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'L.A. Times' National Poll

Gay Acceptance Grows; Today An Established Minority

Southland Now the Gay Mecca

"In a relatively few years, the status of homosexuals in the culture has risen from national taboo to established minority, and Gays today enjoy more social and legal acceptance than ever."

The *Los Angeles Times* reached this conclusion this week in reviewing its own comprehensive survey of national and California attitudes toward Lesbians and Gay men. The poll indicates that the coming out of Gay people in all aspects of public life is beginning to make Gay liberation a reality.

The *Times* released its poll on Sunday (New Year's Day) in a first page article. The prestigious newspaper had a 1.3 million circulation on Sunday.

However, all is not good news. Among religious conservatives, the South and the West, and those over 65, the homosexual is still looked upon with considerable disdain. Slightly more than 50% of Americans oppose the homosexual lifestyle. Even stronger opposition is expressed against the increasingly public Gay activism with a large majority (65%) unsympathetic toward such activism. A startling 46% is "very unsympathetic" to Gay activism . . . Although these percentages seem to be bleak on the surface, they indicate progress as the rejection of Gay people and homosexuality has been reduced considerably from earlier surveys. Homosexuality is clearly less threatening to Americans than it was 20 years ago.

The San Francisco Bay Area lives up to its reputation as the area with the highest acceptance level in the nation with 72% of its population "approving of homosexuality, either personally or for others." Acceptance is at 58% for Los Angeles and in the state as a whole.

California was an oasis in the West with its approval rating on all aspects of homosexuality in

the highest — with the West overall rating low when other area states are included. The South, along with the West, had the lowest rejection level with the East giving the strongest strong approval.

ACCEPTANCE: BELOW 50%

The nation overall rejected homosexuality with only a 43% approval and only a 29% approval of "the homosexual community." It favored an end to job discrimination toward Gay people by a bare 51%. When asked if they would vote for a qualified political candidate that they knew to be Gay, 45% indicated they would. Some of those questioned may have been influenced by their awareness of a Gay person in their personal lives (one-third of those surveyed).

How a person feels about homosexuality, the poll reveals, is influenced by a person's age, religion, and sex:

Age: The highest acceptance level is among those 30-36 years of age. This is followed closely by those 18-30. When over-36 people were questioned, the acceptance level dropped significantly with the lowest in the 65-and-over group. Only 23% of those over 65 said they approved of homosexuality, a sharp contrast to the 53% approval of



In 1984 Gay men openly congregate in Moscone Center for a gigantic New Year's celebration. L.A. Times says we've come a long way in a short time. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

those in the 30-36 category.

Religion: Conservative Protestants, according to the *Times*, kept the acceptance of homosexuality among Protestants in general at 39% while, surprisingly, Catholics have a 58% accep-

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Rosselli vs. Stallings

Toklas Demos Split Over Prexy Race

by Bruce Pettit

Sal Rosselli is challenging Randy Stallings' bid for a second one-year term as president of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club. The prize is coveted because of perceptions that the club advanced in political prominence in 1983, and the six-week contest has largely focused on who deserves more credit.

The race, to be decided Monday night (January 9), has had some bitter overtones. Some observers predict the turnout at the Swedish-American Hall (2174 Market Street) could approach 300 of the club's membership of 450 — and exceed the 222 votes cast last March for a Toklas position in the mayor's recall election.

Issues center on both philosophical directions and personalities. But a challenger often defines the terms of an election, and Rosselli appears here to have made this case a classic. He surprised the incumbent, put him on the defensive early, and made the chief issue Stallings' style of leadership.

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Britt Plans Change to Gay Rights Ordinance

In its first court tryout last year in the David Raines case, the San Francisco Gay Rights Ordinance was found defective. The Raines Gay discrimination case of the former director of the Performing Arts Center ended in a hung jury. During the trial Superior Court judge Richard Figone informed defense attorney Matt Coles that there were unsupported pieces in the ordinance as then written. Coles was the author of the rights bill.

This week Supervisor Harry Britt announced that he would be introducing amendments "to tighten" the San Francisco prohibition on discrimination. Britt revealed his plans to the City Hall press corps and the local Gay press. Britt has yet to consult his colleagues (a call to three supervisor's offices turned up the fact that they were unaware of any changes). The amendments are yet to be written, but were expected to mirror the Gay rights ordinance which was passed in Oakland two weeks ago. Attorney Cole who is now an East Bay resident authored the Oakland bill.

Britt aide Dana Van Gorder said the first order of business was to meet with the San Francisco Human Rights Commis-

sion to get their input. A meeting was set for today, January 5.

The changes are not expected to run into any opposition. They are considered "house keeping" alterations.

In his release Britt said, "Many of these amendments represent technical changes and clarifications of ambiguous requirements. Among these will be a more significant statement concerning prohibitions against discrimination in employment and services by the City and County of San Francisco itself."

Other amendments Britt proposes would broaden the scope and enforcement of the law. These include prohibiting businesses from discriminating in extending credit based on sexual

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TWO-YEAR TRADITION

Rosselli contends that Stallings has divided the club and its executive committee by often making decisions before clearing them with a variety of intra-club opinions. Stallings' public statements on AIDS, for instance, are said by the Rosselli camp to have promoted last year an impression that Toklas underplayed the health crisis. Stallings also endorsed in the citywide Voter's Handbook an opposite position from eventual club leanings.

Rosselli also claims that last year's membership loss of 112 is more than normal attrition, and that some of those departed will rejoin if Rosselli is elected. Rosselli also maintains that 60% of the 180 new members in 1983 joined using coupons in *Alice Reports* — the newsletter that Rosselli, as editor, expanded into a tabloid that reached up to 60,000 homes during elections.

Stallings responds that, in retrospect, he would have handled both the AIDS and the *Voter's Handbook* issues differently. But he said that a person who has never been in a presidency can never understand what it is like "when you are asked to comment on an issue, and it doesn't serve the club well to take no comment. You must instinctively know what the club is and be a catalyst for helping the club come to a position."

The current president rejected

ideas that he makes unilateral decisions. "Alice is a place where diverse opinions are heard in open and intelligent debate. Any politician will seek the advice of some more than others, but my style is to be a collective manager."

Stallings insisted that the membership falloff was in a normal range. "There are always some who join to vote for a certain issue and don't come back."

Stallings supporters insist that club presidents need two terms to bring about clear achievements. The past three presidents of the club have all been elected twice. Former president Connie O'Connor said, "In the first year you get your feet wet and learn the cast of characters."

RECALL LEGACY

Almost no one denies that Toklas's prestige in San Francisco was enhanced as the only Gay Democratic club on the "right" side of the recall election. Toklas endorsed "no" on the attempt to remove Mayor Feinstein — a position that prevailed by 82% citywide and by about 71% in Gay areas.

But some Rosselli supporters grumble that Toklas, under Stallings, did not achieve the political mileage that should have been expected — especially in the tangible measure of key city appointments.

Stallings answers that the proper use of a club's enhanced political prestige "is not to garnish appointments but to further the goals of the community. We

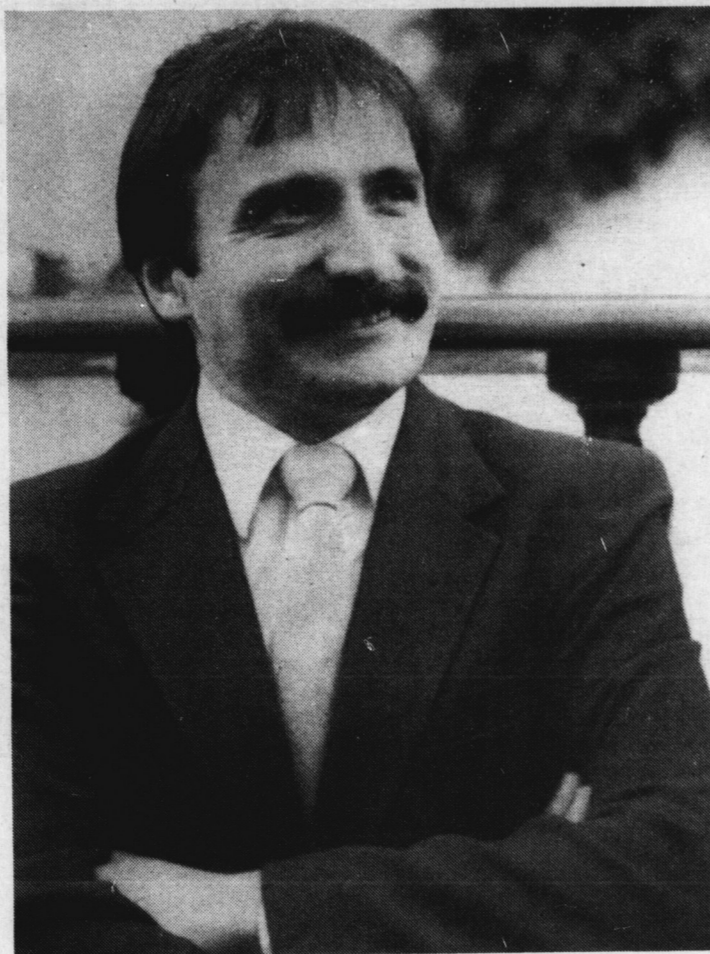
met with the Mayor, and we successfully lobbied for over \$2 million in funding for the Gay community."

For a club that has traditionally aspired to "progressive" ideals, Stallings has undisputed credentials. Both sides call him an activist, but his critics say Stallings is so much so that he tends to brand opponents "right wing" and undermine their club work. Early in this campaign Stallings campaigners were accused of threatening members with punishment if they were on the wrong side of a Stallings victory.

Some Rosselli supporters want to end what is seen as a rivalry with the Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club as to which is more progressive. Said one: "Alice should be a moderate club. The last thing we need is three progressive Gay Democratic clubs" — a reference including the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club.

Rosselli wears the progressive label also but is said to be somewhat more moderate — as evidenced by his activities in organized labor. That better positions Rosselli, his supporters say, for achieving political results. Stallings supporters concede Rosselli is personable and dynamic — making him very much the politician.

But Stallings stalwarts also suspect that Rosselli's challenge is due mainly to political ambition. Rosselli could have been elected without a fight in 1985, some say (though others note 1985 may dictate rotation to a woman). But they believe he is eager to wear the hat of Toklas president next summer, when Gay rights may dominate an otherwise debate-less Democratic National Convention here.



Alice challenger Sal Rosselli says he's going to win. (Photo: Rink)

ROSSELLI'S EARLY LEAD

Rosselli informed Stallings he would oppose him for president at the memorial march for George Moscone and Harvey Milk on November 27. Two nights later Rosselli announced he had lined up 70 endorsers — and it was doubled in two weeks.

Stallings admits Rosselli's jump but has put his own battery of phone-callers to work since then, and both sides regard the gap as narrowed. Stallings doubts that Rosselli's names are solid, adding, "Endorsements are not votes."

Rosselli defends his list as (Continued on next page)

Side Issues in Toklas Race

by Bruce Pettit

At least four side issues have emerged in the battle between Randy Stallings and Sal Rosselli for the Alice B. Toklas club presidency:

Milk Club Relations. Toklas and Milk club relations endured renewed tensions in 1983 over how to advise the Gay community on the AIDS crisis. The two executive committees are attempting to make peace. Stallings supporters say the incumbent should be permitted to expand the effort and doubt Rosselli could ever make much headway because of lingering bitterness over the 1982 Community College Board race.

Rosselli remarks, "Randy had a whole year and nothing has improved significantly." Toward Carole Migden, "I was bitter, and I'm the first to admit it, but I've grown out of that."

Migden says the inter-club talks are on hold until after the new Toklas president is known. Stallings said a November meeting resulted in positive feelings "to begin ways of tearing down the wall between us. We delineated problems without discussing them."

Rosselli had a short telephone conversation with Migden, at the beginning of the Stallings challenge, to extend an olive branch. He met in person with Supervisor Britt, who offered this conciliatory statement: "People in the labor movement say good things about Sal. I have no problem with Sal showing what he can do as president of Alice. But that is by no means an endorsement."

Jose Affair. Stallings has taken heat for allegedly defending a straight woman who blocked drag entertainer Jose Sarria from emceeing a Toklas dinner. Stallings responded, "I did not hear the phone conversation in question and I won't determine who was right or wrong." Ironically, Sarria has endorsed Stallings.

Women Members. Some Rosselli supporters have given impressions that they are disturbed that the membership of women in Toklas increased in 1983 from 24 to 28 percent. They stated that Stallings has given undue emphasis to feminist issues in a club that should keep everything secondary to Gay issues. Rosselli said he disagrees with his supporters who espouse that feeling: "I am absolutely committed to bring women to parity in Alice."

Sexual Identity. Some Stallings supporters are angry that Rosselli was not upfront about being Gay in a 1980 campaign for the college board and wonder whether Rosselli has even yet resolved his sexual identity. They are adamant that a president be undisputably Gay and proud. The issue is exacerbated by the fact that a straight woman, who is Rosselli's housemate, was elected club vice president last year.

Rosselli responded that he came to terms with being Gay in 1980 and since has had "a male lover and a boyfriend." He agreed that it would be "inappropriate" for Toklas to have a non-Gay president. But non-Gays comprise 25% of the membership, he said, and should be welcomed in any lesser office.

Ironically, Stallings reveals that he came out to his family "as a Gay person and as an activist" only last year — when he went on national television to defend the Toklas position on the recall. "Others said they would not go on the program because they would be so publicly identified."



Alice president Randy Stallings says no he's not. I'm in for another year. (Photo: Rink)

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90% solid — and said about 10 people on Stallings' list are switching.

Rosselli wanted to run for Toklas president a year ago, but friends dissuaded him because they thought a Rosselli presidency could prolong some community ill-feeling. He had just come off his second loss for a seat on the San Francisco Community College Board in a race that had caused deep Gay divisions.

Supervisor Harry Britt said it

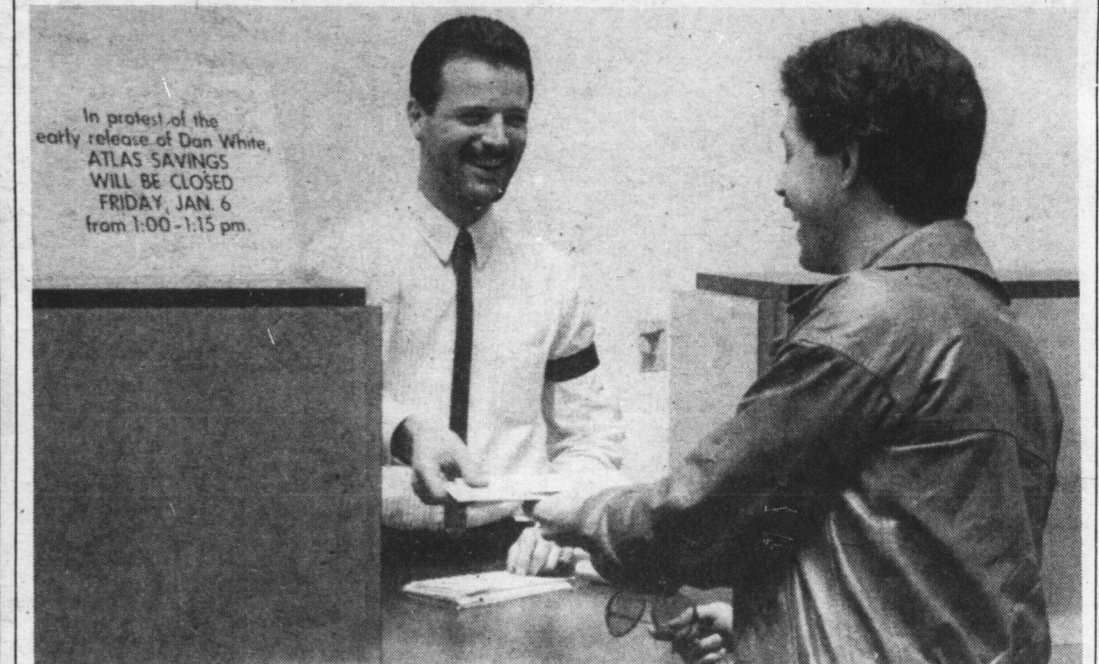
was time for a Lesbian to win a citywide office and endorsed Carole Migden — who became the favorite of the Milk club and later its president. Migden lost

Monday meeting will determine Alice's 1984 look.

also, and there were interpretations that either Rosselli or Migden would have won if the other had stayed out.

B. Pettit

Gay Savings and Loan Observes Day of Protest Over Dan White Release



Atlas employees will note the Dan White release with 1-1:15 p.m. closure and black armbands. (Savage Photography)

Atlas Savings and Loan Association, San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian financial institution, will join other Gay and non-Gay businesses in observing a day of protest over the early release of convicted murderer Dan White. On Friday, January 6, all employees of Atlas Savings will wear black armbands as a sign of mourning for the miscarriage of justice that allowed Dan White to serve only five years in jail for the murders of George Moscone and Harvey Milk.

The savings and loan will close both its branches from 1-1:15 p.m. as a symbol that San Francisco should not do "business as usual" on the day of Dan White's release from prison. Signs will be posted in the bank lobby to inform customers of the day's significance.

John A. Schmidt, chairman of the board of Atlas Savings, said, "As one of the largest and most viable businesses in the Gay and Lesbian community, Atlas Savings feels it is important to observe the day of protest. Dan White's light sentence was a terrible failure of our judicial system to properly punish a person for two major crimes. We hope that all San Franciscans who feel the same will join with us on January 6 to observe the day of protest."

Organizers of the day of protest have called for a day-long, nonviolent observance, with a noon rally at Union Square, and a work stoppage or slowdown from 1-1:15 p.m. At that time, they are asking people to go into the streets to blow whistles, honk automobile horns, or make some other form of angry noise in protest of Dan White's release. The day will end with a rally at 8 p.m. at Castro and Market Streets.

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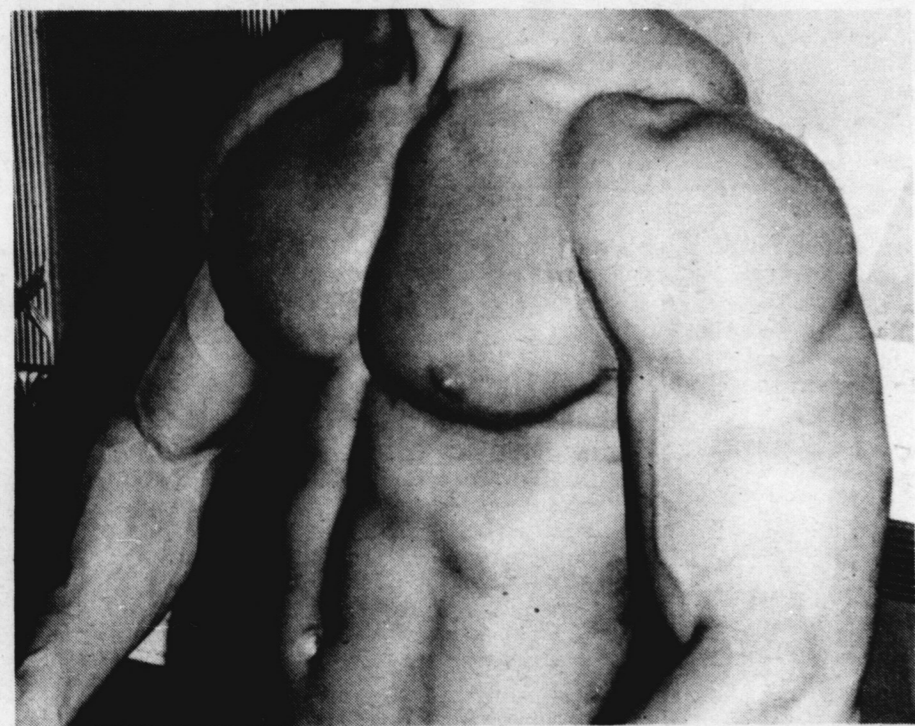
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Stonewallers Hear Plight of Gay Prisoners

Sheriff, Gaycon Editor Address Club

by Bruce Pettit

"People very heavy in the leather and S&M Gay crowds have this little fantasy that prisons are great sex palaces," said Kim Walters, editor of *Gaycon Press*, a San Francisco-based newsletter directed to Gay inmates in the U.S. prison systems. "Take a tour of San Quentin or the city jail, and you won't believe it anymore."

Sheriff Michael Hennessey wondered if he'd missed something in observing the leather crowd. "I don't run into Gay men who say to me, 'Gee, could you get me in for the night?' I run into Gay men concerned about being raped if they go to jail."

Walters and Hennessey were part of a Stonewall Gay Democratic Club panel discussing Tuesday night the horrors that incarcerated Gay men and Lesbians endure.

Telling the aftermath of his own out-of-state arrest on suspicion of burglarizing an automobile, Walters said: "I was raped. I banged on the rails asking for a guard to get me out of there so I could see a doctor. He just put me in lockdown for two hours and put me back in the cell with the same 24 guys who raped me."

That experience, and similar ones of four close friends in the South, moved Walters to try to do something about it. But now he is finding his *Gaycon Press* censored by prisons in his attempts to communicate with Gay inmates.

He told Stonewall:

"Another inmate was arrested in Texas on sodomy charges for having sex with his lover of five years. He has been in jail for six. He is considered a risk because he is Gay. They won't let him out; they say he hasn't rehabilitated. He's been raped about 140 times. He was beaten by two guards when he tried to get

help. He has permanent back damage.

"I've had inmates tell me what happens when a Gay advocate comes in there — somebody who's 100% Gay and shows it. Immediately the administration says we've got to do something about this faggot. They stick him in the worst section. He gets raped 15, 20, 30, 100 times. Then you're quiet."

Administrators, needing information from a prisoner, will try to give him some sexual release: "They take a good-looking kid, Straight or Gay, and put him in the guy's cell."

The horrors may be centuries old, but in the 1980's they have a new dimension: "I've got a bunch of inmates in Florida who are just freaking out because they think AIDS is rampaging through their prison systems."

Hennessey has also been confronted with some AIDS questions. Requested by the AIDS/KS Foundation to distribute condoms in the jail, the Sheriff said no. "The department would be condoning sex in the jails, and that's breaking the law. The Willie Brown consenting sex bill in California still forbids consenting sex in jail."

AIDS, however, did force a change in shaving policy. "It used to be that one cell would be given a locked-in razor, and it would be passed around," said Hennessey. "Well, two people could cut themselves and there could be an exchange of blood."



SF Sheriff Mike Hennessey talks to Stonewall Demos on the problems of Gays in jail.

Hennessey told Stonewall that other California sheriffs have called him about how to deal with AIDS. "I could supply information within 24 hours because my staff has already dealt with it. There are jokes about San Francisco and how my squad car is a pink Cadillac, but they care about these problems."

Genessey advised that the American Correctional Association and the National Institute of Corrections are likely approachable if Gays want to change prison officials' attitudes.

Walters hopes that, as a beginning, other prison systems could adopt Hennessey's inmate classification system which has held reported assaults down to something like three in 150,000 bookings.

In the booking process, Hennessey's deputies ask if prisoners are Gay before they are assigned to a housing unit. "Gay men are housed separately," said Hennessey.

Gay Youth Conference Fizzles

by Bernard Spunberg

Gay youth, their problems, and some solutions were aired at a Conference of Young Gays of Today held by the Gay Youth Community Coalition on December 28 in the Commissioners' Room of the Main Library.

Michael Nulty, Coordinator of the Coalition, stressed in his opening remarks that Gay youth need channels through which the power of self-determination can flow. Nulty also explained that, while bars may be an adequate social outlet for adults, Gay youth has no such resource. Nulty underlined the irony of community support for housing for runaways and other troubled individuals in the face of a social vacuum for well-adjusted young Gays.

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Following his opening remarks, Coordinator Nulty requested the thirteen conferees — only two of whom could qualify as Gay youth — to form two groups to formulate solutions to problems facing Gay youth. Time available for group discussion was expanded by gaps in the agenda left by no-show speakers.

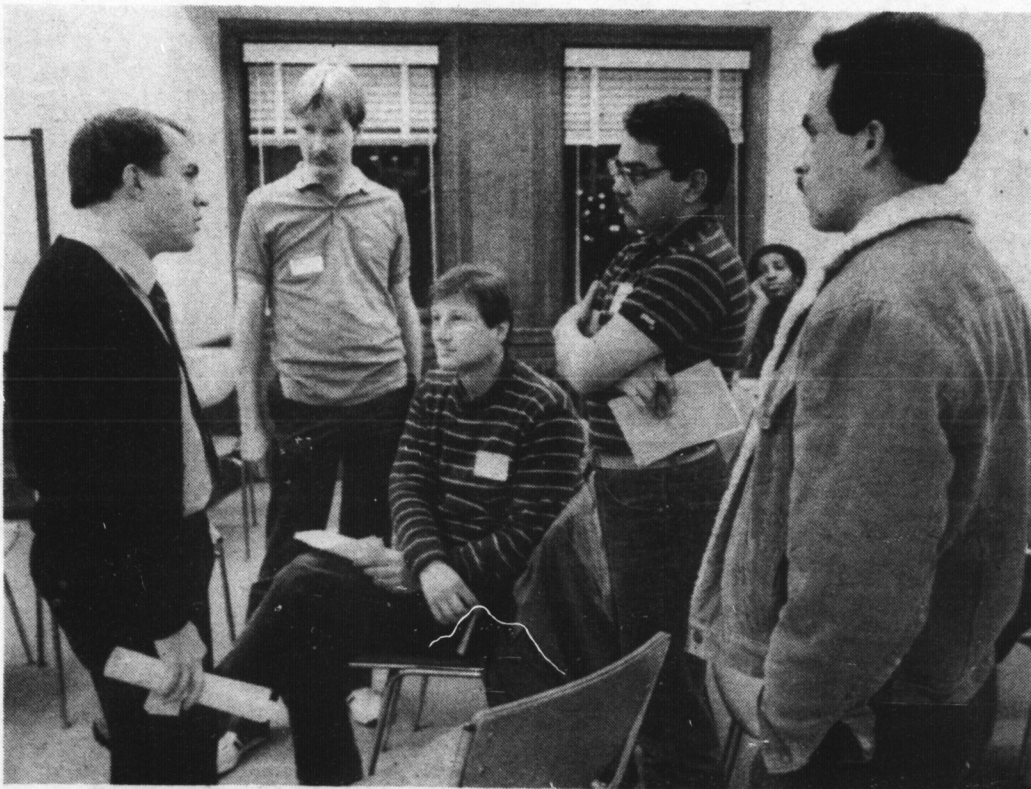
Discussion brought forth several social and political options available to Gay youth. Gay performing ensembles, religious congregations, service organizations, and political clubs and committees were all mentioned. Adam Rohloff, 19, spoke on behalf of the Santa Rosa Jr. College Gay Students Union. Rohloff explained the parts that the Santa Rosa MCC and local business played in the formation of the Union as well as plans by the Santa Rosa Lesbian/Gay Resource Network for the creation of a Gay community center.

Recommendations for a multi-purpose community center in San Francisco and for increased AIDS education targeted at youth were followed by an observation by a representative from the Diamond Street Youth Shelter that too few youth

were present to proceed with recommendations. Coordinator Nulty agreed to begin planning another conference for March. Nulty hopes increased publicity will enhance attendance, generating recommendations worthy of submission to the mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

Nulty traces the conference's modest attendance to apathy within the community. He explained that his calls to organizations were never returned. At the end of the conference, Nulty announced awards by the Gay Youth Community Coalition to various individuals, none of whom were present.

Literature available at the conference detailed formation of new youth groups, ways to contact pre-existing groups, extensive reading lists, and numerous back issues of the coalition's newsletter.



Gay Youth Conference fails to draw a large turnout at Main Library site. A second try is planned to attract more young Gays and Lesbians. (Photo: Rink)

We would like to thank the many thousands of you who attended and enjoyed our New Year's Eve celebration "So Many Men" at the Moscone Center. As producers of this event, we are proud to have offered the widest array of superlative entertainment, lasers, lights and sound at a price affordable to all.

The thought of constructing what amounts to the world's largest dance club from an empty shell in just over 12 hours seems as staggering now as it did prior to the event. Yet, we and many of you feel confident that every facet of this event which was directly under our control, was both well-planned and executed.

However, the bar concession, and bartenders in particular, over which we had **absolutely no control**, input, or financial interest, proved to be a disaster. Many of you had to wait in long lines to purchase inflated drink price tickets; and to make matters worse, then had to wait in even longer lines to redeem the tickets for drinks poured by "bartenders" which obviously put a low premium on service.

To make matters even worse, many were left with unused drink tickets as the bars shut off with several hundred people still in line for drinks.

As producers of "So Many Men," we foresaw all of these problems and insisted **prior** to the event that extra bars, bar stations, and ticket stations be placed around the facility, including the lobby area, but we were overruled by the director of the Moscone Center himself.

We can only apologize for the major and uncalled for inconvenience many of you endured because of poor planning of the bar concession.

As producers of "So Many Men," we feel obligated to make arrangements to refund your unused drink coupons. You may redeem these coupons for cash at the ticket booth of the I-Beam during our normal business hours (9:00 PM to 2:00 AM) Monday through Sunday.

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tance. Considering the papal view of homosexuality, the 58% acceptance is a strong indication that Catholics do not accept Rome's analysis.

Sex: There is not the great divergence between women's and men's attitudes on homosexuality that has been reported in some studies. While it has been often stated that women accept homosexuality more readily than men, the percentage difference is minor. When asked if they approve of homosexuality, 43% of the men answer Yes and 44% of the women.

Men decidedly split with women on one issue, the armed forces. When asked if the military should be permitted to discharge known Gay people, the men are divided 50-50 while the women give a 30% in favor response. In this category, the nation rejects the anti-Gay military policy with only 41% approving of Gay discharges.

Does the general public in California approve of legislation that would legally end job discrimination against Gay people? Californians approve of such legislation by 59%, with Los Angeles at 62% and the Bay Area 63%. The nation is about equally divided on job equality legislation.

The Times survey did not designate San Francisco as an area separate from adjacent cities which it combined to form the "Bay Area." Los Angeles is designated as a separate city. This decision by the newspaper limits the ability of those reviewing the poll's conclusions to compare the two cities.

L.A. — PROMISED LAND?

Accompanying the Times poll was a comprehensive review of the Lesbian/Gay cultural and political lifestyle throughout California. The illustrative photographs included three local Gay people — Supervisor Harry Britt, Community United Against Violence Director Dianne Christensen and Lesbian activist Kerry Woodard.

Much of the emphasis of the Times' two-part feature was on



Gay men lounge openly at disco gala — "unashamed to acknowledge that they are homosexuals." (Photo: Rink)

the many religious, political, social, and service organizations in the Los Angeles area. Writer Kevin Roderick concluded that most Gay people are "law-abiding, talented people who are unashamed to acknowledge that they are homosexuals."

Los Angeles Gay activists, often in competition with San Francisco, were pleased with the Times' conclusion that it is Los Angeles — not San Francisco — that is now the promised land for Gay people.

While San Francisco has the reputation as "the West's most hospitable haven for homosexuals," Roderick wrote, "for many homosexuals, Los Angeles has become the preferred city in California. The Gay community in here is generally more affluent, Gays in both cities say, and in some ways more accepted."

As an illustration of the affluence, the Times mentioned a recent L.A. Gay community benefit which had 900 guests paying \$200 each at the door.

Roderick continued, "More important for many, the climate is warmer, there are more jobs to be had in Los Angeles and the cost of living is lower. In short, Gays come to Los Angeles for the same reason as everyone else."



Lesbians in 1984 no longer fear showing affection in public. (Photo: Rink)

COMING OUT

Commenting on the difficulty of the "coming out" process, he wrote, "It can be a painful and lonely experience. Pressured by society to resist, it can take years to even realize, then acknowledge, one's homosexuality. . . . If family and close friends are told, it can cost a person his loved ones, break up marriages, and confuse children if the Gay person is a parent."

However, the writer concludes, for many it is the only way, as the "coming out" can mean no longer "explaining your situation" and "living as a homosexual-in-hiding." Although it may be difficult, Roderick stressed it can be "a blessing, a relief after years of trying to hide."

In his overview of the nation, the writer concluded that many Gay people have been coming out and "over the last two decades, the Gay community has become just that — a national community that takes care of its own, much like the nation's ethnic minorities have done. A new generation of well-educated, respectable leaders, from all walks of life, have admitted their homosexuality and decided to fight the cold shoulder of discrimination given to the millions — perhaps 16 million adults — whom society calls homosexuals."

Briggs Sues Process Server

According to a Sacramento Bee report filed from Placerville, former state Sen. John Briggs has launched a counterattack against his "enemies." He has sued two men who testified in his assault trial in September, contending that they harassed and frightened him by trespassing on his property just before Christmas 1982.

The suit in El Dorado Superior Court also says Bill Stokes and Jerry Bluemel slandered Briggs with their testimony. The complaint seeks an unspecified amount in damages.

The incident occurred December 21, 1982 at Briggs' new house north of Placerville. According to the men's testimony, they entered Briggs' house to serve him with legal papers.

The matter didn't come to the public's attention until last summer, when another process server, Charles Putney, claimed Briggs shot at him when he tried to serve a summons on the former Orange County legislator on June 6, 1983.

Briggs was charged with committing battery on a process server and brandishing a firearm in connection with the June incident. A jury found him innocent of the battery charges but deadlocked on the brandishing charge. The district attorney later dismissed the brandishing charge.

During the trial, Bluemel and Stokes testified that Briggs had reacted aggressively in the 1982 incident and physically assaulted Stokes — a charge Briggs denied. Briggs testified any aggressive action was justified because the men came into his house unidentified.

After the trial, Briggs asked the district attorney to file criminal trespass charges against Bluemel and Stokes. Chief Assistant District Attorney Walt Miller declined to prosecute, citing the time that had elapsed between the incident and Briggs' complaint.

Briggs' suit charges that Stokes and Bluemel deliberately trespassed on his land for the purpose of harassing him. The

in addition, as a result of the incident and the men's testimony, Briggs claims he was unable to work and lost wages.

Briggs, who retired from the Senate in 1981, has a Sacramento land consulting business. ■

Dan White Searches for New Life - But Where?

by George Mendenhall

The decision has probably already been made as to where former City Supervisor Dan White and his family will live when he is released on January 6. Incidentally, White liked the idea of becoming a gentleman farmer in Ireland, but both the Irish Republic and the state parole department frowned on that idea.

Earlier this month news articles appeared that quoted Phil Guthrie, deputy director of state prisons, as saying that White's proposed plan to live at an undisclosed location somewhere in California appeared to be acceptable. Now there is speculation that he could be permitted to live outside of the state — but within the United States.

Three California cities will not have White as a resident, and have openly said so: San Francisco, because of the notoriety of the crime and the relatively short sentence given the

impossible to keep his location a secret. White will need employment and must report to a parole officer. These realities will soon reveal where he is a resident. It is also virtually impossible that he can hide from the media, which will want stories about his new life.

There has been no discussion of whether White will have a false identity or false name, according to Guthrie. The official said he hopes that the parole "will be a stable one," although he is aware of the anger generated by the early release of

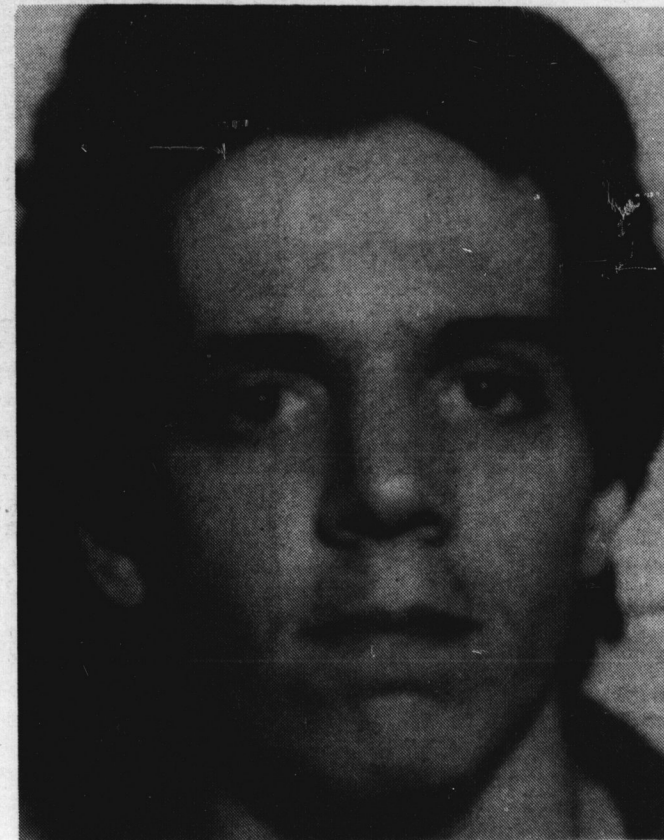
At press time the nation's media wants to know where White is going. Nobody knows, yet . . .

murderer; Richmond, where the City Council has voted unanimously not to accept White as a citizen, and San Diego, where Mayor Roger Hedgecock has written to the state parole board requesting that White not be paroled in his city. Hedgecock said that protests from the local Gay community had influenced his decision. Other northern counties have reportedly voiced their rejection of White.

Guthrie said that no elaborate scheme had been devised to conceal White's whereabouts and admitted that it would be nearly

Thief Who Preyed on Gays Nabbed in Ohio

6-Month Search, With Gay Aid, Pays Off



Fugitive Scott Alan Hunsberger is picked up on Gay tip.

Criminal Investigator Dennis Carl of the Reading, PA, Police Department has finally got his man.

The suspect, Scott Alan Hunsberger, has been preying on Gay men for a number of years across the nation. He was wanted for theft, receiving stolen property, and automobile theft.

Hunsberger, 22, was picked up at a shopping mall in Columbus, Ohio, December 15, 1983. He was observed walking in the mall by an individual who remembered a wanted persons article that had appeared in the local Gay newspaper. Descriptions of Hunsberger have run in the Gay press nationally over the past months. The Bay Area Reporter published a wanted persons bulletin in early July, 1983. The alert shopper notified police, and the wanted man was taken into custody.

Police had lost Hunsberger's trail. They knew he had been in Los Angeles from August 12, 1983, to November 15, 1983. His whereabouts were unknown until he was picked up in Columbus.

Police had described Hunsberger's MO as:

"This subject is known to befriend homosexuals and then moves into their home or apart-

ment. After one or two weeks when victim is at work, subject will steal their personal property car, money, camera equipment, or other valuables; he will then leave the area and/or state.

"Subject has worked as an operator for a telephone answering service and also claims to be an entertainment booking agent. He has claimed that he is able to book Wayland Flowers & Madame Sylvester, and other top acts. After supplying false contracts for these acts, he receives hundreds-to-thousands of dollars for acts which he does not legally represent."

Investigator Carl publicly thanked Gay communities and newspapers around the nation for their cooperation. Carl said, "For six months I tracked Hunsberger around the United States, and this was only made possible by the Gay community getting involved. Without their involvement, Scott Alan Hunsberger would still be free. Again, thanks to all who assisted in making my job a little easier."

Hunsberger was wanted by police departments in Reading, PA; Rochester, NY; Las Vegas, NV; Dallas, TX; Sacramento, CA; Marin County Sheriff's Dept., CA; and Cobb County Sheriff's Dept., Marietta, GA. ■

Spring Classes for Castro College

San Francisco Community College has announced its credit and noncredit courses for the Spring Semester at the Castro/Valencia Center. Evening classes begin at the Center (Everett Middle School, 450 Church Street) Wednesday, January 11, 1984.

CITY COLLEGE (Credit Classes)				
	TIME	STARTS	DURATION	
MONDAY				
World Lit Past & Present	6:30-9:30	23 Jan	18 weeks	3 units
Gay & Lesbian Literature	6:30-9:30	23 Jan	18 weeks	3 units
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TUESDAY				
Intro to Comput Data Processing	6:30-9:30	17 Jan	18 weeks	3 units
Beg Conversational Spanish	6:30-9:30	17 Jan	18 weeks	3 units
Intermed Conversational Spanish	6:30-9:30	17 Jan	18 weeks	3 units
Interd Spanish Culture & Civin	6:30-9:30	17 Jan	18 weeks	3 units
WEDNESDAY				
Theory & Technique of Acting	6:30-9:30	11 Jan	18 weeks	3 units
Elementary French (Mon & Wed)	6:30-9:30	11 Jan	18 weeks	5 units
THURSDAY				
Art History, Western Part 2	6:30-9:30	12 Jan	18 weeks	3 units
Career Planning	6:30-8:30	12 Jan	9 weeks	1 unit
Job Seeking Skills	6:30-8:30	3 Mar	9 weeks	1 unit

City College classes earn credit and are transferable. One must be registered at City College to take the credit classes.

Single Men on the Upswing

"Why?" Puzzles Experts

Single, straight men have their problems, too. Often they feel left out if they are not married because they are suspect. Friends and work associates think they might be mama's boys, as unable to establish close relationships, or that they are Gay. . . . This is the conclusion of Dr. Carol Nadelson, professor of psychiatry of Tufts Medical School in Boston.

Few surveys recognize the possibility that there could be an increase in homosexuality. There are not questions in this area, as the surveys are usually directed toward heterosexual ac-

tivity. However, researchers are increasingly amazed at how many men and women have chosen not to marry in the 1980's, compared with the 1970's. They are beginning to ask why.

When 3,000 single men between the ages of 20 and 55 were surveyed by Jacqueline Simenauer (*Singles: The New Americans*) she made these discoveries:

- 50% said they just "haven't found the right partner yet;"
- 10% said marriage means too much responsibility;
- 37% live alone;

- 51% have never lived with a woman;
- 40% say being single is wonderful.

Between 1970 and 1982, the population of never-married men grew by 84% for those in the 30-34 age group, 38% for those 35-39, and 18% for those 40-44, according to the Census Bureau.

One of the reasons given, aside from the fact that a male might be Gay, that an increasing number of single males are not marrying is explained by Peter Stein, a New Jersey sociologist and editor of *Single Life*. Stein believes that women "are more liberated today, more sure of themselves, more educated, and many have careers. Lots of men just don't know how to adjust to that." ■

NYC Gays to Buy City Building

Down Payment Sought for Health Center

A Greenwich Village building now owned by New York City will be sold to the city's Lesbian/Gay community if it can raise \$150,000 for a down payment. The structure, which now houses Gay psychological, social service, and health groups would be extended in use to assist AIDS patients. The large 25,000-square-foot building carries an asking price of \$1.5 million.

"This is one of a number of steps," Mayor Ed Koch told the *New York Times*, being taken by the city to combat AIDS and other health problems that have particularly affected the Gay and Lesbian community. Originally, the 75-year-old structure was to be put on the auction block, but the price was set so the Gay community could preserve the building for its own use.

"This would mean," City Health Commissioner David Sencer related, "that people who are now ping-ponged from referral to referral will not be ping-ponged from building to building."

The current center is a private coalition of agencies. Its vice president, David Rothenberg, believes the 3-story building would "give us a point of focus, a consolidation, that we've not had. Some of the groups that would occupy the building would include Senior Action, Gay and Lesbian Youth and Gay Alcoholics." ■

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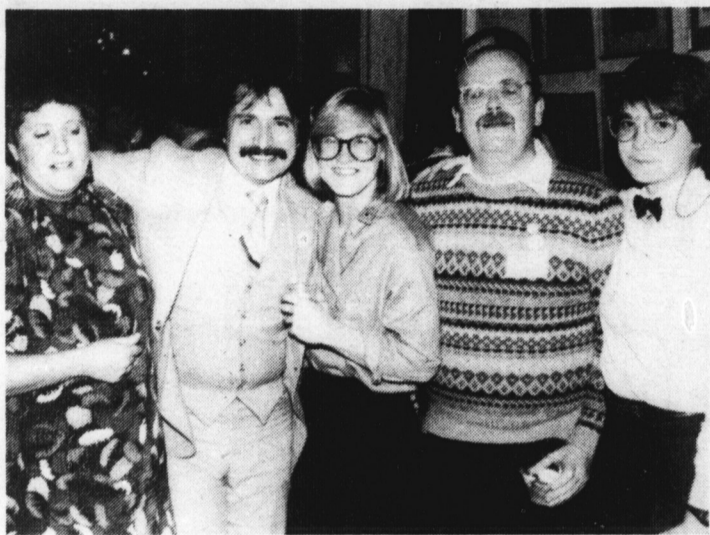
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POLITICS AND POKER

Holiday Parties and Inaugurals

WAYNE FRIDAY



Christmas parties once again took their toll. Above was the Alice Demo Club party that included a lot of politicking. (Photo: Rink)

Happy New Year. The first edition of 1984 and it looks like it should be a good year politically, or at the very least an interesting one. As for the past three weeks — too many holiday parties, and not enough time. You end up seeing most of the same people at the same parties, but never let it be said that politicians don't like to party. Some drink too much and make fools of themselves just like the rest of us; others are careful never to touch the stuff for fear of starting rumors, but they all do like to go to parties and among the better ones I made it to were the ones given by the Milk Demo Club at the home of Jerry Scimus, and the B.A.R. office party.

Over New Years, the Big Party boys were busy competing with each other to see who could squeeze the last buck out of the community with parties at the Moscone Center, the Galleria, and God only knows where else. Selling the admission tickets seems to be the name of this game, and no one seemingly cares about service for the customers once they get the thousands packed into the place. Many of those attending the bash at Moscone Center came away complaining about the usual inconveniences — waiting forever in lines to purchase drink tickets (at four bucks a crack; \$2 for a bottle of Calistoga water) and then waiting forever to get the drinks once you had a ticket. Yet, they'll all be back next year clamoring for the \$35 admission tickets. Somehow, we never learn.

The race for president of the Toklas Demo Club heating up with charges and counter-charges. The latest dirt has several top city officials receiving anonymous letters, mailed to their homes, no less, accusing their Gay aides of spending too much time working on challenger Sal Rosselli's behalf (anonymous letters always seem



Barbara Boxer puts in first year good attendance.

cowardly to me). If the number of listed member endorsers means anything (Rosselli has 150; the incumbent around 100), the Toklas Club could have new leadership after next Monday night's election.

Supervisor John Molinari welcomed the new year as Acting Mayor of San Francisco; Dianne Feinstein was enjoying a short Hawaii vacation. • Armand Bouley, president of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Demo Club, tells me he has been



Challenger Sal Rosselli and defender Randy Stallings lunch amicably with Mayor Feinstein during the recall battle. This week they're slugging it out for Alice Demo Club control. (Photo: Greg Day)

assured that the East Bay's State Senator Bill Lockyer will definitely be among those to now vote for AB-1. • Black Panthers founder Eldridge Cleaver says he will run against Oakland Congressman Ron Dellums this year. • Word has it that Mayor Dianne Feinstein will serve as Honorary Chairperson of the campaign against reducing the number of supervisors on the June ballot. • The mayor, meanwhile, will take the oath of office for her final term as mayor next Monday at noon in the City Hall Rotunda. A gala \$100 reception will follow at 6 in the evening at the St. Francis. (Incidentally, Quentin Kopp is the only supervisor not among those serving as honorary chairs of the mayor's inaugural. Republican Milton Marks listed among those serving; all others are Democrats.)

Uncle Sam giveth and Uncle Sam taketh: members of Congress are to receive a pay increase of nearly \$2,500 starting January 1, but they will never see it, since they will start paying Social Security taxes for the first time — about \$2,500 worth annually. • In Providence, Rhode Island, last week a popular Gay bar, the Club 40, was blown up by an anonymous caller who warned a TV station there that there would be more such at-

tacks against other Providence Gay bars. The Club 40 was closed during the attack and Gay leaders in that Eastern city have offered a \$1,500 reward for clues leading to the arrest of the bomber. • And in Rochester, New York, a resolution banning discrimination against Gays and other minority groups in city government sailed through the City Council.

Walter Mondale, being interviewed on the highly rated Evans & Novak News Show on Cable News Network Sunday, replied, when asked, "Yes, of course I support equal rights for homosexuals;" adding, "In my whole life I have been against people pushing other people around for reasons that are irrational, and that includes the military." As for the proposed national Gay Rights bill, Mondale said that "as that bill is shaped there might possibly be some areas where we might want to draw some distinctions" but insisted that Gays should not be eliminated arbitrarily by the military.

The year's strangest political



Ex-GOP Assembly leader Carol Hallett tagged to Interior Dept. job.



Hongisto aide Dennis Collins joins board of Friends of Deputies and Inmates. (Photo: Rink)

Look for former GOP Assembly Leader and Lt. Governor candidate Carol Hallett to be appointed Interior Secretary William Clark's top field rep in the Western states from the Dakotas to Guam. • District Attorney Arlo Smith will take the oath of office beginning his second term at his home on Sunday, January 8.

Dennis Collins, Supervisor Richard Hongisto's City Hall aide, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Friends of Deputies and Inmates, a non-profit organization that raises funds for city jail inmates to cover those items not regularly provided by the city. • Alan Cranston's recent hospitalization did little to help his lagging presidential campaign and staffers are outwardly worried. • Representative Sala Burton attended a respectable 91% of House votes since she was sworn in on June 28, while Rep. Bar-

bara Boxer attended an even better 95% of the roll call votes in the House. In the Senate, Republican Pete Wilson showed up for 98% of the votes in the first year of the 98th Congress while Democrat Alan Cranston, busy running for president, was present for only 56% of the votes.



Dianne's inaugural January 10

Gay Gun Club Starting Up

A competitive, all Gay, Unisex, Combat Pistol Club, is in the preliminary stages of formation.

Open to all on an equal basis, regardless of occupational standing in the community — police, military, or hairdresser. The ability to be a competitive winner is irrelevant to any occupational group or race. Nor is it relevant to social activities; this is not another uniform club in search of one more brass button.

Competitive Combat Pistol shooting is as serious an endeavor as any other sport; requiring a high degree of commitment, self-discipline, and money. Initially, an upfront amount of \$900 will be necessary on an individual basis. This money will be spent on equipment necessary to achieve a high degree of competitive marksmanship. Existing competitions

are held on a local, national, and international level. And to compete in these is the purpose of this club. Also, hopefully, something can be established within the 1986 Gay Olympics.

Qualifications are essentially, good citizenship, a local resident, and a strong preference for the Colt, 45ACP, Model 1911-A1. More information about this and a list of equipment needed will be provided at the first meeting, which will occur approximately one month after publication of this announcement.

For more information regarding the club's activities, please contact: John Preston Hughes, 861-3216, 6-9 p.m., or Charles A. Combs, 474-3135, leave message.

This is not a political club. Sidewalk Commandos, save the dime.

Arrest in Indiana Mass Murders

Indianapolis, IN - Police arrested a suspect in the brutal slayings of up to 27 young Gay men in the Indiana capital — and the suspect is Gay himself.

According to *Gay Community News* of Boston, police booked Larry W. Eyler of Chicago on murder charges in the death of Ralph E. Calise, 28, whose body was found in a field

25 miles north of Chicago.

Lake County (IN) Sheriff Robert H. Babeox told *GCN* that Eyler could be another John Wayne Gacy. "This type of sordid crime can be compared to the sadistic gratification that Gacy must have enjoyed in his vicious crimes," he said.

Gacy was convicted in 1976 of the murders of 17 teen-aged boys in Chicago, in which Gacy killed the boys after he kidnapped and sexually assaulted them.

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A Bigger Monster, A Cliqueless Court

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"I did a disservice to myself and to ACIE when I listened to others and didn't really recognize Frumpy as Frank. I had been a fool and cut myself off from two of the hardest workers any Court has ever had. I had become part of all the bullshit before, during, and after Coronation IV. I now know there is no Hayward or Oakland — it's now, finally, Alameda County. What Frumpy and Stephanie started, Cha Cha and Don will continue — A Cliqueless Court!"

Larry Paradis, 33, was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and grew up in upstate New York. He has been in Oakland for four years. Larry has a degree in psychology, but is currently employed in the telecommunications field. He and his lover, Cha Cha, recently celebrated 18 months together.



Empress III, Taco Tony. Larry Paradis says "TT can swallow a lot, and is now back to what he was in the first place." Read Nez Pas interview for full details.

Nez: Why do you have such an intense interest in "titles"?

Larry: I don't feel that it is intense. I believe in the Court System as it is supposed to be, not what it is. It should be a fun means of survival. It should allow the community to do what it wants to do without any hassle. The charity work it does should present us to the straight community in a proper light. And that's just part of it. It gives us something to do rather than sit around bitching and gossiping — but there is that, too! I don't feel it is an ego thing — yes, there are those who feel that the title carries a lot of weight, but not for me. The Gay community needs leaders, and I feel they will come from the court system. The dollars that are raised by courts should be poured back into the Gay and straight communities. Two people who are doing this — regardless of titles — are Ed Paulson and Little Mother. And they receive very little thanks!

Nez: What about winners who disappear after the initial glory of winning?

Larry: A change is coming! The winners will be made to account for their winning. People are tired of the crowning and the disappearing. Those who are elected and don't produce should be removed from that position with a replacement from the first runner-up. If the oath isn't lived up to, get someone who can and will live up to it! It's not really a popularity contest anymore. People who ran recently wanted feedback in order to better represent the community. A title is only as

strong as a person makes it.

Nez: What about the "All" of California titles? Are they really "All" of California?

Larry: The court system is like a pyramid, with one person at the top. State titles don't exist without the backing of the courts. My present title, Grand Duke of All California, is to help every titleholder in the state. It's not a county against county, or city against city — the one at the top has to pull it all together. Applications for my title went out to all courts in the state, and they had the opportunity to send contestants. Ideally, monarchs should elect All California titleholders. That's the way it was worded, but all courts didn't recognize this. The "All" title can't exist without every court's backing.

Nez: When you received your title, you promised a "Bartender of the Year" contest, a "Royal Slave Auction," and a barbecue/square dance. What happened?

Larry: First, the title had to be accepted by all the courts, all over the state, and at the time I didn't know what I had to undo. There were damages done by the previous Grand Duke. The title was misused! I then had to ask for permission to be recognized. Second, I didn't receive a financial statement or report. I couldn't really plan until I knew how I stood legally. Third, realistically, our current schedule made it totally impossible. Some courts have never been approached by a state titleholder before, and they are very receptive. There has always been a "thing" between North-

ern and Southern California, and I think the state titles can pull them together. There are only four of them: King Father and Queen Mother (Mikki and Jean), and Grand Duke and Grand Duchess (Larry and Llaril). As Larry (and Cha Cha's other half) I have been accepted in Modesto, Fresno, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, San Jose, Stockton, Portland, and even Boise!

Nez: What was your perception of ACIE before you became involved?

Larry: I saw it as a thing whose time hadn't come. The concept was theirs; the people were theirs; the constitution was theirs. It was a teething period and anything new goes through that period. Mistakes were made and corrected — that's part of teething. Five years from now, we will be five times stronger. We have come a long way in five years.

Nez: What is your perception of ACIE after being involved?

Larry: It's a bigger monster than I thought, especially behind the scenes. The court has to account to the state and federal government tax rules. Until one gets involved, there is no telling just how big that monster is (Alameda County is one of the state's biggest courts). Mistakes have been made and this court must learn from those mistakes. This year's Privy Council is one of the strongest that ACIE has ever had. Many people don't know it, but the Privy Council runs the empire. The Emperor



Blow in the New Year. The Bench & Bar's New Year's Party was highlighted by this New Year's Baby.

and Empress are accountable to the Council, and serve at its discretion. The Privy Council controls the people at the top.

Nez: How did you get on the Privy Council?

Larry: There are five people automatically on the new Privy Council: the Dowager Emperor and Empress, the new Emperor and Empress, and one person appointed by the new monarchs — it was Larry! The community elects six at-large members, and a chairperson is elected by the Court itself.

Nez: I sense a certain bit of discord within the ACIE. How do you perceive it?

Larry: It's hard to give up the past and people find it difficult

to relinquish their authority. We have new everything now, and there are problems with the old. But with Chuck M., Frumpy, and Stephanie's help these problems should be ironed out. Certain ex-Council members were never held accountable for certain things, mainly out of respect and courtesy. But that will never happen again. We'll follow the constitution to the letter. No one person can control and/or sidestep the Council or the constitution. In the official minutes are recorded mistakes that have been made and we are accountable for those mistakes — and they won't happen again. We've learned that much so far. If the constitution doesn't work, it can be changed only by the standing committee. The general assembly is open to anyone; also, anyone may sit in on the Privy Council — except for the Executive Session. This session is private as a courtesy to people for anonymity. We have learned!

Nez: Are friendships breaking up and sides being taken?

Larry: No. It depends on who you listen to — the garbage-mouthing or to the community. This year we have the strongest group of people and more community support. But there will always be the rumors, backstabbing, and the "Oh boy, let's see who we can break up this week!" We have more representation at out of town functions than ever before, and we're getting the dichards back. Our slogan is, "If you have a bitch,

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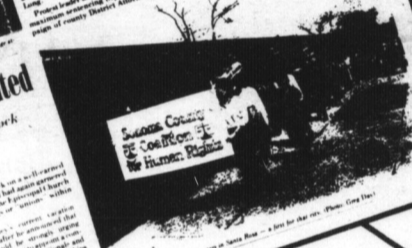


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bring it!" (to the General Assembly meetings, second Monday of every month).

Nez: Do you feel there is a "community"?

Larry: Yes, definitely; but it is its own worst enemy — that's true of any community. If we (men and women) could do what the women's community had done — with NOW, ERA, etc. — by putting an end to petty bitching for the common good, we could do as much or more for the Gay community as they have done for the women's movement. We just can't have the "leather vs. drag vs. clone" syndrome.

I'd say that, sorrowfully, only about 10% of the Gays in Alameda County ever become involved.

Nez: Why is there so much discord and lack of support?

Larry: Apathy, disinterest, and disillusionment! An awful lot want the benefits but don't want to work for those benefits. It's the same in all walks of life —

just look at the national elections! I feel that a lot of Gays accept the straight bullshit and actually feel that they are sick for being Gay!

Nez: Are there just too many titles and too many functions to go around? Are they wearing thin?

Larry: In the Gay community as a whole, there are too many titles. Some of the titles are created by people who never won any other title — and that weakens the original title. There is strength in numbers, but then when there are so many, the originals have no point or meaning. I don't think that Alameda County has that many — yet! We have five predominant ones in Alameda County — Emperor, Empress, Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, and Foxy Lady. Hopefully there won't be any more. People have to learn where their priorities are. Do we support Alameda County, Northern California, San Francisco, All of California, or what? For me, I'd rather put my hard-earned dollars into a charity rather than someone else's cash register! We must learn the difference between a function given by a titleholder and a party given by a bar, with a made-up title. Most are held in bars, but in a true function given by a titleholder, the bar does pay its dues, too. I feel that our biggest disease is that we have ripped ourselves off! Charity begins at home, and I don't mean a personal bank account!

Nez: Quick comments, if you will, on:

Emperor and Empress I, Ed and Suzie —
Larry: They started the ball rolling and, under the circumstances, did a hell of a job. Ed still is!

Emperor and Empress II, Chuck and Carlos —

Larry: Who? I think they owe the community more than they paid back!

Emperor and Empress III, Tony V. and Taco Tony —

Larry: Taco Tony learned and swallowed a lot by it, and now he's back to what he was in the first place. We all learned a lot from what he went through. Tony V., thanks, but no thanks!

Emperor and Empress IV, Frumpy and Stephanie —

Larry: They had the hardest reign, but by surviving they proved bigger than all the bullshit. They were probably the best monarchs to date. They served and stepped down with pride and grace. I was very proud of them at Coronation V.

Nez: Yourself?
Larry: I'm more than Grand Duke; I'm more than Cha Cha's lover; I'm more than chairperson of the Privy Council. I know what I want. I never say never because never is a long time. I believe in myself, my lover, and my community. God, it's hard! I'm proud of what I've accomplished, and a bit ashamed of what I haven't.

One last thing. I'm going to put an end to something — actually, two somethings! First, I allowed myself to be swayed by some people without checking into the facts. That's not about to happen again! Second, because of my outspoken attitude, Larry's name has been thrown about by other people, and quotes supposedly said by me weren't true. If it happens again, that person will be held accountable! If I make a statement or accusation, I'll stand behind it. If it comes from a third or fourth party, they will be held responsible for their statements! That's about it!

Forewarned is forearmed; so if the foo shits, wear it!

Communicate! It can't make things any worse! Smile, Nez, smile! Love ya . . .

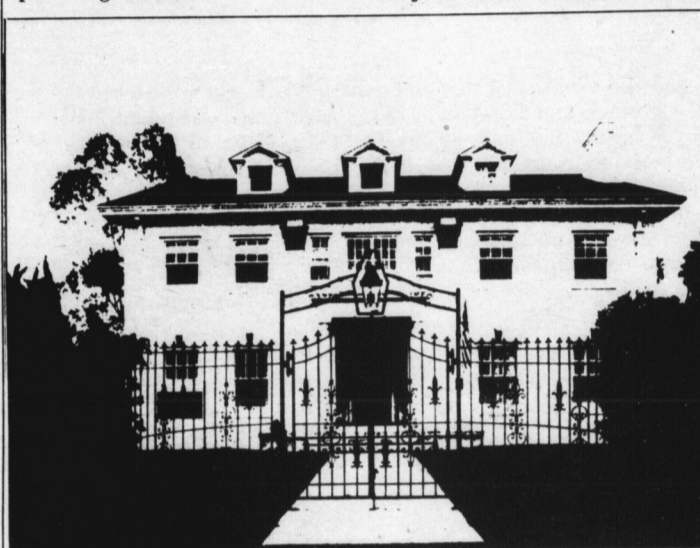
Nez

Spring Term for ONE Institute

It's housed in a Newport-on-the-West Coast mansion behind an ornate wrought iron fence. It has a toney address on Country Club Drive. But the ONE Institute in Los Angeles is anything but the ephemeral men's club that such outer trappings suggest.

Founded in 1952, ONE, Incorporated is the country's oldest continuously active homophile organization.

be offered by two of ONE Institute's divisions: the Division of Special Programs and the Graduate School. Offered for non-graduate credit under special Programs will be two courses, one on "Individuals Who Have Made Homophile History," presented by the Institute's Dean, W. Dorr Legg, and one on "Is the Street Scene Inevitable," by the Rev. Albert J. Ogle, Director of the Triangle Project. Each of these courses



The group published one of the first Gay periodicals in the country, was a pioneer in the fight for acceptance and civil rights, and since 1956 has been presenting classes and lectures in Homophile Studies at the ONE Institute. The Institute is a joint effort of ONE, Incorporated and its affiliated foundation, the Institute for the Study of Human Resources. So serious and professional is their intent and execution of goals that the Institute received official authorization from the State of California to confer Master and Ph.D. degrees in Homophile Studies in 1981.

Classes are held in the Institute's impressive building, and the 1984 spring term has just been announced. The fourteen week courses begin February 6.

The spring term classes will

will be given one night per week for the fourteen-week term; the enrollment fee is \$50 per course.

The big guns are unloaded in the Graduate School, which will offer one History course, "Sexual Variance in Prehistory and Early Civilization," two Homophile Studies courses, "The Field of Homophile Studies" and "Research Methodology," an Arts course, "Comparative Survey of Gay Theater and Film," and a Sociology course, "Theoretical Concepts in the Sociology of Homosexuality." Each of these courses carries three units of graduate credit. Tuition is \$100 per unit; audit fee (noncredit) is \$50 per course.

For further information, including more details on the classes offered, write ONE Institute, 3340 Country Club Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90019, or call (213) 735-5252.

**East Bay Gay Demos
Police Chief Meets Gays; Final Rights Vote**

Police Chief Ronald Nelson of Berkeley will be the featured guest at the January meeting of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, Sunday, January 8, 7 PM, at the West Branch of the Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave. Members of the East Bay Lesbian and Gay community will be able to discuss their concerns about Gay-police issues with Chief Nelson.

Also speaking at the meeting will be Mary King, Chair of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee. Ms. King will speak and answer questions about delegate selection and volunteer opportunities at the Democratic Convention, to be held in the West Bay in July.

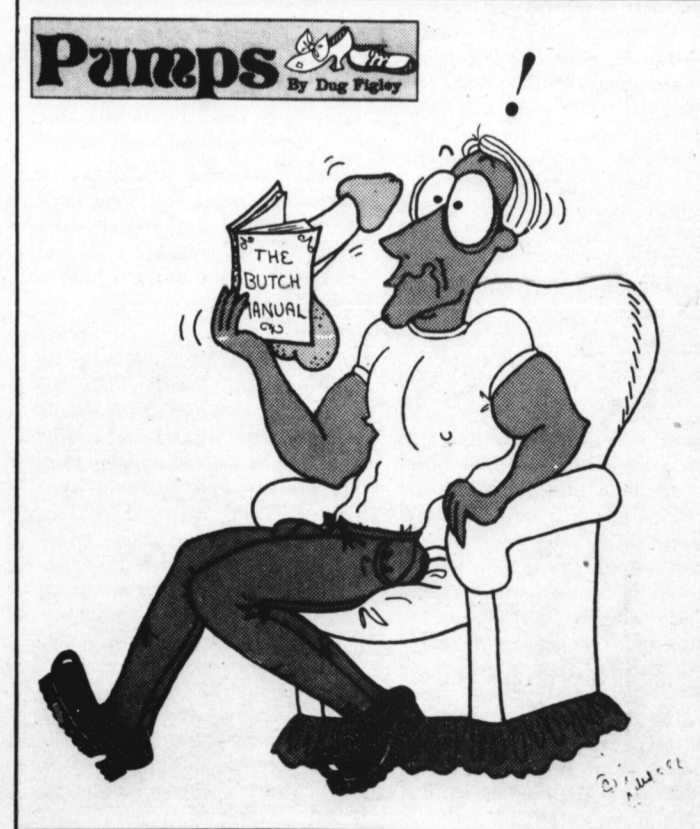
Plans will be finalized for the joint EBL/GDC and GLU (UC Gay/Lesbian Union) dance and celebration in honor of the UC Gay and Lesbian Intercampus Network's work to achieve the passage of Lesbian and Gay civil rights at the University of California. The celebration will be held Saturday night, January 28, at Pauley Ballroom on the UC campus.

The final vote on the Oakland Gay Rights ordinance will be held Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 PM, at the Oakland City Council Chambers, 14th St. & City Hall Plaza (formerly Washington St.), a block from

Broadway. The ordinance, the most inclusive in the state, passed easily with a 9-0 vote on December 20. "It is important that this vote go as smoothly as the last," said Tom Brougham, PAC chair for the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club.

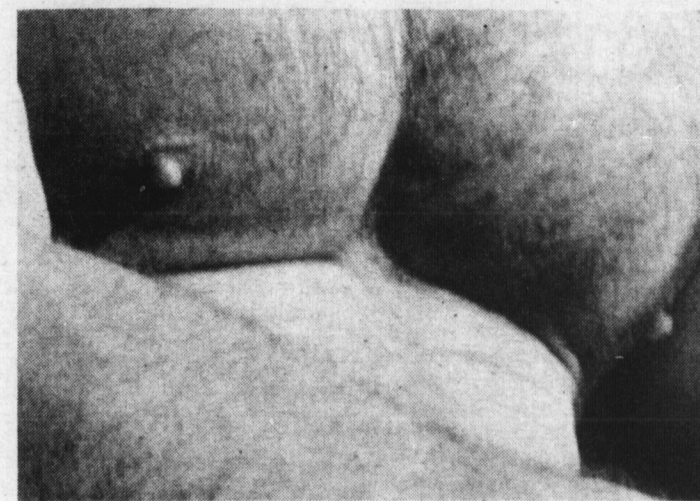
"We urge supporters of the bill to be present at the hearing and show our community's concern and involvement in the passage of this much-needed legislation. If opposition does surface, we need to be there and be prepared."

For further information on the Oakland Gay Rights ordinance, call 843-2459 or 654-8605.

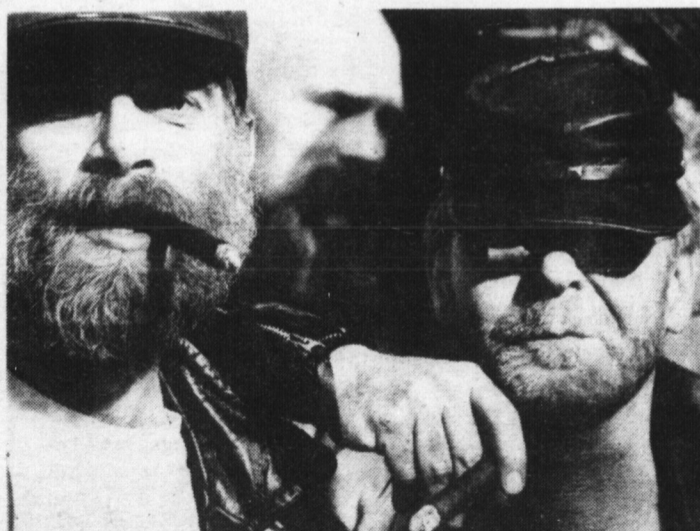
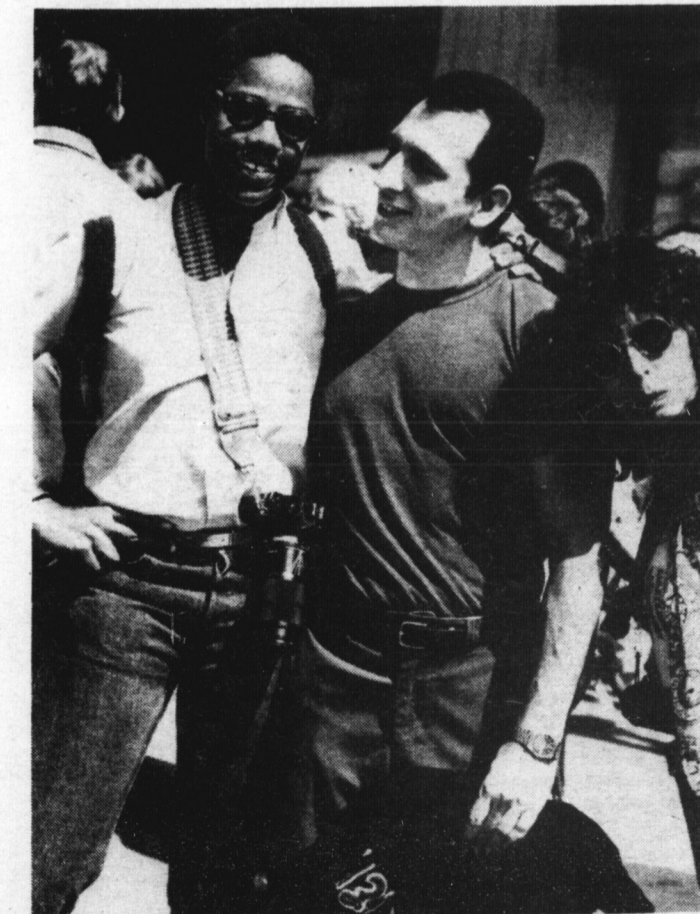
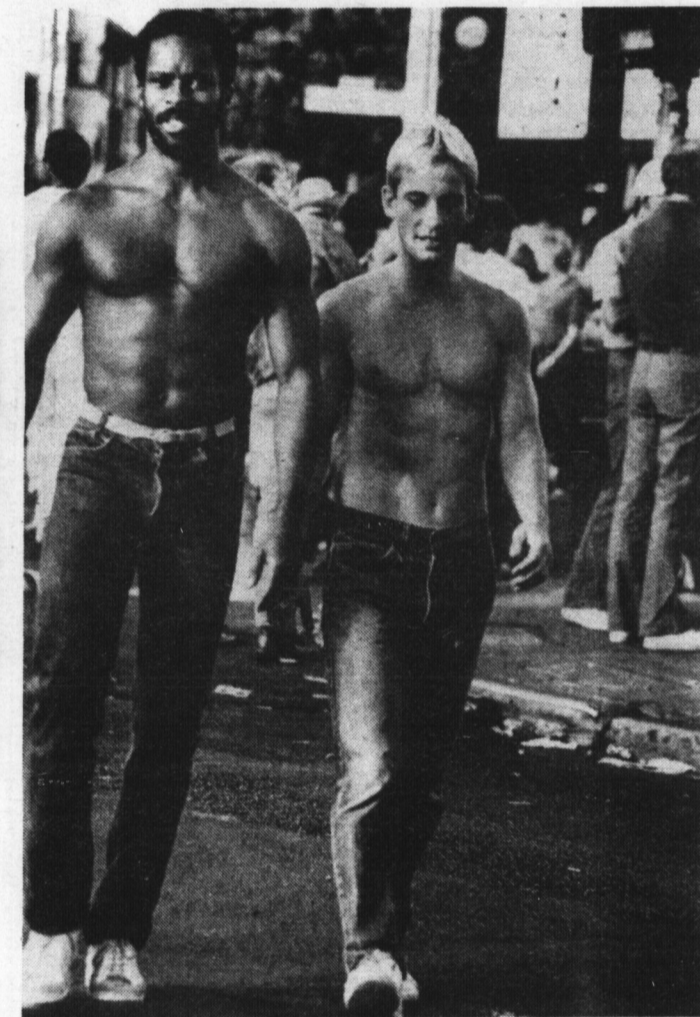
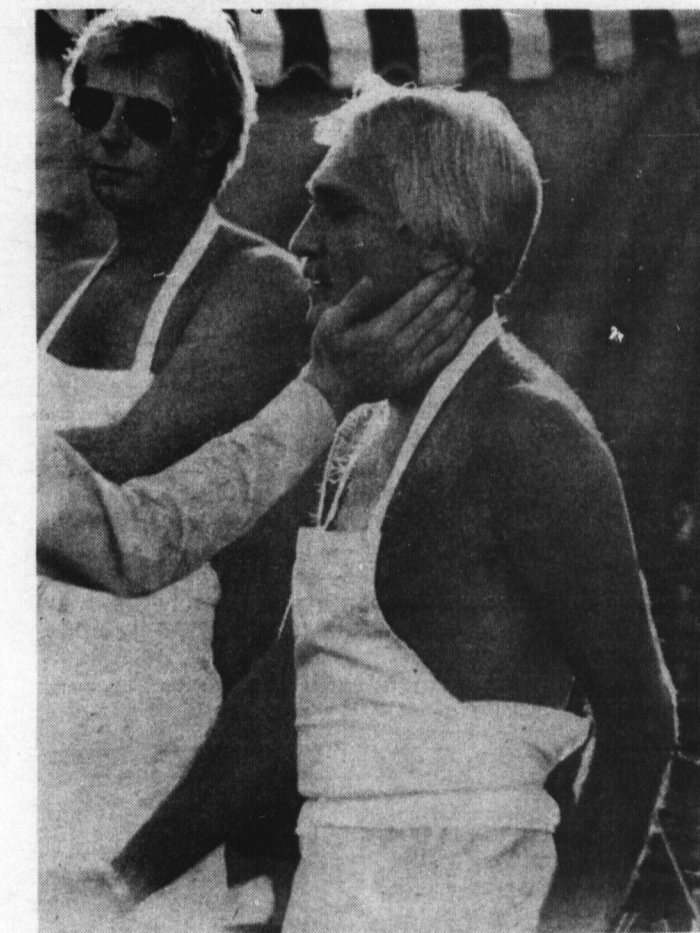
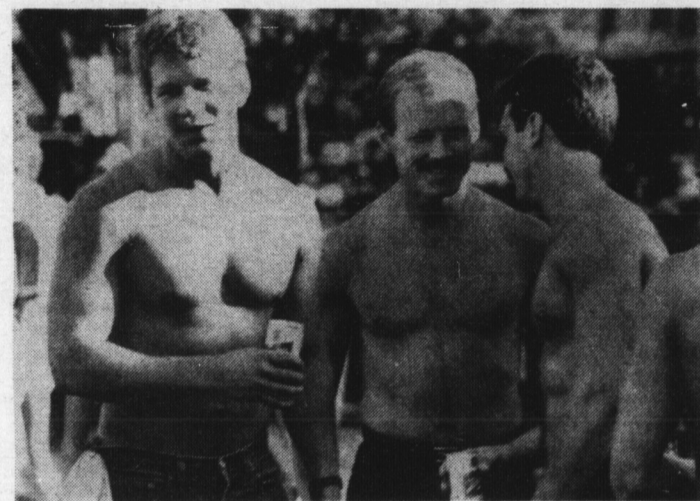


**BAY AREA REPORTER
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A Chorus Line made plain to many men one of the basic problems women face when one of its characters continually asks, "When am I gonna grow tits?" Being men, and men of action at that, Gay men realized that tits couldn't be waited or wished for — you've got to get out there and build those nibbly delights. Which they did, causing 1983 to be named *The Year of the Nipple, Part Three*, but we have proof that more exists than the Nipplization of Gays. We are as diverse in age, color, and looks as any segment of the population, and during 1983 learned to come out of our own closets with these differences. I'm not knocking tits — I lap them up. But conformity is out. How exciting to realize our healthy diversity.



Pruzan 83

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Year In Review
 Tonedef

For pop music, 1983 turned out to be a dramatic year in terms of record sales, injecting the slumping industry with profit and glee for record companies, but the real excitement remained with new bands who brought innovation to their music unencumbered by the drive to sell millions of copies.

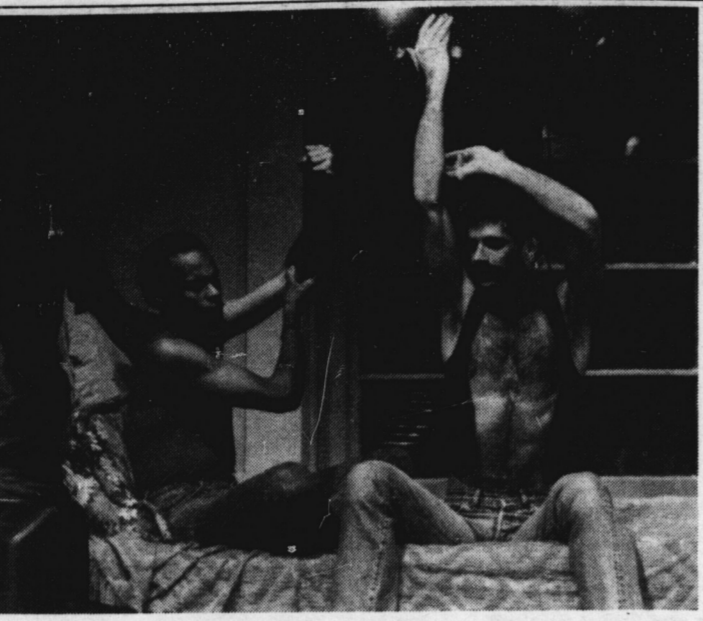
Around the Bay Area the most noticeable winds of change were from the reformatting of KQAK from heavy metal to new music. Although the new format, designed by programmer Rick Carroll, still left a few things to be desired, such as less rotation of hit songs, it offered encouragement to new music fans that somebody was responding to their listening habits.

In the Gay community, two already strong forces continued to dominate the music scene, the Women's music contingent and the dj associations who have controlled and directed club music for years.

The popular music lesbians and Gays enjoyed in 1983 will be acknowledged and awarded at the Cable Car Awards in February, and it's a sure bet that, due to the outstanding releases of 1983, especially in the area of Women's music, there will be some happy winners and some not-so-happy losers.

Until then, and with complete subjectivity, these are my top album picks for 1983, derived strictly from national and international releases (the local Bay Area rock scene is another story):

1. Speaking in Tongues, Talking Heads: They have become the trendiest of the trendy, but their grasp of the break, shake, and think in music overcomes their mass appeal.
2. Sweet Dreams Are Made of This, The Eurythmics: Their music says it all.
3. Nona Hendryx, Nona Hendryx: If rock music is an expression of sexuality, Nona Hendryx' suck 'em dry style makes most rock musicians sound like they're still in the petting stage.
4. Undercover of the Night, Rolling Stones: It's hard to believe the Stones have been able to adapt their style to so many changes and still come out smelling like a rose. But, they do.



A Special Thanks to Theatre Rhinoceros. Rhino's continued support of new playwrights and especially commendable commissioning of new works by playwrights venturing into their first full-length works brought two estimable plays in 1983. Philip Real's *Dessert* was a Lesbian themed delight, and C.D. Arnold's full-length *King of the Crystal Palace* a somber, compassionate look at the So/M drug scene, pictured above by Mark I. Chester. Rhino's support may develop the Tennessee Williamses and Lanford Wilsons of 1985 or '86.

5. Angstlos, Nina Hagen: It's hard not to love Nina Hagen and it's easy to hate her. Her purposefully bizarre style, which can only be taken in short doses, if at all, by most listeners, makes her a freak, a damn good freak.
6. White Lines, Grandmaster Flash: Rap music, even by the Grandmaster himself, wears thin quickly but this anti-Cocaine jive (which only made me want to do more) is his best song to date. But I can't argue with the New York group, Liquid Liquid, who claim the song was ripped off from them; if you listen to "Cavern" by Liquid Liquid you'll understand why they want some kickback from the hit and why they deserve it.
7. Non-Fiction, The Blasters: They still haven't come up with a hit single but their authentic rockabilly rambles are too good to be ignored. *Jerry De Gracia*
8. Numbers With Wings, The Bongos: This may be a one-hit album but it reveals that potential wealth of talent this group possesses, a fact that long-time fans never doubted.
9. Rant and Rave, Stray Cats: Although the Blasters are more authentic to the rockabilly idiom, the Stray Cats are abundantly talented and have the knack of writing a hit single, an unbeatable combination. Their mass appeal covers a range of fans, from nostalgia freaks to teenyboppers.
10. Uh-Huh, John Cougar Mellencamp: Here's one from middle-America, not one of my favorite geographic locations, but the poignant depiction of that locale by Mellencamp accomplishes in a more driving, accessible manner what Bruce Springsteen tried to do in 1982 with Nebraska, but failed.

Male Singers
 Die Mannerstimmen, a chamber chorus for men's voices, announces auditions for the spring. Planned repertoire includes Schonberg's "Six Pieces for Male Chorus" and "The Lamentations of Jeremiah" by Thomas Tallis. Auditions will be held on January 11, 13, and 14. To arrange an audition, contact Tim Isbell, 751-4438, or David Modell, 621-5295.

More Man Than Before
 Several weeks ago a complete take of "The Man That Got Away" that has never been issued was found in the vaults. The Castro Theatre will screen this six-minute, Cinemascope rarity before the regularly scheduled showing of the restored *A Star is Born* this weekend, January 6 through 10. That's two men getting away in one evening! — and one's a complete stranger!

Love is Very Civilized

As 1984 dawns there's a new feeling in the air: it seems Romance is on the rise. Years of sexual freedom have yielded results no more tangible than deflated testicles. Sexual exhaustion may be swell, but wouldn't it be a better bliss to be able to fall back into his arms and sleep soundly 'til the breakfast bacon is sizzling after that exhaustion than to get your clothes from the checkroom and take the bus home?

Love with the proper stranger has taught many that love with the proper lover may be more rewarding; that's a person standing next to you, you know? If you feel the same but find your Romance mechanism rusty, here's the *Bay Area Reporter's*

ROMANCE PRIMER FOR 1984

Romance Is A lingering look Giving him a pet name Telling him he's the best and meaning it A walk in the rain Walking along the beach at dawn Basking in the afterglow Giving him a surprise birthday party Getting a call the morning after That mole under his shoulder blade Cuddling Hair you can run your fingers through Dinner for 2 His arms Knowing what he's going to say Cooking him breakfast Candlelight and wine Debussy Wearing his bathrobe	Romance Isn't A once-over Remembering his name Telling him he's the best A golden shower Walking out of the tubs at dawn Waiting in line for the douche shower Asking him how old he is Getting a note from the health department Venereal warts Asking if he intends to stay the night A leather face mask Dinner for 3 His fist Wishing he wouldn't talk so much Grabbing a cup of coffee afterwards Strobblights and poppers The Flesheaters Wearing his doggie leash	— by Fuzzy
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B.A.R. INTERVIEW

Blazing Away with Typewriter and High Heels

by Bernard Spunberg

Richard Benner has been in town to direct Theatre Rhinoceros' world premiere production of his play, *Crystal Blaze*, which opened this week. Benner is known primarily for his film about a friendship between a drag queen and a young girl, *Outrageous!* Filmed in 1977, *Outrageous!* has become a classic, but it is only one of many works Benner has produced. In fact, Benner's boundless energy and industry are central to his personality.

Benner obtained a script-writing job in London right after college. He was made a handsome offer by Canadian representatives in London and took a teaching job in Calgary, Alberta. After teaching for two years, Benner left Calgary for Toronto, where he worked as a script doctor for the CBC. *Outrageous!* was funded by the CBC, which lost interest in Benner when the film became a hit. Ironically, Benner found himself forced to augment his income by waiting on tables just as the success of *Outrageous!* started to snowball.

Benner was offered a series of directing jobs, but none appealed — except for *Happy Birthday, Gemini*, an adaptation of a Gay-themed play by Albert Inauroto. The play had opened on Broadway to negative reviews, but the backers' faith proved justifiable when the show was a hit that ran for four years. Benner's film version has not been so fortunate. He told us about that film, and his current project at Theatre Rhinoceros, a day before Rhino opened the show.



Playwright/director Richard Benner. The world premiere of his new play, *Crystal Blaze*, opened earlier this week at Theatre Rhinoceros.

"When my film of Albert Inauroto's *Happy Birthday, Gemini* received poor reviews, United Artists decided to cut their losses and pull the film from circulation (the film has since enjoyed enormous sales to cable TV). I decided not to do another film for awhile. Instead, I sat down and wrote four plays. Three are one-acts, but *Crystal* was obviously destined to be a larger work right from the start. I wrote it for no other reason than to please myself.

"Though both *Crystal* and *Outrageous!* deal with drag queens, the two pieces are fundamentally different. *Outrageous!* is basically the story of two children and how they learn to help one another. *Crystal* is the story of adults in their mid-thirties learning to live without one another. It's about adult emotional problems and the challenge of facing loneliness, which *Outrageous!* never deals with. One of the reasons people love the characters of *Outrageous!* is that they're childlike. They're not threatening. The characters in *Crystal* are adults

exactly the way they're shown in *Crystal*. The drag shows at the Anvil make the kids go nuts. They love them. They're crazy, they're wonderful, and they're funny. The drags are clowns.

"There's a quote from Thomas Carlyle: *Angels can fly because they've learned to take themselves lightly.* Drag has been part of Gay culture since there's been Gays, and it was drags that started this whole political movement in which political activists say we can't have drags. It was the drags who did it. They're the ones who had the guts to pick up rocks and throw them at the cops at Stone-wall. It just doesn't make any sense to label drag politically incorrect.

"I don't write about drag queens; I write about people. If some people's politics are so strong they cannot see past a costume and understand that it's human emotion that's being talked about, then they can say what they want. I don't really much care.

"The purpose of art is not politics. I'm not writing propaganda to advance the cause of Gay men in America. I'm writing because it is emotionally and artistically interesting to myself. I'm really not interested in being part of a political Gay movement at all.

"What political activists sometimes don't understand is that one way to solve a problem is to see it clear enough to laugh at it. That's one way to get past it, one way to leave behind old ways of living. That's the real value of Lucy and Ricky, who showed us the silliness of rigidly defined roles.

"I don't write only Gay material. It so happens that the material I've written that people want to produce is Gay and is about drag queens. Now, I have a screenplay called *Downtown*, and it has nothing to do with drag queens. I've got to do it. It's about how difficult it is for two Gay men to have an actual adult, romantic, sexual relationship in a Gay world which basically sabotages those relationships. Gay culture tries to break up relationships because they underline the loneliness that many single people experience. All the studios have read *Downtown*, and they all said it was brilliant, the best screenplay they'd seen in years, and they all said, 'Benner, go to hell.'

"They'll go for the depravity of Cruising and the lifeless formula of *Making Love*, but when it comes to intelligent, adult Gay material, they back off.

"Homophobia is monstrous among big-time producers, and the worst ones are the Gay ones. Their fear is justified to some extent — the producer who comes out of the closet might lose his Rolls Royce. Obviously, that doesn't let them off the hook. I don't think power comes to us without an obligation to nurture. To stop good Gay material from finding an outlet in films because you are personally afraid is misusing power, whether you're Gay or straight.

"I'm now writing a non-Gay screenplay for Paramount. I want it to be called *She Came from Outer Space*. Paramount wants someone like Joan Collins; I want Divine. Wouldn't you line up to see *She Came from Outer Space*, starring Divine?"

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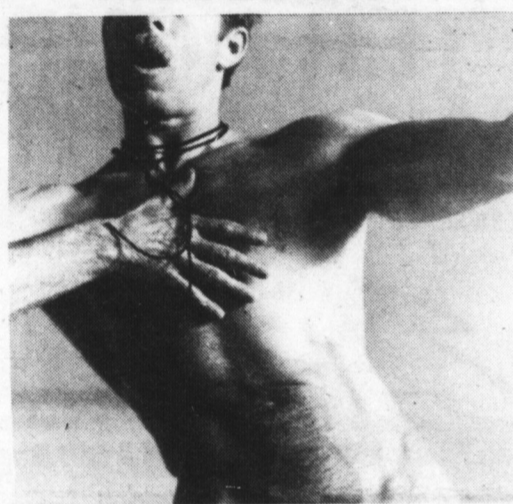
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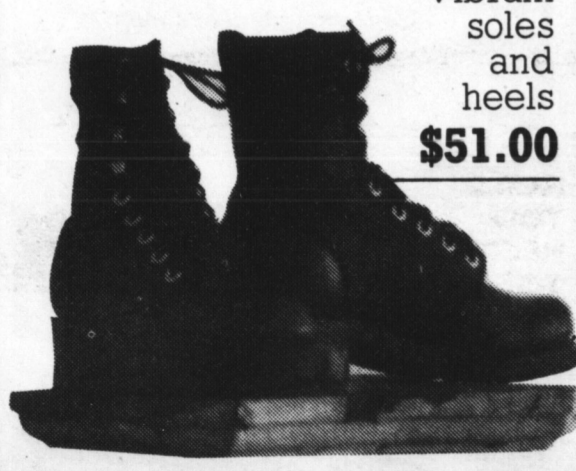
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Last Chance to Flash Dance

Ronnette Meets the Queens at Their Last All-Candidate Night Stumping Ground: One Needs a Shave; One Wants to Be the Perfect Hostess; and Others Feel It's Time to Move Into the '80's

by Ron Bluestein

A writer, according to George Orwell, must face two things—solitude and unpleasant facts. Of the two, I prefer unpleasant facts, although I get plenty of both. I have told myself as a consolation that solitude, as trying as it is, is no more trying than a Gay bar. Don't get me wrong—there's nothing I enjoy more than watching people sitting around getting shit-faced and rejecting each other; it's just that too much liquor makes me drowsy and sometimes alarmingly coherent, so, as you can imagine, I don't get around much anymore. Fun has become fantasizing about the day when television comes of age and devotes a channel to Ronnette's favorite art form, professional wrestling.

Who cares if Ronnette has fun, you ask? The next Empress of San Francisco, that's who!

The Bay Area Reporter sent me off to the Ramrod last Wednesday to cover All Candidates Night, an opportunity to see all the lovelyes striving towards the highest pinnacle politics, good breeding, and the drag world offer. Empress. Ronnette was not so thrilled. I wanted to cover the Papacy show, feeling that I had much more in common with Pope Clement XI than Empress Doris X. I mean, let's face the facts, before Hollywood all we really had was the Vatican: the robes, the rings, the motet rehearsals (no, kids, a motet is not a little song from Motown), the peace of God which passeth all understanding—it was all so gay!

Oh well, I guess you could look at the Ramrod and all of Folsom Street as a kind of Saint Peter's.

With Sister Boom Boom getting national coverage, the day is just around the corner when you can turn on the tube and watch Ted Koppel interview Ms. Piggie, Remy, Ronnie Lynn, Margo Moore, and Sissy Spaceout, this year's devoted drags competing for the coveted courtly crown. That lineup might be a little too much for America, but it was just right for the Ramrod.

Ms. Piggie needs a shave but absolutely nothing else. Remy has that truly royal combination of compassion for and intolerance of others. He is tall and regal, and even in a red-tasseled, floor-length gown and an up-swept do that just about screams "Move over, Ann Miller." Remy looks a lot like the present Bourbon monarch of Spain. I was, frankly, surprised and delighted at how together and articulate he was onstage. Responding to a question from the audience, Remy delineated her concept of the role of Empress very clearly. First, the Empress is the social hostess of the Tavern Guild, a visible presence and a spark of fun at any party. Second, the Empress has the responsibility of working with the whole community and being a link for its disparate elements. And finally, the Empress is a fund-raiser. Over the years the



Margo Moore (Photo: Rink)

the Good-hearted. Doris, who reigned in 1975, staged a production of *The Wizard of Oz* as a benefit; "To this day," Ewling emphasized, "it's the largest money-making party ever held in San Francisco." She set a new standard which subsequent Emperresses have followed.

Sissy Spaceout and Margo Moore agree that it is time to update that standard again. "It's time for the Empress to move into the '80's," Sissy told me. Sissy is not as spaced out as her makeup and name would make you believe. She has poise and presence and one of the most magnificent boas you've ever seen. Margo Moore is very



Sissy Spaceout

fresh, very energetic, and very tall. He is the first Empress candidate, I've been told, to appear in his own hair. Margot told me that because he looks so "real" he emphasizes in his campaign literature the pronouns he and him. Margot sees the role of Empress as "an enjoyable one, an enjoyable title. It's not the title we need or have to have, it's something we want to do."

The court and those who court them really do constitute a crowd. The Ramrod emptied in what seemed a flash and the party moved to Febe's, where the bar was dense with people and the Balloon Girls' hair. It was great fun being in a corner gaggle giggling with Ms. Piggie, Sissy, and Margo, great fun drinking champagne toasts to Margo Moore, the party's honored guest and hostess; but the most fun was watching and actually dancing the new chic Gay rage, the Duck Dance. Imagine leather men, Balloon Girls, Emperresses, Grand Duchesses, and just plain folk doing a German pub dance in the middle of Febe's. As a way of bringing the Gay community together, the Duck Dance might be the next Empress' greatest tool.

On the next page the Imperial Candidates for Empress and Emperress introduce themselves with their credentials, accomplishments and goals. Don't miss these amazing true life stories.



Empress candidate Remy with Emperor candidate Rich Carle.

Forecast: A Year's Reign

The Weather Girls may insist it's raining men, but this week in San Francisco the big news will be reigning royalty. The Bay Area Reporter asked this year's Imperial Candidates for biographical information, platform statements, and goals. The bios can be fascinating in the broadness of activities reflected; the goals equally fascinating in their range from realistic to meaningless statements that sound good—the groups named as those intended for outreach could, in some instances, care less about *The Royal Court*. But many others do care for the Court, its colorful inhabitants, creative energies, fundraising orientation, and tightly knit networking. They will choose the Emperor XII and Emperress XIX de San Francisco by voting on Saturday, January 7, at the Japan Center Theatre from 11 AM to 7 PM. Voting will be followed by Coronation '84 at the same location, beginning at 7 PM. Here are the candidates, listed alphabetically with (nonbiological) ladies first.

Ronnie Lynn. Ms. Lynn is a Libra, born in 1951. A hairdresser, Ronny has worked at Hansen and Fontana's for five years.

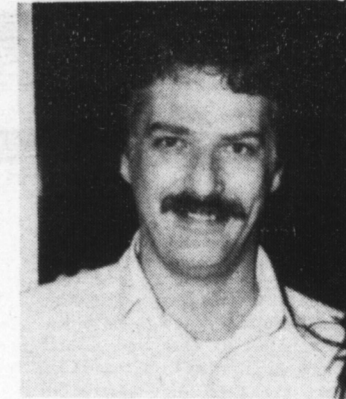
Her statement:

I have been in San Francisco for ten years and have worked extremely hard with anything the Gay community is involved in. I want to bring San Francisco back to where it was at one time. I believe in supporting our Gay community. I was Miss Gay S.F. 1977 and Miss Cowgirl SF 1981. I've done a lot

in a series of Imperial Coronations throughout California.

Over the years he has also raised thousands of dollars at auctions and benefits for deserving causes.

1983 has been fun-filled. Near Valentine's Day Margo was chosen Miss Sweetheart of Kimo's after displaying great T & A (Talent and Ability). In October he invaded Lower California (Los Angeles) and escaped with a three-foot trophy as Miss Paradise (2nd runner-up). Last Halloween at



Tim Oros (Photo: Rink)

both within the Gay community and for the city at large.

At present, he's Vice President of the Barbary Coasters MC, Secretary/Treasurer of The Forum, Corresponding Secretary of CRIR, and has worked to supply gifts for Ward 5B patients and Gay prisoners.

Remy's goals:

To provide full community representation both as the official hostess of the Tavern Guild and as a member of the community at large; to continue to assist in any and all fundraising activities possible; to provide the community with direct accessibility to reigning monarchs; to work diligently to seek the active involvement of the Lesbian community; to continue emphasizing the importance of Gay sports, clubs, social organizations, artistic groups, and other community-wide outlets for Gay talent and energy; to work with the reigning Emperor to build strong ties with the various court systems of San Francisco as well as the out-of-town courts; to provide strong support to any community function; and to provide a continued tradition of excellent representation at all out-of-town functions.

Ms. Piggie, Empress candidate Ms. Piggie did not turn in a conventional bio, but a hilarious send-up of an FBI wanted poster. It includes frightening mug shots—we thought we'd show you the other side of Ms. Piggie—a rare moment of physical allure.



Ms. Piggie (Photo: Rink)

Sissy Spaceout is a 28-year old Gay man who is sometimes known as Steven Lindsay. He's involved and interested in all aspects of San Francisco Gay life.

Sissy says:

I love being a Gay man in Gay San Francisco, and all of San Francisco is my home—not just one special interest group or one area of town. As Empress, I will appear at all types of Gay functions in drag, outrageous and fun, or classy and stylish, as appropriate. At any Gay event, big or small, leather or levi, South or North of Market, the Tenderloin, Polk, Castro, or Haight, you will see me dressed as the Empress or you won't see me at all.

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Ronnie Lynn (L.) and Billy Ray (Photo: Rink)

of work toward charities. I feel that all the time and energy I have invested in the Gay community will bring you an Empress who will work with the Gay community and support things that are important in other parts of town.

I think that I'm the kind of person who will bring San Francisco back to where it should be in 1984.

Love always,
Ronny Lynn
You Hear Me!!

Margo Moore. Mr. Moore supplied his biography in a form as creative, pointed, and smart as he is in drag. It follows. Complete:

Margo Moore fell in love with titles at an early age. At 16 he was selected the first Grand Duchess of Merced. It was there that he also first became known as "Miss Size Queen." When rumors circulated around town that he had "Take a number" tattooed on the soles of his feet, he decided to run away to San Francisco—and have it done.

Nearly penniless, he rented a room in the Tenderloin with two other people and began dancing at the old Turk Street Follies. The year was 1977.

The drag scene beckoned. All spare change went to the Goodwill store to pay for the latest "Godie" designer dresses. Performances at clubs came next. The Landmark. The Sound of Music. The Railway Express.

In 1979 Margo made a three-month visit to New Orleans, where he hugged gumbo between stage appearances at The Gunga Din.

Later in 1979 he visited Gainesville, Florida, to find out if it is true that the difference between a California orange and a Florida orange is that when you suck on them, the California orange sucks back. It's true. In Florida he continued his study of hairdressing at a beauty academy. He also found time to perform at The Melody Club.

Back in San Francisco Margo was chosen the first Miss Gay World in 1982. In that capacity he participated

the Beaux Arts Ball, he vamped and camped and won the Grand Prize.

He now lives South of Market on Dolores which he says is "like living in a box of granola—smack dab in the middle of fruits, nuts, and flakes. I love it."

Margo Moore hopes as Empress to continue to promote unity, spread joy, be Mary, and continue to raise funds for worthy charities.

Remy. Remy has been a Board Member of Operation Concern, responsible for fundraising for affordable mental health care available to the Gay community, and worked on fundraising and then start-up and operation at the Gay National Educational Switchboard. Remy was a Sponsor at Gay Games I, with "Remy's 5,000 Challenge Cup." He's participated in the Gay Softball and Bowling Leagues and was a Recording Secretary of The Coits. He listed twelve examples as a few of the many raising activities he's been involved in.



Empress candidate Margo Moore does the Duck Dance with friends at her Febe's party. (Photo: Rink)

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Thanking Park Bowl for a Good Year

Now that 1983 has become history, and we are well into the fifth day of 1984, what do you think? Will 1984 see Gay inter-league competition become a reality; will the 1983 TGWNBL H.G. of 269, bowled by John Rogowski, be bettered; will the Bearback Riders alias Bad News Bears alias Bearback Riders change their name for a third time; will any team be able to stop the Stallion Stampede's frenzied charge for first place? While I do not have any inside information concerning these questions, I can attempt to sooth your inquisitive natures by unequivocally answering them maybe, possibly, could-be, and perhaps respectively.

As part of a 22 lane salute to the noble 1983 portion of our current Winter season, here are the highest averages realized on each team on 12/7/83.

R. Mallin (Plan Pt. Lkrs)	194
R. Bremner (PWLtd)	178
T. Sipple (Jpn Bowl)	175
S. Christian (Jpn Bowl)	175
D. Hubler (Park Bowl)	172
E. Carmick (Swi Inscr.)	171
R. McKay (Stall.Stmp.)	166
B. Rolison (Planr II)	166
P. Conlon (Planr II)	166
R. McGarry (Planr IV)	160
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S. Sams (Hair T'day G.T.)	140

That makes quite an intimi-



The Year in Review. The continued popularity of running created a new 80's look — sleek, streamlined, toned and healthy.

dating line-up with the lowest highest team member's average being so high.

* * *

To proceed from the exceptional to the unheard-of:

Mal Garcia's terrific 213 game bowled on December 14 gave to Park Bowl the proud distinction of being the first team on which all its members have bowled 200+ games. (What were you waiting for Mal?)

Steve Keyvinski of the Dauntless Days of Our Lanes (136 average) bowled two superlative 200+ games and one astounding 500+ series.

Alfred Vargas of the fearless Fire Mountain Lodge (128 average) bowled one great 200+ game.

Finally, our President, Keith Ray of the prestigious Pilsner Pot Lockers (average 181), has bowled seven 200+ games, and ten 500+ series, but no 600+ series. However, he did realize a nerve wracking near-miss with a magnificent 587 series.

In this first article of 1984, I would like to depart from the usual bowling achievements of the TGWNBL members and use these closing lines to extend to the Park Bowl Management and Personnel our sincere gratitude for the outstanding attention and services it provided the Tavern Guild Wednesday Night League during 1983. Based on the attitude of mutual respect demonstrated through the years by Park Bowl and the TGWNBL, our sound relationship can only grow stronger in the year ahead.

Sports Clubs

Frontrunners. Sunday, January 8: 10th Anniversary Run and Celebration/Dolores Park, 2 to 3.4 miles, hilly. Meet at 20th and Church Streets. Anniversary Branch and Club Elections at Peter Middendorf's, 301 Scott St. (between Page and Oak, 431-5534). You must renew your membership on or before January 8 to be eligible to vote.

S.F. Track and Field. Sunday, January 8: Practice at McAteer H.S., 11 AM.

Western Star's New Beginners Class

Based upon the large turnout for their two previous Learn How to Square Dance dances, the San Francisco square dancing club Western Star Dancers will start a new beginners class on Tuesday, January 10, at 7:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Theater at the Central YMCA, 225 Golden Gate Avenue. The class will be broken down to two 15-week segments, with a cost of \$35 for each of the two segments.

"The first two classes will be

free," said Western Star member and club secretary Freeman Stamper. "This will give people an opportunity to check us out and see if they are really interested in learning to square dance before committing themselves to the full cost of the sessions."

Western Star Dancers is a member of the National Association of Lesbian/Gay Square Dance Clubs. "We have a number of women members," said Stamper, "and we are encouraging women as well as men to try our new beginners class."

For more information, call 864-6134.

CANDIDATES

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I have too much fun in drag to pass up any opportunity to be seen. I have three goals to accomplish as Empress: To be a Social Hostess who stands for Fun! Fun! Fun!; to take the Empress to all of San Francisco; and to take my Fun and Energy and turn it into dollars for charity and our causes. My one and only priority in 1984 is to serve as Empress. The Title will not be overshadowed or compromised by other outside activities. I am a candidate for the 80's — San Francisco needs a Sissy who will represent us all."

Rich Carle. Rich helped organize the Gay Softball League in its first four seasons, and has been its Commissioner and Umpire. He's been on the Board of Directors of Operation Concern and French Hospital, is a founding member of Republicans United, a founding member of Cornerstone, and a member since 1978 of CRIR. He earned an Imperial title by serving on the Empress' Privy Council since 1979, chaired Coronation 1979 and the Closet Ball 1979, and was a Committee member for Circus-Circus in 1978 and 1979. He was an Individual Sponsor for the Gay Games I. Born in San Francisco, he is currently the President of the family business, the H.J. Carle Printing Co. Raised in the East Bay, where his family moved after the 1906 earthquake (but before his birth), he has a BS degree in Political Science from Hayward and an MPA from USC. In 1970 he was appointed District Manager for the U.S. Census Bureau. His fundraising activities include the Tavern Guild Building Fund, Senior Citizens Program, AIDS/KS Foundation, Gay Freedom Day Marching Band, and Camp High Sierras.

Mr. Carle states: I feel strongly that the Gay community can work together successfully, which I proved in helping to found GGL as well as with my interest in the Gay movement, through my work with CRIR, Cornerstone, Operation Concern, and Republicans United.

I feel I can continue this work with the Gay community as Empress. The Court trip has served the community well. It not only provides fun and camp, but gives us a way to do some serious fundraising for Gay charities. The two I will personally choose will be Ward 5B and Operation Concern; however, as Empress I will make myself available to the whole Gay community. I would like to see this year involve every part of our Gay community and bring the fun and lightness back to the crown.

Rennis. To give a brief summary of my qualifications for Empress XII is a very difficult task. Briefly, I am 46 years of age and have lived in San Francisco since 1961, moving here from Detroit, Michigan. I have a Bachelor of Science and until becoming self-employed worked in Accounting and Finance for General Motors, Greyhound Corp., Boutte Leasing, Montgomery Ward, East Asiatic Shipping, and Posh Travel.

In giving my experience and qualifications since moving to San Francisco, it is best to list the people, places, organizations, and events which have influenced my life. And as they say, "Some for the better and some for the worse!"

Rennis did indeed offer a list of the places, events, and people with which he's been connected — much too long for complete publication. Some of the better known include Jose, The Black Cat, Tool Box, Sutter's Mill, David Kelsey, Michelle, 33 Hunt, Reba, Gay Bowling League, Wayne Friday, VooDoo, Volley Ball (see assume that's an event, not a name), Softball, Doris, "The Wizard of Oz," Operation Concern, Tavern Guild Building Fund, Tricycle Race, Rich Carle, Connie, and seemingly everybody else.

Thanks to Karl Stewart for coordinating and collecting the material for this article.

Tim Oros. Tim has been active in three Gay sports teams, serving as Team Captain on two. He pursued

BENNER

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"The plays I wrote just previous to *Crystal* are a trio of farces called *Dressing Rooms*. They make people laugh a lot. I have also written a non-Gay screenplay about community theatre called *Break a Leg*, a horror film called *Transplant*, and another about women in an insane asylum called *Butterfly Ward*. I'm trying to sell all of them. I've also written a sequel to *Outrageous!* which we should be filming by July."

Outrageous! was made for \$165,000 and has paid for itself a thousand times over. The U.S. gross alone was about \$8 million. Canada was four. Europe was ten. I'm very aware it's a cult favorite, and I'm also aware I can't get any money out of it, but that's another story.

"I'm very, very happy that people embrace *Outrageous!*. I hope they will embrace other things I do. It's thrilling and a little frightening to contemplate the influence that *Outrageous!* has had over people. Film is a terribly powerful medium; the power is almost enough to stop me in my tracks, because if I can have a good effect, I can also have a bad one. You can accidentally warp people, harm them."

Both stage and screen are powerful, but could Benner's work in either medium warp or harm? Doubtful. Richard Benner's work is an affirmation of the creative spirit; he is fiercely industrious and intensely committed to his ideals. His passion is mirrored in the excitement generated by Theatre Rhinoceros' mounting a world premiere of a play by such a well-known person. Both fans of *Outrageous!* and theatre-goers are eager to see what new light *Crystal Blaze* will shed.

B. Spunberg

Sharing Parenthood Forum

Lesbian and Gay parenting will be the subject of a forum composed of a variety of people who have chosen alternative family lifestyles.

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. For further information, call Ron at 841-4622.

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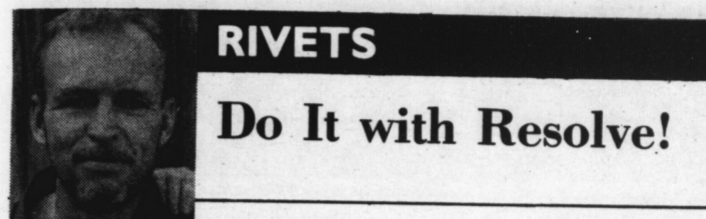
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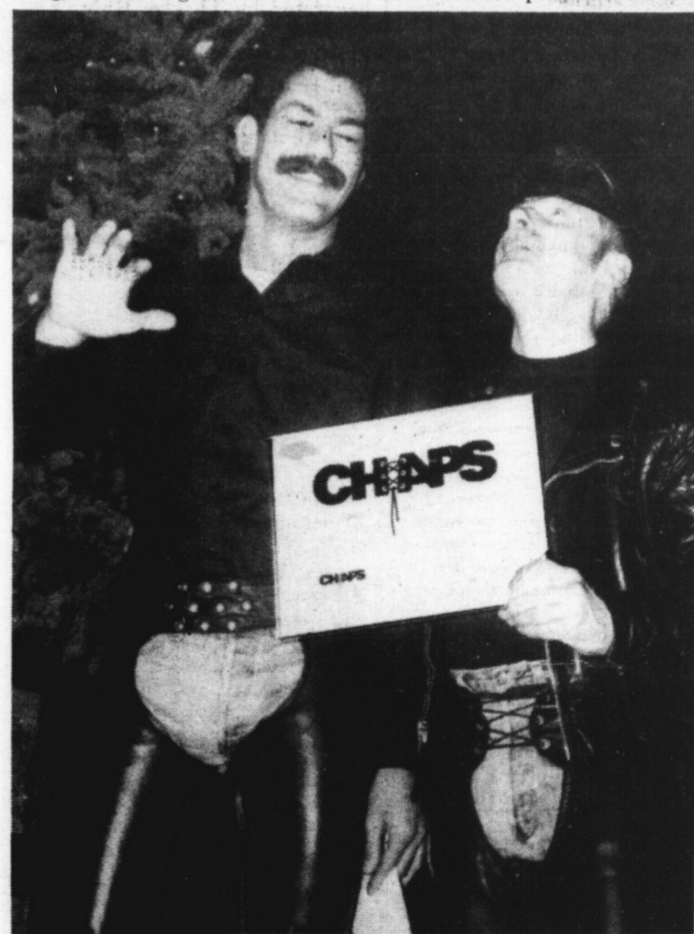
Country and Western singer Mac Davis does a song that grabs my attention and makes me feel good every time I hear it. "Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble when you're so perfect in every way," run part of the lyrics. If it isn't already, it should be the Leatherman's National Anthem — at least for tops. (Everybody knows that bottoms are not perfect. Their lyrics would read "Oh Lord, it's hard to be perfect, when you're so humble in every way.")



The Year in Review. Drummer Party '83, or, As The Crotch Goes By. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

Perfection, of course, is an ideal, and as such is never achieved. Some come closer to achieving it than others, but the adage reminding us that "no-

body's perfect" is universally applicable. Happily, most of us have accumulated enough of the bases of perfection to realize that there is more perfection to be



Prize Tied Down. Tony Chiumento accepts a \$250 prize for his winning logo design from Chaps owner Chuck, who watches the crowd on the balcony. The design ties two letters together with eyelet and thong, just like your chaps. Clever, no? (Photo: Rink)

had. Said realization, coupled with the fact that we have nothing much better to do, drives us to continue our quest. One form that is used in that quest is deciding at the beginning of each year just what paths we shall follow to become more perfect. We name these path decisions New Year's Resolutions.

Normally, most of us make no public pronouncements of what our New Year's Resolutions include, because those resolutions reflect our individual Achilles' heels. Very often, however, communicating the essence of those resolutions to others can spark an improvement in their lives. Armed with this conviction, I approached some of Mecca's leathermen with a request for a New Year's Resolution to contribute to this week's column for the general benefit of the rest of the leather community. With Capricornian diplomacy, I acknowledged each man's perfection, then ruthlessly put them on the spot for their contribution. It worked. Their contributions follow in no particular order:

Pilsner Bartender and man-about-town Jim Civanich: "I resolve to do everything I did this year better next year." (Did he say everything or everyone?)

Folsomite Hugh: "My resolution for the New Year is one that I hope all of our leather brothers will share. We have certain beautiful traits — independence, understanding, compassion and caring — which are not often thought of. My wish is that we all use those traits for a happy, prosperous and exciting 1984. A smile, a wink, a squeeze on the arm, a word or two — I love you; I understand; I care."

Mail order house owner Patrick Batt: "A wish for and faith in the leather community's continued vanguard effort in dealing with the AIDS problem. And to further resolve that Mercury Distributing be directly involved in that noble effort."

Waiter at and the leather community's unofficial representative to Church Street Station, Ken Lackey: "I resolve to keep the old man's boots clean. It is my duty, and not a Meaningful Gesture or a favor."

Master of Ceremonies and columnist Marcus: "I would like to see the leather community continue their impressive showing in supporting charities in 1984 and further surpass the record amount they racked up in 1983. It can benefit the entire community and at the same time enhance the image of Gay life's least understood sub-culture."

Inter-Club Fund President and Constantine McCar Gary Kenyon: "To be more supportive of all my brothers everywhere."

Man-about-town Rick (Continued on next page)

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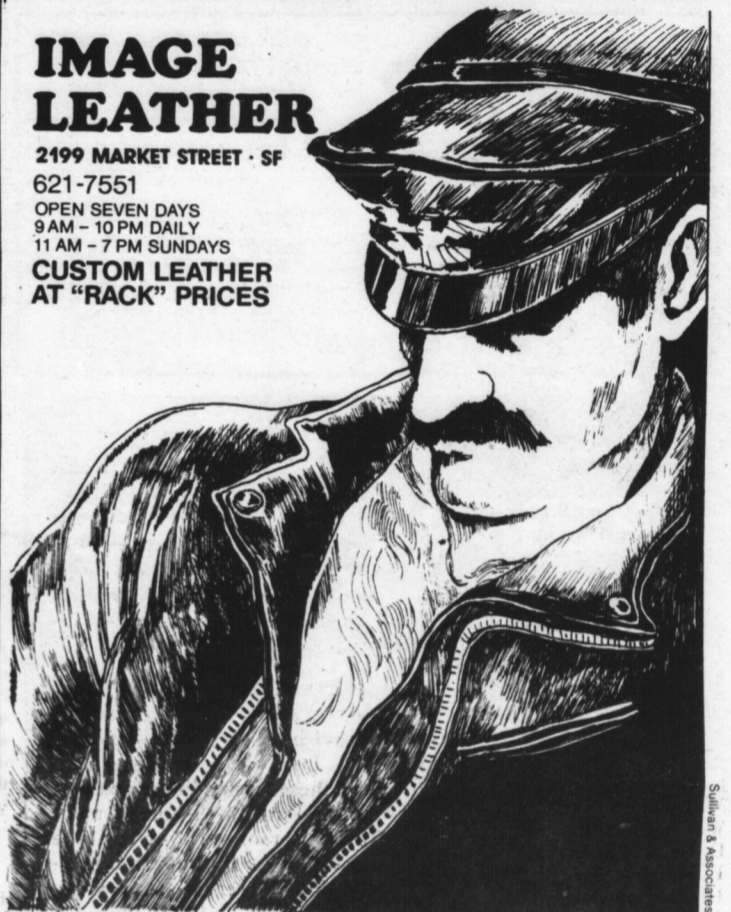


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Booth informed me that his was too obscene to print.

Men-about-the-Eagle Sean and Bob: "To become financially independent so that everything will be cheaper."

Rainbow M.C. and author Ron Johnson: "I'd like to fall in love again this year."

President of the Forum and Cycle Runner M.C. Bill Wood: "Not to make any New Year Resolutions in 1984."

Lover of life and leather Rick of Mountain View: "To keep it loose enough that I don't break anybody's fingers."

Maker of Leather and Western Teddy Bears Mr. Red:



The Year in Review. Is there always a corine beneath the surface leather layer? The SFGDI seem to prove that in their French Mistake routine at the Barbary Coasters' 17th Annual Motorcycle Awards. (Photo: Rink)

Theatre (2961 16th Street) across from Theater Rhino. Tickets go on sale January 2, 1984 at Headlines.

Happy New Year Everybody!

T. Rogers

Karl's Calendar

Thursday, 1/5: IC Rich Carle. Wind Up Party. Kokpit, 7-9pm.
In Town Awards. Railway Express, 9pm; hosts: Empress Connie and Emperor Tattoo Jim.

Friday, 1/6: IC Rich Carle. Cocktails. Men's Room, 5-7pm.
Open Meeting. Warlocks MC. Febe's 8:30pm.

Epiphany Party. The Stables, 8pm-12am; Religious Art Show (13th thru 19th centuries), food, drink specials.

Saturday, 1/7: Vote for Imperial Candidates. Japan Center Theater, 11am-7pm. SF identification required.

Coronation '84. Japan Center Theater; presentation of candidates, 7pm; \$15 floor, \$10 balcony; hosts: Empress Connie and Emperor Tattoo Jim.

Fantasy Disco. M & M Warehouse, 10 Rogers (off Folsom, post 8th), midnight, \$5; food on sale, no-host bar; hosts: King & Queen of Hearts, Patrick and Sandi.

Sunday, 1/8: Welcome to Alaska Court. Kokpit, 3pm; reception for new Emperor and Empress.

Karl Stewart



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Whenever We Get the Chance. Our favorite billboard of '83. (Photo: Rink)

"My wish for '84 is that the existing trend continues — when men more and more realize that the real beauty and worth of a man lies within. The beautiful package is very appealing, but the real treasure is what's inside — worthy of time and energies spent to cultivate stronger friendship and brotherhood."

Owner of Mr. S. Products and fundraiser extraordinaire: Alan Selby: "That as much brotherhood permeates our daily living in 1984 as has been shown in response to our community's emergency this past year."

S.F. Eagle Manager J.C.: "I'm determined to make out in 1984 — one way or another."

Rick Manring of the Law Center: "That I become more involved with the Leather Community."

Kerry, Ken, et al at the Ambush: "We don't have them made yet. That's something that we do after New Year's in an employee meeting."

Sam LaBelle, Manager of The Brig: "To start some new traditions as well as maintaining the old traditions here at the Brig."

Chuck Slaton, et al, at Chaps: "Resolved that we share the spirit of South of Market by offering (hopefully) San Francisco's finest leather bar and continue to be the leader in community service."

The Staff of Drummer Magazine: "To find 'big brother' and kick his ass."

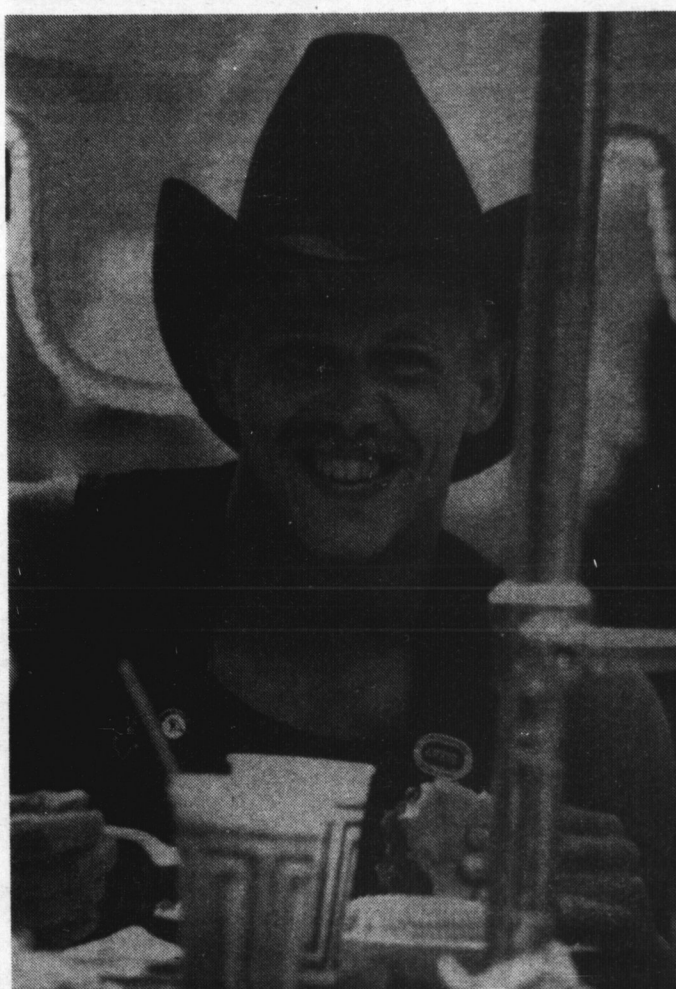
CLUB WATCH

The Cycle Runners — held their election of officers December 29. Complete results will appear soon.

CLUB NEWS

Is "stolen" too strong a word to describe the fact that The 15 Association's Club Colors were not present at the Brig on Sunday, January 1? The studded leather display piece was unlaced from its wooden frame; perhaps it was "borrowed." If so, would the asshole who's got it please return it to the Brig?

Two motorcycles are also missing — from Touring Gear Unlimited on 7th Street. One was in for repair before being



The Year in Review. The continued humanization — would some say homogenization? — of leathermen found Cute awarded the community's most prestigious title. I mean, isn't he precious? (Photo: R. Pruzan)

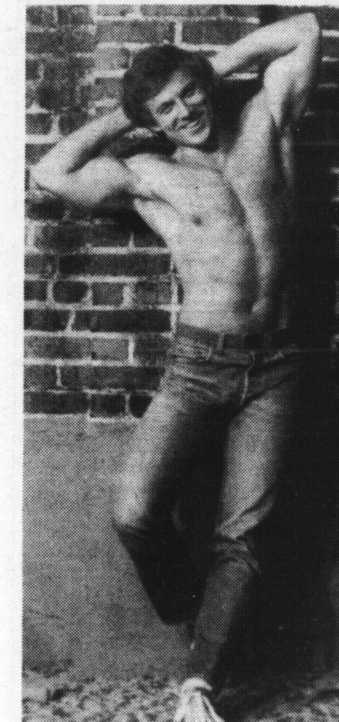
KARNAL KNOWLEDGE

The Call of the Glans

KARR

Four skin and seven years ago I began writing the Porn Corner, which evolved into Karnal Knowledge. That's a long time, encompassing many articles. Surprisingly, reviewing erotica has expanded over the years instead of contracting. The only difficulty is finding new ways to say "hot," "hunky," "fuck," "cum," and "bad."

Although I'm forced to write more pans than praises, porn has been changing, and for the better. The video revolution is causing growth, and production standards are up. That's good news to start off a new year.



Working at Winsome. The rose begins to bloom as Kemp (once again Mike Kelly) stars with Chris Burns and Steve York in Friday Night Workout.

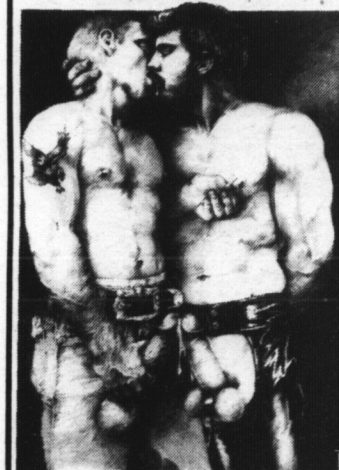
"My dear," Somerset Maugham said to Alan Searle, his lover of some years, "you used to be quite a dish. Now you're quite a tureen."

Change — New Year's Resolutions profess to accomplish it. Two of the most touching songs in Dreamgirls deal with not changing — ("And I am Telling You I'm Not Going"), and with it ("I am Changing"), and Gays have always been obsessed with it. Refusing to age, living without the stabilizing traditions of the nuclear family, combatting AIDS: change is what life is about.

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A writer in last week's *New*

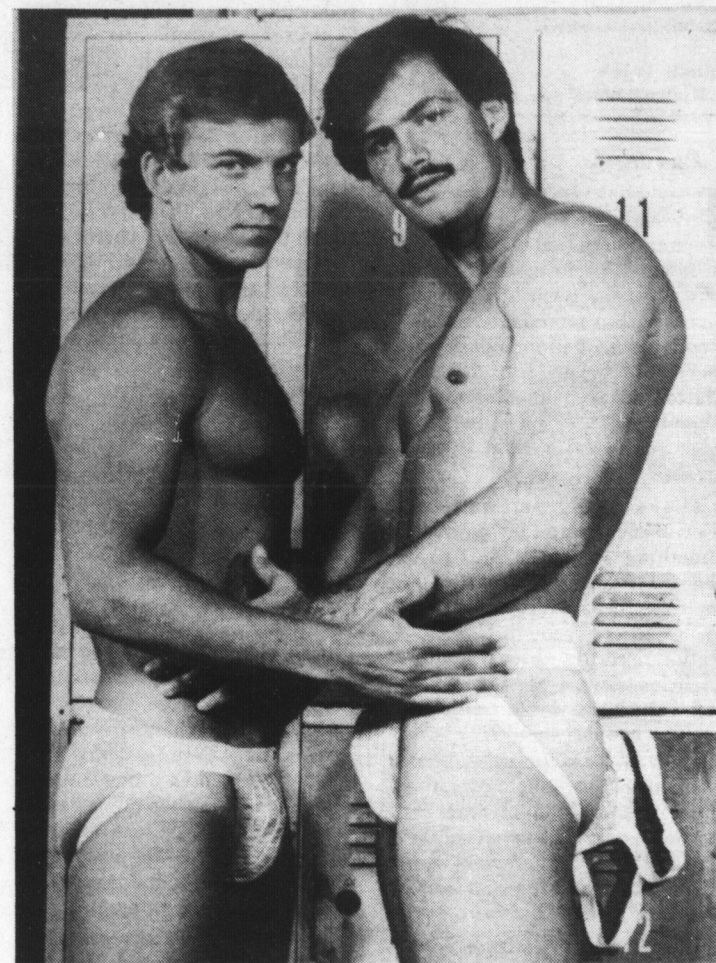
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ple my porno favorites — Jim and Jon King, Eric Ryan, Scorpio, Sky Dawson, Roy Garrett — because I just add to the list. A new name has come along, and become an instant fave.

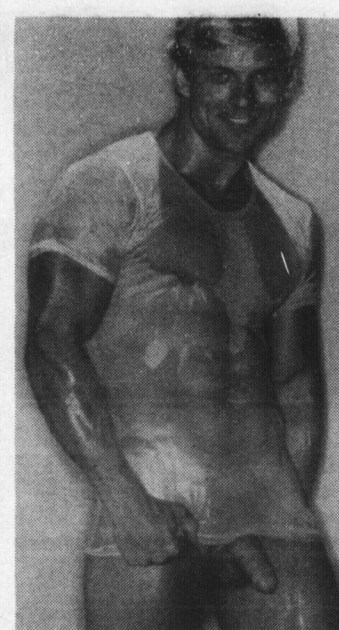
Actually, I shall say "new names," for he's worked under half a dozen. He made his biggest impact in the first movie of his I saw, the title section of Buckshot Studios Easy Entry. His name is Noel Kemp and he's quite a delicious blonde hunk. Not only beautiful, well-built



Lower Profile. Before the glamorization that shot him to the top, Noel Kemp (under the name Mike Kelly) was topped by the King shot named Jim. Locker Room Cocks is the film.

and very sexy, he communicates well with his co-stars, a gift Jim King shares. It makes for easy identification, a palpable presence.

As soon as I saw the Buckshot video (which has a torrid scene between two leathermen and a swell solo from the incredible Frank Vickers), I began seeing Kemp elsewhere. He's in the Leather sequence of A Matter of Size, as Mike Ryan; Friday Night Workout and Locker Room Cocks as Mike Kelly;



The Big Payoff. Sleek, smiling, and bigger and blonder than ever, Kemp now works for the top names — Colt Studios and Buckshot Production Films.

and a photo spread in *In Touch* #87 as Mike Saunders.

Despite his fluctuating name, he gets better with each appearance. His hair went from brown to blonde, his body beefed up in size and got absolutely solid during the course of the filmings, and his personality jelled. Always willing and pleasant, he recently became joyfully outgoing. Easy Entry demonstrated his bubbly personality, peak-condition body, and strong masculine attitude perfectly. In *Colt Men -12* he's shown solo and in photos with Joe Porcelli, from their new film *Not Just Friends*. He flashes the most captivating smiles while his cock points at the sky. It's a basically ludicrous pose, so most stars skip the "I'll be friendly and hard" bit. Kemp pulls it off wonderfully.

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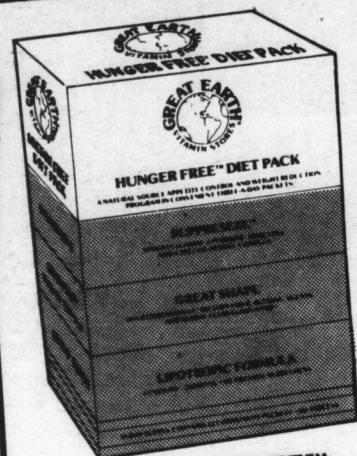
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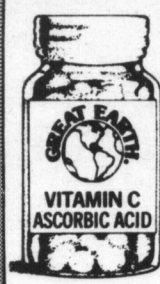


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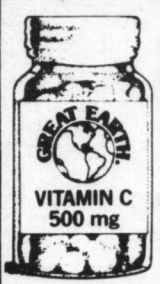
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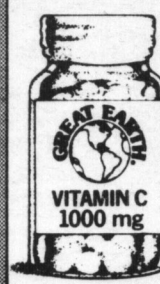
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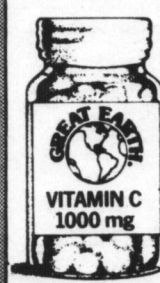
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Gramophone Dumps Eddie Murphy Tapes

Homophobic Comedy Won't Be Sold on Castro

by Allen White

Gramophone Records, one of the largest independent record stores in San Francisco, announced this week that records and videotapes featuring Eddie Murphy will no longer be stocked in their store. Virginia Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, this week said, "If we can't touch his conscience, we sure can touch his bankbook." These were but two of many outcries against homophobic comedian Eddie Murphy, who is being likened to Anita Bryant. Record stores in Gay areas nationwide are similarly dropping Murphy material.

Dean Stamatopoulos, owner of Gramophone Records on Castro Street, said all records and videotapes featuring Eddie Murphy have been returned. He said the conduct of Murphy in his performance was an insult and offensive to their Gay customers.

Virginia Apuzzo told the *Bay Area Reporter* this week that Eddie Murphy's taped concert performance was "the kind of homophobia that kills." She said his comments about AIDS "were ugly" and "the show was the most vicious kind of exploitation."

Apuzzo was speaking of a taped concert appearance which was released as a record and a special on Home Box Office

cable systems. Possibly the most revolting comments on the show come when Murphy says, "Ladies be hangin' out with Gay people. You know what's real scary about that? That new AIDS is scary cuz it kills people. It petrifies me cuz girls be hangin' out with them! And one night they could be in the club having fun with their Gay friend and give 'em a little kiss and go home with their AIDS on their lips! Get home with their husband and like five years later, the doctor says, 'Mr. Johnson, you have AIDS.'"

A group has been established in West Hollywood called The Eddie Murphy's Disease Foundation. Following ads last November in *Billboard* and

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Toklas Election

Rosselli Ousts Stallings

Biggest Vote in Club's History Turns Gay Demos' Direction

Cranston Takes Straw Poll with 50%

by Bruce Pettit

Sal Rosselli, a business agent and organizer for the Hospital & Institutional Workers Local 250, was elected president of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club Monday night.

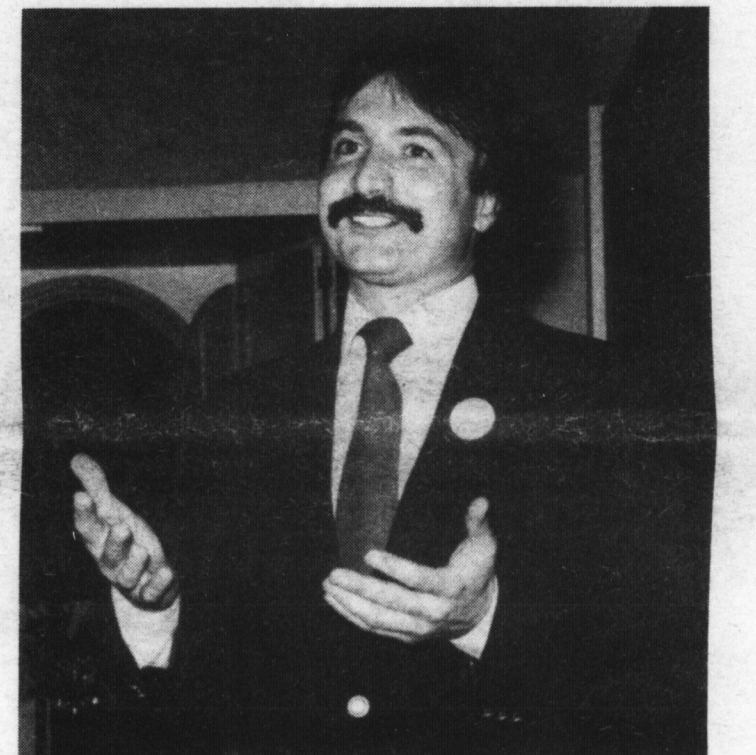
The term is for the year in which Gay political power in San Francisco is expected to flex its muscle as the Democratic Party nominates a President of the United States in a national convention here in July.

Rosselli defeated incumbent Randy Stallings by 200 to 148 votes (57 to 42%). The 353 ballots cast in the election — generated by an intense six-week campaign — were a record high for the 12-year-old club.

It was Toklas' first seriously contested race for president since 1977, and the only one in which an incumbent was turned out of office.

Rosselli immediately pledged to unite the club, noting that he and Stallings, prior to the balloting, had agreed they would meet later this week to assess the election's impact on the club and decide "how to go on as one in 1984."

"I want all Alice members to feel that their input is welcomed, appreciated, and needed," the new president remarked. "If there is a problem, I want to hear about it. I will guard against exclusion."



A victorious Sal Rosselli, new Toklas president, will take club into convention year. (Photo: Rink)

SUBDUED JUBILATION

On announcement of the result, neither Rosselli nor his supporters displayed too much jubilation. Rosselli immediately assumed club control. Stallings offered congratulations and a handshake. Rosselli embraced the retired president.

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White Protests Bigger Than Expected

Anger at Noon, Music in the Evening

by Brian Jones

They screamed Bloody Murder.

It was a raw scream, a hot scream, a scream of hurt and remorse — and rage. It was the rough edge of 3,000 voices, and it cut at the cool, mirrored corporate canyons of the Financial District. It was the cry of a wounded people, an angry people.

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Again and again and again they screamed the chant, and their rage reverberated through downtown. This was no emotion-for-the-minicameras, no contrived media event; this was the Real Thing. When the throng spilled out of Union Square and took over Polk Street at 12:30, there was no parade permit, no planned parade route. Cops scrambled to block traffic, television crews hustled to get ahead of the mob, and all through the district — along Kearny and Montgomery, Bush and Pine — people lined sidewalks, crowded office windows, and leaned out of blocked buses, cabs, and cars to see the people scream.

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It's Final — Oakland Gay Bill Now Law

No Opposition Surfaced in Three Rounds of Voting

Good Organization Seen Key to Success

by Dion B. Sanders

This city situated on the east side of the Bay, long the butt of put-downs by denizens of America's reputed "Gay Mecca" neighbor to the west, did one-up on its sister city Tuesday night with the City Council giving its final approval to a Gay Rights ordinance far stronger than San Francisco's.

So strong is Oakland's new law, in fact, that openly Gay San Francisco city Supervisor Harry Britt is introducing amendments to eliminate weaknesses in his city's existing statute — the oldest surviving law of its kind in the nation.

And unlike San Francisco's in 1977 and Berkeley's in 1978, Oakland's ordinance not only passed by a unanimous vote of the City Council, but also — to the surprise of its backers — it went into law with a total absence of anti-Gay protest from the public. There was not even a debate over the issue.

Coles also wrote the original San Francisco law. He has been an Oakland resident since 1980.

Oakland's new law fills a critical loophole in San Francisco's statute in that it prohibits all businesses in the city from dis-

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