



**Gay Republicans Respond** to AB-1 Veto

Will Protect GOP Supporters; Will Oppose Leaders of the Opposition

by George Mendenhall

"I was stunned and angered," the president of the local Gay Republican club told 70 members attending its monthly session Monday night. Tom Peretti of Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR) called the governor's veto of the job rights bill AB-1 "a kick in the face. We are seeking basic human rights, not endorsement of a lifestyle . . . We lost a battle but not the war."



Peretti chided Governor Deukmejian for part of his explanation for the veto: "I never thought a 'privileged class' was created by allowing people to work." However, the governor himself was not personally attacked. As Peretti explained, "We are going to be more militant, but we are not going to shout and call names. We want to use our anger for good."

The president, knowing that two of the club's directors had reportedly re-registered as Democrats in the past week, said, "Some people think we should pack our bags and join the Democrats or go back in the closet. Let us not just go in the corner and sulk. I am not going to be driven out of the party by political neanderthals like H.L. Richardson. I urge you to stand with me and fight." His comments drew considerable applause.

### **REPUBLICAN EFFORT**

Members unanimously adopted a statement, authored by member Chris Bowman, outlining the club's campaign for AB-1 - a victory that took the measure to the governor's desk. Five Republicans, one in the Assembly and four in the Senate, voted for AB-1. Without their votes the measure would not have passed the legislature.

CRIR emphasized that it had obtained the endorsement of the city's Republican County Central Committee, lobbied GOP state legislators, met with the governor and his staff, lobbied the San Francisco Chronicle for its endorsement and collected 1,400 signatures of support for the measure. The statement called for the govenror to now "actively work to repair the damage he has created by this veto."

The club disagreed with the governor's contention that there is no significant job discrimination against Gay people and stressed that the veto "fuels the fires of bigotry."

There was a call for the re-

election of "those courageous Marks, Ed Davis, Bob Beverly

who led the fight against AB-1,' and Assemblymen Alister McAlister and Don Sebastiani. A move to eliminate the names of these specific legislators in its statement was defeated, 17-10.

There was general agreement that the rejection of anti-Gay GOP candidates would only apply in the primary election and only against those who "led the fight against AB-1." Former club president Duke Armstrong told the we are not op posing all the Republican members of the Assembly, minus Filante, who voted against AB-1. Some of those who opposed us this time may come around to supporting us later."

Bowman's club statement also called upon the state Republican Party to repudiate the bigoted statements of homophobic legislators, oppose any effort to re-institute sodomy statutes or other anti-Gay legislation, conduct an extensive study to determine the extent of discrimination against Gay people, request that the governor issue an Executive Order requiring state agencies to enforce current law protecting the rights of Gay peo-ple, support AB-848 which allows people who are physiclly assaulted because they are Gay to sue for punitive damages, and endorse suggested Gay Rights planks.

The earlier Gay-sponsored recommendations to the na-tional GOP platform committee at last week's state convention in Santa Clara were approved afterthe-fact in a unanimous vote. They called for increased AIDS funding, the end of discrimination in federal employment, and the omission of those regulations that prohibit Gay people from migrating to this country. There was no mention of the anti-Deukmejian Gay pickets outside the convention. CRIR members did not participate in the protest.

The club also approved a resolution by former club president Bob Bacci. It called for the legislators to explore the possibility of introducing new Gay job rights legislation that might not be considered "Democratic" legislation — which he said might receive broader support. It also asked the governor to issue an executive order, if legally possible, to allow Gay people to file job discrimination complaints with the state. A third proposal, that CRIR begin to accept job discrimination complaints, was debated with some members contending that CRIR did not have the resources to begin this task. A move to strike this section, however, lost in a 14-11 tally.

### **DOLSON AND BACCI**

Club business also included these items:

Bacci and former city Supervisor Lee Dolson were endorsed in Assembly races against incumbents. Bacci will challenge Lou Papan and Dolson will take on Assembly Speaker Willie Brown. Dolson took the stage to comment, "Many straight people still look upon Gay people as child molesters. If the governor had the experience of knowing the Gay people that I have, he would not have vetoed AB-1. Americans do not realize what a loss this country would experience without so many creative Gay people.



something on Gay job rights. (Photo: Rink) Dolph Andrews, chair of the

city's Republican County Central Committee, spoke briefly. He said, "We supported AB-1 It takes time for acceptance. It is an evolving process.

Armstrong received club approval for establishing a caucus of Gay people and pro-Gay Rights advocates within the state GOP ... State Senator Ed Davis has confirmed that he will be the speaker at the May 10 annual CRIR dinner . . . Carole Migden, president of Harvey Milk Democrats, came under attack from club officials for her alleged statement that she did not see how a Gay person could be a Repulican.

President Peretti told members that this year CRIR wants to expand with new chapters in Bay Area counties. He predicted that there would be a need for more Gay power in Republican areas, as Senator Richardson "may be introducing legislation that will be aimed at inflicting punsihment on Gay people. This is not far-fetched. Remember the Jews who still would not believe what was happening to them as they boarded the trains to the concentration camps."

in state court.

1981.





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# CRIR's 1984 president Tom Peretti. (Photo: Rink)

Republicans who supported AB-1 - namely Senators Milton and Ken Maddy and Assemblyman William Filante - and those Republican candidates and legislators who will support similar legislation in the future.

PROBLEM RESOLVED Should the club campaign against Republican candidates who voted against AB-1? The club decided that it should work actively for the defeat of those legislators of either party specifically mentioning by name enators H.L. Richardson, John Doolittle, and Ruben Ayala

## **Coors** Appeals Fed Court Ruling

## Howard Wallace and Solidarity Will Be Back in Court

### Blacks Take Up Boycott Calls **Over Joe Coors' Remarks** by Dion B. Sanders

The Adolph Coors Co. has filed an appeal to a federal judge's decision dismissing a \$145,000 anti-trust suit it filed against leaders of a six-year-old boycott of Coors beer, it was disclosed last week.

At the same time, the company has filed a separate lawsuit against boycott leaders Howard Wallace and A. David Sickler

News.

In a speech before 110 minor

siness development seminar in

ity business owners at a minority

Denver February 23, Coors said

that Blacks "lack the intellectual

capacity to succeed," according

to the daily Rocky Mountain

saying that "one of the best

things that (slave traders) did for

you (Blacks) was to drag your

story "Coors Calls Blacks 'In-

tellectual' Inferiors." Almost im-

mediately, Black leaders in

Denver and Los Angeles called

for a Black community boycott

Robert Carroll, a partner in

the law firm of Littler, Mendel-

son, Fastiff and Tichy - which

represents Coors in the Bay Area

Sickler committed "intentional

negligent interference" in Coors

participation in KQED's annual

charged that Wallace and

of Coors beer.

auction

**COORS LAWYER** 

**BLASTS JUDGE** 

The newspaper headlined its

ancestors over here in chains."

The News quoted Coors as

Attorneys for the Coloradobased brewery asked the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals here to overturn a ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Spencer Williams that threw out Coors' suit charging that Wallace, Northern California coordinator of the **AFL-CIO Coors Boycott Com**mittee, threatened violence against public-TV station KQED, if it went through with a planned "Coors Day" during its annual fundraising auction in

Wallace, an agent for Solidar-ity, also for the Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance, and Sickler, national coordinator of the boycott committee, were named as codefendants in the state suit, filed March 8 in Superior Court in Los Angeles, where Sickler re-

Solidarity, which is a defendant in the federal lawsuit, was not named in the state litigation. The latest legal maneuverings come on the heels of a controversy surrounding reports that William Coors, chairman and chief executive officer of the company, made "insensitive" and "insulting" remarks about

for the station for 13 hours — 'Coors Day,'" Carroll said. "The company raised \$13,000 for the

Carroll sharply disagreed with Judge Williams' ruling, which held that in accordance with a 1983 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the boycott against Coors was constitutionally protected.

The high court ruled in NAACP v. Claiborne Hardware that a 1979-82 boycott of Whiteowned stores in Mississippi by Blacks to protest job discrimination against them by the stores was a legitimate form of redress of grievances, protected by the First Amendment

In a strongly-worded, 22-page decision, Judge Williams branded Coors' charges of the boycotters committing a restraint of trade in violation of anti-trust laws "far-fetched" and an "unwarranted expansion in antitrust theory.

Carroll, however, told the Bay Area Reporter that contrary to Williams' ruling, "There is a difference between boycotting stores that refuse to hire Blacks and destroying a contract between two business parties."

Asked why the Coors Company did not file suit against KQED for breach of contract, Carroll said that "KQED apologized abjectly to Coors, saying that the station was receiving threats by Howard Wallace of violent action against the station, and thus felt they had no choice but to cancel 'Coors

**KQED: WE WERE** *THREATENED* 

Ken Waggoner, director of

Coors attorneys are not finished with Gay labor activist Howard Wallace He'll be back in court. (Photo: Rink)

KOED, said that as far as he could recall "there were conversations back and forth (between the station and Coors). The union had threatened to picket our (auction) studios (at the Cow Palace) on Coors Day, and in fact, there were already informational pickets there."

Waggoner added that "given the circumstances, Coors told us we don't have to do this (Coors Day) if it would cause problems for you,' to which we said that it would be best for both parties not to put it on."

Tony Tiano, KQED president and general manager, said at the

we don't like to lose underwriting support, no amount of money is worth the possibility of danger to the several hundred volunteers coming to the Cow Palace to assist in our auction.'

The station returned the \$13,000 to Coors upon the cancellation.

WALLACE: CHARGES "GARBAGE"

Wallace and Sickler hotly denied Coors' charges, with Wallace saving that what the station was "really afraid of" was bad publicity. "We never advocated

## Gays Emerge as Demo Convention Delegates

## SF Hart and Mondale Slates Offer Two Gay Men and Two Lesbians Jackson Slate Boasts Two Gays

### by Paul Lorch

A number of Gays and Lesbians have found their way onto the delegates' list in both the 5th and 6th Congressional Districts. Well-known Gays and Lesbians make up approximately onethird of the names which have arisen out of local caucuses and campaign headquarters selections

In the June 3 primary, Democratic voters will go to the polls and vote not for the candidates (Hart, Jackson, or Mondale) but for the individual delegates. For each candidate eight names are listed (4 men and 4 women) in each district. The total number of names will be 24, out of which the 6 top votegetters will be the delegates, and two will sign on as alternates. One isn't required to vote a pure Hart slate or a pure Mondale slate, but can pick and choose.

Gay attorney Jon Kouba, who has been with the Hart campaign from the beginning and is a delegate in the 5th CD (Representative Sala Burton's district) told the Bay Area Reporter that he hopes voters won't split their votes but will vote a straight Hart slate. Placement on the ballot becomes the next item of con-

Besides Kouba on the Hart slate in the 5th is Supervisor Harry Britt and Sheriff Lieutenant and former Toklas president Connie O'Connor. In the 6th District (Rep. Barbara Boxer's, covering parts of SF, Daly City, Vallejo, and Marin County) the sole recognizable Gay name is former Milk Club president. Gwenn Craig.

One anomaly of the Hart slate is that it includes democratic socialists like Britt, progressives like Craig, and moderates like O'Connor and Kouba. Supervisor Richard Hongisto is also a delegate, and it is expected that Supervisor Quentin Kopp will be added as an at-large delegate after the June primary. Britt and Kopp at one point possibles on the same slate was a hard swallow for Hart backers. Some attributed this to the vagueness of

The Mondale campaign has its own two supervisors, Doris Ward and Jack Molinari.

All the Mondale delegates' selection was done by the California Mondale Campaign smoothly and without confusion and turmoil. The only caucuses - where party members could vote — were put on in the 5th District for Hart and Jackson. The Jackson caucus was held at Mission High School, Sunday, March 11; the same day Kouba put on the 5th District Hart caucus at the SF Press Club.

A little over a month ago there was next to no interest in the Hart campaign activities. However, as the candidate's fortunes lossomed after Iowa and New Hampshire, interest in his campaign exploded here. As other candidates dropped by the way-side (Cranston, McGovern, Glenn) would-be convention goers scrambled madly to get on board Hart's bandwagon while there was still time or a berth. Kouba, who had originally scheduled to hold the Hart caucus in his modest Market

### How one becomes a convention delegate. It's not easy.

Street office, found himself deluged with names and numbers. From a point when he was hard-pressed to come up with 8 names to fill up the slate, he learned two days before his caucus that he now had more than 75 would-be Hart delegates

Kouba the day before the caucus switched its location to the Press Club on Post Street and over 400 enthusiasts showed up to vote. Some were declared ineligible because of not living in the district, but special interest groups including environmentalists, Delancey Street under the direction of John Maher, the Milk and Toklas clubs turned out in force. The afternoon was one of mass confusion and consternation.

Some early Hart supporters including Gay attorney Joel Paul, who was directing the Hart operations in San Francisco and

zon said. **BILL COORS DENIES** SLURS

In a press conference on the day after the Rocky Mountain News article was published, Coors charged that the newspaper had "irresponsibly" misquoted him as saying that Blacks are inferior. "I did not say it, and I do not believe it," he said.

"I want to apologize to all Adolph Coors Company employees and to the entire community of Denver - and in particular the Black community around the world for the misunderstanding of my remarks."

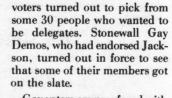
But as talk mounted of a Black boycott of Coors beer and after a Denver TV station said it had a tape of his speech - William Coors issued a sec-



Attorney John Kouba (l.), early Hart supporter, emerges with a delegate slot if Hart wins in June primary. (Photo: Vicki Lenz)

who had hoped to be a delegate in the 6th, were turned out in the cold. Supervisor candidate Dave Wharton, also an early Hart supporter, suffered the same fate. State campaign people, in particular Bill Bradley, who was in charge of Northern California, moved in to exert their control as they saw the San Francisco delegation (the host delegation) as a crucial one. District Attorney investigator and Milk VP Ron Huberman, who polled fourth in the 5th District caucus, was replaced by Asian American Clifford Lee at campaign headquarters' direction.

The supporters of Jesse Jackson also voted two Gay men to their slate: Billy Jones and George Rava. Some 75 to 100



Gay voters are now faced with the decision of whether they will get solidly behind one candidate or vote for their favorite Gay delegates. Gay convention dele gates have a two-part mission: to advance the fortunes of a candidate who is favorable to Gay rights and to advance the Gay rights agenda as part of the Democratic platform. Regardless, it was reported to the paper the winning candidate takes all the delegates under his name to



got bumped by the Hart campaign. (Photo: Vicki Lenz)

ond statement, acknowledging that "some of my statements to the Minority Business Development Center seminar . . . conveyed a meaning I did not in-

"For my unfortunate choice of words, I sincerely apologize," Coors continued. "In hindsight, those statements demonstrated a lack of sensitivity . . ."

**MEETING WITH BLACKS** 

John Meadows, director of community affairs at the Golden, Colorado, brewery, disclosed that William Coors met with local Black leaders last Thursday to discuss his speech in depth

Meadows quoted a story in the March 17 issue of the Rocky Mountain News as saying that the Rev. Langston Boyd, pastor of Shorter Community AME

Church in Denver, "characterized the meeting as 'cordial' and that he and the other Black leaders who attended the meeting 'were impressed by Mr. Coors' sincerity.'

Boyd was concerned that a boycott by the Black community would be an angry overreaction that wouldn't accomplish anything," Meadows said.

His comments were confirmed by Samuel Tidmore, executive vice president of Operation PUSH, who told the Bay Area Reporter from PUSH headquarters in Chicago that "we chose to develop an economic covenant with Coors, rather than a boycott, because Mr. Coors did choose to apologize and wished for us to sit down with him before we took any action."

D.B. Sanders

THE SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FUND LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECT OPERATION CONCERN: OUTREACH BAY AREA PHYSICIANS FOR TO THE ELDERLY

TICKET PRICES

KOED and Coors "reached an agreement to put the blame on

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his platofrm, others laid it at the door as the opportunism of his sudden-found friends. The Mondale delegates represent more of the city's mainstream Democratic Party appa-

5th District Demos try to get a ballot to vote for their favorites at the Gary

Hart caucus at the Press Club. Pandemonium reigned. (Photo: Vicki Lenz

cern said Kouba, for if one votes

a straight candidate's slate there

is a tendency for those who lead

the list to get more votes, and

those who end up down the list

will end up in the altenate's slot

or nowhere at all. All the same

it is a winner take all situation.

After the June 3 primary, the

campaigns can add delegates as

at-large candidates, and there is

also room for big name politician

**COORS APPEAL** 

(Continued from previous page)

a boycott of KQED or made any

threats against it," he said.

"What we said was to urge the

viewers to donate to KQED, but

also to express their sentiments

would be foolish and counter-

productive for us to advocate any

violence against either Coors or

the station. Their (Coors')

charges about this are ridicu-

lous," adding that Coors lawyers

were "absolutely livid at KOED

Sickler, reached at the AFL-

CIO's Los Angeles office, told

the Bay Area' Reporter that

for canceling 'Coors Day.'

Wallace asserted that "it

additions

about Coors."

ratus. The 5th District slate includes Toklas Democratic Club resident Sal Rosselli and Milk Club president Carole Migden. Jack Trujillo, veteran party Gay activist, is also a delegate. In the 6th, Louise Minnick is on the slate.

the union" for the cancellation.

### COUNTERSUIT IN THE WORKS?

Sickler called Coors' appeal and second lawsuit "just a continuation of harassment against us... It's my belief that the suit was frivolous on its face; that it is peripheral to their main objective - to frighten off community support for the boycott."

Marcia Burzon, an attorney representing Wallace, Sickler and Solidarity, commented that she and her clients "have not ruled out" the possibility of filing a countersuit against Coors, charging the brewery with harassment.

"At this point, we haven't given much thought about doing that, but we may employ that (countersuit) in the future," BurTHE BENEFIT EVENT OF THE YEAR THE CABLE CAR AWARDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS by special arrangement with

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liver diseases and an active member of the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, I feel obligated to re-

spond to disturbing remarks concerning the safety of

fisting attributed to Dr. Hamilton during the panel

discussion on safe sex held at the Cauldron. I have

known Dr. Hamilton for many years and consider him

a respected and competent member of the medical com-munity. His statement, however, as quoted in the B.A.R. of March 8 (perhaps, liable to be misinterpreted

out of context), is very misleading, dangerous, and can potentially do irreparable harm to current efforts under-

Fisting has always been a risky sexual activity with

potentially life-threatening complications including intestinal rupture and hepatitis, none of which, for-

tunately, have been as consistently lethal as AIDS. To

say "I don't think fisting is out, as long as you don't

break the skin," is irresponsible. This is tantamount to advising someone that it is all right to jump off the roof as long as you don't land too hard. While there is

a lot that we admittedly don't know about the transmis-

sion of AIDS, it has been shown over and over again

that fisting is one activity that consistently correlates with significantly increased risk of developing this dread

affliction. This is presumably due to abrasions and/or lacerations to either the external skin in the anal area

or to the delicate internal lining of the intestine. Such

trauma appears to occur almost unavoidably during

fisting whether it be obvious or microscopic and not

symptomatic to the individual. Such breaks become an

inviting port of entry for organisms, either identifiable

such as the Hepatitis B virus, or unknown such as the

alleged AIDS agent. Even if it hypothetically were possi-

ble to indulge in fisting without sustaining such anal

injury, it would be totally impossible to control their

Statements such as Dr. Hamilton's, authorizing this

suicidal sexual act, are frightening and will certainly

be misinterpreted as carte blanche permission for sexual

I praise Brian Jones for his insightful editorial

Richard A. Cazen, M.D.

Name Withheld for fear of

Larry Long, President

too many offers.

San Francisco

remarks following Dr. Hamilton's quotation, question-

ing their validity with respect to controlling AIDS.

**Jack Off Calls** 

\* I wish to address a recent issue that I have en-

countered. In order to make myself better known in the

community, I submitted by address and phone number

My sole purpose was to provide community visibility.

But it seems some members of the Gay community try to abuse a good thing . . . I refer to my own self. Last

Monday morning I received not one, but two calls in-

terested only in lone sex. I would not be so bothered

if the calls were received in the evening when most are

enjoying their social hour, but being disturbed before

a long day of responsibilities makes me wonder if anyone

**Pride On Employment Services** 

Thank you for your March 1 article on the Pride

The Pride Foundation welcomes the assistance of

A correction of the article must be stated: the Pride

Foundation did not take over the Gay Employment Ser-

vice. That service ceased to exist as of January 31, 1984.

The Pride Foundation purchased certain assets of the

previous service, including the telephone number, to

expand the operation of the Pride Employment Ser-

businesses and volunteers to provide employment ser-

to several of the communitity's guides.

occurrence during heated sexual activity.

promiscuity

works regularly.

**Employment Services.** 

vices to the gay/lesbian communities

way to control the spread of AIDS.



## **Don't Run Prisoners' Letters**

Dear Editor,

I am sure that you, in some mysterious way, think you are helping ease the incarceration of lonely prisoners when you run the column Prison Pen Pals. I have doubts, though, as I read some of them

Take the one who says he wants letters to "fantasize" over, or the one in the latest issue of your publication that is "free and open (?) and I wish to share ideas, friendship and perhaps more." That one leaves me wondering what the more might be. After all, he is incarcerated! "More" must be a lonely activity!

If you feel you are doing something for these men you might think of the lonely and desperate Gay man who falls for these letters. You might at least include the offense that has the prisoner "out of circulation."

The letter that gets my attention in particular is from the prisoner who is working towards a law degree while behind bars. I must give him credit, but I cannot see many helpful correspondents answering his "ad." Since he does add that he prays you will be able to help him find a correspondent he is using the ultimate plea. Then when he tops it off with a request for a subscription to your paper to "heighten my understanding as to what you are about," it becomes verrry interrresting!

I say, as he did, in closing - God bless you! A steady visit to the prison chapel might help his loneliness.

The B.A.R. is doing nothing by carrying Prison Pen Pal letters. Wait! I take that back, you are doing as much for Gay acceptance as you do by printing "personal ads." Destroying your cause. Now I say, THANK GOD!

### Allan Benjamin Los Angeles, CA

ED. NOTE: We, too, have our doubts - which might well temper our resolve but not turn us from it. You offer no evidence we are doing harm, wasting our time or others', or letting hardened prisoners prey upon unsuspecting Gay correspondents

We don't print half the letters we receive. They are arriving in ever-greater frequency. At this stage from but a few states. I select those letters which admit to a Gay/Bi sexuality. I figure some other outlet can service the non-Gays.

We periodically print a disclaimer: We know nothing about the prisoners. We advise our readers not to send money, not to act as an outside agent, not to make foolish promises or entanglements. We have no idea if these prisoners are murderers or jaywalkers.

Having read hundreds and hundreds of these letters, for me several conclusions are immediate: These men are lonely. They are reaching out (granted, some are sharp con artists; yet some could be your kid brother). The letters are usually - almost embarrassingly - polite. Still they are exquisitely revealing of the tragedy, of the pathos of it all. They demonstrate to me that the heart, indeed, is a lonely hunter.

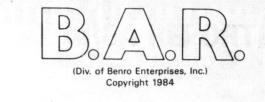
I can't imagine who could be answering all these requests. Or even if anyone anymore reads the page.

However, to me, herein lies the true nature of social service. christian charity: a simple, unsung civil act toward another human being. Writing to a prisoner earns no one a popularity prize. It's neither glamorous nor chic.

Yet in real terms it's as good as, as valuable as, as demanding as buying toothpaste for a dying man on Ward 5B. It surpasses chapel time.

If no one inside a prison is salvageable, we might as well periodically light a match to a Folsom prison anywhere and burn up the lot.

These letters reveal amply that some of these men want a lifeline out of the darkness of their lot. The page we devote (Continued on page 9)



## TERS

### **Getting a Lifestyle**

\* This letter isn't in response to anything in particular, ust one of those things that annoys me most every time I read a letters colu

I keep reading the argument used in the issue over gay rights against idiots such as Falwell to the effect homosexual lifestyle" (whatever that is) isn't chosen, but caused by environment, upbringing, or

Why does it matter why we are gay? Even if I purchased my "homosexual lifestyle" from a mailorder catalog, how would that affect my right to live as I choose? Who the hell's business is it but our own? The fact is that we are homosexuals; how we "became this way" is absolutely pointless to the issue of rights, etc. Personally, I find it an interesting subject, but I sure as hell wouldn't waste my time discussing it with people that hate me

There is no need to defend ourselves on this point. It's just one more useless distraction, and why anyone will even argue with the bigots along these lines is beyond me. It almost sounds apologetic, like "I can't help being gay." While that may be true, in the sense that homosexuality usually isn't chosen from a catalog, it has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with human rights

There. I finally wrote a letter to a newspaper column. **Tom Jennings** 

San Francisco

### Fisting et al.

\* I'd like to address two issues facing men who play South of Market. These surfaced for me while reading "Safe Sex Explored/Exploded in South of Market Sex Pen" (March 8).

First, it seems like pure, common sense, that if you use your own hose for douching, that you should also refrain from using a community Crisco can or someone else's can of grease. Bring one along for your own butt! Since our knowledge is limited about the transmission of AIDS, this precautionary measure can, at least, cut down on ameobic parasites. Furthermore, the careless, laissez-faire attitude prevalent in our community permits men to "walk the boards" at the tubs/clubs, arms covered in grease, jumping from room to room, butt to butt without ever visiting the showers.

Second, there is a vast difference between fisting and handballing. It is more than just an argument of seman-tics. In most minds, today, fisting/handballing connotes heavy S/M.

Having been active in handballing in LA, New York and SF since the early '70s, I am very much aware of the total lack of information, frightening misinformation and general ignorance surrounding handballing. The random and often brutal ass treatment of fisting/ punch-fucking rightfully deserves immediate criticism and should not be confused with the sensuality and heightened pleasure of handballing. As my primary sex experience, I've never caused pain or injury to any of my sex partners. My willingness to care has not made me a dull fuck or less hot.

Safe sex? Who really knows what is safe anymore? We can consciously choose to make what we play at as safe as possible without discarding pleasure or becoming celibate. An understanding of fisting/handballing and a mature approach to sexual hygiene would extend the parameters within which we play.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my personal feelings and beliefs. I must, however, che anonymity at this time due to the sensitivity of the handball/fisting issue.

> A Member of the San Francisco Community

### **Fisting is Suicidal** \* As a physician specializing in gastrointestinal and

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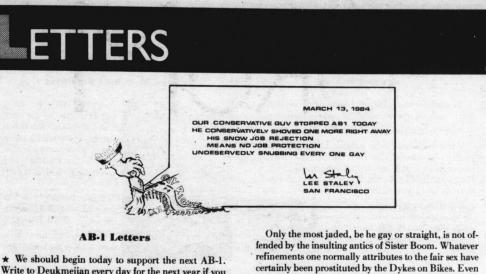
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tion on the job. I suggest anyone who has suffered anti-gay discrimination write Deukmejian, himself a victim of racial discrimination. And, anyone who cares about civil rights and social justice should remember the governor's veto by voting him out of office the next time around.

★ Agreed! The governor, in all regards, was totally wrong in vetoing AB-1. Still, perhaps had it not been for some excesses on the part of some more outlandish and militant members within our gay culture quite possibly the religious zealots might not have been af-forded some of the ammunition (read that as "bullshit") by which they poisoned the Duke's mind.



Write to Deukmejian every day for the next year if you have to. Call his office every chance you get. He only received 90,000 calls and letters. Aren't there at least 90,000 faggots and dykes out there who can write or dial the telephone? Make the time and do it!

> T. J. San Francisco

### **Grown** Complacent

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 $\star$  There are many things we can do in response to Gov. Deukmejian's veto of AB-1. He has spelled out his reasons clearly. We must begin by documenting actual cases of job discrimination and cases where persons live in fear of losing their jobs if their gayness is discovered. Copies of all letters should also be sent to Agnos so that we have some verification should these letters happen

We need to get the gay community involved again! The apathy in the gay community incorect again. suggest that the Republican governor is correct when he accuses us of not making our case. We let a handful of right-wing fanatics inflate their position with their persistent letters and phone calls. We have the same power and resources.

Last but not least, we need to stop making idle threats. Why should a Republican governor fear for his political career for vetoing gay rights legislation when the Democratic mayor of San Francisco did the same and was re-elected by a landslide?

There is something wrong with the gay movement these days. Perhaps we have been bought off with our nice little victorians with a view. Maybe we just don't care that there are still gay sisters and brothers who need our help. Maybe we are taking our gains too seriously and we don't see all of those self-righteous bigots out there waiting to smash us at the first opportunity. Perhaps we have forgotten Paris and Berlin and the

> **Robert Starkey** San Francisco

### Veto

\* The governor, in vetoing AB-1, has given in to the spiteful and vile rhetoric of fundamentalist demagogues who have claimed a "moral victory" against gay and lesbian people - lest we forget Hitler's "moral victory

The governor failed to take into account that being gay does not constitute a single, neat category of people; rather, it cuts across gender and color lines. Proving discrimination against a gay or lesbian may be more difficult, yet that doesn't lessen the hurt or shame caused by that discrimination. AB-1 would have given gays some legal recourse against harassment and intimida-

Craig Machado San Francisco

### **Tired** of the

I wasn't surprised the governor vetoed AB-1, the Gay Jobs Bill. Although I was hoping he'd act like a true statesman and sign it, but he showed his true homophobic colors. He seems to think there isn't any need - bullshit! It's very difficult remaining in the closet if you feel proud about who you are, isn't it folks? Gay people have been murdered through the centuries, and even in Mecca we face physical threats against our lives daily by sick homophobes. And our so-called honorable Governor assumes homosexuals don't need job protection? There is no excuse for partisan politics when it comes to a person's dignity and livlihood. We should tell Mr. Agnos to forget about next year, because we'll all look like fools again with this man supposedly representing the interests of all Californians, except a gay people we don't count as human beings in his mind. **Dennis** Germane

San Francisco

### Too, Too Much

certainly been prostituted by the Dykes on Bikes. Even were there to be an intellectual rationale for militancy the strident harangues of Britt and Migden have certainly obscured if not destroyed it. And, as the song says, 'the beat goes on.'

In short, going, as it were, before the bar of equity, we ourselves must "have clean hands" lest we lower ourselves to our adversaries' contemptible level.

With due, and sad, consideration,

Thomas M. Edwards San Francisco



\* Just now learned that you decided to veto AB-1 which would have guaranteed civil rights to gay peo-ple throughout the state of California in employment and housing. I feel that your logic is severely flawed.

Rest assured that the gay people and their friends in this state and throughout the country will prevail and win their right to be free citizens. By letting the bill pass into law without your signature, AB-1 could have been a model bill for other states and the federal governm

We have been fighting bigots like you for generations and centuries. Your veto is just one more example. It gives us new impetus to forge ahead. Someday, we will win, with or without your help.

> **Richard F. Demarest** San Francisco

### **Republicans??**

★ I hope that everyone in the Gay community, espe-cially the members of Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights, noticed which party was the major opponent of AB-1 in the legislature and to which party the governor who vetoed it belongs. This draws the lines clearly for the November elections, despite the fact that CRIR has already endorsed Reagan. With friends like these . . .

> Ned Tuck San Francisco

### **On the Veto**

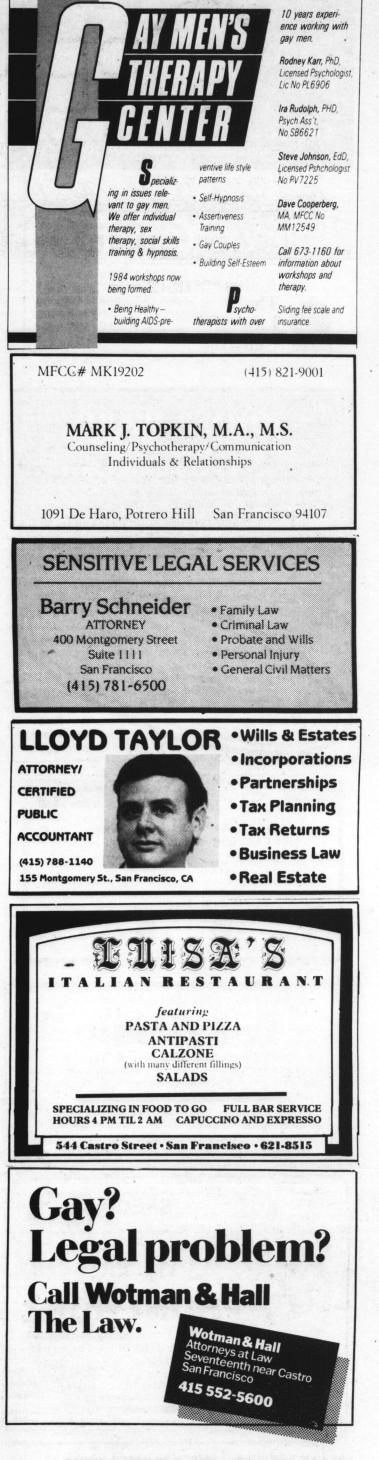
★ It is 4:30 PM on a bleak and gray day. I just heard that Governor Deukmejian has vetoed AB-1. I feel numb, weak and severely depressed in a way I haven't felt since I heard Harvey Milk was shot. Even though I half expected this outcome, I was not prepared psychologically, to have come this far, only to be beaten back, again. This day will live in infamy and we must never let the Governor forget our outrage.

> Gary A. Key Fremont

### **The Other Letters**

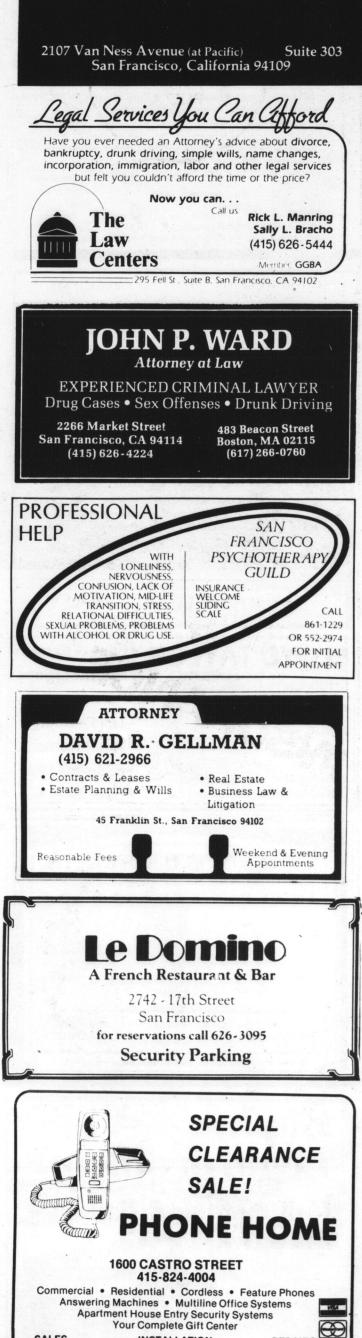
\* With thousands of letters pouring into his office daily swearing that the writers would die before they'd hire a homosexual, Governor George ("Cuddles") Deukmejian was completely unable to find any compelling evidence of widespread employment discrimination based upon sexaul orientation. Apparently the Governor's right face doesn't know what his left face is reading.

Strange de Jim San Francisco



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### **Jaguar Parking**

★ Remember that quick and convenient (though not legal) parking space beside the Jaguar Bookstore? Here's a neighborly warning . . .

If you are parking in the vicinity of the Jaguar, please be sure to park legally. The owner of the Jaguar building has decided to take aggressive measures to keep his Hartford Street driveway clear. Vehicles are being ticketed and towed daily.

If you are legally parked, and you or your vehicle experience any harassment, please be sure to file a com-plaint with the Mission Station Police Department. If you don't park legally in this area, you're taking a

> A Concerned Neighbor San Francisco

### **Mission Station Police**

★ On 3/9/84 at approximately 9:30 p.m. we observed an arrest in front of the B&E Bar on 16th St. between Mission St. and So. Van Ness Ave.

There were four officers involved, three of whom gave their badge numbers: 67, 1667, a third unidentified, and the driver of the police wagon, 2220.

We observed the first three mentioned officers apprehend a lone suspect, white, late twenties/early thirties. average height, stocky build, dark hair, wearing a white tee-shirt and blue jeans. One of the officers applied a choke hold and armlock with what appeared to us as brutal and unnecessary force, more than was needed to restrain the suspect, who was already in handcuffs. The suspect was then brought to the driver's door of one of the police cars, whereupon the three crowded close around the suspect, and one (unidentifiable) struck the suspect in his torso. The suspect then fell to the ground

Shortly, the police wagon arrived (2220 driving), and one of the officers again applied an unnecessarily strong choke hold and dragged him behind the wagon. We were next able to observe him emerging at the rear end of the wagon, falling face first to the pavement, still handcuffed. Finally, he was literally thrown head-first into the wagon, then grasped by the ankles and shoved the rest of the way in. The door was then slammed on his

We, the undersigned, feel that unnecessary and brutal force appeared to be used in the arraignment of this suspect (the suspect was passive and showed no resistance at any time). Whatever the charges involved, the police have a moral and legal responsibility to treat this, and any other suspect in a fair and professional manner.

> **Careann Kennedy Daniel Van Riper** San Francisco

### **Convention Strategy**

\* It's nice to know I'm not the only one who thinks that, rather than subjecting them to massive demon-strations, the Democrats should be given a rousing welcome when they arrive this summer. Russell Alley's plans for a billboard opposite the Hilton are exactly what I had in mind when I wrote you several weeks ago suggesting "SF Gays Welcome You" banners.

One more idea, one which I think could help dispose of stereotypes and prejudices against gays: Publicly invite journalists covering the convention to join us in our bars and receive complimentary drinks. At any bar wishing to participate, reporters with proper credentials would receive free drinks and have a chance to mingle with gavs and learn firsthand what our community is like. The "My Night in a Gay Bar" stories that would be reported worldwide would reflect far more accurately on our community than the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence ever could.

> **Don Snetzinger** San Francisco

### **Steven Carrington Doesn't** Live Here Anymore

\* The character of Steven Carrington in this season's Dynasty has been the biggest copout in television history. Every bar from San Francisco to San Jose has special screenings of Dynasty on Wednesdays and it's becoming a special social event to watch the overdressed Alexis Carrington dish out regular globs of bitchiness to the rest of the cast members.

But we are missing the point here. In fact, the writers of the show have convinced us that Steven Carrington was gay, and that with a dominating father and a slight-ly unbalanced pretty wife he can change his ways and play it straight. Well now we know better than that; once we eat the forbidden fruit it's impossible to give it up. So who are the producers fooling? Not us. Maybe the Moral Majority and other upright Christian lobbyists. Armistead Maupin's recent article in the L.A. Times has started a new awareness that we need to bring it to the attention of Hollywood that they aren't doing us any favors. No thanks to them because of their chicken attitude that cable television has picked up the rights of Tales of the City and they are probably missing out on probably one of the best series ever written.

Let's start a letter-writing campaign to ABC, the pro-ducers of Dynasty, and the Shapiros; let's show them that limp wrists are here to stay.

> **Buster Billio** San Jose, CA

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### Grand Marshall Ed Davis

should be awarded some sort of official recognition in oth the San Francisco and Los' Angeles Gay and Lesbian Parades First, because he has acted honestly and justly in

Second, because it is good to show the world that Gays are forgiving (not

forgetful) and willing to meet people half way, and that we are willing and, indeed delighted to allow them to correct past errors in their conduct toward us.

Third, because Chief Davis did as much as any livng person to create the Los Angeles and San Francisco Parades. His original opposition created such a media blitz in 1970 in LA, that there were thousands of people lined up to see the first Christopher Street-West Parade in Hollywood. The success of that first parade led to the long run of successes in Los Angeles, and to an excess of that success in San Francisco. I heard the Chief make that statement about how he would just as soon see a parade of robbers and burglars on the boulevard as a parade of homosexuals. The following year when I was Chair of the LA parade, Davis asked me, "Well, if the LA Gay Community can organize such a wonderful event as this parade, why can't you do something about what is going on on Selma Avenue (then the location for male prostitution)?" I replied 'Chief Davis, I represent a coalition of Gay organizations, many of whom are delighted by what is going on on Selma Avenue." He asked me no further questions.

> **Robert Humphries** Hollywood

### **AIDS Volunteers**

\* White I have never written a publication before, Allen White's February 23rd article regarding the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and his subsequent comments on Dr. Bolan's rebuttal have prompted me to do so.

As a sexually active male, and perhaps because I work for a medical center, I have followed closely many of the published developments relating to AIDS. A few months ago I decided to do some volunteer work for the AIDS Foundation. I went through a day-long training session with about 30 other people and another shorter training session with a small group of volunteers. Since that time I have worked regularly on the AIDS information hotline with the other volunteers. Conse-quently, I found Mr. White's insinuation that the AIDS Foundation is dead at the grass roots level an insult to myself as well as the other volunteers who have given their time and effort to distribute what up-to-date information is available

The AIDS crisis is a serious one, and is likely to be with us for years to come. What is needed at this stage is cohesiveness and community support, instead of blind negative attacks such as Mr. White's. I don't mean to imply that the AIDS Foundation is beyond reproach, I just look forward to reading Mr. White's constructive suggestions.

> **Thomas Gordon** San Francisco

### **Time to Network**

When I first thought of the efforts to support a gay rights bill, I said to myself that gay interaction happens only one on one or in groups and it cannot be legisated. In sympathizing with women's rights not coming first, I believe gay and feminist inaction will occur. I believe once given these rights, we'll be asked to fight in wars. As a pacifist, directly active in civil disobedience, I say zero.

In reading the letter from San Ramon in the S.F. Examiner on 5 March, I became outraged and angered by the writer's inability to see the vantage points of homosexuality and lesbianism. If more out of the family's closet was seen, it might work wonders for planned parenthood, especially in a world that is starving, where the population grows uncontrollably.

When the writer implies criminality for the homosexual/lesbian to not work freely and then asks for all of the United States to oppose that freedom of association, then I say that I hope all gays and the inclusive minorities combine forces in a collective network down to El Salvador to clean out America.

### Mark Schwartz San Francisco

### Missing?

\* What ever happened to Peter Berlin? **Paul Jackson** Oakland

ED. NOTE: He can still be seen all but coming out of his pants along The Castro.

P. Lorch

Uncle Miltie he ain't, out it occurs to me that Chief (Senator) Ed Davis he cause of AB 1.

Unknown to the victim and his bank, the money orders have been altered or "raised." For example, a \$5 money order may have been carefully altered to \$500. Once the altered money order is discovered, the person who cashed it would have to pay back the funds. Meanwhile, the convict has already received the money from the victim. Some individuals have lost as much as \$20,000 through this scheme.

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you. Write me.

\* I am a Gay inmate in Oklahoma State Penitentiary and life is so damned hard for us Gay men. So I have not let myself be known to be a Gay person. So I am so lonely in here. All my friends and family have nothing to do with me since I was sent to prison. I am writing you this letter to ask if you will be so kind as to print my ad, so that I might be lucky enough to find a few friends that I can correspond with. Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and please keep up the good work you and your staff are doing for the Gay Community My ad: Gay fun loving prisoner likes enjoying the finer things of life, looking for someone to share kinky ideas with and part of my life. Thank you.

## ETTERS **Money Order Scam**

A new money order scheme, in which out-of-state convicts are victimizing persons of the Gay population, is currently very active in San Francisco.

Prisoners in Parchman, Mississippi; Michigan City, Indiana, and elsewhere have contacted Gays through personal advertisements placed in Gay publications. After gaining a potential victim's trust, the prisoner will send one or more postal money orders which he wants the victim to cash for him as a "favor."

Persons who are aware of such attempts should contact the Postal Inspector in Charge, P.O. Box 882000, San Francisco, CA 94188-2000, Attention: External Crimes Section. The phone number is (415) 550-5602.

### **Cow Eyes in Indiana**

 $\star$  I am a homosexual and in prison, and a "good friend" in here gave me your address. I hope you could print my name in your newspaper so I could receive

My name is Jeffrey Brenner and I'm 6' 6", and have brown hair, brown eyes and a good body. I lift weights. I'm a bodybuilder and I have a tan complexion Everybody says I have cow eyes. If you could print this I would feel better about doing time.

> Jeffrey Brenner, DOC 16629 Dorm 8, Indiana State Farm P.O. Box 76 Greencastle, IN 46135-0076

### **Hot Young Swede**

\* I am writing to ask you to place an ad for me in your paper as I need someone to write to and I have no one. would appreciate it if you could do this for me. I'm currently at the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, Indiana. I'm a GWM, 26 yrs old, 5' 11" tall, 165 lbs. I have blond hair and blue eyes - a hot young Swede looking for that special person to fill my life. I need plenty of loving, but want it for a lifetime, no onenighters. If you can fill the bill I'd love to hear from

> Charles E. Barber, #12982 **Indiana State Prison** P.O. Box 41 Michigan City, IN 46360

### Gay in Oklahoma

Glen B. Ake, #108789 **Oklahoma State Penitentiary** P.O. Box 97 McAlester, OK 74501

### **Enjoys** Outdoors

\* I am a resident of California, but I am serving time here in a Georgia Prison.

I'm a W/M, 6' 1", 170 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, bisexual. Male or female feel free to write. I enjoy outdoor activities

> William Walker, J-126 EF-143494 P.O. Box 7150 Garden City, GA 31418

### Sends Kisses

\* To whom this may concern:

I'm unfortunately a very locely man who has been utterly disappointed quite frequently over the past couple of years while trying unsuccessfully to establish ondence through various establishments. However, I'm still reluctant to try yours and hopefully as time prevails our time and efforts will have been spent significantly. If you're at liberty to support such a request I'd like to place an ad in your paper or magazine.

I'm 28 years young, 6' 3" and about 205 lbs. and wish to hear from sincere honest, caring, understanding, patient persons for friendship and possible relationship. All are welcome. I will write if you do. I'm lonely and sincere though I'm presently in servitude. I'm waiting. Kisses.

> Ira Baker #065422, 20-3210 P.O. Box 747 Starke, FL 32091

\* Will you please publish this ad for me.

I'm a black male, and I'm seeking for someone to correspond with. I would love to correspond with nothing but white gays and latins, just as long as they are not black.

Seeks Interracial Pals

I'm here in prison in the state of Florida. If any gays would like to correspond back to me, please send a photo. I hope they are willing to help me in different ways, also come and visit too. Thank you for your help.

> Marine A. Brown, #081188 M.B. 139 A/C G-537 P.O. Box 158 Lowell, FL 32663

### **Florida** Creole

\* Hi! My name is Jean Leon. I'm 36 years old. I'm 6' 2" tall and weigh 164 lbs. I have black hair, brown eyes, brown color. I'm come from the West Indies. I'm speak 4 languages besides English, Spanish, French and Creole. I'm a socker player, also very good cook. I'm a warm, loving, sincere, kind hearted man who likes homelife. Some of my hobbies and interests are the beach, travel, music, dancing and all kinds of sports. don't have no family or friends here in this country to write or to communicate, so I need to find someone to establish a serious friendship possible relationship. At the present time, I'm in prison, but I soon get out.

I would appreciate very much if you who work in the Bay Area Reporter were to publish my name on your publication program so I may find someone sincere and honest to communicate with. Well, I've enjoyed writing to all of you and wish you a real nice day. I'll be waiting to hear from someone no matter the color

> Jean Leon #072574 P.O. Box 747 Starke, FL 32091

### And now — Mississippi

\* I am presently incarcerated in the Mississippi Penal System. I have no family and will be getting out soon. I am W/G/M, 19 years, 6' 1", 165 lbs., Br/H, Br/Eyes, looking for a sincere, loving, honest and long-lasting relationship. Race and looks unimportant.

> Isaiah Joseph #45515 U/24 Ext. Parchman, MS 38738

### **Red Head in Florida**

★ White male, "Gay" 30 years old, 5 feet, 9 inches, 165 lbs. light red hair, hazel eyes. My situation isn't the best right now. I would be very grateful for any and all letters from my fellow Gay brothers that are free and who understand. Thank you and please write.

> Ron Jeter, #046595 P.O. Box 747 Starke, FL 32091

### Sadist in Wyoming

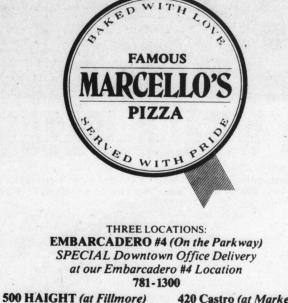
★ 1 am a 37 year old male sadist who is serving 20 years in prison. I have been in since 1974 and have lost everything I ever had on the outside, including friends and acquaintances. I have been in this stinking cell so long that I feel like I'm in orbit. I would sincerely appreciate you getting me a subscription to Drummer and putting my ad for correspondence in your next issue.

Jim Nanny, #13304 **Box 400** Rawlins, WY 82301

### **Gay in Starke**

★ My name is Jerry L. Stark. I'm 25 years old and white. I stand 6' 1" tall and weigh 191. I have brown hair and blue eyes. I'm Gay and looking for a lasting relationship. I have a variety of interests and hobbies. I truly hope that you will put my ad in your publication. I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

> Jerry L. Stark, 085856 P.O. Box 747, 22-3208 Starke, FL 32091



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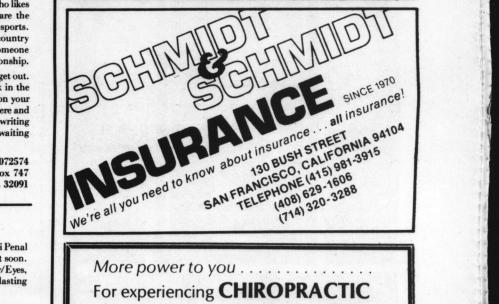
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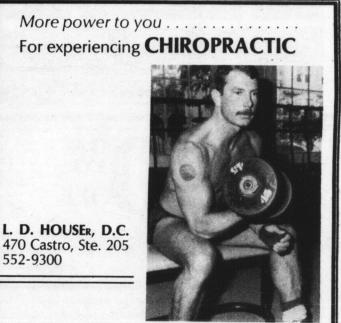
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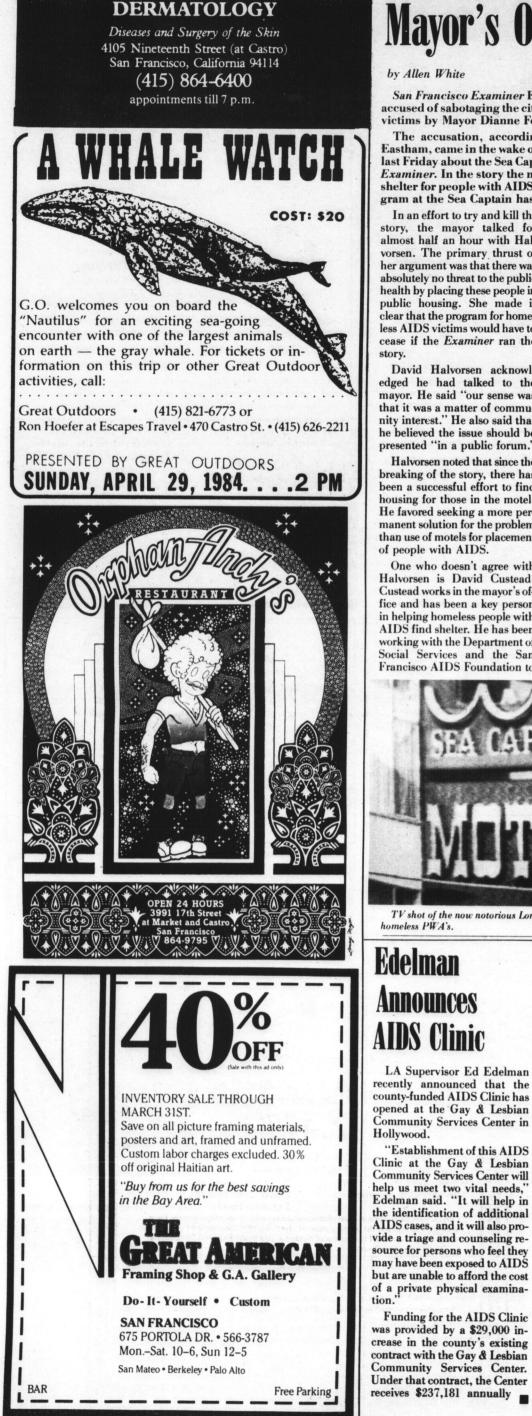
to them attempts to further the connection.

Whenever I drop a letter into the wastebasket - a letter I've decided not to run, I suffer a twinge of regret. In that rejection I could be discarding the best of the batch.

You urge these men to be more christian; you ask God to bless us. How very strange.

Mr. Benjamin, your letter is one of the most un-Christlike letters this paper has ever received. Paul Lorch

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STEPHEN T. BAKER, M.D.

**Homeless AIDS People Flap Sets Mayor's Office Against Press** 

used for people with AIDS for

about five months. He said that

he knows that most of the media

in San Francisco were aware of

Chronicle reporter Randy

Shilts, under fire for his own

AIDS pieces, said that his paper

has been aware of the people at

the motel for almost a month. To

publish the information he said

would produce a "so what"

story. He, and his editors, chose

not to run the story because they

felt it would serve no purpose.

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tion about the Sea Captain Mo-

tel was known by television sta-

tions KTVU (2), KRON (4) and

KPIX (5) prior to the San Fran-

After the Examiner article ap-

peared, the rules changed. Tele-

vision stations swarmed over the

motel and continued to broad-

cast reports for the next five

days. Even the Chronicle carried

the item. The people with AIDS

were given two hours notice be-

fore the story broke and were

TV shot of the now notorious Lombard Street motel that rented rooms to

cisco Examiner story last Friday. They all chose not to run the

The B.A.R. has confirmed

the location.

San Francisco Examiner Editor David Halvorsen has been accused of sabotaging the city's program for homeless AIDS victims by Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

The accusation, according to mayor's press aide Tom Eastham, came in the wake of a series of stories which broke last Friday about the Sea Captain Motel in the San Francisco *Examiner.* In the story the motel was revealed as temporary shelter for people with AIDS. As a result of the story the program at the Sea Captain has been discontinued.

In an effort to try and kill the tory, the mayor talked for find emergency housing. He said the Sea Captain Motel has been story, the mayor talked for almost half an hour with Halvorsen. The primary thrust of her argument was that there was absolutely no threat to the public health by placing these people in public housing. She made it clear that the program for homeless AIDS victims would have to cease if the Examiner ran the story

David Halvorsen acknowledged he had talked to the mayor. He said "our sense was that it was a matter of community interest." He also said that he believed the issue should be presented "in a public forum."

Halvorsen noted that since the breaking of the story, there has been a successful effort to find housing for those in the motel. He favored seeking a more permanent solution for the problem than use of motels for placement of people with AIDS.

One who doesn't agree with Halvorsen is David Custead. Custead works in the mayor's office and has been a key person in helping homeless people with AIDS find shelter. He has been working with the Department of Social Services and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation to

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**AIDS Clinic** 

LA Supervisor Ed Edelman

Community Services Center in

"Establishment of this AIDS

Funding for the AIDS Clinic

announced that the

hustled out of the motel after be ing evicted by the owners. (This version according to the AIDS Foundation people.)

Four days later on Tuesday afternoon, the AIDS Foundation announced that a location had been found to house the people. They said it was a private residence and, as such, the location was confidential

Steven Pratt, a social service worker at the AIDS Foundation, was bitter and angry as he reflected on the past weekend. He told of how the 12 homeless people were once again homeless in the middle of a rainy, wet Friday with no shelter.

One paragraph in the initial Friday *Examiner* story par-ticularly galled the city officials. Referring back to a previous story on a Tenderloin hotel, the Jefferson, it said, "If the patients do have to move, it will be the second time in six months that The City has admitted failure in its efforts to find housing

for indigent AIDS victims." David Custead accused the Examiner of destroying the program and then turning around and saying it was a failure because they were able to render it inoperative.

A key part of the plan was the agreement with the motel owner that the location of the AIDS patients be kept secret. Ed Power, Acting Director of the AIDS Foundation, said, "Unfortunately, there are a lot of people out there who don't like Gay peo-ple and people with AIDS. We are doing the same thing as shelters such as those for battered women. We are respecting people's privacy and keeping the residences secret." What the motel owner thought about it all the Bay Area Reporter was not able to learn.

A twist to the whole story was a comment repeated at City Hall, the AIDS Foundation. and at the Examiner. They all said, "If you're going to die of AIDS, a motel is a helluva of a place to be."

None of the AIDS patients staying at the motel was available for comment, nor did anyone speak to the issue of standing their ground and staying where they were.

## **Classes for Elders**

Community College Centers of the San Francisco Community College District are offering Feeling Better, Growing Older, a program emphasizing issues of interest to older Gay men and Les-bians. The classes meet on Mondays at Everett Middle School, Room 107, 450 Church Street at 17th Street. Wheel chair access is through school yard, 17th Street side. Registration, at first class, is at 6 - 6:30 PM and classes meet 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Partic are asked to sign in each week. This is a tuition-free class offered by the Community College Centers Division of the San Francisco Community College District.

### **SPRING SCHEDULE 1984**

April 23: Aging in Contemporary Society: Lesbian & Gay Issues. Welcome: Joyce Ream, Executive Director, San Francisco Commission on Aging. Lesbian Issues: Sheryl Goldberg, Program Coordinator, Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders of Operation Concern. Gay Issues: Stafford Buckley, Program Coordinator, Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders of Operation Concern.

April 30: Legal Issues Facing Older Gays & Lesbians: Maureen Malvern, Staff Attorney, Legal Assistance to the Elderly, Inc. specializing in Health Law Benefits and Long Term Care issues. Roberta Achtenberg, Directing Attorney, Lesbian Rights Project. May 7: Making the Most of Your Health. Jerre Kelly, M.D., Geriatric Consultant, St. Mary's Hospital.

May 14: Moving Ahead in the Face of Loss: Stafford Buckley and Sheryl Goldberg, Program Coordinators, Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders of Operation Concern.

May 21: Support Systems & Other Resources for Older Lesbians & Gays: Stafford Buckley and Sheryl Goldberg.

For program information call Gerry Murphy at 239-3082. For public transportation information call 673-MUNI.

by Paul Lorch

Domestic Partner Benefits returned last week as a subject of discussion in the Gay community. It remained an idea whose time is yet to come.

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torney Matt Coles.



## **Gay Mortuary Suspended**, Will **Reopen in April Says Owner**

John Gordon, the financer of Lambda, said his Neptune Society will perform Lambda services until it reopens. He explained that Simpson opened before he had full business credentials from the state Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. It is a common practice in the industry to open and then await approval. However, in this instance the board postponed the matter until its March 28 meeting.

## **Labor** Alliance Delves **Into Domestic Partners**

The Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance on Wednesday night offered its first of what it hopes to be an ongoing series of labor forums. The forum was held at the retail clerks union hall at 1339 Mission Street. Some 35 Gay labor activists showed up to listen to seven panelists explore the subject for two hours.

Three of the panelists were actual plaintiffs in fringe benefit lawsuits. They included: Allen Chamberlin, a Sacramento resident, who is suing his employer, Frontier Airlines, for travel and reduced rate benefits for his lover of nine years. Chamberlin is a

Another Sacramento resident was Boyce Hinman; he is suing his employer, the State of California, for dental benefits denied his lover of 12 years.

The third litigant was a local Southern Pacific employee, Larry Brinkin, who is suing both his employer and his union (Railway Clerks) for denying him funeral leave compensation following the death of his lover of 11 years. Brinkin is being represented by the ACLU and at-

Coles, the author of the original Domestic Partners legislation and its second draft after it was vetoed in December 1982 by Mayor Dianne Feinstein, also served on the panel. Coles was particularly critical throughout the evening of the mayor and linked her 1982 veto as a precedent for Governor George Deuk-

mejian's March 13 veto of AB-1.

Supervisor Harry Britt, who introduced the Domestic Partners legislation to the Board of Supervisors, got it passed, lost it to the mayor's veto, and who was unable later to get enough votes to override that veto, also spoke of the ideas behind his bill. He noted that it was the retrogressive thinking of politicians (whom he did not name) that caused his bill problems. Coles in turn blamed the insurance industry for polluting the legisla-tion he authored. Britt added that he had spoken to members of the Benefits Task Force (set up by the mayor after the December '82 veto) and that they were running afoul of the same rocks that he and the mayor did in late '82 and early '83.

Attorney Roberta Achtenberg also served on the panel. Achtenberg represents Boyce Hinman and is a key figure in the local Lesbian Rights Project. She

Six-person panel at last week's Gay Labor Alliance forum on Domestic Partners included Gay plaintiffs and lawmakers: (l. to r.) Matt Coles, Roberta Achtenberg, Boyce Hinman, Barbara Bain, Larry Brinken, Harry Allen Chamberlin.(Photo: Rink)

stressed that lawsuits were but one way of seeking progress in benefits extension. She said the whole issue is of particular interest to Lebians - especially in matters of economics. No Lesbians are presently engaged in benefits lawsuits.

\* \* \* **NEW ORGANIZATION** 

Hinman announced that he and others have formed a new organization, called The Campaign for Family Partner Benefits. He passed out a flyer which gave the direction of the group.

The Campaign for Family Partner Benefits (CFPB) is

**Recipients were Deborah** 

men and their family partners and Gay men and their family partners are equivalent to the relationships of heterosexual persons and their spouses. As a result the benefits of

dedicated to the principle that

the relationships of Lesbian wo-

employment such as health and dental insurance, retirement benefits, and family sick leave that are provided to the spouses of heterosexual employees should be provided on an equal basis to the family partners of Lesbian and Gay employees.

The CFPB seeks to advance this viewpoint in two ways:

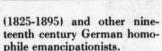
## **ONE Institute Confers World's First** MA's in Homophile Studies

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Los Angeles' ONE Institute conferred the first Master of Arts degrees in Homophile Studies January 29 at its annual

Ann Coates of Los Angeles, Paul David Hardman of San Francisco, and Michael An-thony Lombardi of Los Angeles. All three will be continuing their Convocation. These are the first studies at ONE Institute with earned degrees in this field ever the goal of obtaining the Doctor granted in the history of eduof Philosophy degree. Ms.

> Coates' studies will focus on Lesbian representations in cinema; Mr. Hardman's on origins of social and legal attitudes toward homosexuality; and Mr. Lombardi's on the work of Karl Heinrich Ulrichs



The Institute, which conferred honorary Litt.D. degrees on Reed Erickson and Christopher Isherwood two years ago, has been presenting classes and lectures in Homophile Studies since 1956, and is a joint effort of ONE Incorporated (founded 1952 and the country's oldest continuously active homophile organization) and its affiliated foundation, the Institute for the Study of Human Resources. **ONE** Institute received official

• By publicizing the issue so as to encourage challenges to discriminatory practices in the provision of benefits and to foster an atmosphere of public acceptance of the provision of employment benefits to the family partners of Lesbian and Gay employees.

• By raising funds to cover the costs of court challenges to discriminatory practices in the provision of employment benefits

Barbara Baine of the Labor Alliance chaired the panel and led off the questions period. P. Lorch

authorization from the State of

California to confer Masters and Ph.D. degrees in Homophile Studies in 1981. Following the convocation, an

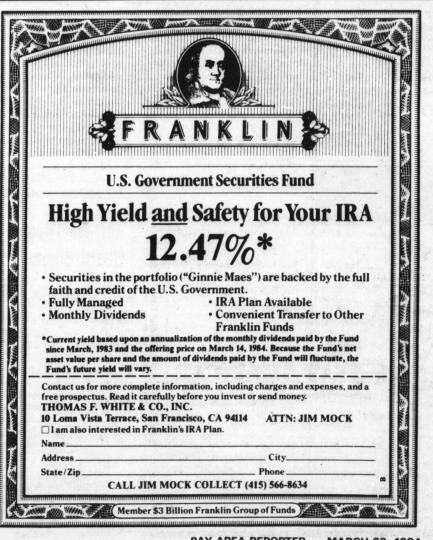
Open House was held during which guests visited the Blanche Baker Memorial Library and the ONE Institute Museum of **Homophile History and Culture** (opened today as the first per-manent museum in the field since the sacking of Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld's Museum in Berlin by Nazi thugs in May of 1933), and saw a review of the activities of the ONE World Travel Club.



Licensing problems have temporarily closed the nation's first Gay funeral service, Lambda Funeral Guild. It's founder, Tom Simpson, is on a brief vacation and will reopen in April at his upper Market Street location.

The state board sends out copies of any new application to all area funeral directors, who then have an opportunity to try and halt the new business. There was a complaint against Lambda by an unknown local mortuary. Simpson claimed, before he went on a brief vacation, that homophobia could be involved. There is also speculation that funeral directors could be objecting because Lambda plans to offer its services at very low rates.

Gordon said Lambda could open without a license if the board continues to postpone the matter. Funeral services may operate as "unlicensed" in California.





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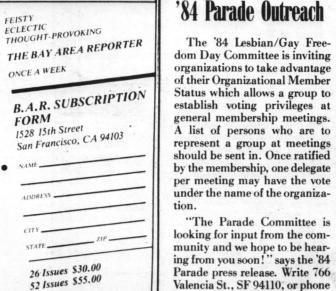
### San Francisco **AIDS Foundation**

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## **AIDS Stories Sought**

**Another AIDS Panel** 

"AIDS must remain Item #1

on the Gay agenda," according

to Mark Cloutier and Catherine

Cusic, co-chairs of the AIDS

Committee of the Harvey Milk

Lesbian and Gay Democratic

Club. "We are devoting the en-

tirety of our March membership

meeting to AIDS - understand

ing the disease itself, reports on

research and treatment under-

way, looking at how AIDS

touches all of our lives, and look-

ing at what the next steps must

be for us as individuals and as

The meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday evening, March 27, at the Women's Building, 3543 -

A five-person panel will make

prief presentations and will

answer audience questions. The

panel will include Marcus Co-

nant, M.D., Associate Prof-

essor of Dermatology at UCSF;

Dan Turner, Person with AIDS;

Don Abrams, M.D., Oncology

Service at SF General Hospital:

Following the panel, club

members and participants will

be encouraged to take a look at

how the AIDS crisis affects their

lives. The format for the meeting will draw on the personal ex-periences and feelings of par-

ticipants in the program. Sug-

gestions from those in atten-

dance will help the Club's AIDS

Committee to determine its

agenda for the remainder of the

Wednesday, March 28, David

Lamble interviews investigative

reporter Mike Weiss, author of

Double Play, the story of city

hall assassin Dan White, David

Lamble Interviews is heard

Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 PM

on listener sponsored KPFA (94 FM) in Berkeley. Listener call-

ins for this news magazine/inter-

view program will be taken at

(415) 848-4425.

1984 political year.

White Author on

**Lamble Radio** 

18th Street, 7:30 PM.

a community."

and others.

The Gay Sunshine Press in San Francisco is publishing a book of quotes, feeling journals, and interviews portraying the emotional impact of AIDS, *The AIDS Anthology* is inspired by trying and tenacious life stories. The author is a social psychologist at Stanford.

Send statements of your emotional experiences with AIDS. Include your occupation, age, city and current health status. You do not have to give your name. If you do want your name or a pseudonym to appear with your writing, please say so. Your name and address will be kept confidential. Mail to the author: Lon G. Nungesser, M.A., P.O. Box 5389, Stanford, CA 94305.

## **Non-Intervention Gays**

Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention in Latin America LAGAI) is working to stop U.S. militarism in Central America. South America, and the Caribbean. They do both educational and activist solidarity work

They will be meeting on April 2, 16, and 30 at te Mission Community Center, 362 Capp St. in

For info call 552-1492.

## Lyon-Martin Clinic Offers Help to PMS Sufferers

Lyon-Martin Clinic will present a health seminar entitled PMS Blues as part of the ongoing WomanCare Health and Wellness series for women on Monday evening, March 26 from 7-9 PM.

**QUICKIES!** 

Premenstrual Syndrome is something that affects many women in different ways. Some experience strong emotional symptoms, while others report many physical symptoms or cravings for sugar or caffeine. Most women have received little or no support from the traditional medical system.

Lyon-Martin Clinic has a PMS Clinic where their women physicians or nurse practitioners work with individual women to look at their symptoms and identify some ways to deal with them. The seminar will explore

some of the causes of PMS and look at the treatments and techniques available. Participants in the seminar will be: Carol Jessop, M.D., the Medical Director at Lyon-Martin and a specialist in women's health care; Cindy Icke, a certified acupuncturist with experience in treating PMS; and Lynda Schwartzberg, a dietician and nutritionist and former PMS patient

The seminar is offered at Lyon-Martin Clinic conference room, 2480 Mission Street, near 21st Street, first floor. Please call the Clinic at 641-0220 to reserve a space. Space is limited. The room is wheelchair accessible. There is no charge for the seminar, but donations to Lyon-Martin Clinic are appreciated.

## **Randy West Paintings on View at Atlas S & L**



One of Randy West's portraits, now on view through April 21 at Atlas S&L.

ings show an affinity toward fan-

tasy. He prefers to be known as

a figurative painter rather than

a realist since his emphasis is on

redefining the figure rather than

creating a photo likeness on can-

San Francisco artist Randy West, who has built a successful nationwide business in the greet ing card field, will exhibit his airbrush paintings and other works at Atlas Savings from March 19 to April 21. The show is being held in the lobby of Atlas' main branch at 1967 Market Street, during banking hours Monday through Saturday. It is part of Atlas' continuing effort to showcase local artists.

Randy West's airbrush paint-

## National Mental Health Plans

The Gay/Lesbian Task Force of the American Mental Health **Counselors Association is active**ly involved in addressing issues regarding Gay and Lesbian Clients, counselors and their relation to professional counseling organizations.

Paul R. Consales, Director of Moon Valley Counseling Associates in Phoenix, Arizona, chairs the Task Force comprised of men and women across the country.

Four goals have been identified: establishing standards for the training of counselors treat-Valencia St., SF 94110, or phone ing Gay and Lesbian clients; initiating development of a national register of qualified Gay Counselors; promoting awareness of Gay counseling issues and to initiate an ongoing educational program on Gay issues for AMHCA Conferences.

The Gay/Lesbian Task Force will be represented at the New York Gay/Lesbian Health Conference in June as well as

## A Gay Latino Retreat

A Cinco de Mayo cultural retreat is taking place at Camp Radford, Big Bear. This upcoming cultural retreat is being sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Latinos Unidos (GLLU), and it is scheduled for the weekend of April 27-29.

known as the president of West Graphics, a "progressive" greeting card company with national and international distribution. Many of the most popular cards are humorous images for the 1980's. He works in a studio in the South of Market area, where many artists maintain work space.

West, 35, is a native of the Bay Area and attended California College of Arts and Crafts and studied under the pop realist artist Gerald Gooch.

AMHCA Conferences such as the October, 1984 meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

help with this project can contact Paul R. Consales, Moon Valley

Counseling Associates, 502 East Tam-O-Shanter Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85022. The cultural retreat seeks to re-affirm the Gay/Lesbian and

Latin Heritage of GLLU's constituency and friends. There will be a \$40 charge for the retreat, which includes food and lodg-For more information on the

retreat or GLLU, contact Geneva at (213) 464-7400 or Louis at (213) 658-8242. Or write to GLLU, 1213 No. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038.

school system.

acially overbroad."

The appeals judges did not accept all of the plaintiffs arguments but neither did they accept the crucial points made by the lower court. Judge Logan accused the lower court of manufacturing new standards for curtailing a citizen's First Amendment rights. The lower court found that for a teacher to speak out on Gay rights constituted a "material and substantial disruption" in the lives of children and hence a person's right to speak out on political issues warranted a muzzling.

a restriction.

NEWS BITS FROM THE GAY MEDIA CIRCUIT

## the Deep South

The Queen's Men, a Memphis, Tennessee, Gay social organization, has been asked to participate in the Memphis Cotton Carnival as the Mystic Krewe of TQM and will ride in the Cotton Carnival Grand Parade June 2 on a 24-foot float, according to Gaze, a Gay newspaper based in Memphis. Gay social organizations in New Orleans have been credited in large part with the revitalization of the Mardi Gras festival there, according to Gaze. Wayne Newsome, ball captain of the Queen's Men, said the same can be true of the Memphis Cotton Carnival. The Queen's Men has held annual balls since 1971 featuring costumes as elaborate as those appearing at Mardi Gras balls. TQM, the carnival arm of the Queen's Men, has forgone a ball this year to concentrate efforts on the Cotton

Carnival.



ing from you soon!" says the '84 Parade press release. Write 766 861-5404.

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### "The Parade Committee is looking for input from the community and we hope to be hear-

both in this country and abroad, Los Angeles.

vas. West's work has been featured in numerous publications and in addition to several exhibitions in the Bay Area, he has had successful shows in Chicago and Locally, Randy West is best

Members of AMHCA or others interested in joining to

## U.S. Appeals Court Strikes Down **Oklahoma Anti-Gay Teachers Law**

(Continued from page 1) appealed in the name of all

teachers and administrators, prospective and at present employees of the Oklahoma City NGTF along with NGRA

argued that statute 70\*6-103.15 violated teachers' rights to privacy and equal protection. Moreover, the anti-Gay statute should be rendered void because of its vagueness, its violation of the Establishment Clause, and lastly that it was overbroad.

The two appeals court justices disagreed with the findings of the trial court. And they reversed them. The trial court had ruled that the statute had protected free speech. No, said the appeals court, "The statute proscribes protected speech and is thus

The appeals judges pointed out that the First Amendment protects "advocacy" even of illegal conduct except when "advocacy" is "directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action." Arguing publicly about homosexual activity does not come under such

Jean O'Leary, executive director of the NGRA, said from Los Angeles the Oklahoma victory rolled back their version of the Briggs initiative. (Photo: Rink)

The appeals court ruled that under the legislative edict for Oklahoma's teachers "to protect their jobs they must restrict their expression.

Appeals Judge Barrett's dis-sent was classified by NGRA's Legal Director, Leonard Graff. as a "hideous, homophobic, ranting monologue." Graff said the dissent was "totally lacking in legal substance. It showed nothing more than the pure bias of Judge Barrett.

Barrett wrote, "Any teacher who advocates, solicits, encourages or promotes the practice of sodomy . . . is in fact and in truth inciting schoolchildren to particiapte in the abominable and detestable crime against nature." he concluded that such advocacy is without First Amendment protection.

Graff told the Bay Area Reporter that the Oklahoma reversal "represents a substantial victory for the Gay community. NGRA have been the attorneys on the case from the time they first challenged the homophobic legislation in 1979. NGRA

couldn't find a Gay or Lesbian teacher in Oklahoma who would come forth and serve as a plaintiff. Then Legal Director Don Knutson took the brief to the New York City-based NGTF, then under the direction of Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller. NGTF agreed to act (serve as plaintiffs) on behalf of all their Oklahoma members who were teachers. They located local **Oklahoma attorney Bill Rogers** who used the name of the Oklahoma ACLU as his backers. All subsequent strategy was generated out of NGRA's San Francisco office - the first challenge, which lost, and the subsequent appeal directed by Graff.

Graff said the appeals court has ruled for us on a free speech issue. "Now the ball's in their court." The defendants still are left with several choices: they can let the matter rest, they can ask for the appeals court to reheat

the appeal en banc - with all the justices participating, or they can take the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Graff said the reversal "vindicates our right to hold gainful employment. It is significant because it demonstrates the ability of the organized Gay community in large metropolitan areas to reach out into the heartland to effect change and reverse oppressive legislation."

O'Leary, now the executive director of National Gay Rights Advocates, reported from Los Angeles. "This is a very impor-tant decision," she said. "The Oklahoma law was the equivalent of the late Briggs initiative - had we not defeated it. The Briggs defeat was a victory for California Gays and Lesbians. The Tenth Circuit Court rever sal extends that victory to six more states.'

P. Lorch



Founding legal director of GRA, Don Knutson celebrates Oklahoma vic tory with current legal director of the NGRA, Leonard Graff. (Photo: Rink)

## Carnival Time in

The King and Queen of TQM will be presented at the Cotton Carnival Crown and Scepter Ball and will ride on the Royal Barge with other reigning royalty. The entire Krewe will either ride or walk alongside the float in the parade. There are currently 15 members of TQM, but the group hopes to attract 35 new members before June.

### Florida MCC Torched

An arsonist's blaze destroyed \$15,000 worth of property at the Metropolitan Community Church of Jacksonville, Florida, in January, according to The Weekly News, a Gay newspaper based in Miami.

Sometime during the night of January 16 an arsonist tossed an ignited bottle filled with kerosene-soaked rags into the sanctuary of the church, causing major fire and smoke damage. The fire was discovered by the church's pastor the next morning. Luckily, the fire had burned itself out during the night rathe than building into a major blaze. Part of a pew and the pulpit were burned, and there was smoke damage throughout the sanctuary. The church was insured against fire.

Rev. Donald Johnson, the church's pastor said the church had been egged twice last year and some windows had been broken in the building a few days before the fire. Johnson said he called the police to ask for more 

### NYC Dentists Get **AIDS** Guidelines

In response to a number of reports that New York dentists have refused necessary dental care to AIDS patients and even to members of identified AIDS risk groups, the New York Health Department has issued new dental guidelines for the treatment and care of AIDS patients, according to the New York Native.

When treating a person who has AIDS dentists should wear rubber gloves, eye goggles, protective masks and gowns, according to the guidelines. The Health Department further advised dentists to postpone any essary or cosmetic denta procedures for AIDS patients. Dental patients who are members of AIDS risk groups, but who have manifested no signs of the syndrome, should be regarded as any other dental patient, according to the guidelines. The New York guidelines are similar to those recommended by the American Dental Association.

The Manhattan Dental Guild, a professional organization of Gay dentists, polled 350 dentists in Manhattan and resaid they would not treat a patient they believed to be Gay.

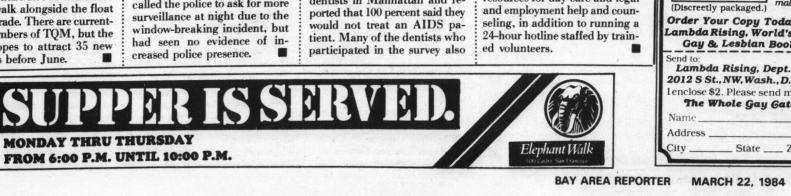
The risk of contracting certain infectious diseases is higher for dentists than for physicians or other health care professionals because dentists come into direct contact with a person's saliva and blood. All the same, no dentist has ever contracted AIDS from a patient.

### **Philadelphians** Form Spouses of Gays

A support and serviceoriented group for spouses of Gay people has recently formed in Philadelphia, according to the Gay News of that city.

Bonnie Kaye, director of the Spouses of Gavs Association. said she expects the group will not be an "advocate group," not "for or against" the Gay community, but instead it will help spouses "learn to accept" being married to a Gay person. She said some members of the group are still "happily married" to their Gay spouses, while others are divorced or separated.

The group plans to develop resources for day care and legal

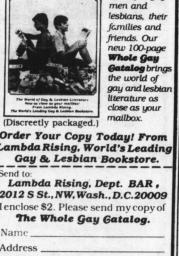




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## **RELIGION AND US Turning the Other Cheek** RICK WEATHERLY

harass or limit their efforts, I ecause I once did some research about Gay people who claim to have been 'cured" of their homosexuality by religious means, I am contacted from time to time by people interested in my perspective about "ex-Gays" as they style themselves. Recently I was asked to be in the audience of a taping of the "Front Row Video' program on Channel 7. Two "ex"-Gays would be expounding on their work. The producers wanted me and other religious Gays to respond. The taping went rather well.

Both sides were ably represented; the Lesbian/Gay side particularly by The Rev. Jane Spahr (Gay Presbyterian) and by Coni Staff (MCC-SF). I was impressed as well by how polished our adversaries have become. Fanaticism is out. "Cool," pleasant, and reasonable are in. They are getting very good. As I said to one of the ex-Gay panelists, "Frankly, it was easier to deal with the boobs and demagogues. It's harder to cope with such nice folks." I got to chat with ex-Gay maven Frank Worthen, whom I hadn't seen in a couple of years, along with some of his people. One of them got a little self-

turn into an abuser. I am the problem, not them. I was, for instance, deeply pained when some Gay men and Lesbians burned Jewish and Christian scriptures recently in protest to what they saw as religious oppression. I am a person of the Book. I love it for its depth of love and comfort even as I am aware of the abuse it has been put to by the rich, White, straight, European, male powers-that-be. But that burnng was their right. I would never have even dreamed of trying to interfere with them other than by verbal protest and persuasion. They were not endangering me or harming me. They were just doing something emotionally hurtful and deeply offensive to me. I might have shouted or cried or prayed, but I would not have spit on them or assaulted them, or called the authorities. They have every right to demonstrate their beliefs and act on them, however offensive they were to me, as long as they did not endanger me or mine. This is elementary social justice and civil liberty. I believe the U.S. Constitution calls it the "right

## **Avoid Street Preachers** Don't Assault Them

serving and assured me of how much she loved me. I told her I'd believe more in her love if her group would raise its voice in protest the next time Falwell or Robison or Robertson, et al, call for our blood. "Love should bear fruit, you should pardon the expression," said I.

Every once in a while a preacher is pulled up short by her/his own preaching. That day I was. I really like ex-Gays I've met. I view them as sisters and brothers of my community engaged in a hopeless quest and a phony life resolution. Rather the same way I view Gay/Lesbian alcoholics and other chemical dependents. They're my people and I want to be there for them and hope they'll give up their self-destructive foolishness. So maybe my love for them should be made direct and real; "bear fruit" if you will pardon the expression. So here goes. Sit back and take a deep breath and call me in the morning if you're still angry.

want to make what seems to me a straightforward and ob-'ex'-Gay statement. These folks have every right to engage in their work free from threat or assault. Seems very unradical to me, but I know it's going to stir the feces up. Too bad. So long as they behave reasonably they have the same right I do to picket, leaflet, engage in exhortation, and to try to persuade people to their point of view. This does not include interrupting my sleep with a bullhorn, blocking my way on a sidewalk, grabbing my arm to get me to listen (all charges against ex-Gay street preachers). If they do any of that, there are legal remedies to pursue. Also, I am free to say, "No thanks," "Not interested," or even "Back off, twerp!" when I'm con-fronted by their startlingly zombie-like faces at the Castro Muni entrance.

But when I spit on them, or punch them out, or seek to use the legal/political system to

tion for redress of grievances.'

peaceably to assemble and peti-

It seems to be the case, at least by their report, that ex-Gay/anti-Gay street preachers have been spat upon, pelted with garbage and rocks, and beaten by Gays offended by their presence and beliefs. A very good MCC friend of mine even had the unwisdom to say to me, "They have no right to come into my neighborhood, our turf and tell me I'm going to hell!" (emphasis mine) Sorry, they have every right and no one has any right, ethical or legal, to try to stop them. Similarly, there was a church out in the Avenues which was hosting anti-Gay street preachers of the Save Our Souls campaign. Some less than wise Gay folk attempted to have zoning restrictions imposed on the chuch in retaliation. Arrrggghhh! Where are our brains?!

Let me try to explain why this is wrong and stupid, though I must confess my amazement that any Gay person needs to be reminded of the utter necessity of protecting the civil liberties of everyone, especially those we find obnoxious. The fanatic says: "I am right; therefore, I can do anything necessary to most disconcerting for them. Remember that many of them are in fact troubled, misguided and exploited Gay people. They can be cured by love and support. Abuse only deepens their

venerable tradition going back to the Inquisition and, more recently, the Nazis. Imitate whomever you like. But when you are tempted toward violence, abuse, and legal harassment, for God's for Whomever's) sake remember the millions upon millions of our murdered dead. who perished because they lived in societies and times when it was acceptable to oppress people you considered wrong or immoral, or offensive.

spread the 'truth' and anything I wish to combat 'untruth.' Civil libertarians (not to be confused with the political party called Libertarians) say, "I have a right to my opinion and you have no right to compel me to change it, or abuse, or discriminate against me for holding that opinion. Accordingly, I grant you, the same right of expression and opinion, so that we both may be safe from one another.

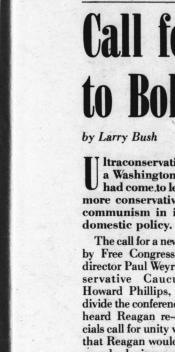
The equation has a reverse. If you spit on me because you disagree, then I can spit on you. If you can punch my lights out because I offend your deeply held values, then I can flatten your nose under similar circumstances. If you can declare an area "your neighborhood" and keep me out, why, then I am free to ban you from areas I control. If you can use the legal system and authorities to curtail and harass my organizations, then you cannot cry "injustice! when I do the same to you.

If, as they claim, an anti-Gay street preacher has been assaulted by an offended Gay person, then tell me in a way I can understand how this assault is morally or legally different from those done by anti-Gav thuglettes in the Castro. Sure. the target is different, but the principle is the same. If you are not offended and outraged at the very idea of invading the civil liberties of any other human being, then at least be afraid and wary of setting the precedent for our own demise. Whether we call it Karma, or "sowing the wind" or just plain old "what goes around, comes around," we had better realize that we can easily be hoist by our own petard.

r. Weatherly's prescription

for treating anti-Gay street

**D** preachers: ignore them, tear up the leaflet they hand you, arefully disposing of the confetti in a trash can (or better yet, go back and ask for more leaflets for your friends, then tear them all up), call them twerps or creeps or fools or #\$% • &%#!. tell them you disagree, glare at them, walk past them, laugh at them. You might even try buying one a cup of coffee (street preaching is thirsty work) and tell them how happy you are as a Gay man or Lesbian. This is self-righteous martyr complex. I suppose if you just have to, burn a Bible and become a part of a



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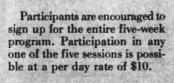
violence."

Beginning March 31, the Parsonage is presenting a voyage of self-discovery for Gay men and sen-discovery for Oay men and Lesbians. In this five-part series, the participants are scheduled to examine such topics as "Loneli-ness and Grief," "Homosexual Homophobia," "Victimization," "Personal Values and Self-Worth" among other

Parsonage Program

Worth" among others. The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 31, April 14, April 28, May 12, and May 19.

There is a \$30 materials cost fee payable at the time of registration on March 31.



For more information contact

Michael Wyatt or Sandy Ellis at

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### A GAY VIEW FROM WASHINGTON

## Part I of Four Parts **Call for Ultra-Right** to Bolt GOP

Itraconservative leaders told more than 1,000 followers at a Washington, D.C., conference March 1-3 that the time U had come to leave the Republican Party and launch a new, more conservative party. The new party would push anticommunism in its foreign policy and "moral values" in

The call for a new party, made by Free Congress Foundation director Paul Weyrich and Conservative Caucus director Howard Phillips, appeared to divide the conference, which also heard Reagan re-election officials call for unity with promises that Reagan would follow their agenda during a second term.

"We need another kind of vehicle," Weyrich said on a panel entitled "Beyond 1984." Weyrich said the Republican Party's record showed it was incapable of winning the majority of both the House and Senate during the past twenty years of elections, thus incapacitating the conservative movement from taking the undisputed reins of government. "If we can talk about govern-

ing, then the complexion of America will really change not just the pseudo-changes we are talking today," Weyrich said. **Conservative Caucus leader** 

Howard Phillips recited a list of Reagan Administration "missteps" in conservative ideology. drawing the audience into vocal cries of "shame" as each defection from conservative purposes

"Our goal must be to govern," Phillips said. "We must ask ourselves why Ronald Reagan, whose values we share, has not been able to move the government." Phillips accused Reagan of bending to pressure from 'Wall Street Republicans'' who he claimed were "advocates of concensus.

"Neville Chamberlain was a opular conservative leader,' Phillips said, "but he was wrong on appeasing Hitler. If we sacrifice our principles, to whom will the American majority turn? Phillips called for a "mass meeting in every district of thousands of those on conservative mailing lists. Let us aim at '86 - running on the label of a new populist conservative

I hile conservatives gave a W strong ovation to Weyrich and Phillips, they also turned out in force to cheer Ronald Reagan at a conference banquet. They also strongly applauded conservative columnis and former Nixon White House aide John Mclaughtin's description of the new party proposal as 'scurrilous and dangerous.'

tion? One idea might be to show

the victims, both their suffering

and their humanity, to increase

teenagers' ability to identify with

Gays and bisexuals as fellow

numan beings instead of seeing

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be to demystify homosexuality

by debunking some of the myths

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tainly it's important to show the

diversity of our various Lesbian,

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kind of slide show do you feel

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This is a community-wide

together. Have you been a victim

of anti-Gay violence? Would you

be willing to have your pictures

and your voice in our slide show?

Can you help with script ideas,

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ing anti-Gay violence

ultural, economic, etc. What

Conferees explained they hoped the talk of a new party would spur White House action on a series of conservative issues, as well as set the stage for taking control of the search for a successor to Ronald Reagan, a search they said had to start the day after Reagan wins reelection to office.

Shortly before the conference National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC) director Terry Dolan announced that he plans to forsake his position as head of the nation's wealthiest campaign fund after the 1984 elections, predicting that by 1986 Republicans in general and conservative in particular would face unavoidable defeats as the political pendulum swung away from them. Dolan founded the group (which raised over \$4 million last year) in 1974 and has been the center of media. attention for his campaigns against liberal senators and members of Congress which sometimes focused on charges that liberals were "unpatriotic." Dolan apologized for those characterizations in an interview in the Gay press in 1982, when he also criticized the anti-Gay campaigns of the Moral Majority.

Absent almost entirely from the conservative conference was any mention of Gays as a political force or as a "moral" issue. Frequent mention was made of such issues as the pending school prayer amendment, abortion, and pornography - all issues that are frequently recited with the inclusion of Gay rights by conservatives - but speakers on minority issues, civil rights, the New Christian Right, and similar topics included no references to Gays. 

To be continued. . .

technical assistance, obtaining victims, obtaining former attackers who now would talk about why they did it and how they've changed? Would your organization like to endorse the project? CUAV welcomes input so that we can put together the best slide show possible. Mail your ideas to R. Hunter Morey, **CUAV Youth Education Coor**dinator, 514 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

Mr. Morey has a broad human rights background in the peace, civil rights, civil liberties. anti-poverty, child welfare, and Gay movements and currently is a sexologist with The Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, The Human Rights Foundation, The Lesbian/Gay Speakers Bureau, San Francisco Sex Information, and San Francisco Suicide Prevention. Morey has graduate degrees in social work and sexology and did most h and writing for the Human Rights Foundation's new book just out, Demystifying Homosexuality: A Teaching Guide About Lesbians and Gay Men (\$12.95, Todd Publications, PO Box 1097, Lenox Hill Station, New York, NY 10021).

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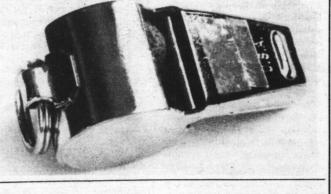
A Slide Show for the **High Schools** 

### by R. Hunter Morey

ouldn't it be nice if we didn't have to worry about all these attacks on Gays? Randy Schell, Client Advocate for Community United Against Violence (CUAV), says there were 446 such incidents reported to CUAV in 1983, a 39% increase from the 320 cases reported in 1982. Most of the attackers were around high school age. A lot of us would breathe easier if something could be done to re-

CUAV conducts whistle campaigns and supplies volunteers to monitor events to halt anti-Gay violence, and has a strong advocacy program for victims, but that hasn't ended the problem. Anti-Gay violence is such a deep-seated and pervasive part of our society, even in this "liberal Mecca" of San Francisco, that Diana Christensen, CUAV Executive Director, and the CUAV Board, have decided to expand the agency's program. CUAV has obtained a small grant through the Office of Housing and Community Development to hire a Youth Education Coordinator "to prevent violence by educating youth and youth educators about anti-Gay

This is where the high school slide show comes in. Since the majority of the anti-Gay attackers seem to be of high school age, why not go right where they are and give them some educa-



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## POLITICS AND POKER Gays and the Grand Old Party - Get Smart

### WAYNE FRIDAY

epublican Governor George Deukmejian's veto last week of AB-1 has sent shock waves through this state's Gay community, and although most Gay Democrats will tell you now that they could have predicted the governor's action, many Gay Republicans profess "shock and disappointment" at the veto of the legislation that would have prohibited discrimination in employment based on



CRIR's Duke Armstrong says AB-1 veto cripples Gay GOP movement (Photo: Rink)

sexual orientation. Yet some of those Gays are wondering out loud whether they can now stay with their party.

In San Francisco members of the respected Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR) expressed disappointment and even bitterness at Deukmejian, and a number have told me they are considering becoming Democrats. One member of CRIR called me over the weekend and said he could "no longer stay in a party whose state leader, the governor, had clearly set himself up as the 'enemy' of the Gay community."

Yet, when you speak with the "leaders" of CRIR, one finds the usual amount of excuses for the governor, and a seemingly blind allegiance to their party that almost seems frightening. One wonders what else these people need, short of trains to concentration camps, for some Gay Republicans to admit their

Chris Bowman, a vice president of Concerned Republicans, and a guy who lobbied hard for

AB-1, turns the other cheek and says something along the line that "oh, well, the real test comes on the governor when we see who he appoints to the AIDS advisory panel." Incredible! Deukmejian denies us our right to hold a job and Bowman talks about who the governor might or might not appoint to the AIDS panel.

Duke Armstrong, a longtime friend of mine who was a popu-lar former president of CRIR, took somewhat the same line while admitting that he was "disappointed" by the veto, Armstrong says also that Deukmejian has "crippled the Gay Republican movement (sic) and made it very difficult to keep going;" he, too, will stay faithful to a governor and a party that wants no part of him. Armstrong adds that he now sees a "new militancy" among Gay Republicans. Ha! What the hell does "militancy" mean to Gay Republicans - the turning of the

can do." All they can do? If these so-called "leaders" of the Gay Republicans really wanted to show some leadership — and guts - they would tell Deukmejian and his party to go to hell and join the Democrats - a party certainly not without faults, but a party that has

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strongs, the Perettis, the Baccis, the Bowmans, and all the rest of those Gay Republicans who truly have been working to make life a little better for their Gay brothers and sisters, should all tell Richardson, Reinecke, Deukmejian, and their fascist cronies to go straight to hell. Stop banging your heads against the wall for a party that wants no part of you anyway; disband your club that no longer has any purpose anyway, and register with the Democratic Party where you at least have a chance.

Sheriff Mike Hennessey flanked by his deputies makes a recruiting outreach in a South of Market bar. For this has ridiculed by mainstream press, bylined by its Gay reporter. (Photo: Robert Pruzan)

am getting fed up with all the bad press that Sheriff Mike ennessey has been getting, all the shit the guy has been tak ing, for going to Chaps to recruit Gays to join his department. We should be applauding Mike for his efforts. He's one of the most decent men in public life today and a friend who will always be there, and all the cheap, sensationalist, front-page crap that the Chronicle throws at him will change none of that.

NYC Mayor Ed Koch, who endorsed Walter Mondale for the presidential nomination this week, said again Sunday on CNN's "Evans & Novak" show that the Democrats should round out their ticket with either New York's Rep. Geraldine Ferraro or San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein (you're going to owe the guy dinner, Dianne) This month's San Francisco Focus magazine (the KOED magazine) has a hell of a story and front cover on one of my favorites, Chron journalist Warren Hinckle. • Friends of Carol Ruth Silver are holding a "Celebration of Spring" fundraiser for the supe at Hunan Village, 272 Sutter, on April 10 (5:30-7:30, \$50; 863-5560 for info). It seems politically chic in

some circles to be ass-kissing with Richard Nixon these days. but veteran Senator Barry Goldwater is having no part of it when asked by reporters recently how he felt about Nixon's seeming emergence as an elder statesman on foreign affairs, Goldwater snapped: "There's no question that Nixon has an ability in foreign affairs, but there's also no question this man double-crossed the nation, lied to the people, and I don't want anything to do with a man who operates that way."

Despite the veto of AB-1 by our chicken-shit governor, the momentum for C the momentum for Gay rights legislation is growing. In New Jersey a bill is being introduced in the Assembly this week to include Gays in a 1945 anti-discrimination law. • In New Orleans, where an estimated 15% of the city's 553,000 residents are Gay, the City Council will vote April 12 on a

Gay rights bill covering jobs and housing. The Catholic Archdiocese, which does not condone homosexuality, is, naturally enough, opposing the bill. • And in Congress, the Gay rights bill written by NY Rep. Ted Weiss (D) now has 77 co-sponsors. Paul Tsongas (D-MA) has a Senate version, but no action is expected in Congress on either this year. California will send a total of

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345 delegates to the San Francisco Demo convention in July. • The New York Times carried a major story, with photos, of the vandalism of the "Gay Liberation" statue at Stanford this week. • While the San Francisco Examiner was editorially praising Deukmejian for his veto of AB-1, the Oakland Tribune criticized the governor for his action: "The governor failed to recognize how many nonde-including several top-ranking members of his own administration — by his refusal to acknowledge anti-homosexual bias." • A group calling them-selves the "Lesbian & Gay Campaign Against Racism - 1984 handing out flyers in the Castro the other day telling us why we



the senator got local labor endorsement with 75% of pro vote.

(something about his record of fighting bigotry and racism) and are they reading this in "Hymietown?" . The St. Patrick's Day parade in Denver was considerably smaller than planned; Rep. Pat Schroeder, Lt. Gov. Nancy Dick, and Denver city councilwoman Cathy Donahue all joined Mayor Federico Pena in boycotting the affair because Gays were barred from marching in the parade. . Look for a couple of other Concerned Republicans board members to bolt to the Democratic Party because of Deukmejian's AB-1 veto. • In Atlantic City, NJ, James Usrv. a Republican, was elected the first Black mayor of that casino resort city last week.

## Hayward

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**Gays Picket GOP Convention** 





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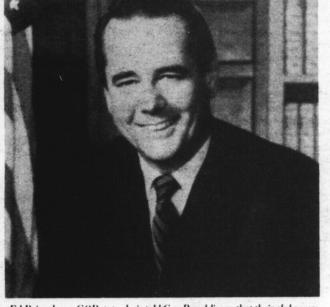
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Carol Ruth Silver pushing a fundraiser April 10 at the Hunan Village, \$50, phone 863-5560.

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Ed Reinecke - GOP state chair told Gay Republicans that their clubs were divisive.

other cheek? I spoke with Bob Bacci, the immediate past president of CRIR, and now a candidate for Assembly in the 19th District; he said this week that "we have pretty much decided to turn the other cheek - it's all we

shown it cares about Gays and will stand alongside them.

Further proof that the Califor-nia Republican Party wants no part of Gays came this past weekend when Bacci, Armstrong, and Keith Marsh of the L.A. Log Cabin Republican Club had a chance meeting with GOP State Chairperson Ed Reinecke at the Republican Convention in Santa Clara. Reinecke flatly told the three that there was, in his opinion, "no need" for Gay clubs within the Republican Party, advising them instead to "go join the California Republican Assembly (CRA) or politically." Reinecke told them also that he found Gay Republican clubs to be "divisive." This is a far cry from the Ed Reinecke, who upon assuming the job as state party chair, told a Republican dinner crowd in Marin in February of 1983 that his party would be "reaching out" to Gavs and other minorities in California. Apparently Ed Reinecke, as well as Governor Deukmejian, is now taking his orders from Senator Richardson. Duke Armstrong himself told me this weekend that he now feels "betrayed that he (Reinecke) has backed down on his earlier commitment" to reach out to Gays in California, adding that "he (Reinecke) does not want to deal with the issue of the Gay movement: he wants to ignore it in the hopes it will go away

They don't have the courage to do it, but I think the Arm-

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## **Arrest Brings Allegations**

Another Mission Street arrest brought allegations again last week against notoriously anti-Gay Hayward police. Hayward attorney John McCardle has refused to bring suit against the city of Hayward, however, be-cause he feels there is no basis for

On Monday, March 12, 30-year-old Michael Hayes was brought to Hayward's facility on Winton Street on a standard 647(f) detainment for sobering. Instead of being released after six hours. Haves says he was detained an additional eight hours on an invalid arrest warrant. Two hours after Municipal

Court Judge Carson threw the warrant out, perplexed, Hayes claimed he was finally released from the "Gay" cell at the Alameda County holding facility in the Hayward Courthouse.

While at the Hayward jail Monday night, Hayes says he was hand- and foot-cuffed to a table, and his cuffs were systematically tightened and retightened after he got one foot free. On Wednesday he was admitted to Hayward Vesper Hospital for injuries to his wrists and ankles. "He was examined and released," was all one hopsital official would say; "you will have to ask Mr. Hayes about his injuries." Hayes has also gotten the run-around in accessing his medical report from Vesper. Michael Hayes is no stranger

to the Hayward PD graveyard clean-up beat. He has been taken in on 647(f) charges regularly for some time, on his own admission. He explained, "Most cops in Hayward have seen me around for ten or twelve years. They don't like me."

Hayes had been drinking at the Turf Club and was walking the two blocks to his residence hotel. "I asked them why they didn't just let me walk home to sleep," he said, "and they said something about me possibly leaving home again and said they would have to run me downtown."

Deputy Sheriff Murrin says most defendants are released from the court within one-half hour after they have been cleared. "He came from Hay-

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Gays picket "The Duke" in San Jose. (Photo: Ted Sahl)

### **GOVERNOR AVOIDS**

Deukmejian had ordered his Sacramento staff not to discuss AB-1 shortly after he vetoed the measure last week, in an attempt to put the AB-1 controversy behind him. However, he faced another media barrage of questions about the veto Friday in Santa Barbara where he was attending the U.C. Board of Regents

In answer to repeated questions he philosophized, "Well, a lot of difficult decisions are controversial, but that is what we get paid to do. There is just not enough evidence that Gays are discriminated against in the work place. While discrimination based on sexual preference cannot be tolerated, we cannot set up some sort of detective agency to investigate charges of discrimination unless it is widespread." When questioned about what he would do if AB-1 is introduced again next year he replied, "They are entitled to do

that. This is a representative form of government." The governor was becoming weary of the questions

The GOP confab the next day had tight security at its doors, and inside there was no discussion by any speakers, including the governor, of AB-1. One reference was made by the state GOP chair. Ed Reinecke, when he told the delegates "the governor is a man who had the courage to use the veto when it is needed." His comment was applauded.

The governor, aware of the demonstrators outside, entered the convention through a back entrance and avoided scores of reporters and television personnel. After the media confrontation over AB-1 the day before in Santa Barbara, he had evidently decided to shun the press which, in turn, the press noted in its reports. There was no press briefing, usually scheduled directly after the governor makes a public address. He left the session as quickly as he had ar-

### rived **DEMANDS - INSIDE**

Duke Armstrong, a Gav delegate to the convention, appeared before the national platform committee forum inside. He urged that national nondiscrimination policy be extended to include Gay people in federal employment, including the military; a continuation of massive AIDS funding; and the elimination of exclusionary immigration rules as they affect Gay people.

The Gay spokesperson spoke with caution and the room stirred during the presentation. Afterwards, he was approached by several women delegates who told him they support Gay rights. Armstrong and local activist Chris Bowman approached Reinecke, the state GOP chair, inside the convention. They asked him if there was to be a follow-up on his suggestion last year that Gay Republicans form a Gay advisory council to have more input within the state

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ward and may have been dressed in civilian clothes (not in a prison uniform). That may have been the problem," he offered.

Murrin says less than one percent of those held in custody would be held longer than onehalf hour. The facility often handles custody from Hayward's iail.

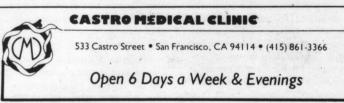
And Murrin attributed the arrest warrant error as a court clerical error. According to Division Chief Orval Leiss of Criminal Records, the issuing agency (in this case the Hayward Police Department) is required to pull warrant once it has been the

### served

Haves' warrant was apparent y inactive because it had already been served. It was the Hayward Police Department which once again held Hayes on the same warrant.

"It happens," said Leiss; "it certainly happens." Leiss also in-dicated that if it was so desired a warrant could be intentionally left active. "There's no accounting for that," he said.

Hayes currently is recovering from a numbness in his left thumb and index finger. He was told in the examination room that he would recover.



### **BUSINESS REPORT: NEW WHOLESALE MARKETING CONCEPT GIVES THE CONSUMER** A HAPPY ALTERNATIVE TO BEAT INFLATION AND SAVE MONEY

It's being hailed as a marketing revoluto being hailed as a marketing revolu-tion. From the opening of a store ware-house located on a business street in San Francisco proclaiming the grand opening of the Torino Imports Wholesale Price Club of consumer electronics, gifts and ovelties

'This is the modern way for the peo ple — the consumers — to buy a product at the lowest prices," said Emmet Nicolai, Director of The Club. "A mem-bership club that allows members to buy at dealer or wholesale prices. It's a dif ferent approach to added Nicolai.

According to Nicolai people are ready or the wholesale pricing idea. We start ed out a year ago advertising mostly small electronic goods, watches, calcu-lators, walkmans, etc. but later expanded to TV's, stereos, phones, video reorders, gifts and novelties.

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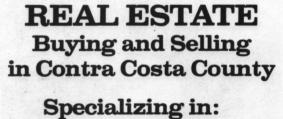
What is the secret to the success of the membership have value, you must offer value," Nicolai said.

Checking to see how low the price are I found a Pocket Credit Card Walk man for \$14.08, Auto Burglar Alarm Sys-tem \$4.31, Ferrari Designer Folding Sun-glasses \$2.61, Ultra-Thin Gentlemen's Quartz Watch with Leather Strap \$3.93 and many more savings on Telephones. Car Stereos, TV's, Videos, Home Appliances and Auto Accessories. It was amazing. I asked the natural question, "How can you do it?" And Nicolai replied, "Due to our volume buying and large turnover of merchandise we ca give the consumer more for his money

Whatever the reason, the idea of gi ing the product to the customer at nea ly Factory-Direct prices has caught on ir a big way. Nicolai says his business has been contacted by many large retail con cerns who want to participate as estab lishment members in the Torino Whole sale Price Club.

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### OAKLAND

## **Does the Pacific Center Nose?**

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Smous I (A Don't Twitch Nose?) Hooboy! One would just have to think that if an auction were being held, the eleemosynary recipient would cooperate in every way possible, right? From what I was told, WRONG! The up-coming auction by Little Mother and Ed Paulson has been met by the proverbial runaround, lack or mis-information - and in some cases - down right rudeness!

To recap a bit, the auction is for the benefit of AIDS (actually, the opposite is true, isn't it?), especially East Bay victims, to be administrated by the Pacific Center in Berkeley. Curious and rightly so - the auctioneers wanted to know just how the money would be allocated. Would there be a portion to Pacific Center (it's funded), and would the remainder go to the general AIDS fund or to the victims themselves. Over a month's worth of communication netted only one positive piece of datum: Jeromy, Pacific Center's facilitator for AIDS victims, still hadn't thoroughly organized and "put in order" his charge after a year's worth of endeavor!

My own first call to Pacific Center resulted in talking with friendly Doug, who did check on my inquiries, but could find absolutely NO information on or about the aforementioned auction, nor how the monies would be doled out. In all fairness, he only works two days a week, but he went out of his way to try and find out the information. Whew! I had not too long before been informed that Little Mother and Ed had been negotiating for over a month with Pacific Center — and no information available A return call — make that

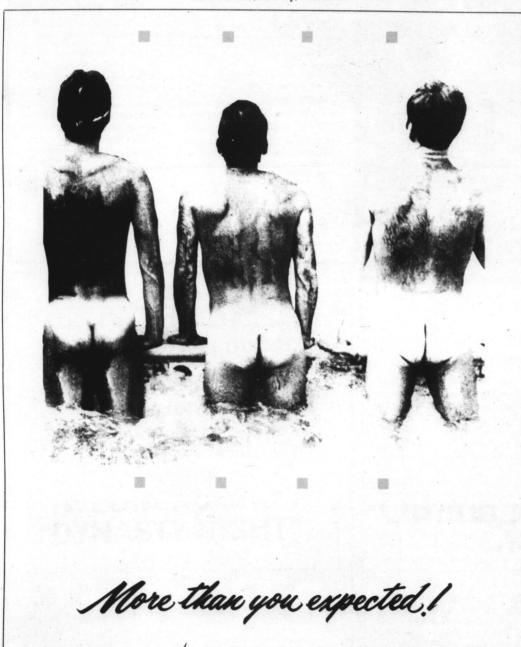
calls - to Little Mother and Ed, informed me that: 1) a woman at Pacific Center, stating that she was the "boss," informed Little Mother that they (Pacific Center) had phone bills to pay, and the possible \$1,000 from the auction would help some of their (Pacific Center) bills - no mention of how many dollars to AIDS victims, and it was none of his business how the raised money was spent; and 2) Ed Paulson could receive no direct answers to ANY of his questions because all of the staff for the AIDS victims hadn't been appointed vet!

Little Mother's response to #1 was: "It won't be \$1,000! From all of the auctions planned, the total will be more like \$10,000, and it certainly is my business!

Ed, with witness by Daddy David and Frumpy, has been put off and put off by Jeromy. Hey, all they want is a letter stating how the money will be allocated. A full month of no response was all that was received.

Egads! People are willing to work their asses off and some more people are overly willing to participate in the auction (donating and BUYING) and simple questions can not or will not be answered.

Indeed, Ed and Little Mother are confused and angry; but there will be the auction at Bench & Bar, Sunday, March 25



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at 4 PM. Indeed, this is a first series of auctions against AIDS by these two. Me thinks that Little Mother isn't too far off on her estimate of \$10,000! Indeed, if positive answers hadn't been received by last Saturday (March 17), all proceeds from the auction would go directly to Ward B at San Francisco General. At least they provide straight (direct) answers.

How unfortunate it is that people want to raise monies, others are willing and able to part with these monies, and yet, simple answers were not available to simple questions - questions asked of ones in our own community! Now, THAT truly isn't nice!

All of this prompted a second call to Jeromy. I was informed that in the past, any monies raised and donated to Pacific Center was split 50/50 - half to Pacific Center and half to the designated charity. But lately, since the AIDS campaigns, all monies raised in that cause were donated to that cause. Also, he didn't know too much about the upcoming auctions, and had little to say about talking with Little Mother and Ed Paulson!

What the Hell is going on? If Ed doesn't get the answers he deserves, he wants to be interviewed to tell his side of this whole mess. And remember, Ed doesn't hold any punches!

I'll be at the auctions; you too, please. The monies raised WILL be donated honnestly Bench & Bar, Sunday, March 25 at 4 PM.

Smous II (A Don't Scratch Your Nose, Nose?) Larry Paradis' "Auction Your Basket" to fight AIDS is progressing along, with several East Bay and West Bay spots volunteering space and time. Chaps in San Francisco: Jubilee, Revol, Lancers - yes, Lancers! - are only a few establishments to come forth to help with this worthy cause. Exact details will be provided as they are finalized.

THINK EDIBLE BAS-KETS! The basket is up to your own imagination!

Alti-Protuberance (A Don't Ask Me Nose!) The Ladies Cha Cha and Bill will co-host the second High Heels Dance Contest at the Jubilee on Sunday, April 1, at 8 PM. There will be trophy prizes, a \$2,00 buffet, and a lot of fun and laughs. Entry fees are: \$1.50 with heels, \$2.00 without. Remember, this is NOT an April Fools joke!

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party. Reinecke was now cold to the idea, according to Armstrong, and said that Gay Republicans should be content with working within the overall party structure. There were three upfront Gay delegates among the 700 delegates present - Armstrong (ap-

pointed by State Senator Milton

Marks) and two from Log Cabin

Republicans in Los Angeles -

## Keith Marsh and Wil Draben-

REPUBLICANS EVALUATING

Armstrong said he was delighted that there were pickets outside from Gay people as "we must remind the governor often that we are here. That we are not going away. That our demands are just." He said he noticed many Gay officials and activists who are Democrats in the picket line but no Republicans.

The local CRIR group hadendorsed Deukmeijan and its representatives met with the governor personally two weeks ago to urge him to sign AB-1. Armstrong said that local Gay Republicans will now begin to re-evaluate the governor. Thomas Russell, president of the major Los Angeles Gay Republican group called Log Cabin, did not attend the convention. He told this reporter later that his club would "not act hastily. We are just going to let the dust settle for awhile."

He urged that without the four Republican votes in the Assembly and Senate, AB-1 would not have become law and that this was partly attributed to a Gay Republican lobbying ef-fort. Russell also stressed, "We have not given up on the gover-nor. We should remember that when Jerry Brown was governor he never would speak out on consensual sex legislation or make

Inconcinnity! (An I Can't Look Nose!) No drop-out-ofthe-picture she, the current Miss \$1.98 (Greg) not only had a benefit against AIDS at the Town & Country last Sunday, but plans are afoot for several more of the benefits before the end of his/her reign! Watch local spas for flyers containing all the nformation

Trihedral Trappings (A Tired Nose?) The Tavern Turnabout Triplicate will definitely happen on three consecutive nights: Big Mama's on Sunday, April 1; Revol on Monday, April 2; Turf Club Tuesday, April 3.

Bartenders (?) from the bars will be "strutting their stuff" on the planks at the other two bars. so it should prove interesting to see how well they do on other's property! Hey, it's all in fun. and there will be a complementary buffet at the host bar each night. All activities start at 8 PM.

I'm told that the managers of the three places will be in attendance to solve any major or minor problems that MIGHT arise. Perhaps they will be in attendance and perhaps they will try to solve the problems. We'll just have to wait and see! 

a Gay appointment until his second term.

Russell concluded, "The worst thing we could do is panic over all of this. I am not sure that demonstrations help. They could have the opposite effect, particularly with the governor and state party officials.

CONFRONTATIONS

Demonstrations will continue wherever the governor speaks, according to Parker. His new "Operation Duke Watch" effort will be statewide and "continue until AB-1 becomes law. We can change politicians but not just through deep thought and education. We have to be upfront with our demands. You cannot get Gay rights by just begging for dignity and freedom. We learned that in Miami when we took on

Anita Bryant." Parker urged, "We would like to see Gay Republicans outside marching with us also, However, it is wonderful that they are inside doing what they can. We are pleased that we were effective with what we were doing outside in causing the governor to refuse to meet with the press. We are delighted that the demonstration got statewide attention and drew attention to our issues again.

Armstrong was hopeful that the three upfront Gay delegates this time will be expanded to thirty at the 1985 convention. This can be done if newly elected candidates to state office appoint Gay people as delegates. He explained that an elected official can appoint oneself and eight others and even a losing candidate can appoint three people. Armstrong is hopeful that there will be a number of Gay candidates for state office next year. He adds that the goal is to form a "large enough Gay group in the state party that they will have to come to us." G. Mendenhall

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### Stanford University

## **150 Protest Vandalism** of 'Gay Lib' Sculpture

## Segal Work Removed; In Storage

About 150 people attended an emotional rally March 12 in White Plaza to protest the recent vandalism of four life-size statues titled "Gay Liberation," installed last month on the Stan-

The statues were attacked March 6 by a lone vandal wielding a hammer, according to a witness. About 40 blows were struck, all severely damaging the white patina of the bronze.

artist George Segal consists of two life-sized couples - two males standing next to each other, with one man's hand on the other's shoulder, and two

ing the Segal sculpture not only as violently homophobic, but as a violent opposition to the open forum of ideas at Stanford," explained Jeff Williams, spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian lliance at Stanford (GLAS).

The rally featured folk songs, a poetry reading, and statements various leaders of the Gay and Lesbian community, faculty and staff, and other student leaders in solidarity with them. "The attack demonstrated

once again our vulnerability in a culture still pervaded with homophobia. At the same time, we know we are strong, and we declare our determination to

I he person who hit those statues about the face, just like the persons who hit and kicked me, were acting in obedience to a social rule that says Gay and Lesbian people are fair game for any kind of violence."

- Prof. Jack Winkler

women seated on a park bench, with one woman's hand on the other's knee. The sculpture was removed after the attack. Response to the vandalism in

Stanford's Gay and Lesbian community was immediate and emotional. Many reported feeling a personal sense of loss.

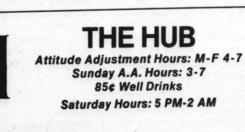
"Our purpose in holding a rally is not to vent our own anger and rage over the defacement of the sculpture. It is rather to give the rest of the Stanford community an opportunity to vent its feelings and to join with us in recognizing the act of vandaliz-

carry on with our movement and to struggle for our rightful place in a society free from fear, free from harassment, and free from homophobic violence," proclaimed GLAS member Elaine Holliman

Jack Winkler, assistant professor of classics, noted that "there is a tendency to think of the guy (who vandalized the sculpture) as a freak, an isolated individual . . . I think that's wrong. The person who hit those statues about the face, just like the persons who, about five years ago, hit and kicked me, especial-

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Vandalized statue at Stanford.

Elsen, who supervised installation of the outdoor art February 22, described the damage as "serious," but repairable. He made no dollar estimate.

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still exists - the rule says that

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marginal, are weak outsiders,

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"(The university) should

make a system-wide declaration

that that's not a rule. On the con-

trary, sexual orientation should

be explicitly added to that list of

qualities on the basis of which

any discrimination," Winkler said.

He also chastised the univer-

sity for allowing recruiters on

campus who openly discriminat-

ed against homosexuals and for

accepting ROTC scholarships

"earmarked for straights only."

Stanford Art Prof. Albert

violence.

Visual inspection indicated about 40 blows had been struck, all damaging the white patina the anodized surface of the bronze). Several clear dents were visible, exposing the underlying vellow bronze.

Segal said the incident was 'unfortunate. No matter how strong the feelings are . . . the response should be civilized on everyone's part. There's no need for opinions to be expressed so violently."

The sculpture is one of two castings. The other is in a travelng museum show. Segal said he had received no reports of vandalism or threats of vandalism against the work.

Any recasting would have to be authorized by the sculptor. Photos of the damage are being forwarded to him.

"Gay Liberation" was commissioned by the Mildred Andrews Fund of New Orleans. It is a monument to the 1969 Stonewall riots in Greenwich Village which launched the modern Gay liberation move-ment. It is on indefinite loan from the fund to the university.

The Stanford installation was unanimously approved by the university's panel on outdoor art, the Committee on Land and Building Development, and President Donald Kennedy. Proposals to install the sculpture previously generated controversy in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Stanford was the first to display the work outdoors.

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Bite My Shoulder. Two women share a joke and a sunny afternoon at last year's Gay Pride Day.

## San Jose Man Charged with Lewd Conduct

### by John Wetzl

San Jose attorney Cyril Ash has acquired a stay of court review in his defense of James Sholer, who has been charged with sexual misconduct with a minor, pending a private investigation. The violation is a felony.

Ash has entered the plea of "not guilty" for his client and colleague, but hopes to get the case dismissed. Asked if he was going to need the dismissal, Ash replied simply, "Mr. Sholer does." If merited, the case will go to trial in Santa Clara County Superior Court.

The alleged victim was a 12year-old Los Gatos boy, a student at Valley Christian School. Sholer had volunteered with the Los Gatos Christian Church's youth group for eight years, ac-cording to a San Jose Mercury article. Sholer is married and has two children.

District Attorney Allan Mudelman declined comment "because at this time we've got a sensitive case that is currently pending, and it involves youngsters. It's a matter of my sensitivity to the content of the charges." Mudelman said he was not personally acquainted with the defendant.

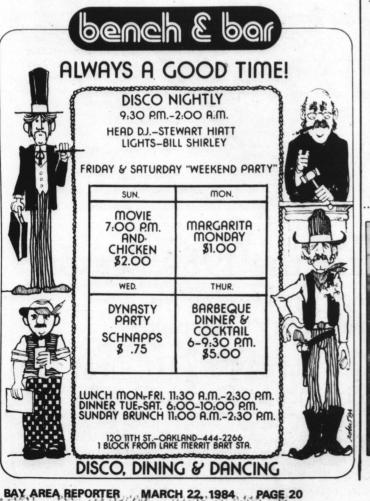
charges "because I thought there was merit to the allegations. I can't imagine it being dis-"This is very painful for Mr. Sholer and his family," said Ash. "We'd like to avoid what we're

Mudelman said he filed

going through right now, and that's publicity. All we have is what the police report says, and I don't know what facts will ultimately show up."

According to the police report, the boy's parents became suspicious after Sholer took him to breakfast last November and spent an hour in his bedroom when they returned.

A preliminary court examination is scheduled for March 21 in the Los Gatos Municipal Court.



East Bay Lesbians, Gays Establish Political Fund

The Hayward Raw-Rahs do their thing.

The Campaign for Equality, the political action fund set up by the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, will host its first fundraiser Sunday, April 1. The wine and cheese reception will be held to honor those East Bay legislators who have supported AB-1, the state Lesbian/Gay employment rights bill vetoed by Governor George Dukemejian.

"We want to express our

gratitude to those Assembly

members and Senators who have supported our rights and issues.' said Finance Chair Kerry Woodward

Assembly members Tom Bates, Elihu Harris, Johan Klehs, Bob Campbell, and State Senators Nick Petris and Bill Lockyer will be honored April 1 from 5:30 to 8 PM at 5030 Golden Gate Avenue, Oakland (off Broadway Terrace, near Highway 13). Cost will be \$15/person. Please call 548-0329 for further information.

The next membership meeting of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club will be 7 PM Sunday, April 8, at the West Branch of the Berkeley Library, 1125 University Avenue. The meeting will be an endorsement meeting for Alameda County supervisorial candidates and for Berkeley Rent Board candidates. The meeting is free, and open to the public. Telephone 849-3983 for further informa-

## Raw-Rah A-Go-Go

tion.

The Hayward Raw-Rahs will present Raw-Rah A-Go-Go Saturday, March 24 at 8 PM at Big Mamas in downtown Hayward, one block from the Hayward BART station. Entertainment will be provided by The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence A-Go-Go Squad, the Hayward Raw-Rahs and several other special guests. The evening will include a \$1 buffet, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, a Sexiest Legs Contest, Go-Go dancers and more.

Half of the proceeds will go to the East Bay AIDS Foundation and the other half will go to the Raw-Rahs Go- LA.

## HUMOR



by John F. Karr

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Farewell for Raging Bull and Bullette

## Nothin' Gets Past **This Mother**

**Cross Country Rampage to Narrow** Gap Between Gay and Lesbian

To arms! To arms! Man the rammed parts! Batten down your britches! We're being besieged. San Francisco's premier jour-nal of separatism, *The Ghetto Guardian*, reports an influx of Women into the Castro so sisyphean in its return that the Ghetto Guardian's Editor and First Misogynist (former Empress Drusilla) is walling off Eighteenth Street with tall stacks of twelve-inch singles. To further stem the encroaching world, he has formed a Gay men's alliance Ghettos Are Great (GAG), to shield Gay men from contact with too many biological women.

"Women are everywhere!" he complained. "They stroll hand in hand down Castro Street, sit right next to you in the Castro Theatre - good Lord, they even give birth to you!"

Ghetto Guardian calls "the invading forces" was leaning against a wall at Hibernia Beach. We spoke to her, hoping for a less ventilated response than that we received from the founder of GAG. Although she smilingly introduced herself as Dolores Heights, we approached her as Miss Apprehension. Openly flaunting her sexuality, her breasts clearly outlined by a form-fitting blouse which seem-ed to have bleached highlights skillfully painted on for empha-sis, she explained her point of

"Queers!" she manifestoed our way; "Get Kyanized!" This seemed strange. "You

want to canonize queers?" we

Dolores scoffed. "Kyanize

Our confusion grew. Was this a new form of castration? Geld-

"No," she said, laughing. "In the early 1800's, J.H. Kyan invented a way to make objects resistant to decay by treating them with a solution of corrosive sublimate. We figure you guys have been here long enough to need a little Kyanization."

"You're saying Gay men are

"No, not really. But if you hang around together all the time you're gonna miss an awful lot of stuff going on elsewhere. were so obvious!"

One member of what the Take a lot of us women. We got more to deal with than just being Gay - fuck, this country is so weird they can't even pass a law to say women are okay, you know? So we spent a lot of time getting ourselves together."

"Oh, you mean separatism," we knowledgeably tossed in.

"Well, yeah. But Gay guys have been separatists, too, although not as a platform. They just never notice they haven't seen a woman in years. That's why they're surprised to see us getting up and out. That's the corrosive part - it kinda rocks the boat. And the change isn't coming through politics, either," Dolores confided, her discourse amazing us. This broad was a walking research foundation! 'It's entertainment. Take Lea DeLaria and Jeanine Strobel. Half of that Fuckin' Dyke's audience is men, laughing their heads off. Lea may be a Lesbian, but underneath the plumbing we're all the same.'

"Lea and Jeanine are leaving town to tour the country for eigh months. She won't be back until December. But she's got a full length Farewell Show, a revised and expanded edition of Raging Bull. You can see it at Theatre Rhino, from March 28 through April 1. Check her out. Talk about Kyanizing! When Lea gets corrosive, it's sublime. You can't decay when she's reading you. Iou never kne



Fuckin' Dyke (Photo: Rink)



Jeanine (r.) succeeded in muzzling Lea at this year's Cable Car Awards. (Photo: Rink

Even though I couldn't take my eyes off her breasts, I paid heed to her words, and waved goodbye as she sauntered off.

"Well, bye. I gotta go pick out a new lipstick to match the burgundy tux I'm gonna wear to the Butch/Femme Soiree."

ea DeLaria and Jeanine Strobel. They were awarded the 1983 Cable Car Award as Outstanding Cabaret Entertainers, and that was a Critics Choice, not a Bring All Your Friends and Win audience vote. Lea is no mere boat-rocker. If

the observant eyes of her dearest and her dished, getting into FFA — Florida Fashion Attire. Delicate little gold lame slippers, a muu-muu with a purple and orange passion flower design, many bijou, lipstick most defi-nitely over the lipline, and a blue rinse sparkling in her ratted and sprayed solid bubble of a bee-

Of course, Lea and Jeanine were boffo in nubibus Florida; the prevailing idea of entertainment in most Southern states being drag shows. And I don't

DeLaria and Strobel first hit Key West's Pigeon House Patio, a resort in excelsis deo, then it's two weeks at New York's famed Duplex.

she'd gotten to the Titanic before the iceberg, the ship would've gone down so much earlier. Bills herself as The Fuckin' Dyke. 'Not a fuckin' dyke," she'll explain. "The Fuckin' Dyke.' Butch? Fierce? Arnold Schwarzenegger calls her "Ma'am" (although it sounds like gnadiges n he savs it was supposed to be Nixon's Sev-enth Crisis but he deleted the chapter for fear she'd imitate him on stage. ("I don't want to cry tomorrow," Nixon said.)

There's no untouchable subject for Lea. Coupled with an unerring wit, her swift success, awards, and an eight-month tour that's booked solid are quickly understood. She began at the Valencia Rose barely two years ago. She heard Carol Roberts, laughed, decided she had some things to say, went to Open Mike Comedy Night the next week and ate the house whole.

She's played outside of San Francisco once, and that so successfully she was immediately booked to return - to both the Copa and the Marlin Beach Hotel ("it's right on the beach"), both Gay men's clubs.

Lea DeLaria in Florida? Quel hoot. We envision her, far from

mean the drag we know in S.F. Drag always flirts with caricature, but that light banter ceased locally during the hippie years. Following Stonewall, S.F. drag made an outright proposition to caricature, which was accepted. Drag was out, genderfuck in, and queens had to come up with reason for being. Voila! They modified being women to playing at women, and announced their scene was charitable, not social. Instant political correctness. Gaze upon the older generation of S.F. queens - what (not who) are their role models? So many years of excess and rationalization are larded upon them that I expect multiple transubstantiations in the Golden Gate Theatre when La Cage aux Folles opens and some of the more outre creations find out they are what they are.

Oops. Do we digress? We were speaking of drag in the South. In S.F. every permutation of reality is accepted as reality by the brassiere babylonia of the Gay community, making it impossible at this stage to retilt the tiara. Reality is very far from San Francisco. But Southern queens - slim, gorgeous, coiffed with hair instead of sculpture (my god, they can even put on

makeup without results akin to Fantasia on acid) — they believe they are women. They have beauty pageants just like Miss America and look just like girls and, boy, do they need some permutation. Take those medieval ideas away. Give us the outrageous, lovable queens of San Fran-cisco any day. Reality? I never heard of such a thing.

\* \* \* That's the scene. The land that time forgot. Upscale Gay men tan and tryst in glamorous Key West while non-genital females pull the wool over their eyes with the same shimmery ease with which they pull an imitation Halston over their heads. Enter Lea DeLaria, Fuckin Dyke, ready to tell a few jokes.

Were they ready for Lea's talk on "nature's cleansing process," the monthly process few people can pronounce? "Menstruation," she explains, "prepares my body for pregnancy. It is sad-ly deceived." Were they ready for a graphic demonstration of the sanitary methods used to hide "minnestrone?" Of the life raft of a tampon she produces, swearing, "Nothing gets past this mother

Forbidden subjects? A DeLaria specialty. Tell me, guys: When was the last time you met the fellows at the Cafe San Guineous to discuss your girlfriend's minstrel flow?

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Political satire? Were they ready to meet "Jane Fondue? Jane guarantees that if you exercise at her spa you'll lose weight while you loosen the shank of oppression: trim your waistline and defense spending at the same

The Women's Movement? Lea fatuously explains the Brobdingnagian reaches of Womanhood: "As a Woman and a Lesbian I wrap my life around other Women. We have a deep unity, a spiritual connection. As a Woman I have an invisible clothesline that wraps itself around my waist and the next waist and the next and the sun (Continued on page 31)

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## Quentin Crisp: A Remarkable Man

### by Charles Linebarger

was in the crowd at the Palace of Fine Arts to hear Quentin Crisp. When I got to the theater I was surprised by the large crowd already milling about the lobby. A friend pointed me in the direction of Crisp, who was sitting at a table surrounded by a small audience.

He's the sort of man who will always stand out in a crowd. He was wearing a mauve shirt with ruffled sleeves, a scarlet scarf tied around his neck, grey slacks and mauve socks. His silverygrey hair was done up in a sort of bouffant style, and he wore a monocle on a chain around his neck.

"Fashion and style are not the same thing," said Crisp during his lecture. "Fashion is something you do when you don't know who you are. Style is something that comes from within. Style and stylish are not the same thing, either. When you see someone who is dressed very stylishly, all that means is that they can afford to look like the pictures in the glossy catalogs; it doesn't mean they have style. Style is something that comes from knowing who you are.

"It's strange when you think about it, but the Greeks, who invented geometry, were unable to invent the jock strap," Crisp noted. "At the height of Greek civilization Athens must have looked like an outfitter's window during a strike."

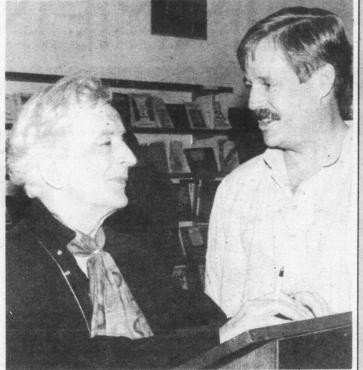
Good manners are made up of two rules, he said.

"Avoid tempting others to behave badly (never ask anyone, 'How do I look?'), and learn all the techniques of evading having to tell the truth. Manners are a way of getting what you want without appearing to be an ab-solute swine."

During a question and answer period Crisp was asked if he had modeled himself on anyone.

"I don't think you should be influenced directly, or model yourself on someone. You must decide on your own way.'

Someone in the audience had asked whether there was any fu-



Quentin Crisp and Armistead Maupin (r.) provided an interesting contrast Saturday afternoon at the Walt Whitman Bookshop. (Photo: Bill Fleharty)

ture in a relationship between a 40-year-old man and a 20-yearold boy.

"You mustn't try to suborn people into a relationship. But I don't know why anyone of 40 would want to have a relationship with someone of 20. Fancy having an affair with someone to whom you have to explain what vou are doing."

Asked about AIDS, Crisp said, "I am not a doctor and do not have any knowledge whether AIDS is a real or fanciful illness. Americas adore a phenomenon. Has not this idea of AIDS been manufactured? We have to be careful not to get hysterical."

Who was the most famous Gay person in history? Quentin didn't need to wait long before answering.

"Oscar Wilde was the most famous Gay person in recent history because his case brought the fact of our existence into the consciousness of the Victorians and Edwardians. Anything that makes being Gay more commonplace is an advantage. The

more people that accept that Gay people are here for good the

Asked whether he was a survivor, Crisp said, "Yes, in a way suppose I have survived. If ] had died when I was 60 most of the wonderful things that have happened to me would not have happened, because that's when the movie about my life was made. When I was 66.

"The gap between straights and Gays is being widened by Gays who seem to want to live in a separate world," Crisp said. "This saddens me because came from a separate world."

Have things changed? "Yes, they have. But to be effeminate in Éngland is a terrible thing. In England men don't like women.'

On politicians: "Politics have nothing to do with real life. Politics are a way of making the inevitable appear to be a matter of wise human choice. Politics are for politicians in the same way that the church is for the priests."

(Continued on next page

## **My Social Coup**

### by Don Kirchman

Every so often the muses of Gay fate present one with unique' situations. Quentin Crisp's recent visit to San Francisco was one of those, as I played his host and attendant for four days. My lover, Michael, and I donned our snoods and set loose the feather dusters in an abbreviated spring cleaning ritual. Flowers were placed and garnish stowed as if a brief escape to California from a New York winter might need additional emphasis.

Collecting his person from the KRON studio provided the first glimpse of the celebrity status endowed so late in life on this stately homo of England. In the cavernous TGI 4 Studio A I was mildly surprised at his diminutive yet stately posture. His warm greeting disarmed my nervousness and we watched the show hosts turn their silly, flippant conversations to a "genuine" interest and concern the moment the red light came on over the camera. Mr. Crisp assured me most interviewers had tuned this talent to a fine art. On camera Mr. Crisp sat in his stocking feet while his mid-calf rubber snow boots guarded a string-tied suitcase and a straw bag. In the next several days his complete ease in the spotlight was un-diminished through TV, radio, and video interviews, public service announcements, book signings, a lecture for Theatre Rhinoceros, and a near mob scene at 18th and Castro.

That evening I had planned a quiet dinner party at home after we all had time for a nap. He sat calmly at the table watching me baste the birds, exclaiming my apparent command of an artistry he had never attempted to master. He would eat virtually anything, he assured me, that he wasn't forced to prepare himself. "Kinky" green vegetables were, however, not a priority with him.

My guests had phoned several times to confirm the celebrity presence and solicit wardrobe tips. I promised them that the usual applied — more is better. Their arrival was accompanied by their whispered questions, "Is he really here? What's he like? Do I look all right?" Mr. Crisp quickly put their nervousness to rest with his interest in their activities and pursuits. Failure to turn on the oven couldn't have ruined this dinner.

Quentin Crisp cannot be described as your average tourist, Gay or straight. "Anywhere you'd like to go would be just fine with me." He failed to notice the Golden Gate Bridge, so involved was he in explaining the political pitfalls of wearing a green or an orange flower for St. Patrick's Day. Sighting Alcatraz brought tales of Burt Lancaster. Michael and I escorted him to Castro Street on Satur-Lancaster. Michael and I escorted him to Castro Street on Satur-day afternoon, which almost proved his undoing. Within seconds of his arrival at the Patio Cafe, a waiter brought Quentin a scotch and water and whispered that he had dreamed he would see him there that day. At an opposite end of the garden sat porno film star Peter Berlin. I pointed Peter out (hmmm) and declared to Quentin that some cosmic conjunction must have pulled together these two opposing axes of Gay notoriety on this very day.

Stopping for snapshots under the CASTRO street sign at 18th Street almost proved our undoing as a crowd quickly formed. Allen White and Jo Daly rushed out from the Elephant Walk to shake his hand and our energetic Police Commissioner proudly displayed her badge. "Oh, my, we're on both sides of the law now, aren't we?" he replied. Well-wishers pumped his hand, asked for autographs, and thanked him for being who he is.

Back at home, away from the limelight, Quentin was as accom-modating a houseguest as I've had in fourteen years. (Though I might glibly refer to it as "letting his hair down," I must confess that literally this he did not do. My own proclivity towards male pattern baldness invites discretion on a subject only one's hair-dresser ought know for sure.) This other side of Mr. Crisp's public persona was equally fascinating. Leisurely breakfasts in our pajamas (no filthy dressing gowns while on tour) were as comfortable as a visit with my old aunt Dot, though the subject matter would have overheated her hearing aid. He peppered his thoughts with recollections of part-time lovers, the war years (he refused to use a bomb shelter), fame late in life, and the intricacies of living in one room for forty years. It sounded like the stuff Blackglama ads were made for.

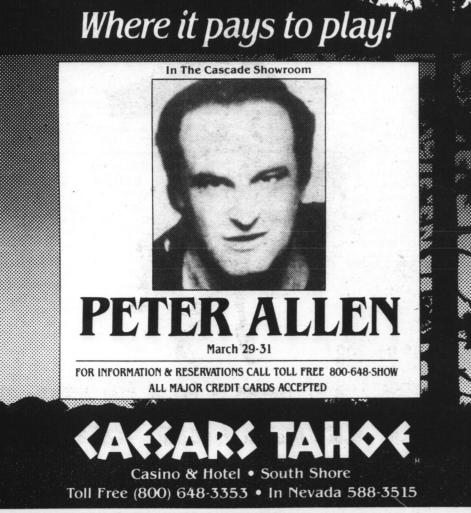
Some may be surprised that he does not cheer on the present Some may be surprised that he does not cheer on the present Gay direction. A "ghetto mentality reverses my view of the pur-pose of my life. If someone told me the State of Indiana would be given over to self-confessed homosexuals I should break into tears." Perhaps what he finds most worrisome is that Gays may have "lost the capacity for social as opposed to sexual intercourse

In short, Mr. Crisp is a sparkling conversationalist who listens and responds from a truly inimitable point of view. There is no doubting he is the author of his books. No one else would dare. Yet the impression that lingers is not that of an outrageous of hilarious character, but of a gracious and unassuming man. A man with a message.

Escorting him to his plane for Albuquerque, I parted with the bittersweet taste of taking leave of a newly-found friend. Maybe this was the time to go home and have that cry.

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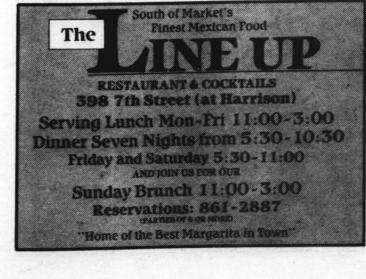
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## **OUENTIN CRISP**

On the monarchy: "The presmonarch. It can't be natural for

ent Queen of England does more public work than any previous the fifth richest woman in the world to act like a middle-class housewife. I regret the image in a way. If I were a member of the royal family I would be wearing my coronet to breakfast."



### CABARET

## Putting on the Dog

### by Bob Woolhouse

M aybe it was the ratty fur coat of dubious ancestry that looked like it went through the automatic car wash without the car. Or maybe it was the gold plastic harlequin glasses worn on a cord around the neck in best Miami Bitch fashion.

Looking like a thrift shop Phyllis Diller, Patti Dobrowolski from Seattle descended on the Valencia Rose, giving the impression that she would kill and levour the inhabitants of the local SPCA just as long as it got

Once into her act, you find that the first impression is wrong. Although comic/actress Dobrowolski does do the humor of urban survival, it is that of the young woman coping not too successfully with the treacheries of every day living: how to get it and herself together in the morning; how not to get fired; how to handle creepy customers in a

In one skit she has worked hard on a research project, thus feeling confident and prepared to present it to her boss and his associates in a staff meeting, except: "Where's my shoes! I can't find them! I can't go in there without my shoes! I work for a shoe manufacturer." She is much closer to Cathy of the comics than to Joan Rivers of Las Vegas. Her show is a slick multimedia presentation of mime, monologue, slides, films, disco music, and taped interviews with inane therapy counselors. The fast pace holds your attention, which is not always the case in one-person shows of 90 minutes duration.

Her show is also a multimedia affair with her audience. Some of the material is delightfully wild when she clowns through a supermarket completely carried away by the music from her Sony Walkman. Some of her other mime is ineffective because of excessive mugging and lack of subtlety.

Most of the time she does it the hard way. There are no surefire one-liners in the usual standup comic tradition ... no dependable night club act crudities of heavy-handed sex, continuous profanity and four-letter words dragged in for the shock effect. Hers is the humor of the urban loner, the uncommitted. the conforming citizen with a touch of madness in her soul.

Dobrowolski does some great clowning as the singer in her Lucky Dog disco number, concluding by pelting the audience with milk bone puppy biscuits. She does a cute office clerk having lunch at her desk with one pound of fortune cookies . . . her theory being that if she gets the same lucky message three

March 22: "The Adventures of a

March 23: Linda Moakes and

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Suzanne Berger, comedy, 10 PM, \$4.

Tom Ammiano and guests Doug

Holsclaw, Mario Mondelli, and Ruby

"Rodriguez" Rubenstein, 10 PM, \$4.

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March 26: Gay Comedy Open Mike

March 27: "T'ain't Nobody's

March 28: Romanovsky and Phillips

Bizness: Homosexuality in Harlem in the 1920's," slide/lecture by Eric

Lucky Dog" with Pat Dobrowolski, 8 PM, \$5, through Sunday, March 25.

times in the same package, it has a better chance of coming true.

She develops interesting insights as a hash house waitress whose philosophy of life — her solution to the problems of the world, her customers and herself - is the simplistic, "Have another cup of coffee. Ya wanna 'nother refill, don't ya?"

This is a promising, but at times puzzling, comedy work in

progress. There is need for a closer look at the foibles of human nature and a more disciplined technique of underscoring the inherent humor . . . also a need for focusing and polishing those details of tone of voice and timing.

Dobrowolski sees life, not as funny ha-ha, but as funny peculiar. All well and good. But how should she develop that type of

comedy? In the intellectualized, penetrating vein of Lily Tomlin or the zany, slapstick manner of early-day Steve Martin? Sometimes like Sweet Charity, Dobrowolski seems to be saying to her audience, "Where am I going? You tell me."

**Adventures of a Lucky Dog** Valencia Rose Through March 25; 863-3863

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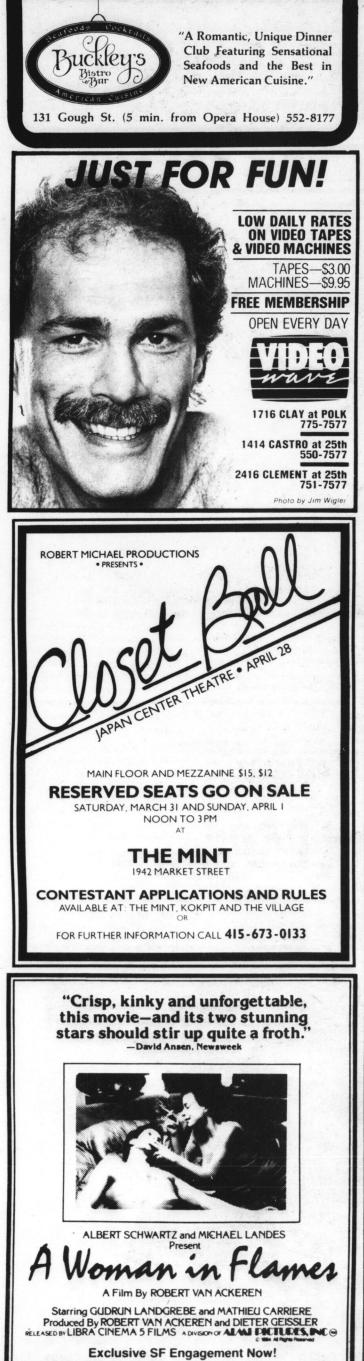
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do it all exactly the same? "I never had a choice. Regret can't be applied in my life. I lived my life in a dark tunnel. I have had the jobs where I wasn't given the sack, the friends who could stand the disgrace, and I have lived wherever I wasn't evicted. didn't have a choice.

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## FILM CLIPS

## **El Norte**

The Ballad of Gregorio Nava . . . and Anna Thomas by Steve Warren

**C**omething Anna Thomas Says about undocumented Latin workers hits home as being true of Gays and other minorities as well: "They're not allowed to be human beings, the way they're treated in the newspapers. The minute they become human beings you can't do the things that are being done to them.

Thomas is the producer of El Norte, which was directed by her husband, Gregory Nava; they collaborated on the screenplay.

El Norte makes human bengs of its central characters, so that you can no longer overlook them as you might the typcial field hand, busboy or cleaning woman. If the film has the subtle, lingering after-effect its makers intended, you'll carry this new attitude out of the theatre with you and pay more attention to the people around you. "The next time you go to a restaurant you won't be able to ignore the person who pours your coffee," Thomas says, ignoring the person pouring her coffee

"The best way to make a political film," Thomas says, "is not to make a political film.' The idea, she and her husband explain, is that they're offering an emotional human story to attract people who wouldn't go to a political film. Once the audience is in there the underlying politics can go to work on them.

Nava, who is of Mexican/ Basque descent, stresses the trilingual, "triple layered" approach he took to his story. Culturally, the Mexicans in the middle are as different from the Mayans of Guatemala as they are from the gringos of the U.S.

The family-oriented Guatemalan Indians are communal, Nava says, while the Mexicans are concerned with survival on an individual level and the people of "El Norte" go beyond survival to stress thriving, even at the expense of others.

In their quest for funding the filmmakers dealt with Hollywood studios and listened to all the compromises that were "suggested" by people who wouldn't oosen the pursestrings unless their ideas were adopted. The characters should speak English, the role of the border guard should be beefed up so a "star' could play it; it was even seriously suggested that the leads be played by Brooke Shields and Robby Benson instead of two Mexicans unknown in this country.

After "two years of rejection therapy," Thomas says, "we realized in no way could we do our film the way we wanted with a major studio involved." They finally got a large part of their backing from the PBS American Playhouse series, which also funded last year's Testament.

The dialogue won't be edited for television, Nava says. "We told them, 'You take it chingadas and all, or you don't get it." Thomas adds that the subtitles will be "more discreet," as using "f--k" instead of spelling out the word.

## **EL NORTE**

REVIEWS BY MICHAEL LASKY AND STEVE WARREN

filming."

While Thomas prefers not to

discuss the film's budget, she

says - and I believe her - that

unlimited funds would not have

changed the final product; but

'We would have had more hot

As much as other critics and

I have praised El Norte, Nava

and Thomas give the impression

that no one could like it more

than they. Relating for the

zillionth time how their produc-

tion manager and film were

seized and held for ransom in

Mexico or how they hired 216

four-year-old laboratory rats to

terrorize the lead actors in the

sewer pipe sequence, they fall

into excited conversation with

each other that leaves their inter-

Greg is chubby and babyfaced

with a boyish enthusiasm to

match. Anna is a potentially at-

tractive blue-eyed blonde, but

her weight can't all be blamed on

their six-week-old son. She

seems to have the aggressiveness

to focus her husband's energy.

Both graduates of UCLA's film

school, they collaborated on

several projects before deciding

in 1975 that "it was safe to get

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viewers virtually shut out.

food on the set while we were

### Fer Sur

To many people south of the border "El Norte" (the U.S.) is the Promised Land. Not the U.S. as we know it - or as a very few of them will come to know it - but the idealized U.S. they see in movies or the Spanish edition of Good Housekeeping.

El Norte is melodrama as art form. It traces the journey of a Guatemalan Indian brother and sister, Enrique (David Villalpando) and Rosa (Zaide Silvia Gutierrez), from the small town where their parents are taken from them for political activity, through Mexico to the relative luxury of a squalid Los Angeles motel room which at least has electric lights and a flush toilet.

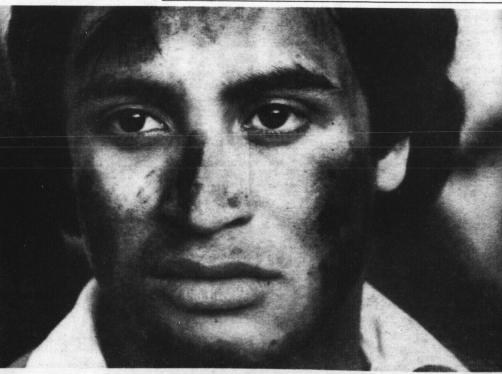
Once settled — as settled as one can be when a knock on the door from Immigration can mean instant deportation and the loss of everything they've achieved - they experience a few too many good breaks to believe, but enough bad breaks to keep them -and us - from getting complacent. The frequent highs and unexpected moments of humor prevent a tragic story from being a downer.

Made on a small budget by the husband-wife team of Gregory Nava and Anna Thomas, El Norte doesn't look cheap. It runs 2 hours and 19 minutes, but seems much shorter. It never drags and has moments of Costa Gavras-like suspense which Nava presents in a style all his own.

Although it was made for television (PBS's "American Playhouse"), it will be interesting to see what happens to El Norte when it gets there. A running gag about how to recognize a Mexican keeps the soundtrack peppered with *chingada* and the sub-titles flashing "fuck" until the words lose their sting.

Don't wait to find out whether television is ready for El Norte. See it before its beauty and color are compressed onto a small screen, even though its humanity is bound to survive the transition.

Steve Warren



(Gateway)

You Don't Have to be Gay to be Deported! David Villalpando beat out Robby Benson for the lead in El Norte, in which he plays a Guatemalan Indian who enters the U.S. illegally.

## **FILM CLIPS**

## Tap

parody of the Beatles.

This is Spinal Tap is also tainly less talented.

Director Rob Reiner ("Meat-There's a big turnover in drum-



Do you see The Beaver in this photo?

### **EL NORTE**

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Thomas wrote, produced and directed The Haunting of M, which was released briefly about years ago. Singing the bad distribution blues she says legal hassles may soon be cleared up so the film's cult will have a chance to grow.



## This is Spinal

### **Right on Target**

One of the funniest movies I've ever seen was The Rutles. which was made for TV and got an incredibly low rating, even for NBC. It was a slavishly detailed

funny. Not as funny, but funny. The fictional rock group Spinal Tap bears some similarity to the Beatles, from their early English sounds to the woman who causes a rift between the band's two most creative members; but they are contemporary, having devolved into heavy metal, and cer-

head" of All in the Family) cowrote the script and songs (from "Big Bottom": "The bigger the cushion, the sweeter the pushin ... How can I leave this be-hind?") with the three key members of Spinal Tap: Michael McKean (David - guitar blond), Christopher Guest (Nigel - guitar - sensitive, temperamental and jealous of David's girlfriend) and Harry Shearer (Derek - bass - dresses in leather and frightens the girls away with his padded pants).

mers because they keep dying — one exploded at the Isle of Lucy Jazz Festival.

A line I have to quote because I hope to use it someday: "We'd love to stand around and chat but we've got to go sit in the lob-

by and wait for the limo." That gives you an idea of the humor. The style is cinema verite - well, false verite tracing the bands 1983 U.S. tour. The target of the satire is the music industry and This is

Spinal Tap is right on target. If the soundtrack is a hit it will be a case of life imitating art laughing at life. If the movie's not a hit it will be because people don't ap-

preciate good satire; then life will have the last laugh. (Cinema 21) S. Warren

## The Trouble With Harry

### Terminally Cute

The trouble with Harry is he's dead and nobody knows what to do with his body. In this third re-release of the five long unseen Hitchcock films from the '50s, the Master of Suspense decided to play a joke on his audiences - he opted for no suspense and tried out his wry, understated humor.

It wasn't funny in 1955 and it is even less amusing today. Hitch's idea of "black" humor was to have all the

characters in the small New England town think they were responsible for Harry's demise. Edmund Gwenn thinks he mistakenly shot him while illegally hunting rabbits. Mildred Nat wick assumes it was her fault when she struck Harry with her shoe after he attacked her. Shirley MacLaine, who was Harry's wife, just wants him out of the way but didn't even know he was in town - dead or alive.

Set against the multi-colored autumn, The Trouble With Harry has scenery that is almost more lively than the story. Harry gets buried and exhumed about four times, is kicked around a bit (just to be sure he's really dead), and in the end he brings to gether MacLaine with stoic artist John Forsythe, and Natick with Gwenn. The performances by MacLaine and Forsythe are slight and enjoyably profes-sional by veterans Natwick and Gwenn. Hitchcock's cameo blends in so subtly that this piece of under statement is as troublesome as Harry - and about as lively. (Bridge)

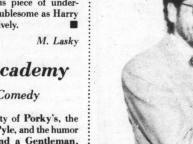
**Police** Academy

### **Piggy** Comedy

With the subtlety of Porky's, the finesse of Gomer Pyle, and the humor of An Officer and a Gentleman Police Academy is open for business Based on a premise about what would happen if a Police Academy had open enrollment, this is a movie that comes up with some really funny bits.

Alas, they are sandwiched between some stereotypical potshots at Gays IContinued on next page

A young Shirley MacLaine attempts to ward off disaster in The Trouble With Harry, now playing at the Bridge Theater.



nounced in San Francisco last week, but one of the announcements was so low-key that no one noticed it.

Two film festivals were an-

for Festival

by Steve Warren

land's duets from her TV series with Ethel Merman, Tony Bennett and a Barbara Streisand who was young enough to play Yentl.

REVIEWS BY MICHAEL LASKY AND STEVE WARREN

Vito Swings Gay Vorpal Blade



Vito Russo (center) with Frameline's head Michael Lumpkin (left) an Frameline's Chris Olsen. (Photo: Rink)

That was Frameline's Eighth Annual International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, which will happen June 18-24 - four days at the Castro and three at the Roxie. Rather than assembling the press and reading promotional materials to them for an hour, followed by an hour of budget questions from Judy Stone, as the city's non-Gay festival does, Frameline threw a party at the Vorpal Gallery.

The excuse for the fundraiser was that Vito Russo "happened to be in the neighborhood." The author of The Celluloid Closet was in L.A. to interview Lily Tomlin for Moviegoer and stopped off here on his way back. He brought along film and video clips - interviews he did with Tomlin and Harvey Fierstein for Our Time, a Gay cable TV show in New York; Bette Midler's spontaneous, healing appearance at New York's 1973 Gay Pride rally; and Judy Gar-

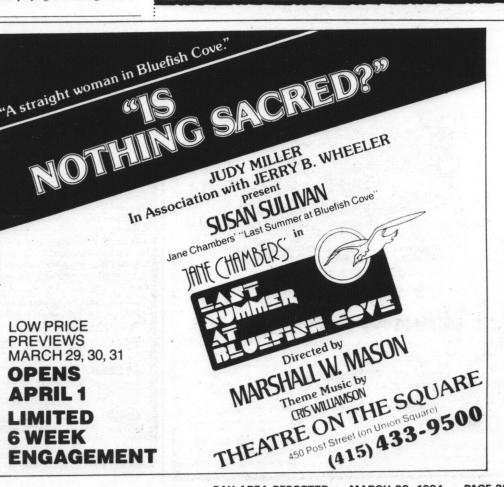
Inconspicuously perched on a small table was a loose-leaf binder with stills from a few films that have been confirmed for this year's festival. Perhaps most exciting will be the chance to see homosexuality return to its Greek roots in Angel (not to be confused with the recent American or coming Irish film of that title), which was named Best Picture at the 1982 Thessaloniki Festival.

Also scheduled, with more to be added, are Drifting (Israel), On Guard (Australia), The **Terence Davies Trilogy** (Great Britain), Rainbow Serpent (France), Mirror Mirror (Denmark) and two new Curt McDowell films.

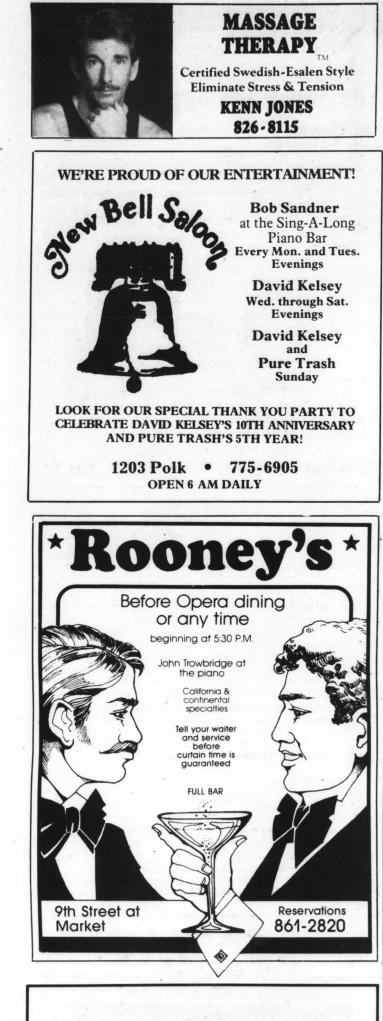
In his brief remarks Russo urged continued support for "the San Francisco, New York, Chicago, and soon-to-be Key West Lesbian and Gay Film Festivals." That was the only commercial. The rest was party.

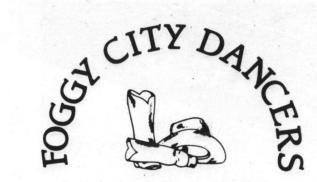
Both husband and wife intend to continue directing movies, working together as much as possible and probably staying away from the Hollywood studios I wouldn't have picked them

out of a crowd as the people who made El Norte, but what's on the screen speaks for itself far more appealingly than its cre-ators do. S. Warren









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## TONEDEAFTONEDEAFTONE Paul Young Brings Rhythm and Romance to America

n his American debut at San

Francisco's Wolfgang's

Nightclub, English pop

singer Paul Young proved, in

spite of irritating technical dif-

ficulties and some unnecessary

Michael Jackson choreography,

that he can sing as sensually in

performance as in the studio, a

point already proven on his

Although Young's strength is

more suited for the low-key

balladeering which highlights

his album, he chose an up-tempo approach for most of the

show, which was somewhat dis-

appointing, since his powerful

vocals did not dominate the per-

formance. But his voice was

strong enough to overcome the

lead guitar - which could have

Young's vocal force was best

just as well been left in England.

displayed on "A Broken Man,"

in which he was accompanied

only by the piano player, and

during the encore performance of Marvin Gaye's "Wherever I

Lay My Hat That's My Home."

His rendition of his first

American hit "Come Back And

Stay," which at first was overpowered by the lead guitarist,

then rudely interrupted by a

technical failure causing the lead

guitarist to lose sound, was sav-

ed by the fact that after stopping the performance to deal with the

problem, the other band mem-

bers continued playing. Young finished the song beautifully —

and without the crowding sound

of the lead guitar, the rendition

sounded more like the recorded

version, which is, for those

hopeless romantics, a classic

gutsy torch song that seems to

have grown out of the early

Overall, it was easy to denote

the influence of American rhy-

thm and blues on Young's music.

and Young proved his mastery of

romance and rhythm on his cov-

er of Don Covay's "It's Better to

Have It and Not Need It, Than

The fact that San Francisco is

full of lovers who love romance

was obvious when a guy in the

balcony yelled "I want you

June Millington . . .

June Millington is a Bay Area

musician who has traveled from

the all-woman rock band Fanny

to a solo career based around the

local women's music scene which

has exploded in the last several

years. She is one of many tal-

ented women artists in the Bay

Blacks, and a few other minorities

Well-developed actor Steve Guttenberg

has the ostensibly lead role and gets to

recite lines like: "Only fags need sleep.

George Gaynes plays the nitwit head

of the academy, who surprisingly gets head at the front of the class. His com-

edy timing all but steals what there is

to steal here if it weren't for newcome

Michael Winslow, a Black dude with

a sound effects machine in his voice-

If the movie isn't particularly ar-resting, it is still mindlessly entertain-

ing enough to beat the blues.

Le Jazz Red Hot

You won't find "more clouds of grey

than any Russian play could guaran-

tee" - only the silver linings - in

Jazzman, a film by (Mr.) Karen

Shakhnazarov which, compared to

other Russian movies I've seen, is

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Jazzman

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Running

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JERRY DE GRACIA

Area but she is unique because of her ability to perform driving rock-oriented music in a scene dominated by a smoother, more folk-oriented sound.

Her rock sensitivity may not be unique but the title track off her new album Running is certainly the only contender for radio/club play to have come out of the women's music scene to date. This is not because it is the only dance track done by a woman in what seems to be the 'Berkeley collective'' but because it is definitely great material performed by a very talented artist.

out on the album, Millington lets her guitar-playing slide down to a softer rhythm on the remaining tunes. While she may see her own sensitivity and

Although "Running" stands

ly to another single release "Six-teen Days" by This Mortal Coil, which contains contributions by both the Cocteau Twins and members of Modern English. **Richochet Days**, by Modern English, is actually a pleasant collection of songs that indeed

lish lp Ricochet Days and final-

possess a solid base, unlike This Mortal Coil's music. Several tracks are good including "Rainbow's End" and "Hands Across the Sea." Neither unfortunately comes close to the sensuality of "I Melt with You."

Synthetic (aka synthesized). progressive and/or experimental rock is fine but it has no appeal until it coalesces into a more solid form than either the Cocteau Twins or This Mortal Coil have developed. Wandering aimlessly should be left to Christians (or was it the Jews?) since it adds little value to pop music. Laurie Andersen's meanderings may not necessarily go from point A to point B but her poetic cynicism and staccato drawl at least manage to hold the listener in suspense rather than lose them in lethargy.

Laurie Anderson

musical abilities better displayed in a more well-rounded collection of songs reflecting various musical influences, it seems the rock steady rhythm of "Running" is only an unfortunate tease. Even though more rock oriented material could only be flattering, Millington's album overall will still be one of the best Bay Area releases of 1984.

### Lethargy and Poor Taste

Following the rules of basic logic I first listened to the new 12 inch "Laugh Lines/Peppermint Pig" by the Cocteau Twins, next to the latest Modern Eng-

Set in the period the West called "the Jazz Age," it shows that the music wasn't unknown in the Soviet Union. The party liners denounce it as "a monstrous product of bourgeois decadence," but young Konstantine defends it as "revolutionary" because its roots are in the Negroes, "the most oppressed people in the U.S.;" then he goes off to form his country's first jazz band.

The music catches on faster than they do, giving the quartet time to get good and to grow closer as friends er, comrade

The soundtrack, not always well synched to the action, is full of good-time music, dixieland and ragtime. There are moments which recall the glorious Hollywood musicals of old, and moments of warmth the likes of which Hollywood - let alone the USSR - rarely achieves.

Jazzman may not be a major film. but it's a fine and pleasant one, highly accessible to Americans who like the music; and star Igor Sklyar is probably the cutest Russian I've ever seen. (Surf) S. Warren

O Superwoman continues to reveal her comic schizophrenia. or mirror of society as the case may be, on her latest release Mister Heartbreak which features Peter Gabriel, Nile Rodgers, Phoebe Snow as well as Adrian Belew whose guitar work seems better suited for Andersen's music than his own. William Burroughs adds a wonderful closing touch on "Sharkey's Night," the other end of "Sharkey's Day" with which Andersen opens the album's can of

Fervor by Jason and the Scorchers is energy-filled music, compared to most of Rank and File's country/new wave material, but "Absolutely Sweet Marie" is the strongest tune and may not be enough to give this band much exposure. Rockabil ly and its many variations hasn't had too much luck in the mass market, aside from the Stray Cats, and whether that fact changes remains to be seen.

Sparkle In the Rain, the newest release from the Simple Minds, contains not only the popular "Waterfront," with its beautifully layered wall of sound but also several other generously produced and well-written songs: "Speed Your Love to Me' and "Up On the Catwalk" are two outstanding cuts by this band whose talent and tenacity seem limitless. The lyrics "Come In, Come Out of the Rain" seem like the reincarnation of Jim Morrison's poetry and add assurance to pop music's durability even though its heroes and villians come and go much too soon.

psychological worms.

got no response.

Where Winning is Different

# Making a Pass for Gay Football

Is This the Season to Kick Off Drive for a New League?

by Paul Trefzger

One day Steve Stapleton decided he wanted to play football on a Gay team. That was a problem — there weren't any Gay football teams. So Stapleton decided to start one. Now the guys who play in the monthly games are thinking about what it would take to form a Gay football

ball jersey with the number "69," and Stapleton was ready to play ball.

service servic

The informal gatherings have become a regular once-permonth game, usually on the second Sunday. Stapleton describes it as "light tackle."

"I believe in a fast game. As

Gay football - for the rough and ready. (Photo: Rink)

"I like to play. I started this whole thing" — his campaign to get a league going — "assuming that there was one; not trying to start it, but to find it. It was like the search for the Holy Grail or Holy Gridiron," Stapleton

That was two years ago. It occurred to Stapleton that there may be something in the Bay Area Reporter, but what he found was "every other conceiv-able sport." He phoned the sports editor and was told that there was no one to whom he could be recommended to find a Gav football team. He tried his gym. No luck. He began posting notices on the bulletin boards of gyms around the city, but still

So Stapleton gathered whoever he could by word of mouth and asked them to join him in an occasional Sunday game at Collingwood Playground in the Castro. His dad gave him a foot-



The informal gatherings have become a regular once-per-month game (Photo: Rink)

s played now, everybody knows when the ball carrier isn't getting anywhere and the play is stopped. The idea is to have fun, not

Gay football? Before long they'll be a Gay football league. (Photo: Rink)

hard feelings, and if it gets heated the game is stopped.

"Winning isn't always the highest score. Winning is when a fat, pudgy kid like I used to be - who thought he wasn't good enough, or macho enough to enjoy sports - gets together with other guys who may have felt the same way and has a great time," Stapleton said.

I asked Stapleton if he gets tired of the organizer role he's assumed. "Sometimes one of the guys will say, 'Oh, football.' The word has taken on a negative connotation for some Gay people. Then I remind him what a good time he had the last time," he said.

"Often we'll play until we get tired. Then we might go over to the Pipeline for a beer. One day we had about twenty-five people. We even had some friends in drag as Valley Girl cheerleaders. It's fun when a lot of people show up. Sometime guys will bring their new boyfriends," Stapleton said.

Stapleton's goal is a Gay football league such as the softball leagues sponsored by the bars. I cited the possibility of the game - his game - losing some of its

spontaneity and of lesser players being replaced by "ringers" by a bar trying to move up in the standings. He said, "I would be strongly opposed to that. I think there are ways that this could be prevented. Rather than honoring the team that's won the most games, there could be 'merit awards' such as for the team that's exhibited the most Gay pride or been the most inspirational," Stapleton said.

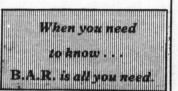
"Participation levels should be kept rigid. People should identify more with the league than with individual teams. There



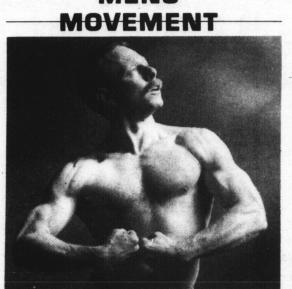
just ideas, not proposals. But I can envision games with outside groups such as Latino gangs. "If bars were to be sponsors. the one that was really interested in the individual learning and in

Gay pride being reinforced . . . they would truly be the winner." Stapleton said.

Anyone interested in playing, sponsoring, or merely inquiring about Gay football may call Steve Stapleton at (days) 442-7000, or (evenings) 626-6964.







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**BLACK LASHES** A Jockey's Crop

KARL STEWART

identical twin brother) is also

seeking the title of Mr. Gay San

Francisco. Vern has a very long

history in the Gay capital of

fairies. In his younger days, he

worked as a go-go boy on Grant

Avenue in the Copper Lantern

and other palaces of the dusk.

I'll keep you informed of the

Miss Gay contest as things

Another title which is coming

up in the not too distant future,

is the Grand Ducal crown. Sec

ond only to the Emperor and

Empress, the Grand Duck Ken

and his wife of state Sable have

made that title all the more

coveted through their most

flourishing reign. You can see

Ken and Sable in action at the

Roadrunner Friday, March 23 at

8 PM for a benefit and show to

aid them in their royal efforts. A

nominal fee will be asked and

Miss Sheila makes such a gra-

This title is already being eyed

by several. Sandy Sorrelles and

her outrageous cousins dished

up spaghetti and salad for a few

Sunday in Sandy's Oak Street

victorian. Getting a foot ahead

of Miss Gay Trixie is SFGDI's

first lady Trixie and perhaps

Linda Lovelash - who has

her friends and supporters

cious hostess.

develop.

This week seemed ladened with imperial and royal troupings. A title which has, until now, meant very little and with which nothing was done, has been Mr. and Miss Gay San Francisco. No so these days: the current holders of that position are Michael Bowman (bartender extraordinaire of the Ramrod) and his cocktail hour pianist Trixie (better known for her work at the New Bell). These two have strived to unite the 'Trip" (The court system); it was Michael and Trixie who ignited "A Country Christmas" which was the first effort spon-

sored by all the crowned heads of San Francisco. This effort and others have brought accolades from their peers this year. Mr. and Miss Gay San Francisco election will be held later

riding that horse are already lining up in the chutes, Mr. Leonard, captain of the Kokette Cheerleaders (Kokpit softball team) has thrown his hat in the ring with a successful benefit at that establishment last week for Shanti. His raffle brought a sunny weekend in Santa Cruz, including theater tickets and a seaside retreat for winner Grand

Duchess Sable. An auction at that event was prevailed by our

passing the hat at the Men's Room for a St. Patrick's Day benefit for Shanti, hosted by SFGDI's Tom Way and Parkay (rumored to be after a Miss Gay title). These, with the help of Flo, Dorothy and owner Teresa, raised more than \$900 in that little MC haven on 18th Street.

The Queen (self described) who started all this dress-up craziness is Jose I. The Armstrong/Sloop mean-team is putting together an elegant toast to our first Empress on Saturday March 31 at the Green Room. Dinner is 8 PM, cocktails at 7 PM. Tickets go for 30 bucks and will benefit one of Jose's favorite causes - the San Francisco Freedom Day Marching Band so they can travel to LA to compete in the big battle of the bands in June.

A San Francisco loving couple is John and Char of the Kokpit, who will hoast a giant auction tonight from 8 PM to benefit the AIDS Foundation, Shanti and their softball team (they know how to use those bats). Manager Kenny Alison and the staff will have a lot of fun planned for ya.

This court stuff crosses Market Street quite a bit these days: Imperial Prince Tim Oros is on the loose after his superb promo work for Lip's (somebody has made a great mistake). It seems that Mr. Oros is hunting for a little party palace of his own; tired of dealing with vacillating owners?

Febe's was invaded by Galapagos turtles doing the duck dance last weekend. Tim Domingo (nominated for entertainer of the year on Community Awards slate) showed his stuff for his B'day. The show and buffet moved mountains: emcee Naomi Del Rey nearly had a

NGN (Gay) Radio, et al will all host Spring Interaction, Saturday March 24 to benefit 5B and La Casa de Las Madres (battered woman's shelter). Lipps at 9th & Howard is the place, 4 bucks the fee, 7 PM for cocktails. The live show will feature Lea DeLaria and Jeanine Strobel. The Fab Dumonts and Castro Station's Four Skins, plus . . . begins at 8 PM.

Look for Princess Phoebe P's Big Girl Contest on June 9 at The Men's Room.

International Mr. Leather (I stand corrected) Colt Thomas was an honored guest at The SFGDI's Patio Sunday. His buddy, including Vern Stewart, turned out a private reception the following eve, bringing all of So/M society together for a rich

... the fitting room

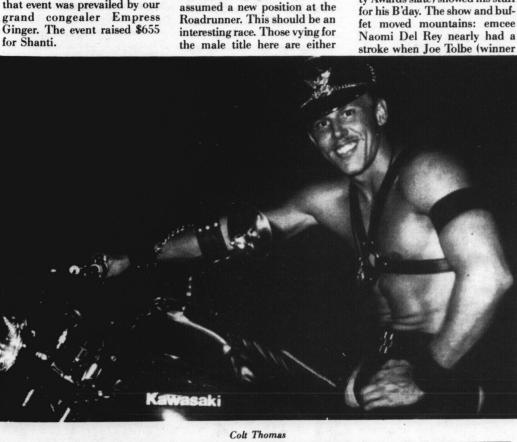


evening of cocktails and just a little dish

Wednesday Colt helped judge the Mr. South of Market title at Chaps, the result of which was too late for this issue. More next

CMC Treasurer Gary Noss has his Travel Space Tour of Chicago up for the leather masses to scrupulate. This International Mr. Leather package is going for \$550 and brings air fare, hotel, tickets to the contest and a myriad of parties, including the Black and Blue Ball honoring the winner at Man Country. The crew will stay at IMLC headquarters, the Allerton Hotel. You can call Mr. Noss at Travel Space at 474-5100 for a tour kit. He also offers a trip if ontinued on next page





One who seeks the same title is the Imperial Secretary of State, his highness Bruce Herrleson. Bruce was one of those who helped to construct Emperor Rich's campaign and a person who keeps his ear very close to the Emperor and Empress' movements. If you attend-ed Emperor Rich's festive birthday party at The Village, you met Bruce at the door taking the

SFGDI's have produced a number of crowns in their day. Their baby, Vern Stewart (my

keeping their cards close to the vest or my spys aren't doing their job. Time to crack the whip.

His Imperial wawho-ship. Rich Carle, celebrated a weeklong birthday. It began with an early Saturday morn trip through the Jaguar with Village heavies Lee and Dick. Mr. Carle was seen leaving at 4:30 AM and was quite chipper for his aforsaid adventure at the Village that evening.

That same afternoon his Imperial spouse, Remi, was madly of the lightweight division of the body building competition at Gay Games I) did a strip — all the way to those tasty little buns. The Hawaiian guys know how to party.

That party was also the scene of the debut of Sonny Padilla's re-cut, release of "It's Your Body." This first class effort has been picked by KFRC as a hit. The sales of this disk will benefit **AIDS/KC** charities.

The David Society with Rich and Remi, The Gay Book,

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### **BLACK LASHES**

(Continued from previous page) to The Santa Fe Opera - this, too, is terribly "Gay,

Robert Kalthoff's incredible 24-foot mural has been mounted by Mr. Cheek at his bar, the Ramrod. He has also duly installed Gary Schneider on the keyboards (both organ and piano) Monday and Tuesday from 8 PM. Gary is second to none in his entertainment guile, ranking as peer to the New Bell's David Kelsev.

The CMC's famous Tax Break Run is coming up on April 8th. The fun begins at Febe's at noon and includes drink specials all over So/M, bike and buddy events as well as people (relay) events. The gang will come to roost at the Eagle's nest for a beer bust at 3:30 PM. For further info, give the CMC's hot line a buzz: 821-3637.

You can also look forward in April to an ICF Beer Bust on April 15 in anticipation of The ICF's big fundraiser, Casualty Capers - an MC variety show on April 21st at Cal Hall. This is one of the So/M gigunta parties.

Speaking of party: The BC/MC with Chuck E at the helm will dock their ship of revelry at Febe's for an Aniversary Party on March 31st. The

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When you're having too much fun on Saturday night/Sunday AM there is a special place to make a comfortable landing: The Castro Station is now featuring Leonamusik from 6 AM and 2-4-1 cocktails. This one way to wind up your weekend and you might even see Rita Rocket swinging from the track lighting (they don't have chandeliers in Gay bars anymore do they?)

John Ponce (runner-up at International Mr. Leather '82) was seen sporting his latest fav, Sunday. Cliff Adams wouldn't reveal whether he's into bananas, or not???

March 31, too, will be the day to greet Fred Linde (Rainbow Deaf Society) on his birthday at Febe's. His homemade cake will be served up at 8 PM.

Have you been by "Couldn't Be More Graphic's Video Magazine" on Castro between 18th and 19th, vet? It seems to be the latest eves of the Gay community. Tom Russo will air his broadcast on Cable 6, March 28 at 10 PM following Dynasty . . so you don't need to leave home to be well informed.

Oh Gahd! The great Larice look-a-like contest is upon us and I've nothing to wear. Febe's will host this little shindig on

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### Saturday March 24 from 9 AM with some nice prizes in store for the willing winner. In order to win, however, you have to have been up, still, from Friday night: well - at least you stand a better chance of looking like Larice, that way! Bingo.

The SFGDIs are hustling raffle tickets for a buck in aid of their favorite charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind. The drawing will be in June and will bring some happy soul a video recorder, plus other prizes for 2nd through 5th place.

### FRAT-CHAT

Last week we ended with an introduction to fraternal clubs So/M. which are not motorcycle oriented. The 15 Association was mentioned as being an SM club which offers itself as a viable alternative to the baths. As in many master/slave relationships, the 15 is highly ordered and disciplined. Another club existed; The Knights Templars which operated with the same goal (Safe and Sane SM sex) but with a completely different modis oprenti. Leader Jim Stydhar speaks of a lack of structure. Although he frequently runs the monthly meeting, he relies upon the inherent sensitivity among adult males who share such intense intimacies. In order to insure that that intimacy is maintained new brothers must go through a complicated induction process which harks back to The Knights Templars of ancient Europe. Jim says, "We are here primarily to explore our sexuality together. We serve one another, that's the point." The knights will be serving up some hot SM Saturday, March 31. Their parties are by invitation and may be sought through Jim at 863-0476.

So/M has two uniform clubs hard at work as well. The Phoenix Uniform Club is headed by First Officer Bobby Wong, Second Officer Len Baxter and Rik Sparks and Jerry Albert in the third and fourth positions, respectively. The Phoenix has some very theatrical members and has been known to pull off some fine production stints. The second uniform club is the Golden Gate Troops, who have Commander John Clifton firm at the reins. Lt.Comm. is fury fox Larry Marr and their first lady is Gregg O'Shell (Tatiana), known to do a number or two himself. These two clubs are dedicated to those with fetishes for uniforms and social climbing (perhaps not in that order - jus kidding, guys).

Sunday saw Marlena (as Gary) in leather in the Eagle's Trooper Hall. He is the latest addition to the Coits happy band. It is told that Mr. Cramer inducted the lady himself.

The "oldest" buddy club in the city (and this does not refer the ages of th The Coits, celebrating 21 years this year. Prez Tommy Turner (Trixie of The Mint) and VeePee Paul Johnson have the pleasure of leading a club who lives to eat. drink and make "Mary" (yes they still use that term). They just returned from a very successful trip to South Lake Tahoe where Trixie Trash was made Queen II of all of So. Tahoe. Monte Reddick (as in Bay Area Typesetting) has assumed the title of King I, II, III, & IV: pushy, no? The real title, however, went to Ginger; she won The Golden Gloves Award. I don't believe the Casa Loma will dispute it.

I missed a "big" little club among the MC's last week: The San Franciscans. Still hangin' in there are Rick Hansen as Prez and Bob Tait in the Vice Prez post. Richard Bleske will lead them in the Road Captain role. This club is 14 years old and while largely unactive, they are



Sandy Sorrelle

holding a picnic in the park the weekend of Gay Freedom Day.

We were introduced to a new road club at The Eagle. The California Eagle Motorcycle Club of San Francisco (CEMC/ SF) was officially welcomed by the attending MC/UC presidents atop the troop hall roof. Cal Eagle Prez Al Bee told the crowd that the club is a serious bike club which admitted membership according to bike ownership. VP Robert Walsh added. 'This may change to include buddies later." This means that they join the Warlocks as the only Road club in The City. The Cal Eagles plan a road trip a month; the first is a run to Sacramento April 16th. If you'd like to meet the guys or are interested in serious and safe biking, join the California Eagle MC at their official introduction at Chaps, Thursday, April 5th from 9 PM to midnight. They'll be taking registration for the Sac/Run then. Bill of the Eagle is anxious to help inform too, call him at 621-8541.

That's it for now. Keep your hands on the grips and your eyes on the road.

K. Stewart

## Karl's Calendar

Thursday, 3/22: Giant Auction Kokpit, 8 PM, benefit Aids Foundation, Shanti, Kokpit Softball Team, Raffle at 11 PM.

Saturday, 3/24: Spring Interaction, Lipps (9th & Howard), 7 PM, \$4. Show: Lea & Jeanine, Dumonts, Four

Skins, Hosts: David Society, NGN Radio, The Gay Book, Emp. Rich & Remi. Com. Relations of SFPD. Benefit: Ward 5B, La Casa de Las

The Larice Look-A-Like Contest, Febe's, (PM, special prizes, Hosts: Larice and Parkey, birthday celebration for OM Jim Leuer & Larice, Cheater's Prez Rocky Rockwood

Birthday, Men's Room, Noon. Wednesday, 3/28: CBM Graphic Video Magazine, Cable 6, 10 PM.

## Women Only

**On Our Backs Spring Erotic** Revue, a sexy dance show to benefit the first national Lesbian sex magazine, will be held on Thursday, March 22, Caesar's, 3140 Mission Street, San Francisco. The show begins 8 PM sharp, runs 11/2 hours and is followed by DJ dancing till midnight. \$8-10 admission for show and dancing, \$4 admission after 9:30. Women only. Black-tie optional.

## Self-Suck Update

The address of David Lust Photography, producers of David's JO Tape C and David's JO Two, reviewed favorably last week, was incorrectly listed. The current address is DLP, 584 Castro, Suite 222, San Francisco, CA 94114.



Empress Remy examines a toy dog Emperor Rich got for his birthday on St. Pat's at The Village. It is also usable as a marital aid! (Photo: Rink)

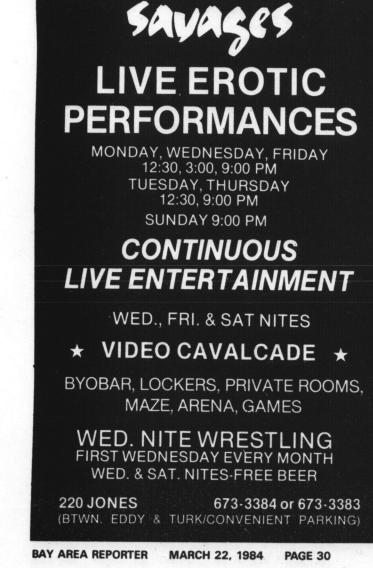
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Castro?







### **FUCKIN' DYKE** (Continued from page 21)

and the moon and the earth and

Were they ready for the obligatory Bette Davis imitation? No famous lines, no frenzied cigarette. Lea gives you B.D. being born — Bette's first peek out of the vagina and then some. Right there on stage.

That put some cracks in Miss Tammy, the Queen of Tampa's dream of Womanhood. Tammy's testicles dropped to her knees when Lea DeLaria introduced Twat to the Southland. Oh. veah. she took 'em by storm. They stood up and screamed it must have been like introducing fire in the Stone Age. The

Miss "I've Got My Dick Pulled Back Between My Crack" Contest might not survive. Lea brought 1984 to Florida - not Orwell's 1984, but hers and ours and San Francisco's, where drag might be dying and men and women are becoming friends.

n private conversation, Lea refers repeatedly to "the Movement." Like most Feminist Lesbians (Raging Bulls?), Lea's is a deep, serious commit-ment. It's not to be ridiculed. So, of course, Lea mocks it down to its innermost labial fold.

A little raunch, some shock value, a few Sacred Cows getting their milk churned, and a swarm of jokes that bumblebee around your ears — if you weren't laughing so hard you might notice you were being stung.

And after the sting, Lea will sing — wonderfully incisive songs with lyrics that snap, written by Jeanine, or Gershwin and Porter standards. Both women had musical parents; Lea got her training for comedy by playing in Gay and straight piano bars around Chicago.

## SWEETLIPS SEZ

## Sweet Lips Has Hot Flash

one.

Hot Flash . . . It has now been confirmed that Gene Barry will star in the SF production of La Cage aux Folles opening in May. From Christopher to

Overheard at the White Swallow: "Lucy has a nose like Michael Jackson used to have" ... I can't tell you who said that, Lucy, 'cause I promised not

Who is "Jim Harlow" . . . a member of the Tea Room Club . . . all I know is that he lives on

Gene Barry confirmed to star in SF production of La Cage aux Folles

"When the queens came in after a night of drinking and dancing you had to be fast, honey. That's all there was to it.'

Lea's a lovely singer - her voice going from clear to gruff. her jazzy improvisations right on the note. She is in the music, and it does a curious thing. We all know Gershwin; trust it. So we trust Lea. When she goes back to stand-up, she can read us up and down - and we'll buy it. For her main subject, no matter what the character she assays, is Freedom of Choice. What sort of dyke or fag will you be? Will you bite into the Straight values or forge your own? That's why she can ridicule anything, for it's her way of walking us forward to our own identities. And it's why we can laugh so hard - her comedy may bite, but we're looking in a mirror which reflects our own laughing faces.

There just isn't another dyke who croons sweetly, likes "to sing hot and crazy" and then tells it like it is.

At the moment, Lea and Jeanine are one-of-a-kind. And her Bull Dyke act? Lea's a canary, a drag king. Catch those Marilyn Monroe attitudes, girlish movements and gossamer giggle. She works both sides of the street and blows her own act. "I know," she says. "That's the point.

Don't buy stereotypes. "We all have our different appearances, but inside we're all just human. Seems simple, but people have a hard time with it."

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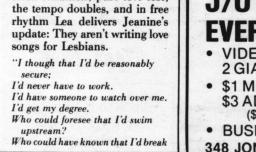
Lea and Jeanine will present six performances of Raging **Bull** at Theatre Rhinoceros March 28 through April 1, with a matinee on Sunday. The first half presents Lea solo, in her favorite characterizations. The second half presents the duo. New material includes A Lesbian Summer Beach Party

DICK WALTERS

champagne. Larry Paradis, RGD, is going to have a series of functions called "Baskets for AIDS/KS" with all monies going to AIDS/KS patients and to Ward 5B. For information on having one of these events, please contact him at 261-8404 in Oakland and he will let you know just what it is all about . . . a very worthwhile cause and a great way to have

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this engagement, Mascara for

the Mannish. There'll be music,

of course, probably including Jeanine's brilliant arrangement

of "(They're Writing Songs of Love) But Not For Me." After a

torch rendition, pure love lost.

Darrell Thorne is having a farewell party for Patrick (one of the two Lady Hamiltons) at the Twin Peaks on Castro Street on Thursday the 29th, as they are leaving for Sydney, Australia, where both Lady Hamiltons will be on the plank at the Lord . Nelson Hotel which they have just purchased. So try and make the party, as it should be a real blast. Incidentally, Darrell, the "new" Lady Hamilton, is quite attractive. Now we shall have a place to stay when we are in

The Trocadero Transfer on Fourth Street is still one of the hottest dance bars in the city, and whether you dance or just sit upstairs and watch you'll have a great time: trust me.

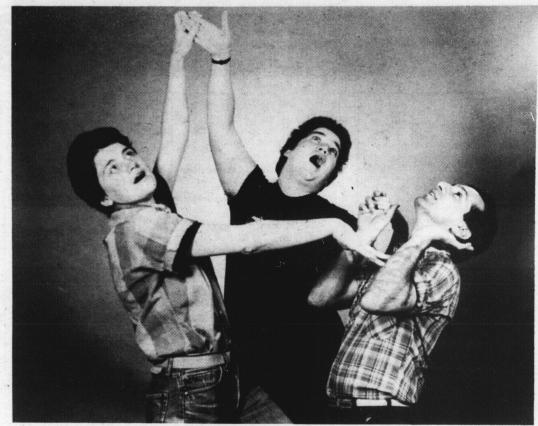
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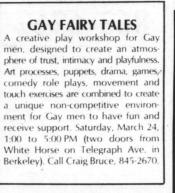


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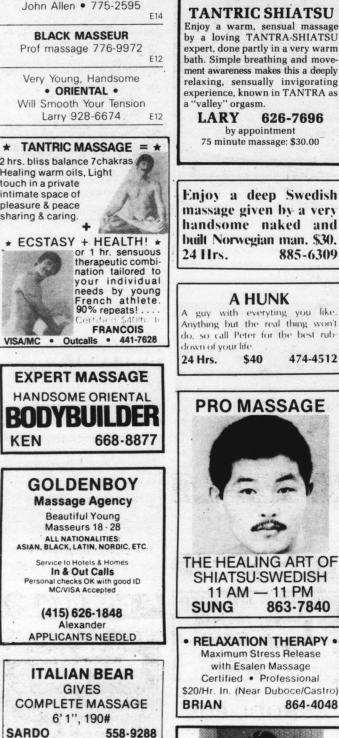
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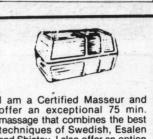
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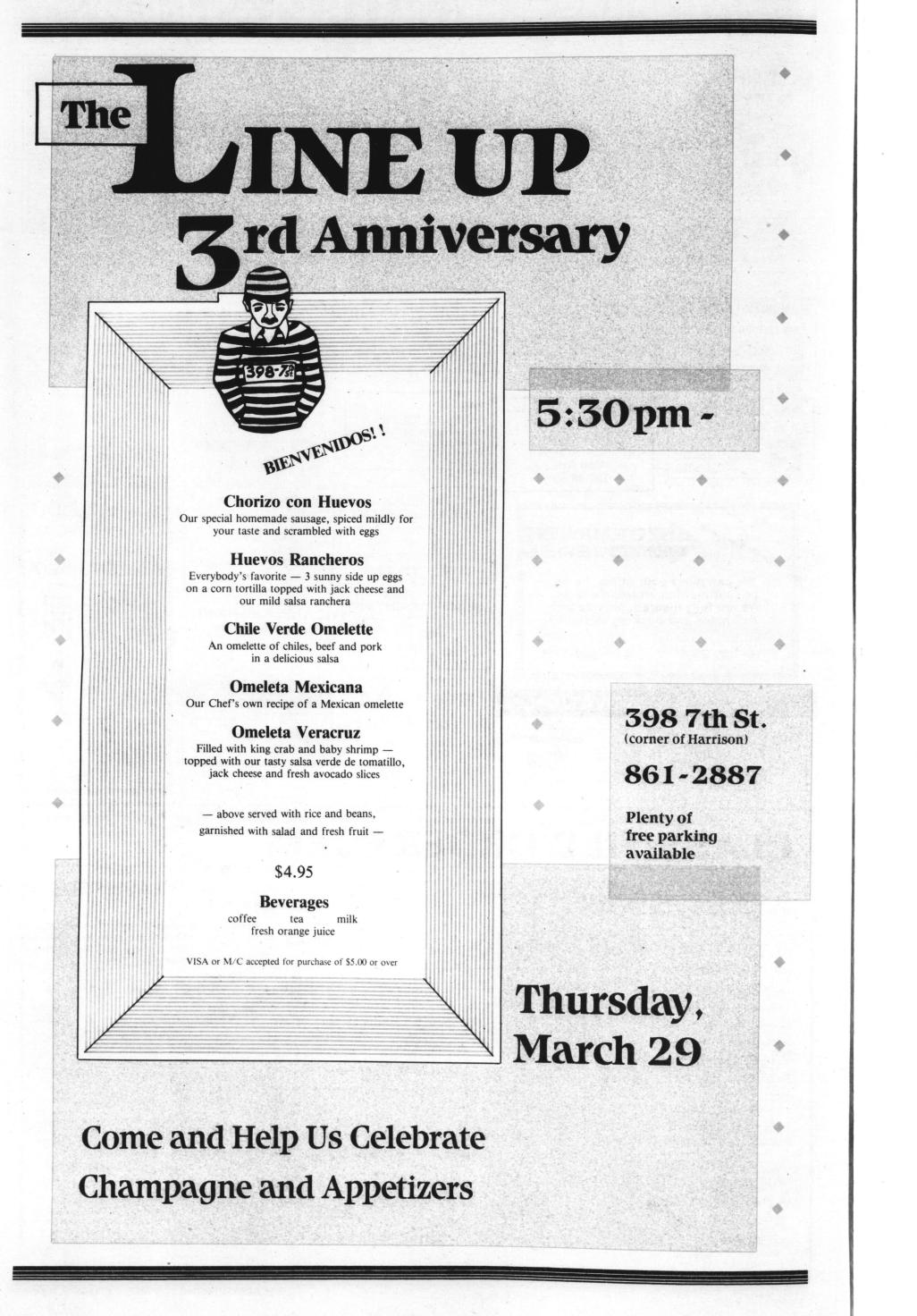
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## **Pride Founder Will Circulate Stop Sex Petition for Ballot**

Larry Littlejohn, a Gay Deputy Sheriff and founder of the Pride Foundation, announced a petition drive this week that could result in a halt in sexual activity in the city's fourteen steam baths. He needs 7,332 signatures by August 8 in order to place his measure on the November ballot. It would be a policy statement, requiring that the Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance that would make it illegal for patrons of a steam bath to have sex on the premises. Police would monitor such activity.

## **Court Says Coroner Must Return** Milk's Clothes to Estate

by Paul Lorch

to its rightful owners.

to death.

The possession of the clothing did not become an item of contention until last year. A play was produced last year that recreated the Milk/Moscone assassination. Some of the more shocking lines in the original script supposedly dealt with where White



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by George Mendenhall

Littlejohn argues that his goal is to end multiple-sex activity in Gay steam baths, which some people believe increases the incidence of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). He suggests that the Board require that all bathhouse rooms be brightly lighted and that signs be posted stating, "Sexual activity among patrons on these premises is prohibited."

Attorney David Clayton, coowner of the Steam Works bathhouse chain, told this reporter that Deputy Littlejohn "is letting his police mentality override his Gay mentality. This mentality says that if people are not doing what we want them to do, we will make it illegal and punish them for violations. No one in the Gay community is ignorant of the consequences of sexual activity. Gay men have the right to make that choice. Such an ordinance would only have a token effect and will have no real effect on the AIDS crisis."

Clayton asked, "What will be next? Followed to its logical conclusion, the police would then begin to halt sexual solicitations in Gay bars, Gay movie houses, and 'back rooms' private clubs.' Littlejohn responded, "What people do when they meet elsewhere on a one-to-one basis is their own business. There is control. However, in the baths there is an atmosphere of promiscuous sexual activity with strangers. Even if people are jacking off together someone could make an entry from the rear."

Does Littlejohn go to bathhouses? "No, I stopped two years ago when I got a lover and they began to become boring for me. Now I do not have a lover, but I stay away because I would be exposed to AIDS. You cannot tell who has it, and multiple contacts increase the possibility of getting it."

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## The Duke Gets Zapped in **Berkeley**

**AB-1** Veto Protesters Dog Governor's Tracks More Picketing Planned for This Week by John Wetzl

Governor Deukmejian Monday confronted angry Gay picketers face to face for the first time since he vetoed AB-1. As the governor's entourage for visiting French president Francois Mitterand wove its way across the peaceful UC campus in Berkeley, picketers mobbed the governor's party, coming within two feet of the governor. Gays from San Francisco and from Berkeley wielded pro-Gay and anti-Deukmejian signs in protest of the veto. They chorused during the one-mile walk, "Gay rights now!

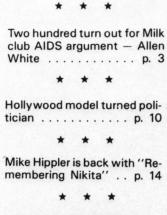
Mitterand was welcomed onto the campus by a virtual wall of at least 40 picketers shouting for Gay rights and the separation of church and state. Mitterand, who supports Gay rights in his socialist country, said to a capacity audience in Berkeley's Wheeler Hall, "I appreciated the welcome extended to me at this campus. (Quote from translation) . . . it was very friendly and very lively."

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Wahl was pleased with the ruling and hopes for a rapid compliance. He said, "I find it incomprehensible that the Coroner refuses to give Harvey's clothes back. He's making an issue where there shouldn't be one.'

Wahl feels that any objections the Coroner might have had lack substance. He said that all the Coroner needed to do (for any possible legal tangles) is take photos of the garments and have them examined by experts. Wahl says the Coroner fears someone will alter the clothes to say someday things happened to Milk that never did.

District Attorney Arlo Smith has taken a position of neutrality on the issue. In a letter to Wahl, Smith said his office would have no possible interest in the property once White has fulfilled his year of probation obligations.



Berkeley and San Francisco pickets dog governor's footsteps. (Photo: Rink)

## **Eddie Murphy Says to** Gays, "Kiss My Ass"

### by Allen White

Comedian Eddie Murphy has finally responded to charges he was homophobic by telling the Gay community to "kiss nterview in rent issue of Rolling Stone magazine

Murphy had been the target of heavy criticism and a boycott of his work because of his inflammatory and inaccurate remarks about AIDS in a Home Box Office cable special broadcast last year. The concert was released this year for home video cassette sale by Paramount. A spinoff of the anti-Gay material was the Eddie Murphy Foundation, a Hollywood group which took out ads in several magazines denouncing the comedian

In the Rolling Stone story, Murphy makes the astonishing statement, "Faggots who have nothing to fucking do but sit around with tight asses and feel like people are pointing at them . . . people who are insecure got offended. The way I feel about it is, what they did helped my album because the majority of

the country is heterosexual, and they read that homosexuals don't like Eddie Murphy and they think, 'Hey, all right.'

Rolling Stone writer Christopher Connelly then asked Murphy his reaction if a White comic began telling jokes about Black people. Murphy responded. 'That's not funny.'

It is revealed in the article that Eddie Murphy's father, Charles Murphy, was stabbed to death by his girlfriend over Labor Day weekend in 1969. Asked by Rolling Stone if that would be the premise for comic material Murphy responded, "I don't like to do stuff about my father being dead. No tragedy. My comedy's good time comedy." The **Eddie Murphy Foundation did** not think it was funny and spent (Continued on page 4)

The battle over who should have the late Harvey Milk's suit, the suit he was wearing the day he was shot and killed, took another turn this week. The suit has been ordered returned

Attorney for the Milk estate, John Wahl revealed news of a court victory, which he hopes will be the first of many. On Monday, March 26, Superior Court Judge Victor M. Campilongo ruled that the Captain of Inspectors of the SFPD and the San Francisco Coroner either must deliver the property to Milk's heir, Scott Smith, or "show cause . . . why the prop-

erty should not be delivered." The items in contest are all the clothing worn by the late supervisor on the day of his death at the hands of then-Supervisor Dan White. The police held on to Milk's clothes he was wearing November 27, 1978, as possible evidence against White. The clothing which would have

revealed information on how and where Milk was shot. And how and from what wounds he bled placed the final bullets into his victims' bodies. The line which was excised from the

staged version at the last minute - suggested that White's coup de grace was into Mayor George Moscone's rectum The S.F. Coroner denied this

allegation but refused to submit the dead men's clothing for inspection. To him the matter was closed and the clothes nobody's business. He then announced they were his to keep indefinitely to prevent exploitation of the articles.

Wahl, acting for Scott Smith, refused to accept the Coroner's assuming ownership of things that - simply put - did not belong to him.

Wahl took his complaint to court and argued that the clothing "has undetermined intrinsic value, and symbolic value to the claimant and others.'

Judge Campilongo agreed with Wahl's arguments and ordered that Milk's effects be returned to the Executor of the Estate, Scott Smith, or to return to court April 6 and argue why they can't or won't.