form of expression. It can make a person happy, sad, sexual, nonsexual, etc. In other words, it's a powerful force. Music is played at funerals, weddings, parties, and even wars. Music does play a very important part in our lives. Some music is good and some is plain bad. I personally don't usually care for acid rock country & western; that is my taste. Music is like beauty; it's "in the eye of the beholder." I'll come to the point. Most "disco" really gets me angry. Why? Because three-fourths of the disco I'm hearing is nothing more than rhythms out of a student drum study book, played by electronic computers, with a few scales ascending and descending in 32nd notes, with one to two chord changes. Of course, you need to have the high-pitched voices singing: "Dance, feel the music; dance, feel the music" . . . or how about those ingenious lyrics like "I wanna love you tonight," etc. . . . mix & match 'em! The point I'm making is this just isn't bad, it's commercial Madison Ave. formula, no ands, ifs, or buts!

I do happen to be a professional musician of the classical variety and make my living from it, but this is not why you should listen to me. This "disco" I'm talking about isn't heartfelt, honest, uplifting, and most of all it's sterile. Next time you're in the bars, especially in the Pacific Heights area, listen for it (and these bars aren't even for dancing). I have a fantasy that when I'm 80 years old I'll be in "The Donna Summers Home for the Aged" and some "young whippersnappers" will come and entertain us with this stuff. If this happens I'll be in my room listening to old recordings of Lawrence Welk before I'm subjected to that.

By the way, having it played over the stereo system in restaurants is really a drag! If this "Gay Muzak" isn't music to your ears, complain to the management; maybe they will get the point.

Brian Wisniefsky  
San Francisco

### Membership Cards

★ I am writing to alert others to the rip-off being perpetrated by the Nob Hill Theater. I purchased a membership good for one year last June. It was used once. Last week I decided to make a special trip in from Marin to see the famous John Holmes. When I entered the theater and presented my perfectly valid membership card, I was told that the management had allegedly changed hands, that the card would not be honored, and that a new one had to be purchased. I told the management what I thought of this ever-increasing gay-owner, rude rip-off. Needless to say, I spent the \$7 elsewhere; and this is what I urge all of you to do. *Don't patronize this theater!* Who knows how long they will validate an annual membership with this attitude.

Contrary to your column last week stating that: "The current proprietor is forced to begin entirely new," there is no valid reason that I can see for not honoring previous memberships while valid. The current attitude does not make money. It loses them money by turning away patrons with an obvious gay scam. They'll never see another dollar of mine!

David Elliott Stovel  
San Rafael, CA

*ED. NOTE: Your card was not "perfectly valid;" as reported in the Bay Area Reporter, the management change explanation is no scam, but they say an unfortunate business legality. The real scam is two-faced: that the theater would show such an intolerable film and that so many Gay men could be suckered in by the promise of a big dick.*

J.F.K.

### Cuban Heels

★ In regard to the review of Scarface:

I am from Miami. I attended junior and senior high in Miami, worked in Miami, married a Cuban-born woman from Miami, have a half-Cuban daughter and speak good Cuban Spanish. In all, I spent over ten years in Miami and more in other Florida cities, starting way back in 1943.

I saw Florida turn from a wonderful state into the armpit of America, solely due to the influx of Cubans fleeing Castro's Cuba.

Gay Cubans? Gay Cubans are of no concern to me, nor to Cubans. Castro scored by dumping those losers on us. Visit Miami these days, and Gay Cubans will tell you to your face, Anglo, that "Miami is a Cuban city now; Anglos are not welcome here."

AIDS? Hasn't anyone realized that AIDS developed in the U.S. shortly after the influx of Cubans and Haitians, who also brought leprosy and other horrendous diseases to America?

As for Scarface, it's a good movie but just doesn't show how evil the Cubans are. Tony Montana, in comparison to many other Cuban heavies, is a punk. The slaughters of entire families down to 2-year-old children and the family dog by competing Latin dope gangs are so routine that Miami has become immune to it. Mutilated corpses (usually with heads and hands chopped off to avoid identification) are found almost daily in South Florida. The Miami River is, on occasion, red with the blood of dogs, cats, and other animals tortured and killed during the vile Santeria ceremonies (a form of voodoo) universally practiced by Miami Cubans.

No, "good" Cubans aren't washing dishes. They are rioting in the streets when the U.S. rightly sends the suspected Castro agents back to Cuba and shuts the door on them. They are selling dope, stealing, cheating, hustling, and murdering, but just not on the same scale

as de Palma's film fantasy. Or they are blowing each other up in ceaseless wars between anti-Castro groups.

Miami is an accursed city, it seems, and has been going downhill ever since the Cubans first began arriving in 1960. Scarface is a cold testimony to what the Cuban exiles have given to my country in exchange for our welcome, friendship, jobs, homes, and help, and I applaud de Palma for it.

Too bad he didn't run a disclaimer with *Dressed to Kill* on behalf of transsexuals.

Angela Lynn Douglas  
Berkeley, CA

### The Church

★ The Catholic Church has a miserable human rights record, collectively, that goes back hundreds of years. That miserable record is, however, irrelevant as regards the Holy Redeemer controversy. Holy Redeemer was in the Castro long before the neighborhood became Gay. It behooves our community to establish and maintain dialogue with Holy Redeemer, not destroy the same. After all, there are exceptions to every rule.

The straight residents of the Castro are as entitled as we are to live and worship as they please.

Herb Levy  
San Francisco

*ED. NOTE: And who would deny them that right to worship as they please?*

P. Lorch

### On Davies Hall Event

★ Thank you for your informative coverage of the report from the "Task Force to Review the Davies Hall Event." Whereas it took some time to organize a review committee and to accomplish the assigned task, it has been more professional in the long run to issue a final report rather than to react in a quick and incomplete manner to the repeated false and damaging allegations made by Gary Schweikhart.

I very much appreciate personally the support the various gay newspapers are now giving the National AIDS Foundation as a result of our publication of the Task Force Report. We welcome and will profit from the constructive criticism made to us by the Task Force Report during future events.

Philip F. Conway  
Executive Director  
AIDS/KS Foundation  
San Francisco

### San Rafael Plug

★ Just thought I'd write to perhaps get something said that should be said to the general Gay population.

I and my other half do not, as a rule, hang out in the bars, but something I came across in the local newspaper prompted us out of our closet. It seems the function held in San Rafael last Saturday was written up in the most positive manner. The Gay part of the thing was played down so much it gave real dignity to the function. Other people I talked with about it said the same thing.

It was given at the Traveler's Inn in San Rafael (a half-and-half sort of a bar). The person responsible for the Charity Show was a Western Title holder in the Gay community. His name was Larry or Larri Starr, the Cowgirl of California or something to that effect.

The evening was a complete ball for all. We have never laughed so much in years and while really doing something for the Gay community as well.

They raised over \$1,000 that night with a show and auction and completely good time.

This person should be praised for doing this out of the goodness of his heart and with the guts to do it in drag! In this conservative community of San Rafael. If more people could do this sort of thing, the idea of BAD in the Gay community could be reversed for the good and do some real good things for the Gay way of living.

We didn't get to meet this rather Tall Girl?, but compliments to the legs that were attached. They were better than any I've ever seen on a lady!!

Good show and hope we can see more like them in the future. The AIDS fund was really helped by these people also.

George Jensen  
San Rafael, CA

### Best for '84

★ The results are in for the 3rd Annual "Best for 1984." They are:

Best Bartender of the year: Kimo. Best Columnist: Wayne Friday. Best Disco: The 181 Club at 181 Eddy. Best Dancer (Hare Krishna?): Carol Ruth Silver. Best Body (but not for long): Leo Ford. Best Letter Writer: a tie between Herb Levy and Thomas Edwards. Best and Better Restaurants: J.D.'s at 900 Stanyan St. and La Quiche at 550 Taylor St. Best Bi-sexual Hang-out: The White Swallow at 1750 Polk Strasse. Best Drag: Father Miles Riley. The Covered Rev. Ray Broshers Award for Miss Congeniality: Debra Stein.

And last, but not least, Best Newspaper: (again) *B.A.R.* (The Bay Area Reporter).

J.C. Cunningham  
San Francisco

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## LETTERS

**Gay Christmas**  
★ Bravo for your Viewpoint on the Christmas holiday season! It takes courage to admit a lack of faith in Christian mythology, and by disclaiming such superstitions one risks being branded as un-American, communist, unloving, immoral, etc. Coming out as a heretic is much akin to coming out as a gay person.

The real joy of the season, as you rightly noted, is not to be found in celebrating the birth of a man who promised everlasting hell-fire for the majority of the population. Nor is it to be found in the indulgent pagan traditions, colorful as they may be. "Christmas" trees, mistletoe, gift-giving, and feasting all have their place, but the real joy of the season is the love that we have for one another and the many subtle ways it finds expression.

Despite all our bickering and self-criticism, the gay community is full of love and caring. We care about each other individually, and we have many, many groups and organizations to care about each other collectively. We strive for self-improvement and try to improve the situation for those less fortunate. Let's all give ourselves a pat on the back this holiday season. Joy to one and all!

Douglas B. Randolph  
Secretary, S.F. Chapter  
Gay Atheist League of America

**Nuts & Notes**  
★ I da da da da  
The True Ludwig von Beethoven  
San Francisco

**Prison Pen Pals**  
9 Years to go in Florida  
★ I am a native of California in general, and San Francisco in particular. I'm also a prisoner of the state, here in Florida. They sentenced me to 15 years, of which I've already put in six. It seems longer.

I would like to put an ad in your paper (which isn't allowed in here, by the way. It's illegal in Florida to be homosexual), so that I would have someone to write to.

I don't have any money to pay for an ad since they don't pay you for working in prison here. Here's my ad: Prisoner wishes correspondence. I'm 30, white, six years down, 3 to go. Like business, classical music and boats.

David Leon Barth, #066796  
P.O. Box 500  
Olstec, Florida 32072

**Red Head & Black Youth**  
In San Luis Obispo  
★ I am an inmate at the California Men's Colony. Would you please put my ad in your paper? Thank you.

W/M, 27, Gemini, 5'9", 170 pounds, red hair and blue-gray eyes. I like rock & roll, good food, good times, and making lots of love! I want to hear from all generous good-looking queens and gay boys who like the same things I like doing!

Bryan Morse, #C-65635  
P.O. Box A, Quad A Room 2230  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93409-0003

★ I am an inmate at the California Men's Colony. Would you please place my ad in your paper? Thank you.

B/M, 21, 5'8", 170 pounds, Brown eyes, Black hair, medium brown skin. Presently in prison, but getting out soon! I would like to hear from any (Black, White, Brown & Red) who would be willing to help a kind and understanding Black gay out with a place to stay and some love. I would be grateful!

Lester King, #C-35167  
P.O. Box A, Quad A Room 2328  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93409-0003

**Cuban Gay Pal**  
★ My name is Gilberto Varona and I'm 24. I stand 5'6" tall and weigh 130 lbs. I'm of Cuban descent with black hair and brown eyes. I'm dark complected and speak, read and write English. I'm also gay. I'm presently serving time at Florida State Prison and am seeking a lasting relationship. I have no preference as to color.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would put the above information in an ad for me. Thank you so very much.

Gilberto Varona, #061742  
P.O. Box 747  
Starke, FL 32091

**Florida Gay**  
★ Gay Male, 24 years old, dark curly hair, brown eyes, 5'9", 150 lbs. wish to hear from other gay males to maybe form a relationship. To be released in March of '85. Thank you very much for printing my ad.

Gary Fowler, #081779  
P.O. Box 747  
Starke, FL 32091

**AIDS Pimp**  
★ With the closing of '83 some of us are certainly recalling the lessons of the year — those who've helped an AIDS person cope and maintain until nothing more was left that worldly could be done, feel that an alert must be communicated to all concerned... particularly in the L.A. area.

A few mental health practitioners may operate with an eye on the dough to be reaped whenever they get an AIDS case referral known to have full health insurance coverage. In our pal's remaining few months' 2 or 3 one-hour sessions of "crisis counseling" resulted in fees of \$900 each! To say Hugo benefited would make us all have some peace, but as he himself stated these sessions were worthless impersonal moments spent with somebody demonstrably out to milk people in a crisis. The billing invoices and subsequent telephone calls for rapid payment tapered off when the therapist received the news of Hugo's passing... but please we can all be sure that other AIDS persons right now have greatly increased monetary concerns from such counseling scenarios. The amounts demanded by this individual speak of a shameful moneymaking attitude.

We friends here intend at least to assist others in choosing a more fully compassionate counselor and not an example of greed such as the one advertised widely in *The Advocate*, *Frontiers*, and *L.A. Edge*.

R. Mechtly  
J. A. Riley  
Van Nuys

**Gays in Lucasville, Ohio**  
★ I would like very much for you to put my name in your paper for pen pals. I'm white, 26 years old, 6 foot 3 inches, green eyes, black hair and Gay.

I have been locked up 7 years now and I wish to write to people in society. Thank you!

Hughie Ganter, #149-353  
P.O. Box 45699  
Lucasville, OH 45699-0001

★ I would like very much to participate in pen-paling with people of society. I am 6 feet tall, 160 lbs., 28 years of age and Gay.

Anyone interested in corresponding with an inmate, please write. Serious individuals, please.

Anthony F. Stokes, #160-078  
P.O. Box 45699  
Lucasville, OH 45699-0001

**Going Back to NYC in July**  
★ I am writing with hopes that you may help me in my quest for correspondence with the "Free Gay Community." I've been locked up for six years. I'm from NYC and will return there upon my release in July of '84.

I'm asking for help in gaining the addresses of gay newspapers, magazines or anything of the sort in the NYC or Philadelphia areas so that I may place an ad for correspondence from gay individuals in these areas.

I would greatly appreciate any and all help in this matter. Thank you for your time.

Mike Downs, A-068308  
F-302, Box 246  
P.O. Box 158  
Lowell, FL 32336

**Leaving Indiana Reformatory**  
★ My name is Frank Arnett. I'm 23 years old, 6', 190 lbs. I have brown hair and eyes. I am also extremely hairy. I would like to correspond with other open minded gays and perhaps form a 1 to 1 relationship. Freedom is just around the corner and it's time that I share my life with someone special. Maybe you are that someone. Thank you.

Frank Arnett, #24807 7-2C  
Box 30  
Pendleton IN 46064

**AC/DC Getting Out Soon**  
★ I am doing time and I will be getting out in the near future. I want to come out your way but I don't know anyone out there. Would you mind putting an ad in your paper for me? I would appreciate it.

"White male, 36, 6'4", slim build, brown hair, green eyes, AC/DC. Would like to hear from any bi-females or tv's for a sincere relationship. Age no problem. Enjoy bikes, camping, and just getting back to nature. Will be out of prison soon."

I hope that you will print this. May all of your staff have a Merry Christmas.

Tom Kacmar, #78188  
M.C.I./F. 467  
P.O. Box 158  
Lowell, FL 32663

## Places to Go on New Year's Eve

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Buckley's, 131 Gough, is serving up Weslia Whitfield with two shows at 11 p.m. and 12:15 a.m. Weslia is \$4 with dinner (the last seating — the dinner show — is at 10 p.m.) and \$7 without dinner. Owner Terry Buckley reports a special menu is on tap: filet mignon and prawns, \$16.95; chicken cordon bleu, \$12.95; and stuffed Coho salmon, \$14.95. Drinks are on your own, and the dinner show will offer favors, balloons, and party hats. Buckley's, formerly Our Kitchen, has built a strong following over the years. Reservations: 552-8177.

Fanny's, 4230 18th, says the new management at the perennially popular Castro spot, is featuring Faye Carol, with two shows in the lounge, 10 p.m. and midnight. Admission is \$10 which includes free midnight champagne and hors d'oeuvres and party favors. Fanny's is the themeing the evening, for '83 it's "Black and White."

Upstairs, dinner is \$15.95 fixed price. Entrees are 1/2 duck, stuffed leg of lamb, tournedos, or shrimp and scallop newberg. The dinner is a deluxe, five-courser and serving begins at 6 and goes 'til 10 p.m. Reservations a must, as the seating is limited: 621-5570.

Atherton Hotel Grill, 685 Ellis (at Larkin). The intimate mezzanine grill that seats 30 is featuring a four-course gourmet Italian dinner at \$22.50. Entrees are either rack of lamb or rolled stuffed breast of veal. An Italian holiday chicken soup is followed by an antipasto. For dessert, host Darrell Bachus promises a freshly made *cannoli* (a light pastry, custard filled). Dinner is served from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and includes free champagne.

The new year will be welcomed in the hotel's Abbey Room on the first floor — with all the typical favors. Reservations: 474-5720.

Don Ramon's, 225 11th, is not changing its menu for New Year's Eve, but after 10 p.m. it will have live entertainment. A jazz band, Estradas, will perform as long as the partygoers hold out. Mexican dinners are served from 5 to 10 p.m. There will be party favors at midnight. Don Ramon's offers valet parking and is known as one of the best Mexican restaurants in town. Reservations are encouraged: 864-2700.

Le Domino, 2742 17th, another perennial favorite of the

mentary glass of champagne. Reservations: 863-3863.

Prism (formerly Algie's), 2140 Market. The party is going to run from Saturday evening straight through to Monday at 2 a.m. For starters there will be an \$8 cover, which includes free champagne at midnight. Asst. Manager Paul Brotherton says there will be a knockout New Year's punch at \$1 a throw as well as other \$1 drink specials throughout the marathon. You can expect hats and balloons and Sunday there's no cover. Reservations not necessary — just energy.

Bench & Bar, 120 11th St., Oakland. With an astrologer on duty, this option is offering a weekend of celebration. New Year's Eve festivities get launched at 9 p.m. Cover is \$7, which includes party favors, champagne, and some celebrated dj's. 444-2266.

The Hub, 1220 Pine St., Walnut Creek. WC's one and only Gay bar promises their usual lively mixed crowd. Look for a \$5 cover for champagne, party favors, hats, and horns. And some "surprises." 938-4550.

The Slot, 979 Folsom. If the feeling is for sleaze, the management here invites one and all to "Penetrate '84" with hot New Year's Eve festivities. What's more important, they say, is to "Come-a-lot." 543-3276.

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**VIEWPOINT**  
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those who wanted to live safely — and those who hated everyone (including themselves).  
1983 has been a hard year for me, for this newspaper, and I sense for every Gay man in San Francisco.  
As I write these angry (are they angry?) words I muse back over the 360 days... tears run down... falling full on my chest... as they have so many times this year of 1983, when I think, and remember, those once beautiful faces withering and dying alongside us. What wrong trick did they turn...?  
How many times — in one year — can a heart fracture? One dies but once... how many times... I wonder... does one die a little bit more as one's comrades fall away?  
1983 has been a hard year...  
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## BWMT/DC and the Fund Join to Fight Racism

The District of Columbia chapter of Black and White Men Together (BWMT/DC) and the NGTF Fund for Human Dignity have joined forces to respond to policies and instances of racial discrimination by establishments serving the D.C. Gay/Lesbian community. The result is a program to establish discrimination response systems (DRS) across the United States, administered by local BWMT chapters.

Fund for Human Dignity to provide grants to BWMT chapters throughout the U.S. for the purpose of starting similar DRS programs.

At its October 30 meeting, the board of directors of the Fund, the educational affiliate of the National Gay Task Force, endorsed the DRS project and approved an additional \$2,000 from Fund monies for the program. The Fund is currently preparing guidelines for grant applications, and hopes to begin receiving proposals after January 2. Applications will provide details about DRS procedures, documentation and investigation of complaints, and seeking legal counsel.

BWMT chapters interested in grant information should write to: DRS Grant Application, The Fund for Human Dignity, 80 Fifth Avenue, #1601, New York, NY 10011

## Gay Academic Union Hosts David Kessler

Dr. David Kessler, San Francisco psychiatrist, will address the Gay Academic Union (Gay Area) at its first 1984 meeting on Sunday, January 8. The title of his talk will be "Has American Psychiatry Cured Homosexuality?"

Dr. Kessler is Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the University of California at San Francisco. He was a founder and the first president of Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR). He is also a past president of the Gay Caucus of the American Psychiatric Association and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National Gay Task Force.

The GAU will meet as usual at 4 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month at 1668 Bush Street (corner of Gough). New members may join the organization at the meeting and henceforth receive the monthly GAU Newsletter. A \$2 donation is requested from visitors and guests of members.

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## Harvey Milk, The True Story

by Steve Perkins

Letters to the Editors:

My many good friends on the "real" left confide in me and consult me to tell the true story about Harvey Milk before the image gets so blown out of proportion that some unknowing fog commits murder in his name.

Harvey Milk was an astute politician, supported by my "real" left friends say, the most fascist elements of American politics. Needless to say and the record is very plain that Quentin Kopp was one of Harvey's first supporters.

The record becomes more damaging still when consideration is made of why Harvey "took" the name Milk when he officially changed it from whatever Jewish anachronism it had been.

As the story goes Harvey, the astute politician, was fully aware that milk (cows' milk) is the most politically sensitive area in the arena of American politics and price supports.

That Harvey was fully aware that milk (cows' milk) is the most insidiously poisonous substance in the adult American diet. That he knew the evidence shows that more Americans are unconsciously allergic to milk (as many as 80%) than any other substance so widely consumed. That cows' milk, for such people, unbeknownst to them, causes more serious damage to the skin, the organs, the heart and the body overall than any other substance consumed, tobacco included.

That in fact the price supports for milk are at the behest of the American Medical Association, the most right wing and gigantic source of political contributions, for no other reason than milk's role in destroying the health of the adult American population.

All of these facts, so my left leaning friends tell me, were completely known by Harvey and further that he took this name with the spoken agreement with fascist elements that — just as the motion picture industry has for years pushed products and taken kickbacks for doing so — it was all a pact to advertise milk and provide a struggling politician and his group of cronies with the advertising revenue to pay for all the political drama we have been exposed to since his arrival to the turbulent scene of heady American politics.

Steve Perkins

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# AIDS: A Nutritional Disease?

## Immune Deficiency, Immune Hyperactivity — Is Poor Nutrition A Cause?

by J. K. Portaro, Dr. P.H.

### AN EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

The article below I neither subscribe to nor endorse. I have no way of corroborating its evidence nor validating its conclusions. Neither have I any reason to doubt it. The author admits that he and his nutritional colleagues are as much in the dark about some things as anyone else.

The piece was first published in *Articulations*, a quarterly journal put out by the Cleveland Chiropractic College in Los Angeles. *Articulations* has two editors; one has a Ph.D., the other boasts an M.A. I interpret author J.K. Portaro's Dr. P.H. to be Doctor of Public Health (I could be wrong). He cites the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *JAMA*, and the *Nutrition Reviews* as some of his sources. The magazine goes to chiropractors.

The author does not go beyond suggesting his ideas are but theories. And since mainstream medical thinking is no further along with either the cause of AIDS or the appropriate therapies, a nutritional analysis of the disease is no farther afield than a psychological analysis of the mystery.

The text for the layman gets a bit complex at points and might require a re-read or two. On the other hand, who are more conversant with T cells and suppressor cells than high-risk Gay men?

The article is but another piece in the newspaper's ongoing look at the AIDS decimation from every possible angle. As one AIDS veteran put it recently, no publication in the nation — Gay or straight — has given as diversified, as scientific, as provocative, as complete coverage as has San Francisco's Bay Area Reporter. I am proud of the paper's track record on AIDS in the past two years. And we will continue to print whatever we find relevant.

As with Gay men everywhere, we have come to live with AIDS. The incidence in San Francisco is at a constant 7 new cases a week, and 3 fatalities in the same time frame.

Paul Lorch

One theory concerning AIDS suggests it is the result of nutritional imbalances that cause suppression of the immune system. This theory is based on several lines of evidence:

1. AIDS occurs mostly in individuals who lead stressful (fast-lane) lives combined with drugs and improper nutrition.
2. Many patients with AIDS have a deficiency of iron: an unexplained hemoglobin deficiency that may be due to chronic GI tract bleeding. It is known, however, that a 10% iron deficit can cause T cell failure. T cells, especially helper T cells, are deficient in AIDS, a disease that kills 80% of its victims within six weeks to two years with opportunistic infection and cancer.
3. According to a newly developed science — nutritional immunology — each component of the immune system has specific nutritional requirements, which, if present in excess as well as deficit, could cause immune suppression.

These facts have initiated a nutritional approach to the AIDS problem. Dr. Kessler in New York has been using nutritional immunotherapy to treat AIDS patients for several months. Dr. Markus, also in New York, uses this approach to normalize and support immune function in AIDS patients. However, this practice is mainly directed at treating the immune deficiency that develops naturally with advancing age and the immune dysfunction seen in chronically ill patients. Dr. Steven Small (Philadelphia) is treating the immune malfunction of AIDS nutritionally as well as carrying on studies aimed at providing optimal immune nutritional support for patients with chronic allergy syndromes.

A large number of patients with immune deficiency or immune hyperactivity have been treated in these practices over the last year. The data obtained from AIDS patients shows the disease has a mixed immunological picture. This fact was established using a standard Immune System Evaluation (ISE), which measures the functional status of the four basic mechanisms of the immune system: T cells, B cells, complement and phagocytic cells. Specifically, it appears that AIDS patients have low T cells in their blood and that this reduction is mainly due to the absence of helper T cells, a subset of T cells that turns on immune reactions. Suppressor T cells, which shut-off immune reactions and prevent inappropriate immune reactions against self-tissue (autoimmune disease), are found in normal numbers. Because of the absence of helper T cells and the increased susceptibility to T cell deficiency diseases, it is assumed that AIDS is caused by hypofunction of helper T cells.

Other theories about the immunological basis of the disease are based on the hyper-immune activity observed in the disease. The B cell immune compartment shows signs of activation in the hyper levels of IgG and IgA found in the serum of AIDS patients. IgG and IgA are two

of the major antibodies (immune chemicals) produced by B cells. IgG protects the internal body compartment from bacteria, viruses, chemicals, and other agents that escape primary defense mechanisms, such as phagocytosis or the alternate complement pathway. Its elevation suggests chronic infection and probably reflects the increase in opportunists seen in AIDS. IgA elevation has a similar explanation except that this antibody protects the mucous membranes and would be increased by opportunistic infection of the GI, respiratory, and

suspicion concerning another phagocytic cell, the monocyte or macrophage, which may be involved in the cause of AIDS. This explains on-going attempts to reverse AIDS using an immuno-chemical known as interleukin (IL1). IL1 is produced by monocytes and serves as an initial stimulus for the cloning of helper T cells. Monocytes and macrophages are the initial promoters of many T and B cell reactions and a deficiency of these cells could cause a syndrome very similar to AIDS by causing secondary helper T cell failure.

Each component of the immune system has specific nutritional requirements — so says the new science of nutritional immunology.

urogenital tract. Based on this evidence, it has been suggested that AIDS may be the result of hyper-B cell activity rather than a helper T cell deficiency. This could mean that the B cells have been jammed-on by a virus and that the resulting hyper production of IgG and IgA causes a secondary failure of helper T cells due to exhaustion of this subset. The hyperactivity of B Cells also raises the possibility that a suppressor T cell failure explains AIDS since these cells are in control of making sure that B cells and killer T cells do not overreact.

So far the mixed immune lesion seen in AIDS is restricted to the T and B cell immune compartments. Phagocytic cell and complement function is not altered in AIDS in the data of the private practice physicians mentioned here or in large series studies done at the university level. Some AIDS patients do exhibit lowered complement function, but this is believed to be a secondary rather than primary phenomenon that is caused by antigen-antibody (immune) complexes in the blood that result from opportunistic infection. There are no public theories suggesting complement failure or phagocytic cell failure causes AIDS. However, there is

Although most of the immune abnormalities observed can be caused by specific nutritional deficiencies, the mixed immune picture observed in AIDS has thwarted the development of a definitive nutritional therapy for this condition.

Currently, Nutritional Immuno Therapy for AIDS is directed at correcting iron imbalance, if present, to prevent possible T cell failure due to iron deficiency. Vitamin A, B6, folic acid, iron and zinc are also assessed and targeted for adjustment if necessary since these nutrients are known to be essential for T cell function.

As of yet we do not know the specific nutritional requirements of the various T cell subsets: helper, suppressor, killer, and memory. This makes the nutritional approach to T cell deficiency or hyper-activity basically a broad spectrum.

The hyperactivity of B cells says two things nutritionally. First, the IgG and IgA suggests a possible imbalance of vitamin B5 and B6. In addition, the increase in IgA suggests an imbalance of vitamin A. These nutrients are needed for the pro-

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# QUICKIES!

## Gay Suicide Study in Progress

A research project investigating suicide in the Gay community is now being conducted in San Francisco. "Suicide is a sizeable problem for Gay men in San Francisco, but we lack adequate information on why this is so," noted Peter Goldblum, a San Francisco psychotherapist with an interest in Gay health issues. The study will obtain information from Gay men who have recently attempted suicide.

Previous studies have observed that 18-20% of homosexual men have attempted suicide, compared with less than four percent of heterosexual men. Goldblum, who teaches a course in Gay health issues in the San Francisco Community College District, hopes the study will provide data to aid in suicide prevention. "The find-

ings of this study will help professionals focus more clearly on the range and complexity of issues presented by their Gay clients," Goldblum added.

Assisting in the research project are the Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco General Hospital, and Operation Concern, a nonprofit mental health organization that serves the Lesbian and Gay community.

Participants in the study are still needed. Gay men who have attempted suicide within the past six months are encouraged to complete a questionnaire, which will take approximately one hour. Interested persons should contact Peter Goldblum by calling (415) 391-0103. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

## Gil Gerald Becomes First Full-Time Executive Director of NCBG

Gilberto Gerald has been appointed Executive Director of The National Coalition of Black Gays on a full-time basis. Prior to his appointment, Gerald had been raising funds for the eventual opening of NCBG's Washington office.

Gerald, a native of Panama,

is a registered architect and has been associated with NCBG since its beginnings in 1978.

Gerald indicated that he will "focus on improving the credibility of the organization and establishing a firm base of grass roots support in all regions of the United States."

## Lesbian and Gay Co-Parenting Forum

Lesbian and Gay co-parenting will be the subject of a forum composed of a variety of people who have chosen alternative family lifestyles. The speakers will share their viewpoints and experiences. Panel topics will include Lesbian/Gay parenting and group parenting, along with a presentation by Joy Schu-

burg who is currently writing a book on co-parenting.

The forum will be held on Friday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia Street, between 18th and 19th Streets, San Francisco. Donations accepted. For further information call Ron at (415) 841-4622.

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duction and export of antibodies synthesized by activated B cells after they have matured into antibody factories known as plasma cells. Secondly, since the hyper B cell activity also suggests inflammatory disease, antioxidant therapy is indicated to prevent inflammatory reactions and free radical activity from depressing (possibly further) T cell subset activity. The antioxidants can cause immune suppression.

Caloric balance is another problem observed in the AIDS setting. Many of these patients live habitually on very low calorie diets (1000 calories or less daily), aimed at maintaining a slim, athletic, attractive build. Such diets can exacerbate immune suppression in these subjects because of the increased caloric demand mandated by hyper immune activity. Caloric deficiency especially when due to a deficiency of dietary protein is a potent cause of immune failure and, in general, AIDS patients are placed on high caloric regimens containing 2500-3000 calories daily or more which contain 10-15% fat, 20-25% protein and 60-70% complex carbohydrates. Caloric balance is extremely difficult to achieve in AIDS patients because of the anorexia which accompanies the disease. In addition, because of the fact that excess caloric intake can cause immune suppression due to increased free radical activity produced by normal metabolism, antioxidant supplementation must be increased when high

caloric diets are used therapeutically to modulate immune activity.

Carbohydrate balance, as well as protein balance, is important in the management of AIDS since excesses and deficiencies of carbohydrate intake can depress phagocytic cell function and T cell function. This increases susceptibility to additional disease and must be circumvented. Complex carbohydrates are used exclusively to prevent the immune suppression associated with over-consumption of refined sugar products.

Although we are just beginning to appreciate the dynamic role lipids play in the control and maintenance of immune function, it has been realized for about 10 years that imbalances, deficits and excesses of essential fatty acids can cause immune suppression. This fact makes it important to check fatty acid metabolism carefully in AIDS patients to prevent immune failure caused by abnormal fat metabolism and to prevent free radical damage of immune function that accompanies deficiency of essential fatty acids and excesses of polyunsaturated fatty acids. It is critical to balance cholesterol, fatty acid, and polyunsaturated fatty acid intake since an imbalance of these nutrients can cause immune suppression by interfering with cell membrane function, and by promoting the development of poorly defined lipoprotein suppressor factors.

At present it is too early to assess the effectiveness of the Nutritional Immuno

## OC Branches Lesbian Aged

Gay Outreach to Elders of Operation Concern invites women over 60 who love socializing with other women to join us for brunch on Saturday, January 14 at 11 a.m. at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. (at Guerrero).

Please bring a dish or drink to share. Come to socialize, brunch together, and join in the planning of our upcoming women's tea dance.

Call Sheryl Goldberg, 626-7000 v/tty, or Doty Fowler, 525-6198, for more information or to confirm your reservation. Wheelchair accessible.

## Final KGO Gay Radio Lamble Moves to KPFA

The last weekend of The David Lamble Talk Show on KGO-FM (FM 104) begins with a new recorded conversation with author Edmund White (*States of Desire: Travels in Gay America*) Saturday night from 7:05 to 8 p.m.

Sunday night B.A.R. opera reporter George Heymont pays a visit from 7:05 to 8 p.m. From 8:05 to 9 p.m. David's guest is Michael Smith, editor of a new anthology of fiction and nonfiction writing about Black and White Gay men together. From 9:05 to 10 p.m. actor J.E. Freeman recalls early days at Theatre Rhino and his own recent work at the repertory theatre in Louisville. Freeman will appear at the Stage Group in January.

Henceforth David Lamble Interviews may be heard weekly on KPFA (FM 94) Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from 10 to 11 p.m. as part of Fruit Punch, the ten-year-old Gay men's radio show.

Therapy regimens being used to normalize and support the immune function of AIDS patients.

However, Dr. Kessler has found that nutritional manipulation has proved useful in promoting weight gain in AIDS patients who have experienced extreme weight loss and this increase in body weight has been associated with a decrease in IgG and IgA levels suggesting that Nutritional Immuno Therapy can normalize B cell activity in this condition — and perhaps normalize helper or suppressor T cell function.

Dr. Marcus does not have sufficient data on AIDS for a conclusion, but he has found that using antioxidants in patients with other chronic diseases characterized by hyperimmune activity is associated with clinical improvement.

Dr. Small's data also supports the use of nutritional regimens for immunological diseases, and his ongoing studies indicate that immunological testing is an effective means for assessing nutritional status and developing Immuno Therapy regimens designed to support or normalize immune status in AIDS and chronic allergy.

These initial studies and others like them ongoing at university centers suggest that Nutritional Medicine may play a crucial role in the treatment of AIDS and the problem of acquired immune deficiency in general.

J.K. Portaro

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# WHERE THE BOYS ARE

## Gay Inmates at San Bruno Jail

by Mike Hippler

The people of San Francisco have two jails, both under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Department. County Jail Number One, commonly known as City Prison, occupies the sixth and seventh floors of the Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant Street. It is basically a receiving and holding facility for people arrested in San Francisco. People arrested for misdemeanors are held on the sixth floor while awaiting trial (if they do not post bail); people arrested for more serious crimes are held on the seventh floor, the high security area. If convicted, these people are sentenced either to state prison or to county jail. Those who receive sentences of a year or less, whether for a misdemeanor or for a felony, usually end up in county jail. But they do not serve out their time on Bryant Street. Instead, they are taken to the other county jail, one that isn't even located in the city or county of San Francisco. This is San Bruno, located in western San Mateo County, twenty minutes south of San Francisco.

This other jail is a nice-looking place — for a jail. It sits on 160 acres of pristine valley grassland in the middle of nowhere on land that was donated in the early 1930's by a wealthy San Francisco family (hence the reason for its location outside the city). It was built in the Art Deco style prevailing at the time, a style that Gay prison counselor Miguel Rossner prefers to call "Art Decay," and from the outside it doesn't look like such an awful place to spend six months to a year. But on the inside it is another matter. Behind the heavy iron door separating the administration and registration area from the cell area is a central atrium rising six floors in height, and to the north and south of this central atrium run long rows of jail cells arranged on ten separate tiers. The bars on these cells may or may not be Deco bars, but unlike the outside of the jail, there is nothing attractive about them. Certainly the inmates locked behind them don't think so.

There are nearly 600 prisoners at San Bruno, separated according to classification. There are several classifications. The main one concerns the level of criminal "sophistication." Murderers are not housed with drunk drivers, for instance. Neither are first-timers housed with hardened felons. A related classification concerns the degree of prisoner vulnerability. A wimpy, 18-year old kid is not likely to be housed with a 40-year old, six-foot-three, 280-pound hulk, for the younger man's safety may be at stake. Another classification is sexual orientation. Gay men and straight men are kept on separate tiers. The reasons for this separation vary depending on who is giving the answers. Prison officials say that it is to ensure the safety of the Gay prisoners, while many prisoners claim it is to keep them from having sex with the other inmates. Whatever the reason, even San Bruno has a Gay Ghetto — Four North, the Gay tier.

When a person is first arrested, he or she — each jail has its separate women's facilities, of course) is asked by a screening officer if he is Gay. If he says yes, he is automatically placed on the Gay tier. No proof of homosexuality is necessary. Because some lie about their sexual orientation and are able to escape detection, there are Gay prisoners who do not live on the Gay tier. There are also avowed Gay prisoners who live on straight tiers because they prefer to be in a heterosexual environment and the prison authorities have granted their request — but this is rare. Furthermore, there are straight prisoners on the Gay tier — men who, for whatever reason, say they are Gay when they are not in order to be placed on the Gay tier. Some do this in order to find sexual companionship. Others see it as a haven. Basically, however, Four North is for Gay boys only.

There are all kinds of Gay men on Four North. Every conceivable Gay subculture is represented there — drag queens, muscle men, preppies, pre-op transsexuals, hippie queers, rednecks, leather men, clones — the gamut. They are in for a wide variety of crimes — prostitution, possession or sale of illegal drugs, receiving stolen property, credit card theft — the list goes on and on. (Homosexuals beware: sodomy, oral copulation, obscene language, loitering in a public restroom, peeping, and impersonating the opposite sex can all be crimes in this city.) Five of these Gay inmates who live on Four North and one who lives on a straight tier met recently in the prison library to discuss what it is like to be Gay at San Bruno. They are:

**Curtis Seber, 41, White,** a native of Detroit, although he has lived in San Francisco for the past twenty years. Curtis is in jail for possession of drugs. He has been in three months this time and will get out April 16. In the past ten years, Curtis has spent approximately six years in jail, although this is his first time back since 1979.

**Tom Johnson, 29, Black,** a native of Oakland and a resident of San Francisco for the past ten years. He has been in San Bruno since June and gets out in March. It is his first time in jail, and he prefers not to discuss his personal history, although he is more than willing to talk about life in jail, to give the "low-down" on San Bruno. Unlike the other five, Tom lives on a straight tier, but he too has spent time on Four North.

**Barbara Cade, 39, White,** born in England, raised in Boston, a graduate of Boston University and an ex-teacher. Barbara, also a pre-op transsexual, has a 20-year old son and a 10-month old grandson. Barbara has been at San Bruno ten months. This is her second time there, and she is in for a parole hold. She was originally sentenced to 30 days for carrying a gun. "I carried it for protection. I used to deal drugs, and I was going through the Tenderloin

one time to make a delivery, and I was robbed of close to \$30,000 worth of jewelry, so I said, 'I'm going to start carrying my gun again.' I'm really into hand-guns, period. They're all registered in my name, but I still have to carry them in the open, and of course they can't be loaded, so I was charged for it."

San Bruno — English, math, arts and crafts, printing — you name it. Those on parole hold may not leave the tier, however. And all must return at the end of the day to their individual cells lining the central corridor, where they are locked up from 11 at night until 8 or 9 in the morning. They are also locked up again between 3 and 4 in the afternoon for the changing of the guard and for a recount.

Are the inmates on Four North treated any differently from the other inmates, the straight ones? Are they ever the victims of abuse or harassment, either from the guards or from the other inmates? First, a staff viewpoint from Counselor Miguel Rossner (who is Gay himself, remember): "On paper, no. The department is very careful in trying to deal with discrimination — homophobia, racism, sexism. But all of us know that anywhere in the jail there will be an officer or even a civilian employee who may have an attitude, who may be homophobic or racist. It is rare for an inmate to complain to us that so and so called him a dirty cocksucker, but we do hear com-

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ing staff, and everybody here in jail knows it."

**Barbara:** "It isn't being Gay that makes it difficult in jail, it's the confinement. Of course, you are always going to find prejudices."

**Tom J:** "At times you get treated differently because you run into a few narrow-minded people. A lot of people just don't understand. But I haven't had any very big problems here. I had one little altercation with someone who was narrow-minded, but after that I got my respect."

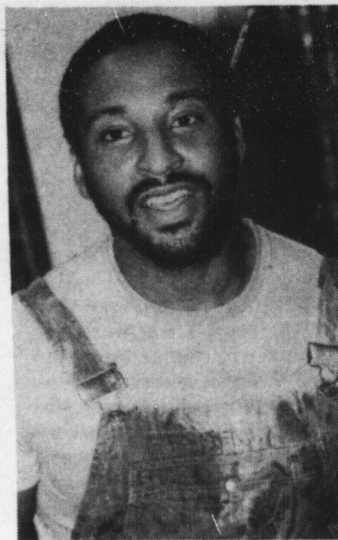
Occasionally, though, harassment does occur. Says Barbara, "You'd be surprised how many times I've been stopped on the elevator between floors by a deputy and told I had to... or he'd make it very difficult. So one does what one has to do to survive. There is not much other abuse, though. In the ten months I've been in this jail I've had five fights and lost one."

What of the common belief that homosexuals are automatically raped when they come to

then, would these Gay inmates prefer to live in the general population, or do they like being in the Gay tier? Allen Henderson, for one, does not like the Gay tier at all. He is a vociferous critic of Four North: "I don't want to be in no Gay tank because from what I've seen people don't respect each other. If somebody's going to do something, they should do it in private. They shouldn't do it in front of somebody's face. I'm talking about sex."

Rikki Shambaugh agrees: "It was much easier living in a heterosexual community as far as the joint goes. Here there is so much pettiness and childishness. It's not right to be forced into a strictly Gay environment like we are here. You get back on the street, and you're not in a strictly Gay environment. You're with the whole community. I think it hurts the individual to be placed in that environment, particularly if you're not willing to be."

Allen: "When I was in the straight tank, if I wanted a little extra privacy I could put up my blanket and the guards



Inmate Tom Johnson — he lives on a straight tier. (Photo: Rink)

around sex and nothing else. Nobody talks about politics or anything constructive. There's nothing intelligent that goes on."

Barbara joins the others: "I don't particularly care where I am kept. No, I take that back. On the Gay tier you'll find more deceit. Truthfully, I think I would rather be on one of the other tiers. I get along better with heterosexuals than with homosexuals."

And Tom Johnson, the only one who doesn't live on Four North: "I didn't want to be on the Gay tier, for although I am Gay, I don't associate that closely with the Gay community."

Only Tom McGuire says he prefers the Gay tank: "It really doesn't matter. I could survive in either one, but my preference is to be in a Gay tank. I don't agree with Allen. He says that all the Gays up there are stupid. All they can think about is fucking their brains out. I don't agree with that. Sure, you got your dingalings. You got your dingalings in every bunch that gets together, but that doesn't mean that everyone else up there is stupid."

Obviously, there is a great deal of divisiveness on the tier, divisiveness that has nothing to do with Gays vs. straights but concerns instead Gays vs. each other. According to Rikki, "Mainly the conflict is between your Gay boys and your transsexuals. Transsexuals have difficulty getting along in a Gay environment because they do not consider themselves Gay. You are a woman; you are not Gay."

Barbara: "Let me tell you something. Transsexuals are a weird breed of people. Now you find your major type of homosexual really doesn't like us to begin with because most of the Gay people I've ever known in my life are Gay because they're into men, period. They're not into anything that represents a woman, which I can understand. I don't knock them for that. But it causes a lot of conflict up there, for you'll have the Gay guys at one table, and you'll

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San Bruno — San Francisco's out-of-town jail. (Photo: Rink)

**Allen Henderson, 30 years old, Black,** a native of San Diego. Allen is in for trespassing, has been in for three months, and got out November 18. It is his first time in jail.

**Rikki Shambaugh, 36, White,** a native of Wyoming, in jail on a parole hold. She has spent approximately four of the last twenty years in jail. Rikki is a pre-op transsexual.

**Tom McGuire, 25, White,** a native of Oklahoma. Tom was sentenced in 1979 to two years plus three years parole for assault with a deadly weapon. The weapon was a whiskey bottle, which he used in a bar fight. Tom did 16 months on that two-year sentence but has done "something like 24 months" in parole violations since then. The violations? Absconding (leaving town) and drug abuse. "Every time I get arrested they check my arms for tracks and do a dirty test [a urine test]." Every time that test is positive. This is Tom's fifth parole violation.

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plains that some of the officers have abused them verbally. Mainly it's verbal abuse."

And assaults? "They've been much reduced. I do not know when the last physical assault or rape of a prisoner was in this facility. I know there were some in 1978 or '79, but I don't know of any here in recent years. Downtown where it is ten times more crowded, where there are no individual cells, there are more instances, but even then in the last five or six years it's probably been reduced by 80 to 90 percent, and the reason for this is the classification system."

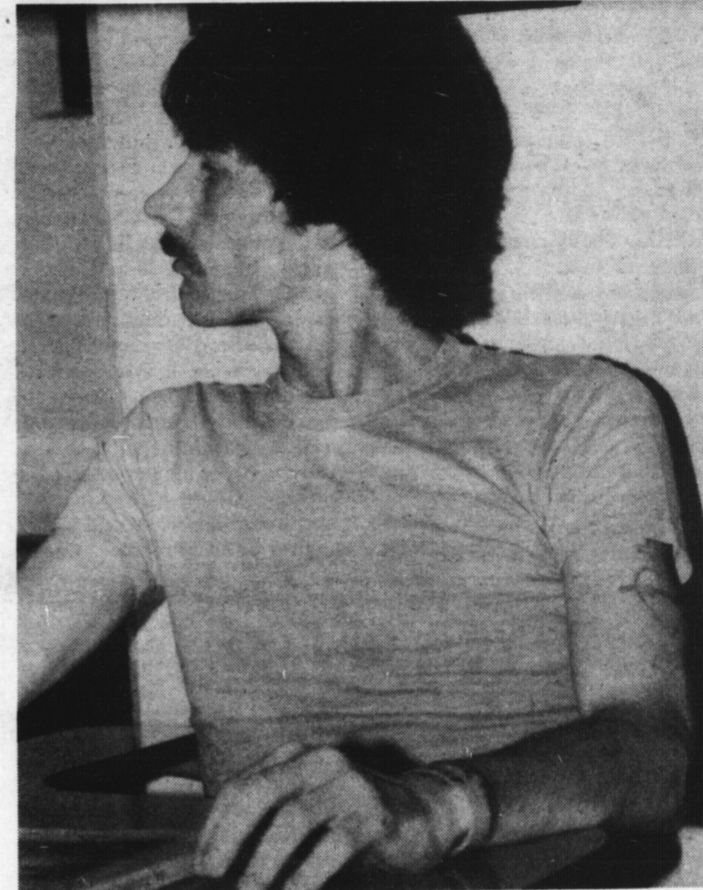
Do the prisoners agree? Tom McGuire says there are fights, but these rarely involve sexual orientation. There is no abuse or physical harassment from the guards "because I don't think the other prisoners would allow it. I've been on other tiers besides Four North, and I've never had anything like that happen there either."

Rikki: "In the joint, except with those who ask for it, the guards do maintain themselves in their respectful places."

Tom M: "You only get the respect you deserve."

Miguel: "Being Gay in San Francisco County jail is really not the issue. There are Gays in the Medical Department, Gays who are deputies, Gays on the counseling staff, Gays on the psych staff, Gays on the teach-

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Tom McGuire, 25 — in and out as parole violator. (Photo: Rink)

jail unless they find a protector immediately?

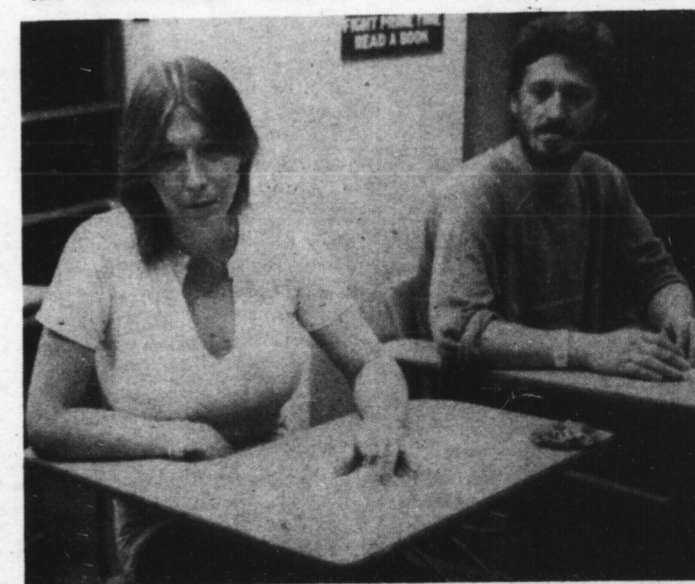
**Tom J:** "That's a myth. I was looking for that to happen, but it never did. That really doesn't go on. Every now and then you will see a young, naive guy getting harassed, but it's not like it is in the penitentiary. There are no rapes here."

**Curtis:** "When people come in for the first time, they are scared. There was this one kid who came in yesterday. I walked by his cell, and he was crying. I asked him what was wrong, and he said he was scared. I said, 'There's nothing up here to be scared of. No one up here is going to bother you.' Then he calmed down. I know how to handle myself in any part of the jail, for I don't get myself put in a predicament that I can't get myself out of. But people like the one who came in yesterday, it makes me think of my fear when coming in the first time."

**Rikki Shambaugh sums it up:** "Coming into the jail is a frightening experience. Once you've been there and you learn the ropes, you develop your own respect and you can handle any situation, particularly in the San Francisco area or in California, where Gays are so widely accepted. On my own, I have no problem whatsoever."

If there is little to be afraid of,

wouldn't say nothing. In the Gay tank, if I put up my blanket I always got to take it down because they don't know what I'm doing back there, and they want to see who else is there. I believe in my privacy, and in there I have no privacy whatsoever. People are constantly peering through the bars seeing what's going on in there. Everybody's seeing who you're having sex with, who you get into in the shower with. Furthermore, all the conversation revolves



A pre-op transsexual who has been in San Bruno again and again with Curtis Seber (r.) in for drug possession. (Photo: Rink)



A writer is ushered into the County Jail for 600 inmates. (Photo: Rink)

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# WHERE THE BOYS ARE

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have the girls at the other. The only thing that maintains the balance is that most of us girls can be extremely physical. I'll fight in a minute."

One of Allen's major criticisms of the Gay tier is the lack of privacy and respect and, as noted above, the amount and nature of sex on the tier. Is it true that there is indeed a great deal of sex there? Do many of the faggots think only of "fucking their brains out"? Listen to the following exchange between Tom McGuire and Allen:

Tom: "Sure, every day. That's what they're there for."  
Allen: "I'm not there to have sex. I'm just there to serve my time and get out."  
Tom: "But you're here, so why not enjoy it?"  
Allen: "Because I'm not hard up for sex. People shouldn't flop around their sexual organs in front of other people's faces, like a lot of Gay people do in the tanks."  
Says Tom Johnson: "For myself, I'm not that concerned with sex in jail. Just like everybody else that's here, I'm just trying

be a real satisfying relationship. And that's why I'm on the tier I'm on. I don't want to be used for somebody's little momentary satisfaction."  
Curtis: "I haven't had sex in jail. I would if somebody available came along that I liked and wanted to. It would be much easier doing time with someone."  
Rikki: "Maybe it's menopause — I don't know — but I have no sex in jail. I still have a relationship, so to speak, with this guy who was my lover on the

Gay men and straight men are kept on separate tiers. Why? The reasons vary.

street six years ago. That is a companionship-type thing, and neither of us has sex even with each other, although if he came to me and said yeah, okay, then it would happen."  
Rikki adds that relationships forged in prison usually don't last long once the inmates return to the streets: "People do meet and pair up, and a lot of times they take it to the street, although it's difficult because peo-



Bay Area Reporter's Mike Hippler meets with "Gay cons" at San Bruno jail. (Photo: Rink)

to do my time."  
Barbara: "Me too. Most of the Gay people I know don't have that much sex to begin with."  
Tom J: "There are all levels of promiscuity. There are people who move other people in and out of their cells just like they would on the street."  
For many of the inmates, sex isn't the important thing — relationships are. Some have lovers in the jail, some are looking for lovers, and some are faithful to those outside. Says Tom, "I have a lover on the street, and that's who I want to be with. Anything else in here wouldn't

ple in jail are not the same individuals they are on the street."  
Agrees Barbara: "Jailhouse romance is exactly what it is — nothing more." But Barbara adds that other kinds of affection are more important in jail: "Some of us become very, very close strictly in a platonic way. The security we have stems from that."  
Concludes Curtis, "Companionship is what counts."  
In spite of the squabbling, the gossip, the divisions, and the soap opera intrigue, all six of these people claim they are glad to be Gay — and proud as well. Except for one or two, they say

**Stress Workshop for Gay MD's**  
A coping-with-stress workshop for Gay and Lesbian physicians with or without partners will be held January 13-15 at Asilomar, on the Monterey Peninsula. It is co-sponsored by the California Medical Association, the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, the Southern California Physicians for Human Rights, the San Diego Physicians for Human Rights, and the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights.

This workshop follows one in 1983, also held at Asilomar, which was a "sellout," and rated "excellent" by participants.  
The five faculty members for 1984 are David McWhirter, MD, psychiatrist, San Diego; Andrew Mattison, PhD, clinical psychologist, San Diego; Don Clark, PhD, clinical psychologist, San Francisco, author of *Loving Someone Gay*; Carol Cohen, MD, psychiatrist,  
Berkeley, and Hanna Bauer, EdD, licensed psychologist, Davis.  
The workshop is approved for up to 14 hours of Category 1 credit.  
The registration fee, \$195 per person, includes room, with double occupancy, and all meals. Registration is limited to 50 people.  
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## OAKLAND

### '83 Departs; So Do Its Stars

HALCYON NEO-ANNUS!  
(A Pass the Bromo Nose?)

Wanting to start out the new year with something teasingly controversial (an interview, no less!), and not being able to get the juices flowing for my usual New Year's rhyme, yours truly opted to sort of recap, if you will, the Year That Was!  
Yes, I have copies of all my columns, and looking back over 1983, I feel some things need to be restated or commented on again. So, here goes:  
★ Oakland's "community" either wasn't interested in the \$100 prize or wasn't interested in a Freedom Day Parade float.

If the question is always "What became of the title holders?" why not change it to "Why give out the titles?" There must be better excuses for an evening's entertainment.

Not one single entry was submitted (from the estimated 35,000 Gays and Lesbians in this city)!  
★ Revol's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off raised \$615.81 for Alameda County Special Olympics. The first place winner was Robert Clarke from Hayward.  
★ John Drab became sole proprietor of Bench & Bar.  
★ The "chili challenge" between Lou Greene and Bob Ross never materialized.  
★ MCC/Oakland changed its name and location: New Life Metropolitan Community Church, 685 Castro Street at 14th; Rick Weatherly, Pastor.  
★ ACIE's "State of Independence Ball" (1-29-83) drew a VERY sparse audience, signifying lack of unity within the county!  
★ Lady Cathy was elected Queen of Hearts V, and Weiner was elected King of Hearts V a shoo-in! What ever happened to Weiner????  
★ Frank (222 Club, SF) and Fred (Lake Lounge) had a "Grand Wedding" Sunday, February 13, at the Lake Merritt Hotel. It was a "union" in name only!  
★ Lake Merritt Hotel is discouraged about three of "our own" who still owe \$\$\$ for past functions!  
★ Bench & Bar's Mardi Gras Celebration was a huge success — and lots of fun!  
★ Mr. and Miss Gay Alameda County start a series of bingo games. *Nothing heard from them since!*  
★ Mama Chuckles received too much flack about her "Everyone's a Winner" raffle (100 tickets at \$50 each) so that idea was trash canned.  
★ Berry's completed its remodeling and redecorating.  
★ Lake Merritt Hotel Dining Room completed its redecorating.  
★ East Bay bars started the second annual pool tournament. The competition included: Big Mama's, Driftwood, Inbetween, Lake Lounge, Ollie's,

is she doing for the "community?"  
★ Despite all odds, Oakland's float won Best Out of Town Award! Hayward took Grand Prize, and Stockton gathered Best of Theme!  
★ Larry Paradis received the title of Grand Duke of All California due to a relinquishment from Rick.  
★ Oakland's Newest Gay bar, Town & Country, opened on the July 4th weekend.  
★ Revol's luau on July 10 was ONO!  
★ Ex-Queen Mother, Jeanne, passed away in San Jose.  
★ The "Villain" of Hayward was to have regularly written a column on that city. It never materialized.  
★ Applications became available for Emperor and Empress V, ACIE.  
★ Lady Cathy's Gong Show at the Revol got the gong itself. Only ten were in the audience!  
★ Ed Paulson's AIDS benefit dinner raised \$2802!  
★ Big Mama's celebrated its 4th Anniversary in July.  
★ King Father and Queen Mother of ALL California were very invisible throughout the year. VERY invisible! Mikki and Jean, where are you?  
★ Beloved Big Mama, Jim McGowan, passed away after a lengthy illness.  
★ Lake Lounge celebrated its

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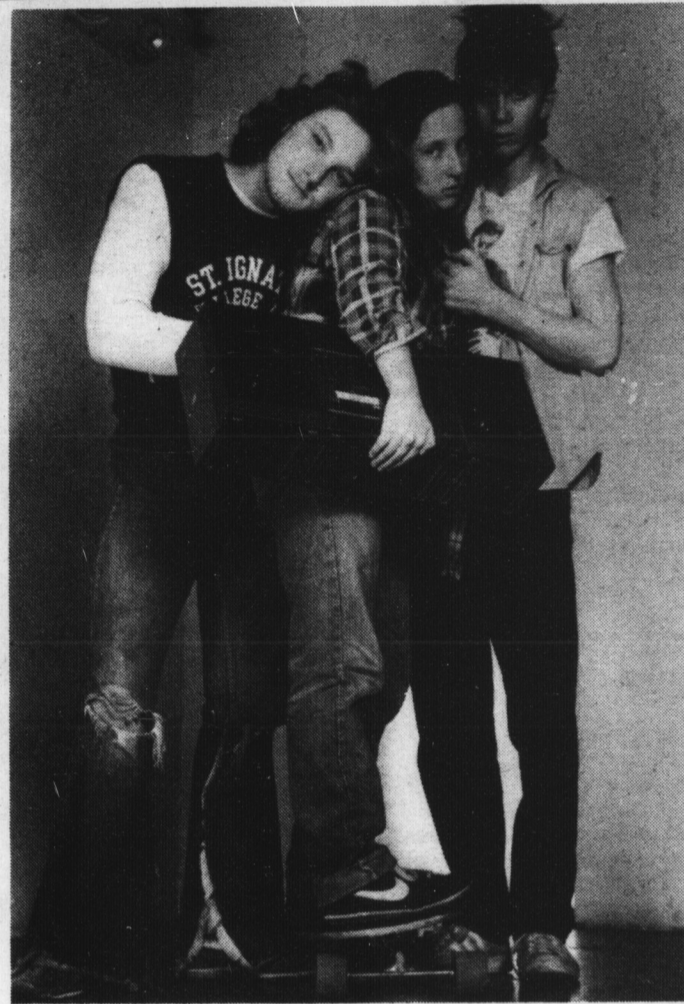
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# A New Year's Theatre

Theatre Rhinoceros Presents a World Premiere and the Valencia Rose Showcases an Early Favorite of Lanford Wilson, With a One Night Visit From Langston Hughes as a Bonus



## Midnight Balm

Balm in Gilead, Lanford Wilson's kaleidoscopic vision of the big city night world, will open a special engagement January 6 at the Valencia Rose, with subsequent performances scheduled Fridays and Saturdays through January 28. All shows will begin at midnight.

Directed by David Alphin, Balm in Gilead is set in a shabby all-night coffee shop and the busy urban corner just outside, and presents a bustling nocturnal world where the hustlers, whores, pimps, mobsters, junkies, and dealers embody a wide range of gender as well as sexuality. The sharp, funny language of the streets and a series of striking dramatic techniques combine to evoke the vivid reality of the coffee shop and the colorful, sometimes bizarre characters who stream in and out during the course of a night.

Written in 1965, Balm in Gilead was one of the Pulitzer Prize playwright's early hits and prefigured such later successes as The Hot I Baltimore, Fifth of July, Talley's Follies, and Angel's Fall. Tickets are \$5; reservations, 863-3863. (Photo: M. Ryter)

## Rhino Blaze

Famed Hollywood director and writer, Richard Benner, is launching the World Premiere of his "play with music," Crystal Blaze, at Theatre Rhinoceros. Crystal Blaze will have two previews; Monday, January 2 and Tuesday, January 3 and have a gala opening on Wednesday, January 4. Two Sunday matinees have also been planned; January 22 and February 5 at 3 PM. Crystal Blaze will play Wednesday through Sunday until February 5, 1984. Evening shows are at 8:30 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office or by calling (415) 861-5079.

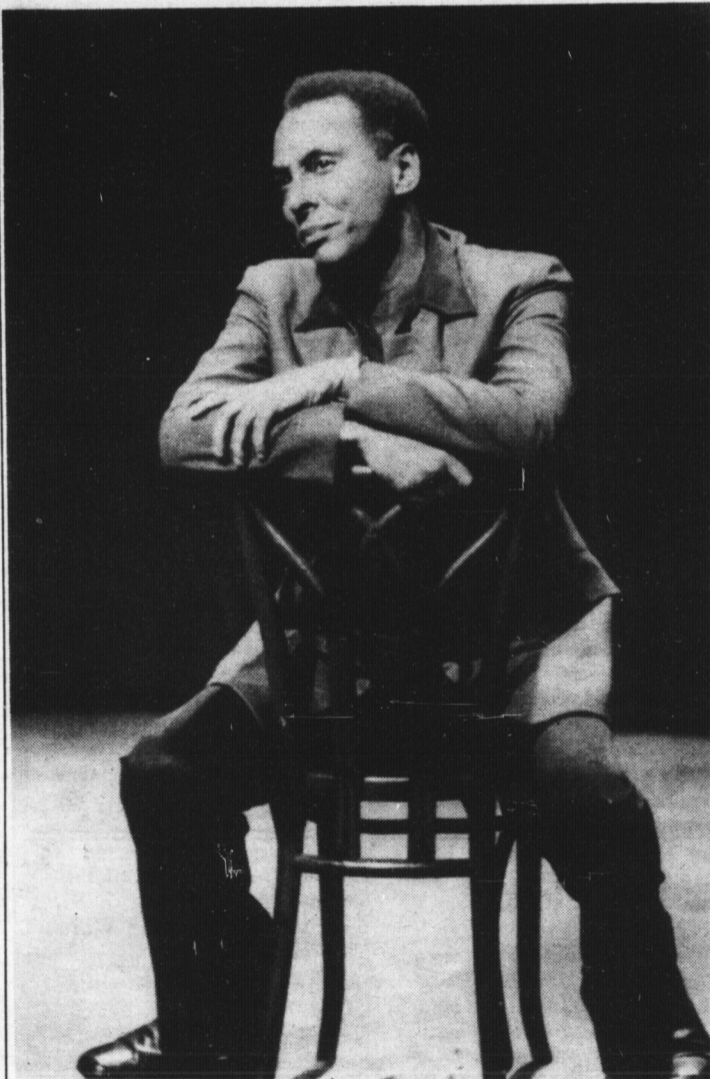
Richard Benner, the author and director of Crystal Blaze, rose to national attention with the release of his film, Outrageous, starring Craig Russell. Also to his credit is the film, Happy Birthday, Gemini, starring Madeline Kahn and Rita Moreno. At present, Mr. Benner is working with a collaborator to bring to Broadway the musical version of the film Outrageous, to be called Too Outrageous!

Crystal Blaze is an inspiring, original "play with music," centering around the drag performer Crystal Blaze. Journey down to Manhattan's lower West Side to the Midway Bar, where we meet the backers, the performers, the disenchanted, and the one, the only Crystal Blaze.

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## 80 from Langston



John S. Patterson performs The Dream Keeper Speaks: The World of Langston Hughes, his one-man performance piece based on approximately 80 poems of Langston Hughes, for one night only on Tuesday, January 3 in a benefit for Black and White Men Together.

... Dreamkeeper ... is a dynamic evening of theater which presents a wide selection of Hughes' work — from the openly political poems of the 20s and 30s through the character sketches, dance and protest

poems of the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Included are most of the "Madam" poems which dramatize the life of one of Hughes' most famous characters, "Alberta K. Johnson".

Although Hughes and most of his inner circle of friends were Gay, the times and locale caused Hughes to not reflect his sexuality in his poems. It is ironic then — or perhaps fitting? — that the performance on January 3 will be a benefit for Black and White Men Together. 8 PM, \$6, info: 863-3863

## Gay WHO WHAT Gay WHERE Gay



All Spruced Up and Set to Clog. Members of the Barbary Coast Cloggers are ready for the New Orleans World Fair.

## My Fair Clogging

The Barbary Coast Cloggers, San Francisco's own all male clogging group, has been invited to perform next summer at the New Orleans World Fair. "We received word from the Exposition's entertainment committee just three weeks after we had sent them a video tape of some of our performances," stated Richard Talmy, the group's publicity director. "Their quick response amazed us, but what was really gratifying was the letter they sent praising the high quality of our act. We are scheduled to do a show on Sunday afternoon, August 12. The fact that they booked us at the peak of the summer season and on a Sunday will guarantee us a large audience. We are really looking forward to strutting our stuff for the fairgoers and at the same time presenting a good image for the City of San Francisco."

To pay the expense of the trip, which will cost about \$7,000, the Barbary Coast Cloggers are embarking on a fund raising drive which will include a stepped up performing schedule and fundraising events. The cloggers discovered this year that they have a universal appeal to a wide range of groups. "We did shows at the San Francisco Fair, Embarcadero Center, the San Francisco Chapter of the Academy of Arts and Sciences (The Emmeys), some street fairs in Piedmont and Montclair, and at business parties for some large corporations," Talmy said, "and we got a great reception at all of them." Encouraged by this

success the cloggers will be going after more performances from an even wider variety of groups next year.

Performing alone will not raise the required amount to get the group to New Orleans and back so the Cloggers are considering doing some fundraising events. "We're talking about having an auction, which was very successful for us two years ago, and some other activities for next year," Talmy disclosed. "Of course we will accept any donations your readers would like to make. Anyone wishing to contribute to our fundraising effort can send a check made out to the Barbary Coast Cloggers to 584 Castro, Suite 420, S.F., CA 94114. All contributions will be greatly appreciated and all contributors will automatically become a Barbary Coast Clogger sidekick."

"We are proud of our accomplishments the last three years and we feel confident that we will do a good job representing San Francisco at the Worlds Fair in New Orleans next summer."

The group's most recent reason to be proud was their performance at the Laguna Honda Christmas Show, where they performed along with Tennessee Ernie Ford and Donald O'Connor for nearly 1,000 people. The show, for years traditionally hosted by Bing Crosby, is a favored charity, attended by San Francisco politicians, personalities and media, as well as the residents of Laguna Honda. Its this sort of exposure which has made the Barbary Coast Cloggers unofficial yet important ambassadors of our Gay community.

## Cabaret Dates

Valencia Rose. Steven Grossman, Friday 30, 8 and 10 PM, \$5. Noh Oratorio Society presents Live or Die: sights and sounds to pull in the brave new world; Friday 30, 8 PM, \$5 (also Saturday 31).

New Year's Eve at the Valencia Rose: Party with comics Tom Ammiano and Lea Delarra with Jeanine Strobel; 9 PM.

One man show of the works of Langston Hughes, The Dream

Keeper Speaks, with John Patterson; Tuesday 3, 8 PM, \$6, benefit for Black and White Men Together.

Fanny's Aldo Bell, Thursday 29, 5:30 and 7 PM, no charge. New Year's Eve Party features Faye Carol. Weston McGowen helps you nurse that hangover, Sunday 1 at 5 and 6:30 PM, \$3. Val Diamond has two shows on Tuesday 3, \$5. Kevin Ross with Joyce Imbest on piano and synthesizer and Mark Brandt on drums will play each Wednesday in January, 8:30 and 10 PM; \$5.

## Popular Demand!

After four years of silence, singer-songwriter Steven Grossman performed his music at the Valencia Rose in mid-October. Due to overflow

crowds and an enthusiastic reception, Grossman will return to the Valencia Rose on Friday, December 30, with shows at 8 and 10 PM. He'll be joined by Mimi Fox on guitar and Barry Hochman on piano. Admission is \$5; reservations, 863-3863.

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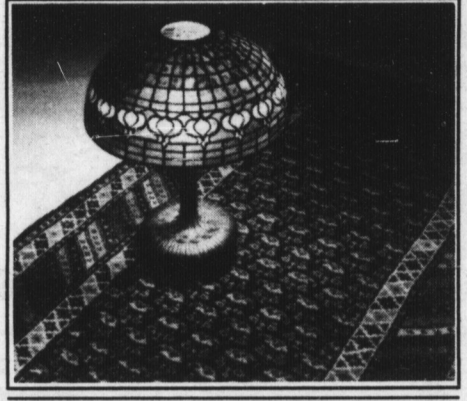
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