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Feds Make Plans for Registry of People with HTLV-III Antibody

Proposal Made Quietly, Calls for 'Urgency,' Draws Stinging Protest from Gay Doctors Group

by Brian Jones

The federal Centers for Disease Control is making plans to compile a national registry of people who test positive for the antibody to HTLV-III, suspected as the virus which causes AIDS. The stated purpose of that suggestion — which may become a formal proposal next month — is to screen out blood donations which are tainted with the HTLV-III virus. The proposal is apparently a short-range solution to the transfusion problem: the Department of Health and Human Services already is developing ways to test donated blood for the virus. That test is expected to be commercially available at the end of this year.

The CDC registry idea has been kept confidential since being broached to local and state health departments in a July 20 letter from Dr. James Curran, head of AIDS activity for the federal government. But a copy was obtained by the Gay group Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights.

"We are shocked and outraged by the letter of July 20 (which) seeks information about the possible need for an interstate list of people with a positive test for antibody to HTLV-III. That the CDC would broach such a subject at this stage of our lack of knowledge of the mean-

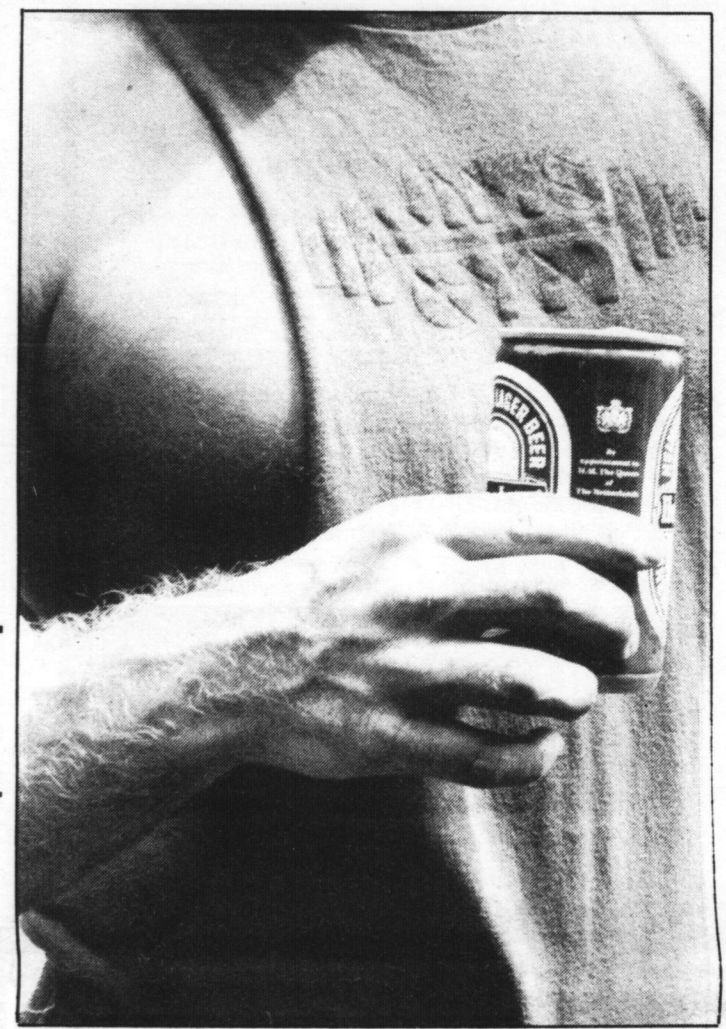
'The risks of a national list of people positive to the antibody are tremendous.'

— Dr. Neil Schram

ing of a positive test is inconceivable," said Dr. Neil R. Schram, president of the Bay Area Physicians.

Essentially, such a list would be a national registry of people who had been exposed to the HTLV-III virus. The vast majority of these people would be Gay men. So far, the only known carriers of the antibody are volunteers — almost all of

them Gay — in medical studies. Not all study subjects are aware their blood has been tested, however. Local AIDS researchers have confirmed that blood collected for other studies, most importantly, a Hepatitis-B study in 1979 and 1980 here, have been reused for HTLV-III studies without donors' consent. Thus, the CDC suggestion



Just a Peek. That's all man-watchers got at the Castro St. Fair as chilly weather clouded festivities. A report and two pages of photos on pages 30 and 31. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

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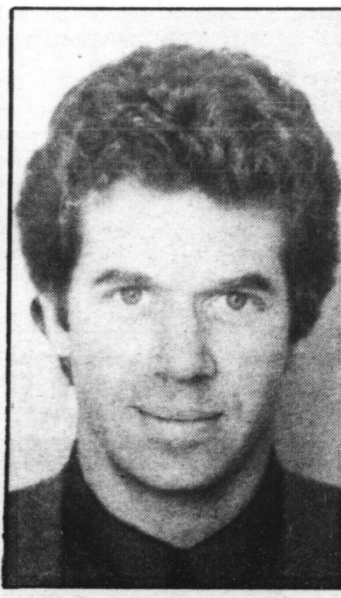
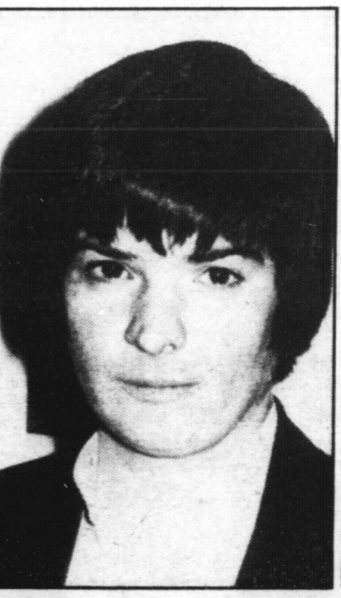
Gays' Rep on Police Panel Calls Cop Controversy 'Idiotic'

Jo Daly Defends 'Cops for Christ' in Interview; Milk Club VP Ron Huberman Also Salutes Police

by Allen White

Lesbian Police Commissioner Jo Daly has come to the defense of the Cops For Christ. Meanwhile, Mission Station Police Captain Vic Macia lambasted the Police Officers Association for allowing their paper to become a forum for material which he says doesn't represent the police officers.

Jo Daly told the Bay Area Reporter she stands by her statements in last Sunday's San Francisco Examiner defending San Francisco homicide inspector Ed Erdelatz, who is a member of "Cops for Christ" and who is investigating a highly publicized Gay murder and beating last month on Polk Street.



Jo Daly (Photo: Rink)

Ron Huberman (Photo: Rink)

In the July issue of *The Policeman*, the POA's official publication, Erdelatz was a signer with five other officers of a letter which attacks the Gay community. Gay police officers and calls Gay police chaplain, Rev. Jim Sandmire, an "embarrassment."

Daly praised Investigator Erdelatz of the Homicide Division saying he is "among the best, most sensitive investigators in the department." Quoted by Examiner reporter Larry Maatz she said, "As a Lesbian, a member of the Gay community, I'm continually amazed by the sensitivity all the members of the inspector's bureau show for our community when we're victims of a crime."

She also confirmed telling Maatz, "I should deny the very

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AIDS Fund Okays \$15,000 Coors Offer

July Vote Kept Quiet to Blunt Expected Criticism of Donation

by George Mendenhall

The San Francisco AIDS Fund has agreed to accept a \$15,000 contribution from the Adolph Coors Company. The decision was made a month ago but has been kept under wraps because officials of the AIDS Fund are concerned about negative publicity.

The latest offer comes as Coors Beer continues to woo local Gay community groups in its attempt to soften a 9-year general boycott of its beer in Gay bars and restaurants. The boycott has centered on the Coors family support of anti-Gay political groups and candidates.

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In Search of Gay at GOP Convention

Plenty of Republican Bachelors But Only One Lone(ly) Upfront Gay
 by Duke Armstrong

DALLAS — As the Republican Party quadrennial conclave opens, the question of the hour remains unanswered: Does the convention have any Gay delegates? On the surface, the answer seems to be no, except for a lone alternate from Alaska — Bill Ratcliffe.

To insiders, the answer is otherwise. Of the 4,424 delegates and alternates to this convention, 855 (18 percent) are unmarried, the predominant number of those single males. The office of the Dallas Gay Alliance has received a trickle of calls from closeted Gay delegates seeking information and advice and expressing their support for the Gay rights activities which have become a fitful part of convention festivities in this Deep South city of nearly 8 million people.

Unfortunately, none are likely to step forth to openly articulate the concerns of Gay Americans. The atmosphere of this convention has become increasingly hostile to Gay rights under the lash of Jerry Falwell and his followers.

Despite valiant efforts by the Republican Mainstream Committee and advocates such as Maureen Reagan, the religious right is firmly in the saddle here, flexing its muscle to dictate the party's platform and set the overall tone of this, the Grand Old Party's 33rd National Convention.

On a broad range of issues — fiscal, economic, foreign policy — conservatives have dominated the party machinery. On social issues, the 1984 platform closely follows the New Right agenda: No support for ERA, opposition to abortion, endorsement of prayer in public schools. Oddly enough, however, and despite an erroneous report in Sunday's *New York Times*, the platform is silent on Gay issues.

Here alone the religious right has been checked. Its strident homophobia has not found expression in any platform plank under the careful orchestration of Reagan-Bush campaign officials. Gay issues have simply been stone-walled.

President Reagan's private sympathy for Gays and public opposition to discrimination are well-known. But Reagan has sent out conflicting signals.

During his June 14 news conference Reagan was asked if he favored legislation to specifically prohibit job discrimination against Gay and Lesbian workers.

Thrift Store Suffers Theft

Recently, \$1,651 was taken from the Community Thrift Store, 625 Valencia St. Also missing has been co-manager Lee Vieriche. Anyone knowing his whereabouts should call the store, 861-4910, or Sgt. Tedesco of the San Francisco Police Department, 553-1521. Vieriche has been with the store for nearly one year.

Even counting the theft, store manager Don Miesen reports remarkable progress. June income set a record, at \$9,400; July topped that by a 33 percent increase, to \$12,500. August should go over \$13,000. Since expenses are steady, future profits should rise dramatically.

The Tavern Guild Foundation, which sponsors the store, is currently distributing \$9,700

The President replied, "I just have to say I am opposed to discrimination, period." Asked if he would support such a bill, he said, "I want to see what else they have in there."

But in a statement issued Sunday to the publishers of *Presidential Biblical Scoreboard*, Reagan said his administration would resist efforts to obtain "endorsement" of Gays.

"Society has always regarded marital love as a sacred expression of the bond between a man and a woman. It is the means by which families are created and society itself is extended into the future."

"In the Judeo-Christian tradition, it is the means by which husband and wife participate with God in the creation of a new human life. It is for these reasons, among others, that our society has always sought to protect this unique relationship."

"In part the erosion of these values has given way to a celebration of forms of expression most reject. We will resist the efforts of some to obtain government endorsement of homosexuality."

Rumors circulated early in the week that fundamentalists in the Texas delegation would attempt to introduce an amendment from the floor inserting an anti-Gay plank into the platform. But the plank never surfaced.

Gay activists in this city for the convention appear to be in total disarray. A Gay-organized conference set for this past weekend, billed as a response to the Moral Majority's Family Forum held here, was ignominiously cancelled when no one but the speakers themselves and a handful of reporters showed up.

On Tuesday evening, the Dallas Gay Alliance, San Francisco Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights, and the Metroplex Republican Society of Dallas co-hosted a reception for delegates in conjunction with the CAIR group.

Stay tuned next week for a full report on the reception and a wrap-up on convention activities and their effect on the Gay community. ■

Daly Defends 'Cops for Christ'

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 best in homicide investigations from my community if a murder occurs there simply because an investigator doesn't approve of our lifestyle?"

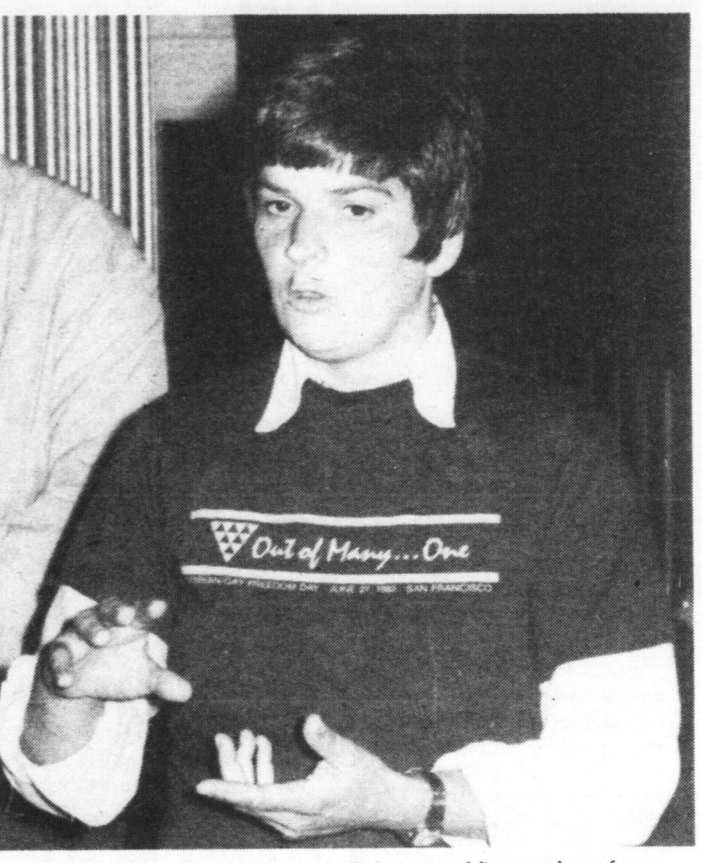
"Let's not be idiotic," she concludes.

A stunned Police Chaplain Sandmire read the comments in his Sunday morning paper before he preached to his parishioners at the Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church. "I was very disappointed that Jo Daly would not repudiate the statements made by the 'Cops for Christ,'" he said.

The Cops for Christ refer to Rev. Sandmire in their column by stating, "The Police Chaplain is held in high esteem by men of the cloth, only to be humiliated by the appointment of a homosexual chaplain. What circumstances warranted this embarrassment?"

When asked about the statements against Sandmire, the Lesbian police commissioner said she would defend Sandmire's right to say anything he wanted. She also said she was primarily responsible for getting the chaplain position for Sandmire and volunteered no comment to counter the charges by the Cops for Christ against the minister.

Ron Huberman, an investigator in the District Attorney's office and a Vice President of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, is also quoted in the Sunday article. He confirmed the two sentences which quote him as supporting Erdelatz's handling of the recent Polk Street murder case.



Lesbian Police Commissioner Jo Daly is one of five members of oversight board. (Photo: Rink)

At the same time, he said the *Examiner* failed to report the other elements of his statement. Huberman said his statement related primarily to the column written by the Cops for Christ.

Huberman said he told the *Examiner* that the column Erdelatz signed is an example of homophobia which still permeates the San Francisco Police Department. "You don't have to be around the Hall of Justice for

Christ position," Huberman said.

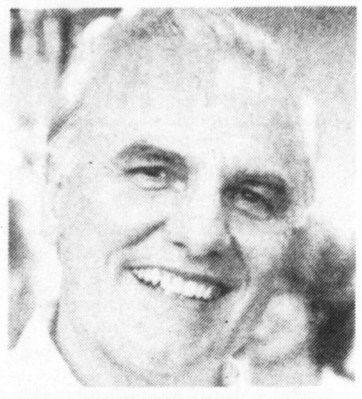
One police officer who is not about to offer up any praise for the members of "Cops for Christ" is Captain Vic Macia. Macia has worked for the past year and a half to build relation between the Gay community and the police. Since taking command of Mission Station, which covers the Castro area, complaints of Gay harassment and violence have diminished.

Macia said he is disgusted by the use of the Police Officer's Association newspaper for what he believes are views embarrassing to the police department. "There should be some sort of policy change at the paper," he said. "There are only eight or nine of these guys, they don't represent us and they end up on the front page of our paper. They don't even put in a disclaimer," he said. He also commented that "this isn't the first time the paper has been used to embarrass the officers."

The *San Diego Union* was reporting the appearance by San Francisco Police Inspector and Cops for Christ member Jim Higgins at a Sunday service at the church of a Rev. Dorman Owens. Earlier this month, Owens told the *Bay Area Reporter* he wished for legislation which would provide the death penalty for Gays.

The *San Diego Union* reported that Higgins described to church members the growth of homosexual participation in the San Francisco Police Department.

The next night, on Monday, Higgins followed on the theme at a rally that included a telephone pitch by Jerry Falwell. Mary Lou SanBlise, writing for *Update*, a Southern California gay newspaper, reported on many of Higgins' comments.



Rev. Jim Sandmire (Photo: Rink)

SanBlise quotes Higgins, "Don't be mistaken. They are violent. They showed us that the night that Dan White's verdict came down, I watched cops being beaten. I watched them do a million dollars worth of damage in one night, while we were helpless to stop them. We were stopped by the startlets, the Board of Supervisors who can't even decide to close the baths. They are violent."

Update further quotes Higgins as saying he was afraid "the wave is coming to San Diego. You need to look to your leaders to stop this real danger. Just remember that San Francisco has the lowest birth rate in the nation." He then said Gays "are vicious and will fight every step... Elect public officials and stop this thing from happening."

Supervisor Richard Hongisto, a former cop and San Francisco sheriff, introduced his resolution Monday to prohibit city employees who openly espouse hatred against minorities from working on matters which affect those groups. The policy, which promises to be controversial, surfaces again in committee hearings Sept. 18 before Supervisors Maher, Walker and Ward.

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Iron Curtain's Chintz Hems: Gays, Lesbians in the USSR

*Salons, Not Saloons, the Center of Social Life;
There's Kremlin Cruising, But Don't Get VD*

by George Mendenhall

Gay life, "in spite of all the repressive institutions in the Soviet Union, is still very much alive there — and almost flourishing. Homosexuality, or at least the act of sodomy, is illegal but it certainly has not been stamped out," a Stanford student told a crowd at Valencia Rose recently. Mark von Hagen based his conclusions on five trips since 1975 to the Soviet Union and specifically an eight-month visit in 1983 during which he went as an openly Gay person. He was on a research and exchange grant, studying Soviet history at libraries and institutes.

The student "came out" in Russia and soon became involved with over 100 Lesbians and Gay men in the internal social circles of Moscow. His associates were often people of some social strata, the intelligentsia and semi-professionals, although he met many other Gays.

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Gay Russia

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Is there public cruising in Moscow? The speaker told an eager crowd of 250, "definitely." He said Gay men can be found in subway stations and public toilets and in certain officially "straight" bathhouses, bars, and cafes. He said, "The most notorious cruising is near Lenin's tomb — around the Bolshoi Theater — only a few blocks from the Kremlin itself."

What about the police? Von Hagen said, "All these public places carry some risk, but Gay activity seems to be more or less tolerated by the police." He said there are major sweeps of public toilets just before political holidays. Some people prefer a couple of cities outside Moscow — on the Black Sea and another on the Baltic in Lithuania which have an underground reputation as being Gay resort areas.

There are arrests made but von Hagen said they are frequently associated with political activity. He stressed that if a well-known public figure is Gay, his or her homosexuality might be ignored — unless the person is politically improper.

If the person is arrested, the charge is sometimes a combination of dissension and homosexuality. In fact, he said some politically incorrect people are sentenced as homosexuals because it is widely known that

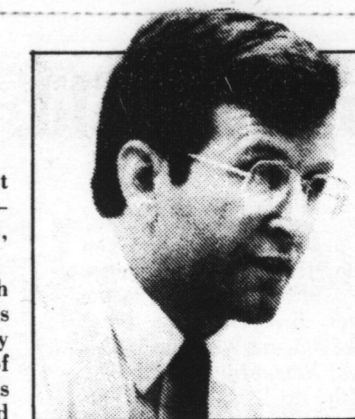
there is severe mistreatment within prisons of Gay people — from administrators, guards, and other prisoners.

Any involved socializing with Americans can present problems for Soviet citizens — especially if the Soviet is a person of stature. For this reason, Soviets and Americans frequently avoid public socializing, moving indoors to apartments.

Lacking Gay saloons, the Gay salon — drawing room has developed over the years as a popular meeting place. These are small kitchen/living room areas in private homes that are sometimes open 24 hours and become a social center for invited participants. Von Hagen was a frequent guest in two salons — one operated by a male he called Volodya, "the queen of Moscow," and another by his young lover, Vanya.

Von Hagen said, "The salons — are common in the Soviet Union — places where people talk, drink, eat, and socialize until the wee hours of the morning. Some are Gay and offer open socializing and meeting of new Gays. However, it is not easy to get invited into a salon — you are invited by someone who knows you well."

The speaker described one such gathering where Volodya danced in drag to a recording of "Cabaret" while the 20 assem-



Mark von Hagen

bled Gay men gossiped and enjoyed vodka and an assortment of cheeses and pastries they had brought.

Although there is some understood restraint outside of salons, von Hagen said he met over 100 Gay athletes, employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, officers in the Soviet army, engineers, and doctors. When he asked Volodya if his operating a Gay salon affected his position on the local Soviet Central Committee, his friend replied, "Well, half of them are Gay."

It is more difficult for Lesbians to meet in the Soviet Union but there are Lesbian salons.

Von Hagen asked each of the 100 Lesbians and Gay men he met if they had been arrested or had any difficulty with the authorities. None had been arrested, although two said they had been warned about their

somewhat open homosexual activity by employers. One salon member said he had been beaten up by three teenagers he had taken home, but he did not report it to the authorities.

The Stanford student said that there is brutal treatment in prison of Gay Soviets. The Soviet press, when it does mention an arrest of a well-known person for homosexual activity, is especially critical if sex with a younger person is involved.

"It is likely," von Hagen said, "that the police know every popular toilet and certainly they know the Bolshoi Theater cruising area which could yield them a good catch anytime."

He said that in the 1970s the police attempted to entrap homosexuals by hiring high school students as decoys. The practice was discontinued when several students themselves were arrested for fag-bashing.

What about the dreaded KGB secret police? "As far as I have been able to ascertain, homosexuality in itself does not seem to be high on the KGB priority list, although it has infiltrated every aspect of Soviet life," von Hagen said. "It can do almost anything it wants to do, but there are limits to both its resources and to its priorities."

The speaker said that 15 years ago, doctors informed police authorities if a citizen contracted venereal disease. People were then called in and questioned about their associations. Today, he said, this is not evidently done, but just to play it safe,

most Gay people go to known Gay doctors.

The Soviet regime "maintains a prudishness that suggests that sex is something for young people who do not have an adequate ideological or social life," von Hagen said. "At the same time, Soviets are starved for information about sex. This does not mean it never enters into conversation. University dormitories and summer camps, at least, are famous for the availability of sex."

Sex education itself is practically unknown outside of medical school courses so there is considerable misinformation and confusion on the subject. For example, von Hagen said, one issue of *Soviet Sports* denounced body building because it could "lead to homosexuality."

The visitor also made these observations: Sex education is only taught in medical school classes. There is no sexual graffiti in any public places nor any sexual literature available. Many women do not know about female orgasms. Straight Soviet men have a reputation for being insensitive to women's sexual needs.

Internal communication among Gay people is by word-of-mouth as homosexuality is not discussed publicly in the news media and there are no alternate lifestyle publications, books, or films.

Von Hagen emphasized that there was little history about sex-

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Labor Day is Gay Day at Pleasure Faire

The Second Annual Lesbian and Gay Day at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire will be Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3.

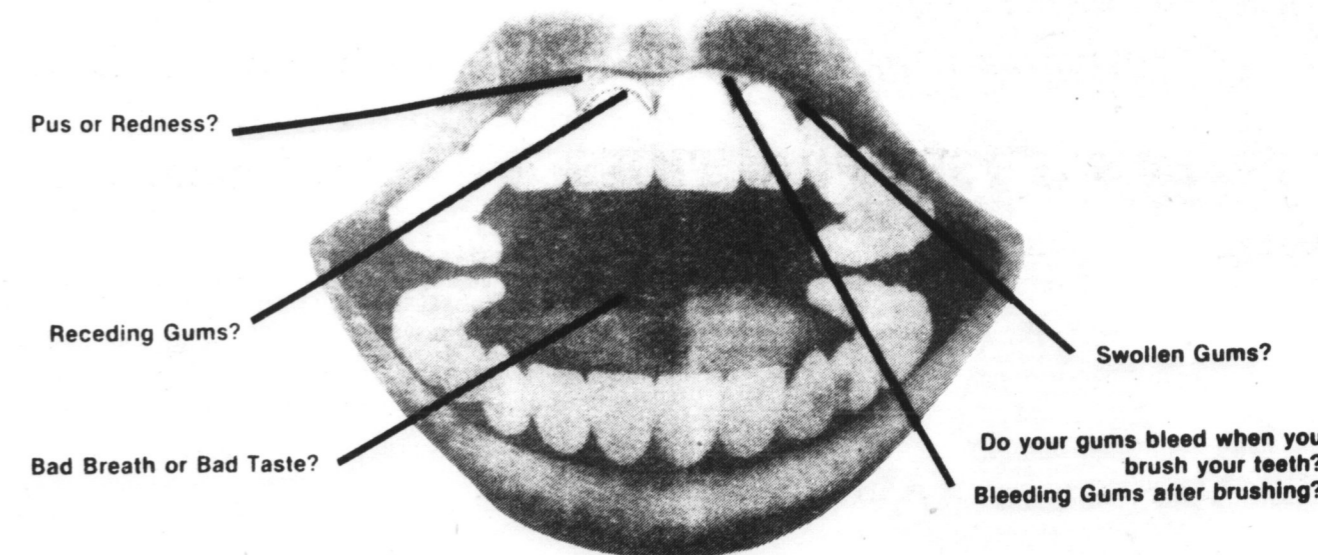
Open to everyone, special activities will include Tarot readings by Sister Boom Boom, a same-sex kissing booth and country/court dance instruction, heriboned flagellation and Gay Renaissance sports, plus a costume judging contest and a "Stamp Out AIDS" benefit auction for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation emceed by Empress I Jose of San Francisco, the Widow Norton.

Special shuttle buses from San Francisco to the Faire will run all day Labor Day.

The \$8 discount tickets for Gay Day will benefit the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee to help produce the 1985 Parade the last Sunday in June. For tickets, additional outlets, and information, call the Parade Committee at (415) 861-5404.

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That Chilly Fog Didn't Dampen Spirits at Castro Street Fair

The Sun Didn't Shine — But the Crowd Did

by Allen White

Countless thousands gathered in the Castro last Sunday for the eleventh Castro Street Fair. This year will be remembered as the year it was cold, windy and wet. This is the one event where the sun always seems to shine but this year, the cold meant mellow — and this year, the people were laid back and but-toned up.

The drag queens never strayed too far from a bar or a porta pottie. Leather was used more to keep warm than to scandalize. The crowd was still there in large numbers. One estimate put the crowd for the day at close to 20,000 people. This was believed, by many, to be much smaller, but no one really cared.

People had a good time as they viewed the wares of the many merchants. The politicians were out in force. Three months before the election is the time when the people running for office know its time to get moving.

Voter registration was the heavy action of the day. The big-

gest selling item of the day was offered by the Stonewall Democratic Club. They were selling "stop Kopp" buttons and claimed to have sold almost half the 500 they had for sale.

On the main stage there was continuous entertainment from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Lea DeLoria and Jane Dornacker took turns as hostesses. At 18th and Castro, Russel Kassman had his own show going on a second stage. His big star of the day was Hokum Jeebs. Many haven't heard of Jeebs but he got quite a crowd when he played "Blue Skies" on a car muffler. Knowing his crowd he played "Over the Rainbow" on the saw.

On Castro Street, the big action area was the Castro Street Station. DJ Loren Blakeslee had been reaching for older music and his music was packing the place. Over on 18th Street the crowd was spilling out of the Pendulum as people danced to the delight of several police charged with keeping the street closed.

One constant at each Castro Street Fair is the second and

third floors of the building above the market at 18th and Castro. This year, the Balloon Girls took over. By mid-afternoon they may have been overtaken as dozens of people danced on the outer ledges. Below an equal number of people watched and waited for someone to fall off. No one did.

As the afternoon moved along, the bars became more packed. By four, the Phoenix, Moby Dick, the Village, and many of the other bars were jammed. Bear Hollow and the Special had a party crowd with eyes glued to videos. Cafe Sn. Marcos was the spot for people to watch the stage show on Market with a tinge of Sunday elegance.

At six o'clock, dozens of people with brooms started sweeping and by nine the area was clean. The Castro Street Fair was started in 1974 by a man named Harvey Milk. He thought it might be a nice way to bring some action into the area. It would seem he succeeded — even on a cold, windy day.

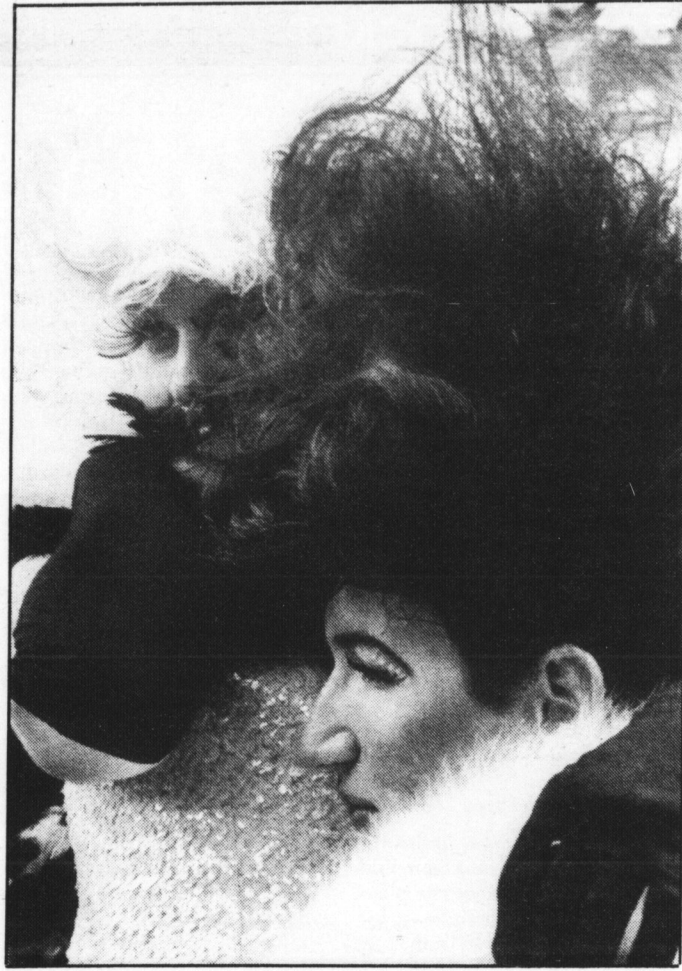
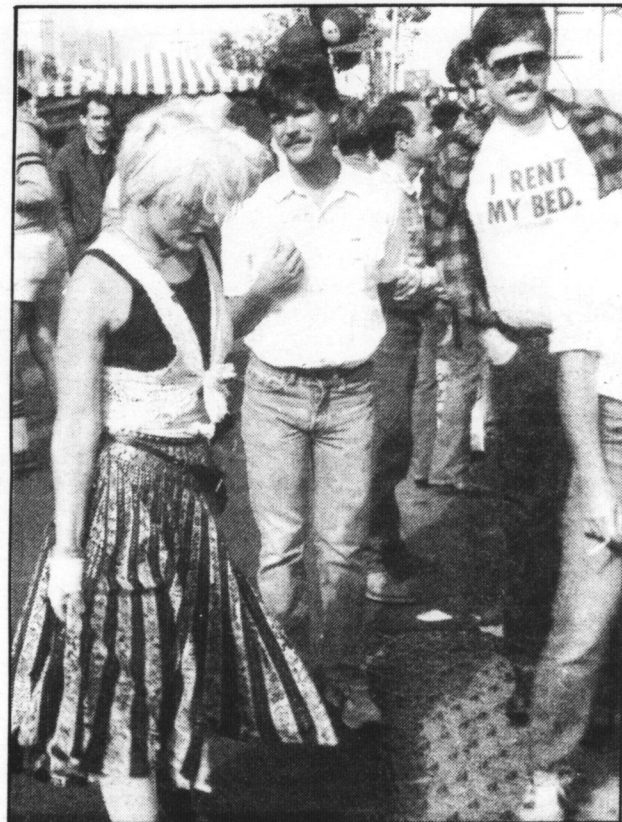


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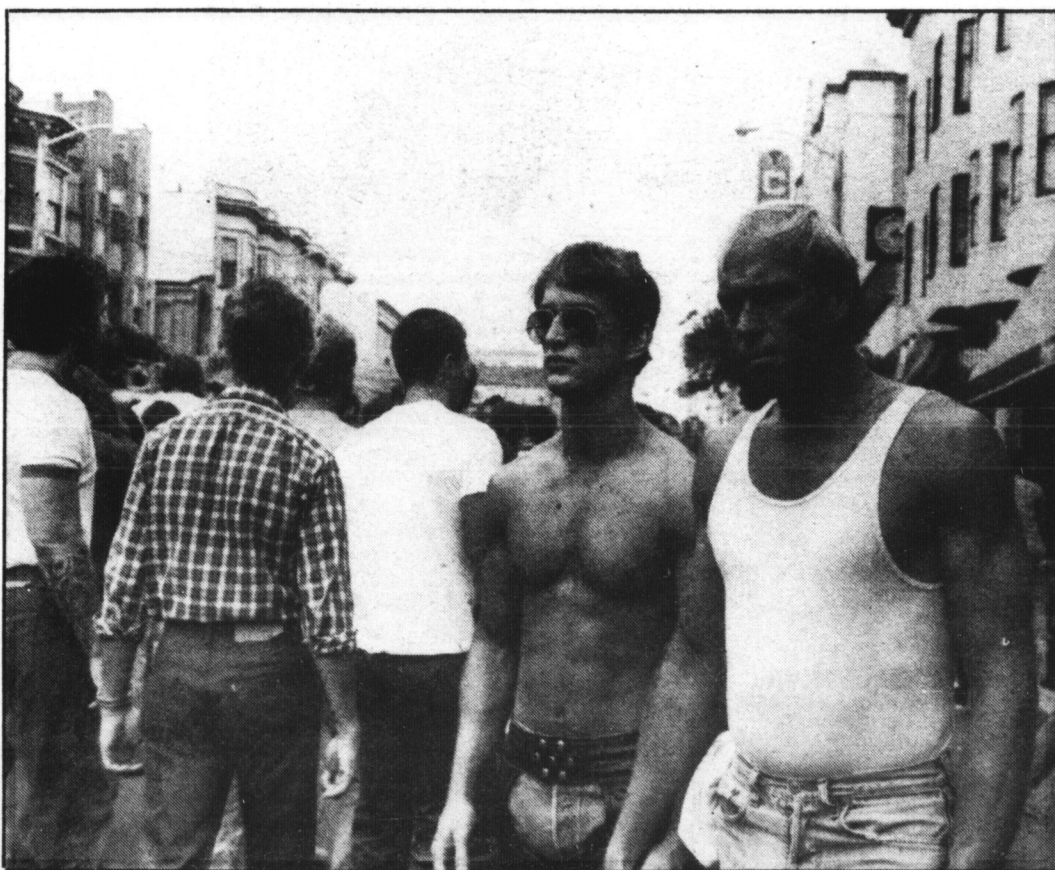


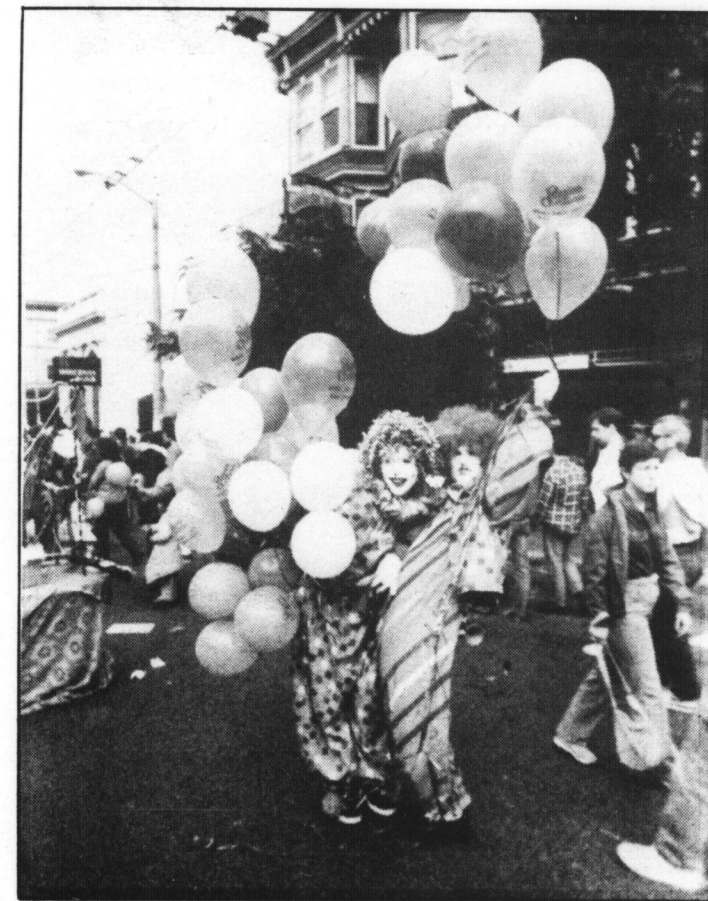
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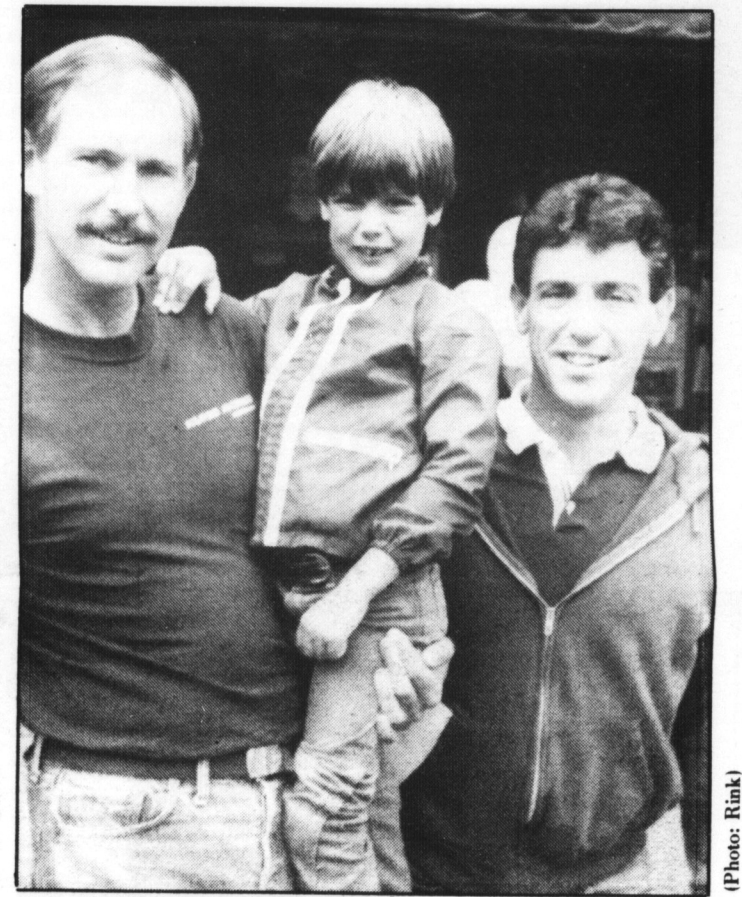
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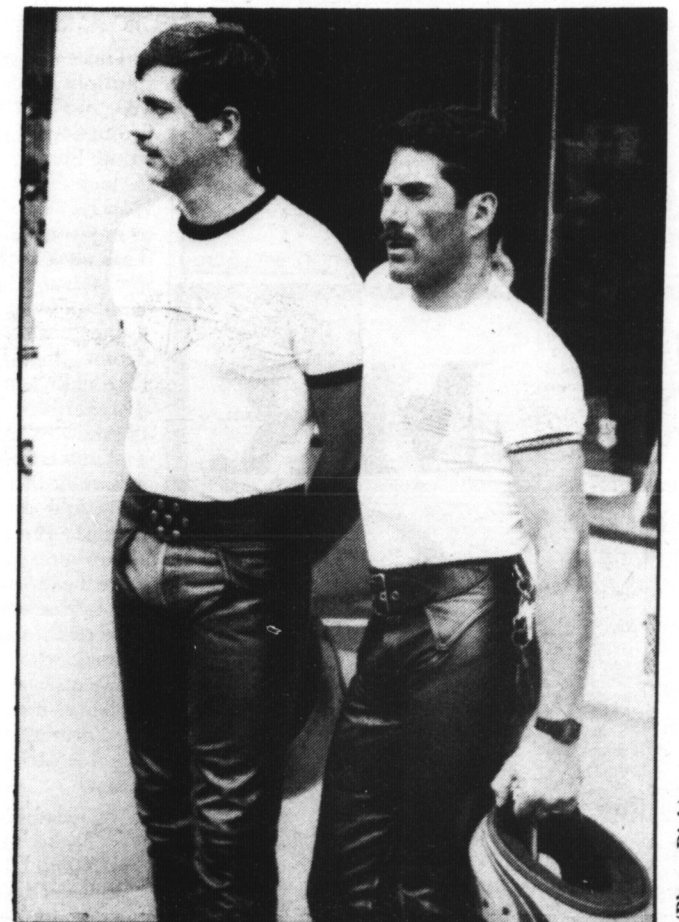
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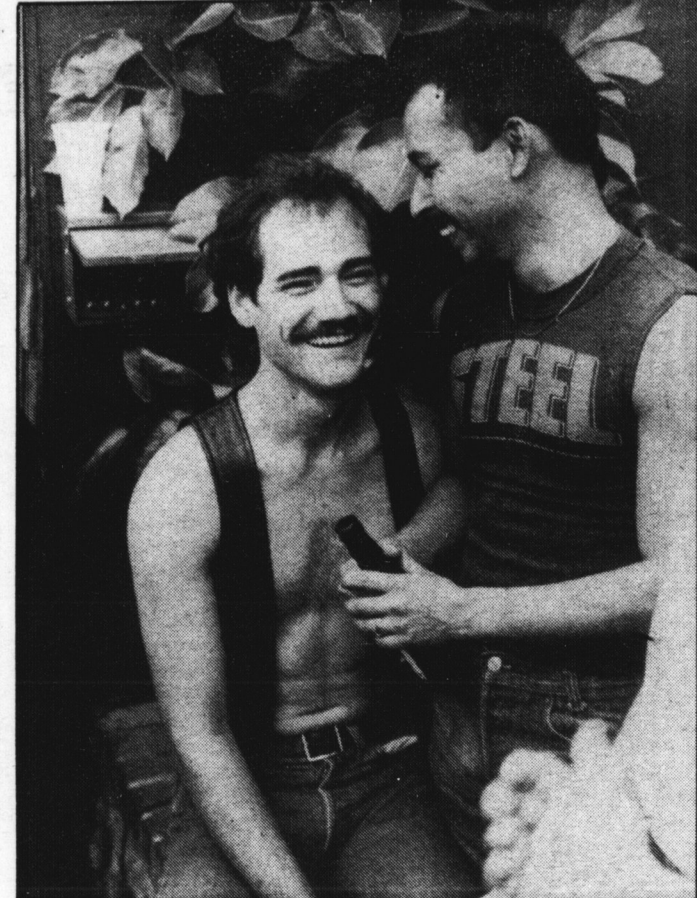
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cocktail party for her on Thursday, Aug. 30, for a mere \$25 donation. Call 821-2119 for details... Who would suspect that leather tailor at Mister S was so dynamic? In photos by Robert Pruzana-dana in the current issue of MACH, there's the robustness of Tom Brown, formerly of Fresno... The powers that be have decreed that the premiere issue of *Advocate Men* was such a success that the go-ahead has been given to publish regularly. Look for the next issue any day now. Our own Dennis Forbes is the master photographer, and promises some juicy men on the cover, as well as inside, with Colt model Neal Shaw on the next issue, and Justin Erbe scheduled for the third issue.

DOT, DOT, DOT, DISH

We are now in Seattle attending Robert Pruzan's 20th high school re-union of the graduates of Roosevelt High. Robert found himself to be one of the few "single" graduates, but just couldn't manage to drag any of his former classmates out of the closet. Ironically, Robert admits that the class motto: "I am to be what I am now" still holds true... Richard Locke, the super macho porno celluloid star and purveyor of "safe sex," is serving up the libations at the Pit Stop in Santa Rosa, at least until November, after which he will be moving to San Diego to immerse himself in lecturing and demonstrations in safe sex and being an AIDS fund-raiser.

Whoever thought the gangly Bob Hendry (one of the Gang of Four Plus One) was a dancer? Actually, very few, except the group which was taking a break from the madness of the Gift Center Pavilion last Saturday night when La Hendry rounded the corner of 8th and Bryant, promptly bumping into a parking lot stanchion, strewn his six-pack of beer all over the street. Trying to avoid the oncoming traffic, pick up the beer cans, and dodge the drunks made for a very funny sight... Can anybody explain why they're calling CMC Prez. David Sarathain Mr. Saran Wrap? And what happened to Glenn Terrio over the weekend? ... The 15 Association finally got its "colors" hung on the walls at the Brig two Sundays ago, much to the relief of Prez. Chas. Durham. Sighed Mr.



Two young men enjoy one another at the Eagle Beer Bust. (Photo: Rink)

Durham after the thing was hung: "Now if they'd only get some Beefeater's Gin in this place"... lack of the juniper berry delight has had La Durham in a high fret for several months now... Neill Rosen was so smitten by the bicycle riding athletes in the recent Olympic competition, he went out and bought himself a two-wheeler and can be seen literally swooshing around Folsom (flat) and Polk (hilly) getting ready for the '88 Games. The consensus is that Neill is trying for more than a gold medal, pumping his buns all over town...

Bob Orizzi, that dashing Italian from Santa Cruz, was one of the finalists in the annual swimming marathon in that city, and one of the few Gay men participating. He'll be opening a new Gay bar and restaurant there soon, to be called "Puddles." Whether this appellation has anything to do with his swimming prowess or his sexual proclivities is open to question—lots of questions... Speculation has been mounting for some months now that Al Martino, Prez. of the Constantines, might possibly be a candidate for Emperor. After his drag presentation on the bike run last week-

end, he is now known as "Alice," and the empress title is looking reeveal good to his supporters... Butch Freeman is back from Los Angeles, and from all indications, happy and cheerful, while the inevitable question in everyone's mind is when he'll be moving down there permanently. "Not until after the Golden Dilleaux Awards."

Which reminds me that the 5th Annual presentation of the world's ONLY sex awards will take place on Thursday, November 15, at the SF Eagle. Ron Ross and Randy Johnson will, according to tradition, co-MC the event, with Ms. Peckerhead (Joe Johns) being the dileaux bearer. Nominations open on November 1, with voting beginning Nov. 8. Each ballot will cost \$1 (benefit) and the awards themselves will feature entertainment. YOU could be one of the nominees. Stay tuned.

That wraps it up for another week. I hope you all survived the parties and the fair by the time you read this. Until we cross paths on these pages next week, remember: To catch a lover is an art. In San Francisco, to hold him is a JOB.

Marcus

Mary-Louise

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28th and puts *Living Proof: Sylvester at Symphony Hall* on the turntable and cranks it up to 92 decibels (my doctor says I have Discosis which is low-tonal hearing impairment, and that's fine I don't like to listen to deep booming voices anyway). And I shimie and shake and kick the shit out.

And there in the middle when the neighbors are closing their windows and I'm dripping sweat all over the floor and the dishes are rattling and Sylvester announces Patrick Cowley on the piano" I burst into tears.

But I don't stop dancing no I never stop dancing I couldn't do that or somehow I am afraid actually I am sure, I would not be alive anymore.

Mary-Louise climbs Army Street to the chalet on Noe near

Bye, Sissies, bye.

Quips & Quotes

"Everybody should believe in something. I believe I'll have another drink."
 — Dean Martin

"Anybody can win unless there happens to be a second entry."
 — Goldie Hawn

"If your parents didn't have children, you probably won't either."
 — Anon. in a Castro Bar

Woolly

Karl's Calendar

Thursday, August 23: The Windows, Watercolors by C. Johnson, Chaps, showing thru Sept. 4.

Bon Voyage Party, Ambush GSL Team to Houston Tourney, Kokpit, 8 p.m.

Friday, August 24: Connections, Studio Rhino (2940 16th at S. Van Ness) 11 p.m. \$5; Mark Chester, Carla Wood Saivre, Bill Browning, Warren Muller, Glen Margo; reservation suggested, 861-5079.

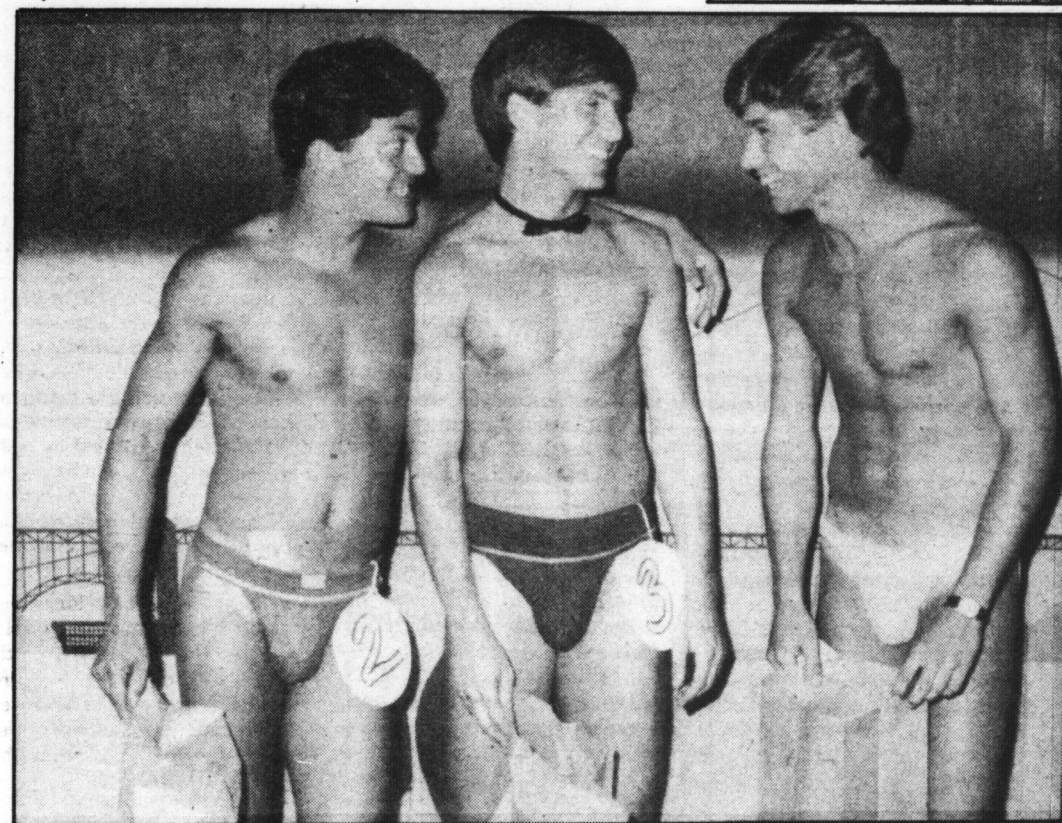
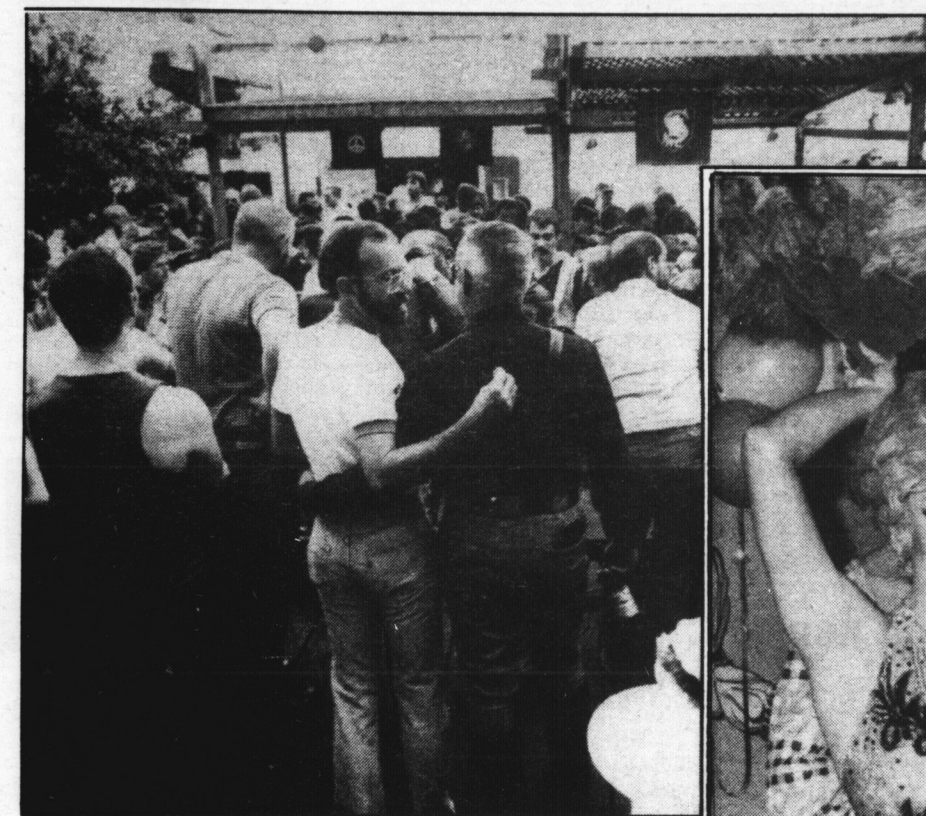
Saturday, August 25: Parkway's Birthday, The Village, 6 to 8 p.m., Men's Room, 8 p.m., also Dorothy Dusters' naming of her court of the broken wing (Men's Room, 8 p.m.).
 Li'l Abner, the film, Castro Theater 11:30 p.m., \$9. Benefit for Genesis Resource Foundation, Gay Games II, AIDS Fund.

Sunday, August 26: SFGDI Midsummer Madness, A one-day run, Check-in 12 to 1 p.m., Ramrod, 3 to 6 p.m., bake sale/cake auction, SF Eagle patio.

Wednesday, August 29: Sock Hop, Castro Station, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 50s and 60s music.

Karl Stewart

Scenes from the Planet Mary



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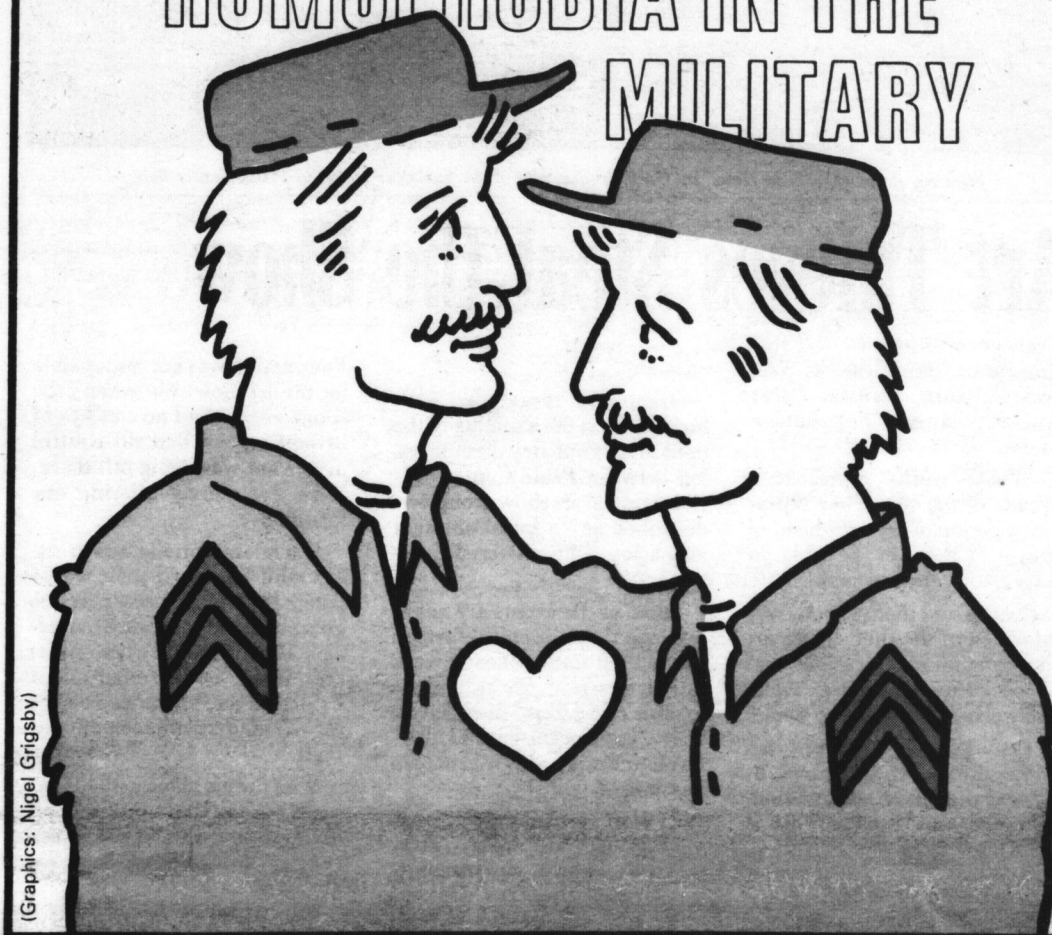
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HOMOPHOBIA IN THE MILITARY



Federal Appeals Court Upholds Ban on Gays in the Military

Navy Petty Officer from Monterey Loses Case; Court Says No Constitutional Protection for Gays

by George Mendenhall

"Private, consensual homosexual conduct is not constitutionally protected." This was the startling conclusion by a three-judge panel of the prestigious Washington, D.C., federal appeals court this week. The ruling was written in a case involving a former sailor, James Dronenberg, who was seeking redress — claiming that the Navy was denying the constitutional right to privacy and equal protection of the laws by denying homosexuals the right to serve in the military.

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Anti-Violence Bill Passes Legislature

Sponsor Bates Frets Over a Duke Veto, Calls for Massive Letter Campaign

by George Mendenhall

Governor George Deukmejian now has on his desk a sweeping anti-violence bill passed this week. AB-848, authored by Assemblyman Tom Bates (D-Berkeley), would strengthen the ability of Lesbians and Gay men to be free from violence or the threat of violence. The bill needed 21 state Senate votes for passage this week — and that is just what it got in a 21-14 tally. Activists are hopeful that the Governor, who has supported victims rights, will sign it or allow the bill to become law by not taking any action before the Sept. 30 deadline. Senator David Roberti (D-Los Angeles) carried the bill in the Senate.

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Art Thieves Steal the Show

Big Heist in Broad Daylight At Pride Center Gay Exhibit

by Brian Jones

The Gay community's biggest art exhibit has now become the Gay community's biggest art heist. Thieves working in broad daylight walked into the Pride Center the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 18, and stole 32 of the 78 artworks on display in the building's chapel. A 33rd artwork is also missing, but is believed to have been stolen in an earlier theft on Friday.

"This occurred in broad daylight on a Saturday and there was no volunteer on the desk, with the door standing wide open," said Holly Smith, assistant coordinator of the show.

Pride Center officials met with organizers of the art show Thursday, Aug. 23, in a closed meeting. They asked all involved to release only basic information to the public or the press about the art theft. At the Pride Center, all questions were referred to the president of the center's board, Brandy Moore, a Gay activist who is an aide to city supervisor Doris Ward.

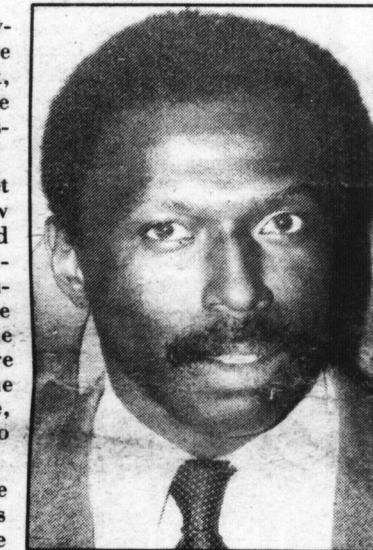
"We are trying to recover the art at this time," Moore said this week. "There is some hope we can do so . . . A car was seen and a license number was given to the Police Department."

Burglary Inspector Tom Crawford of the police burglary detail said a police report was filed on the theft at 6 p.m. the day it occurred, and that a witness' statement put the theft at between 1 and 3 p.m. Crawford said the license number of the car involved has been traced and there is a possibility that lead will yield suspects — and, perhaps, return of the artwork.

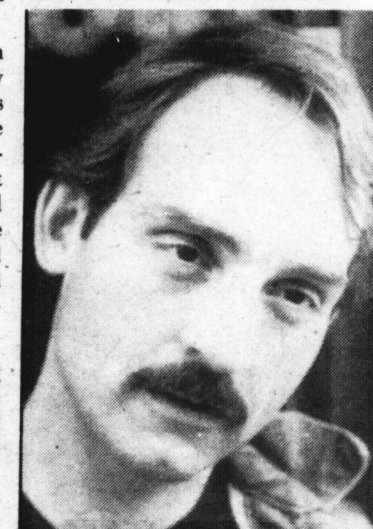
Organizers did not release a dollar valuation on the group of artworks stolen. For the artists involved, however, the loss is greater than monetary.

Gregory Brouse displayed three canvases of brutal, vivid, impressionistic scenes set in San

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Brandy Moore (Photo: Rink)



Tony Plewik (Photo: Rink)

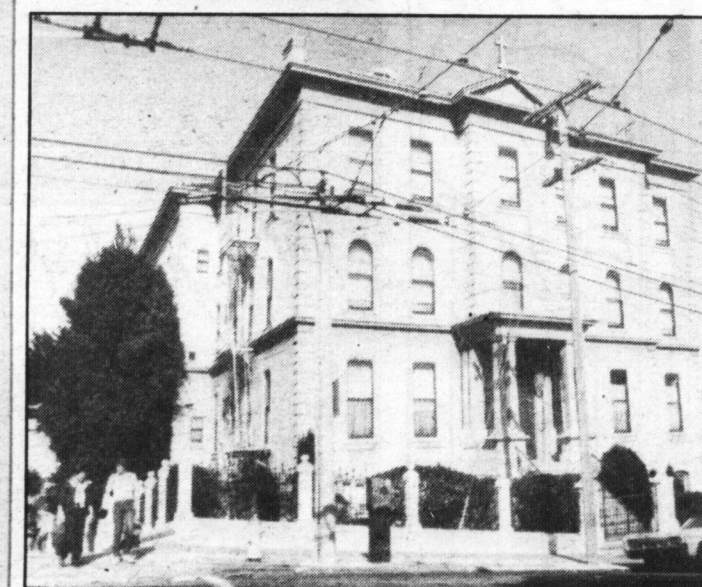
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Scene of the Crime. The Pride Center at Fillmore and Hayes Streets. (Photo: Rink)