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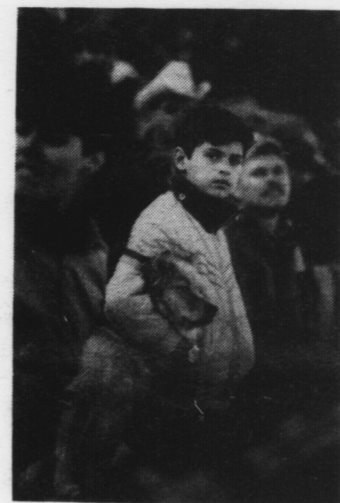
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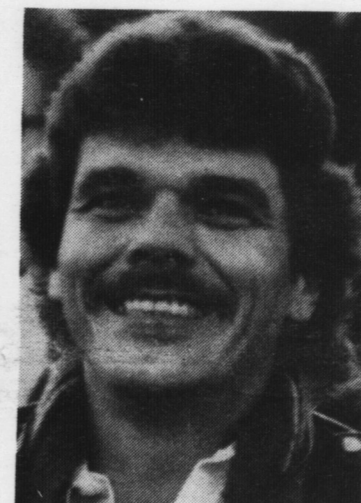
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Rah! Rah! Rah!



It was football time again for the gay football team (the San Francisco Trojans) and a team of deputies from the Sheriff's department in the Charity Bowl. Our boys lost, 25-12, but they weren't without their moments, like a long touch-down run (above). Spectators included a young lad with his dog (left) and a good-looking adult (right). A good time was had by all and \$3,000 was raised for charities. So, catch your breath, Glenn Burke (below) ... you earned a breather. For more details, catch Allen White's story on page 14. Photos (above, left and right) by Robert Pruzan and (below) by Mick Hicks.



O'Connell Case Now Before Jury

Judge Denies Acquittal Motion; Defense Says Attack Not 'Dangerous to Life'
by Gregory Douthwaite

Jury deliberations began Tuesday in the trial of four Vallejo men accused of killing John O'Connell in a street attack on Polk Street in July, 1984. Charged in the case, are David Rodgers, Doug Barr, Donny Clanton, all 21, and Timothy White, 23.

Jurors must reach separate, unanimous verdicts for each of the four defendants. They can decide to vote for second-degree murder, manslaughter, or not guilty in the complicated case. Superior Court Judge Edward Stern instructed the jury that the difference between murder and manslaughter is malice.

In closing arguments this week, District Attorney William Fazio charged that the four exhibited a "wanton disregard for human life." He urged the jury to find the group guilty of second-degree murder.

Malice was implied by the defendants' attitudes, said Fazio in court. "They thought of gays as second-class citizens, like Nazis thought of Jews," he said.

The loud thud of O'Connell's head hitting the curb was heard by passers-by across the street, Fazio noted. The defendants "didn't care," and were laughing as they fled, he said.

Two defense attorneys said their clients may be guilty of involuntary manslaughter, which involves accidental death and

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Parade Stays Gay and Lesbian

Move Hotly Denounced, Voted Down

by Allen White

A proposal to remove the word "lesbian" from the name of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee was overwhelmingly defeated by a vote of 30 to 8 last Sunday, Dec. 8. Through a passionate 45-minute debate, only one person spoke in favor of the motion.

Speaking for the motion, Jonna Harlan, a member of the committee's board, said she wanted the name of the parade to include all people.

She noted there were people who could not be classed as either lesbians or gay men as the title now denotes. She said the

word "gay" had no gender and it was her hope that the motion

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The Trojans lost, but a number of charities won in the second annual big game against the Deputies. Allen White tells all on **Page 14**. For the play-by-play, see **page 29**.

Santa Clara County's AIDS Foundation has gone out of business and turned over its assets to the ARIS Project. Dot James reports from the South Bay, see **page 17**.

Charges have been flying that a Shanti volunteer has been using her time to preach to people with AIDS. But Shanti says otherwise. See **page 19** for the story.

Fish Eye View — Jon Sugar visits Doris Fish to find out about her 'happy hour', **page 22**.

Pro-Gay Slate Wins Sierra Club

Huge Chapter Election Response Ousts Anti-Gay Faction

by Charles Linebarger

Gay Sierra Club members have cause to celebrate as a result of recent Bay Area chapter elections. In a voter turnout that was almost quadruple that of the last chapter election, three candidates put forward by the pro-gay slate came in as the three top vote-getters on the ballot. Consequently, there is now a 6-3 majority on the executive committee in favor of sanctioning a group for gay and lesbian Sierrans.

Five of the nine on the chapter's executive committee were up for election. Four of those seats had been held by club leaders who had voted against

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Barbara Cameron explains why 'lesbian' should not be dropped from the parade name. (Photo: Mick Hicks)

Lesbian

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would "get things going to unite all people."

The group wasn't buying her argument. Speaker after speaker stood up to defend the current name of the annual parade and celebration.

Former parade co-chair Barbara Cameron said that if the word "lesbian" is to be eliminated, "freedom should also be eliminated." Calling the move a "slap in the face," Cameron labeled it "an insult," "bigotry," "negative energy." If the word were dropped, she predicted most lesbians would not be at the parade but at a "lesbian pot luck" in the park next June.

Scott Reed also called the move "a slap at the lesbian community" and suggested "that this committee must reevaluate their leadership." Ken Jones said, "We must move ahead, adding "how naive to believe that sexism isn't a major issue."

Kirk Essler said he had been working on the parade every year since 1980 and "the word 'lesbian' has served us well." He then noted that now virtually every parade of its kind in the country incorporates the words "lesbian" and "gay."

Linda Boyd, a former co-chair of the event, said she prefers to be called a lesbian and that the word "gay" doesn't describe her. She also handed out a flyer stating, "It is insulting to our movement and our community that a small group of people can try to snuff out and deny an entire population." The flyer exclaimed, "If it's lesbians now, what group will be next?" John Belencamp said the "word 'gay' means 'gay white male'" to most people as he supported defeat of the motion.

Autumn Courtney said she "realized the importance of language and wants to see the

'It is insulting to our movement and our community that a small group of people can try to snuff out an entire population. If it's lesbian now, what group will be next?'

— Statement on a flyer handed out by Linda Boyd, former Parade co-chair



Jonna Harlan, who suggested the name change, listens with resignation as the proposal is defeated. (Photo: Mick Hicks)

word remain." She favored bringing the motion to the committee so the "issue would be put to rest." Several members of the corporate board wanted to have the name change, yet only one person spoke in favor of the change. The only issue that was clear was that eight of nine board members voted to have the motion presented to the entire com-

mittee for a vote.

The theme of the 1986 San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration is "Forward Together—No Turning Back." At the same meeting Patrick Toner was elected as the male co-chair. ■

A. White

NYC Closes Cruise Park

by Curtis Ellis

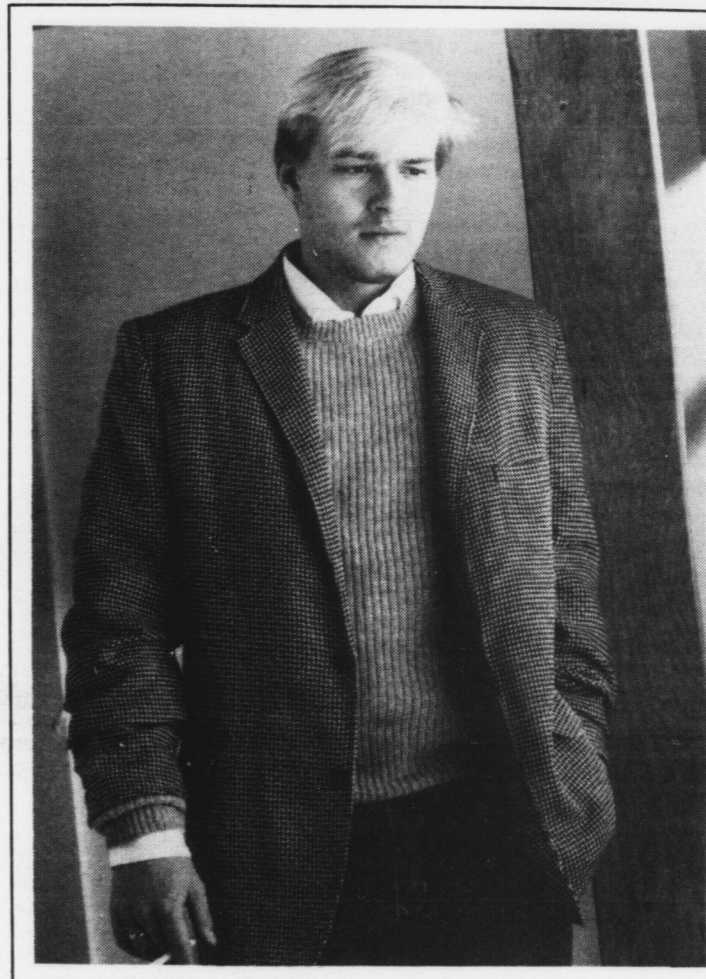
NEW YORK CITY—Dog owners and residents of the middle class Stuyvesant Park neighborhood became the latest casualties in New York's heated-up war against AIDS. On Oct. 15, the City Parks Department began closing Stuyvesant Park between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., much to the chagrin of those who live nearby. Stuyvesant Park, on Second Avenue between 15 and 17 Streets, has long been famous as a late night cruising spot.

When the *New York Times* and *New York Magazine* recently ran articles characterizing the wooded promenades as a breeding ground for the deadly dis-

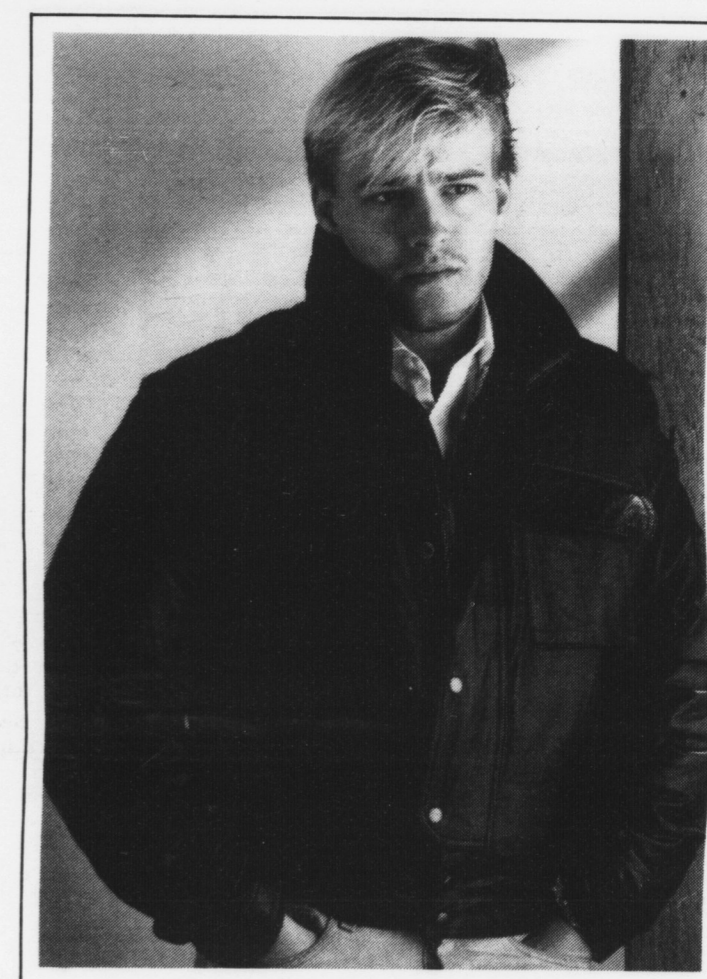
ease, the city responded by locking the gates to the fenced-in square. Late night visitors are now greeted by the bizarre sight of a lone police officer padlock-

ed inside the park. Neighborhood residents responded angrily to the action. More than a hundred people turned out for a local meeting to tell city officials what they thought about losing their "back yard." A long-time neighborhood family man said that the cruising has been going on for years and questioned the need for closing "one of the few places its safe to walk in this city at any hour." ■

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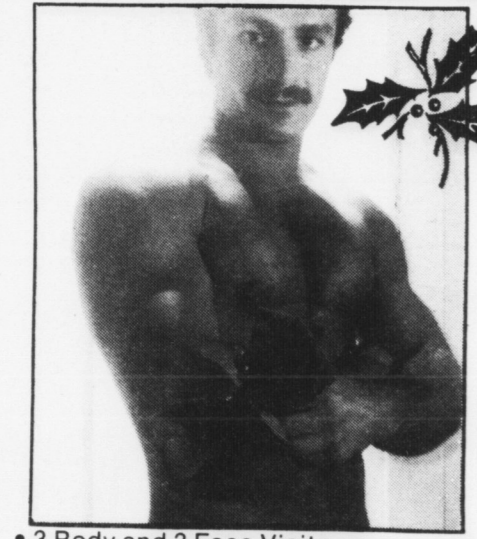
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Your Complete Guide to Holiday Parties

by Allen White

The holiday season on Castro continues with events bringing the community together in massive numbers. In the last week, a second huge Christmas tree was put up and sparkles at the corner of 18th and Castro. A third tree is scheduled to be lit at the ARC/AIDS vigil area in front of the old Federal Building in United Nations Plaza this week.

Tonight the Lesbian Rights Project celebrates the holidays with a party at their 1370 Mission Street location (between 9th & 10th) from 5:30 to 7:30. Later on this Dec. 12, Rita Rockett's fourth annual Family Reunion and Christmas Party will be presented at the Castro Station starting at 8 p.m. The event will be a benefit to help fund her Sunday brunches at San Francisco General's Ward 5-B. Rita Rockett said that small gifts for patients are optional for admission but would be appreciated.

Friday, Dec. 13 marks the eighth anniversary of Trocadero Transfer. For the last several days the building has been undergoing an almost total transformation. The new dance hall will be unveiled with a party themed, Trocadero: A New Look, A New Attitude, A New Beginning. Thelma Houston will be performing. Admission is \$5 with a Troc ID (\$5 for six months).

Sunday, Dec. 15 Buckley's presents a cabaret benefit for the San Francisco Hospice with a sensational lineup of talent. Cost is \$15 for the event which begins at 8 p.m. Bay Area Career Women present their holiday party the same day starting at 5

p.m. at Sutter's Mill. It is a benefit for the Larkin Street Youth Center and tickets are \$18.

The weekend of Dec. 14 is the first presentation of the Sixth Annual Holiday Concert presented by Golden Gate Performing Arts. It features the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus with their new director Gregg Tallman. Tickets range from \$6 to \$12 for the event which this year will be presented at Mission High School. Reserved seats are available at the GGPA office at 2354 Market. General admission tickets are available at Headlines. The concert will be presented on Dec. 14, 15 and on Christmas Eve.

The political clubs have also scheduled holiday parties. The Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club's event is on Tuesday, Dec. 17 starting at 6:30 p.m. and running through 9 p.m. at 3749 17th Street. The Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club party is at the home of Sup. Richard Hongisto at 114 Broderick on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 3 to 6. It's free to members with a \$5 charge for non-members. They plan to take a collection for the people protesting at the Federal Building.

Wednesday night, Dec. 18 is

the night for the annual Maud's Christmas party featuring entertainment by the Pussies in PJs. The Pussies appear again at Amelia's party on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Amelia's Christmas party may be the most complicated in the city. The party starts at 9 p.m. and the entertainment features Flame and her exotic fire dance with a special guest appearance by the Pussies in PJs. The event is titled the Red Party and admission is \$5, but you can get in free.

There will be a bloodmobile in front of Amelia's from noon till 5 p.m. the day of the party. If you give blood bring your donation receipt and you get in free. The blood donated will go to the Tavern Guild's Godfather Blood Bank. It should be quite a party if for no other reason than to watch people drink who have just had a pint of blood drained out of their system.

Sunday, Dec. 22 Robert Michael Productions presents A Christmas Gala and Dance-along Nutcracker at the Gift-Center Pavilion. Tickets range from \$10 to \$15 and are available at All American Boy. For reserved tables, call 621-5619.

On the same weekend there will be a benefit for the AIDS Foundation Food Bank at the Castro Theatre. The Duke and Duchess will present a special showing of Divine's classic film, *Lust In The Dust*. Admission is a donation of food to the Food Bank. The showing starts at noon and people are encouraged to stop by the theatre and give food even if they can't attend the show.

Christmas Eve this year there will be something very special taking place at the Castro Theatre at midnight. Dignity, the gay Roman Catholic organization, will present a Midnight Mass.

Burton Pledges Action On AIDS Vigil Demands

To Work for Expedited Federal Benefits, Drug Therapies;
Money Raised to Send Vigilers to LA Hearings

by Allen White

The protest of government inaction relating to people with AIDS and AIDS-Related Complex entered its seventh week this week. Despite cold and wet weather, the vigil, which began on Oct. 27, continues to draw support.

In a letter to vigilers, Rep. Sala Burton pledged to act on the demands of the protest that federal action be expedited for those with ARC as well as AIDS.

Last Saturday morning the protesters woke to find the giant Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day rainbow flag flying from the flagpole in the plaza. Later in the day they would get a further boost from Sup. John Molinari, president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. "I pledge," he said, "to visit this site at least two times a week as long as this vigil continues."

Molinari then again gave his strong support to this protest. He told a crowd gathered for an afternoon rally on Saturday that what these people need more than anything is the physical and moral support of the community. He noted how lonely and cold it can be late at night and encouraged people to stop by and talk to the protesters.

Sunday afternoon the protesters were encouraged to learn that \$1,100 had been raised at an auction in their behalf at the New Bell Saloon on Polk Street. The money will be used to send several of the vigilers to Los Angeles to testify next Monday at hearings scheduled by the state addressing the issue of AIDS and AIDS-Related Complex.

Jack Hanna, a member of the vigil team chose not to wait for a visit from a federal elected official. He went to the offices of Sen. Pete Wilson. Not satisfied with an apparent lackluster reception, he persisted in getting some answers. The result was a telephone call to Sen. Wilson and

a subsequent letter from an aide stating that he was aware of the protesters and their demands. Hanna called the letter "a first step."

There have been several "first steps" and it seems incredible that it has taken almost seven weeks for the reactions to surface. Sen. Alan Cranston and Rep. Barbara Boxer have yet to personally acknowledge that they know there are people chained to the doors of the Federal Building.

Rep. Sala Burton, in a letter delivered to the protesters, said, "I am writing to express my heartfelt support for your courageous vigil in the United Nations Plaza." She acknowledged that ARC "is an extremely pressing issue which has not received sufficient attention, and your noble effort has insured that the public and the government face the problems experienced by people with this debilitating disease."

She directly addressed two of the demands of the protesters. "I

am working with my colleagues in Congress and in the Social Security Administration to insure that people with ARC who are disabled receive SSA and SSI disability payments without undue delay."

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Sala Burton
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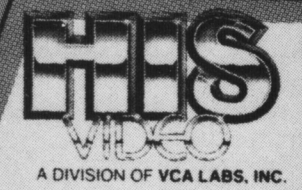
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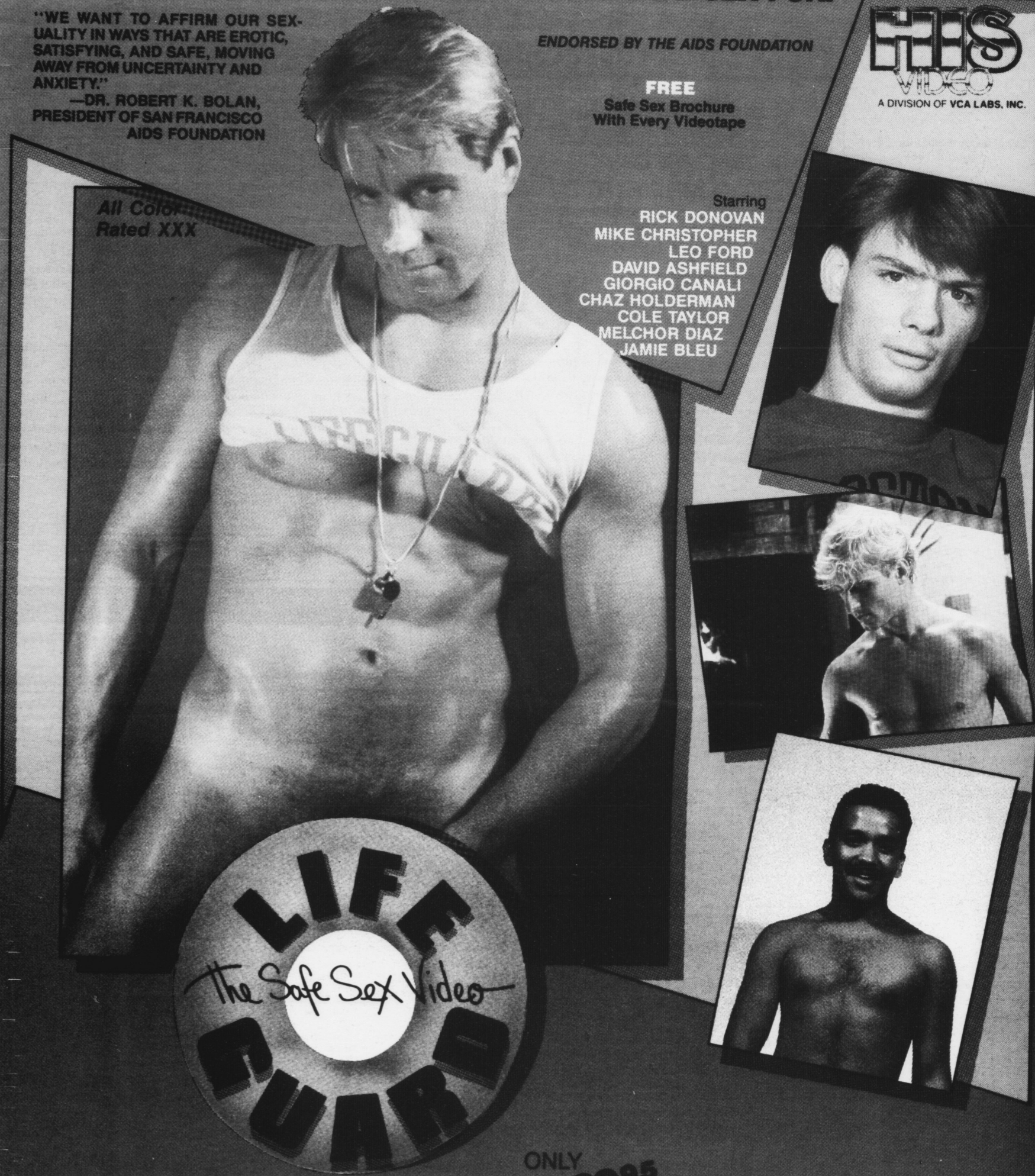
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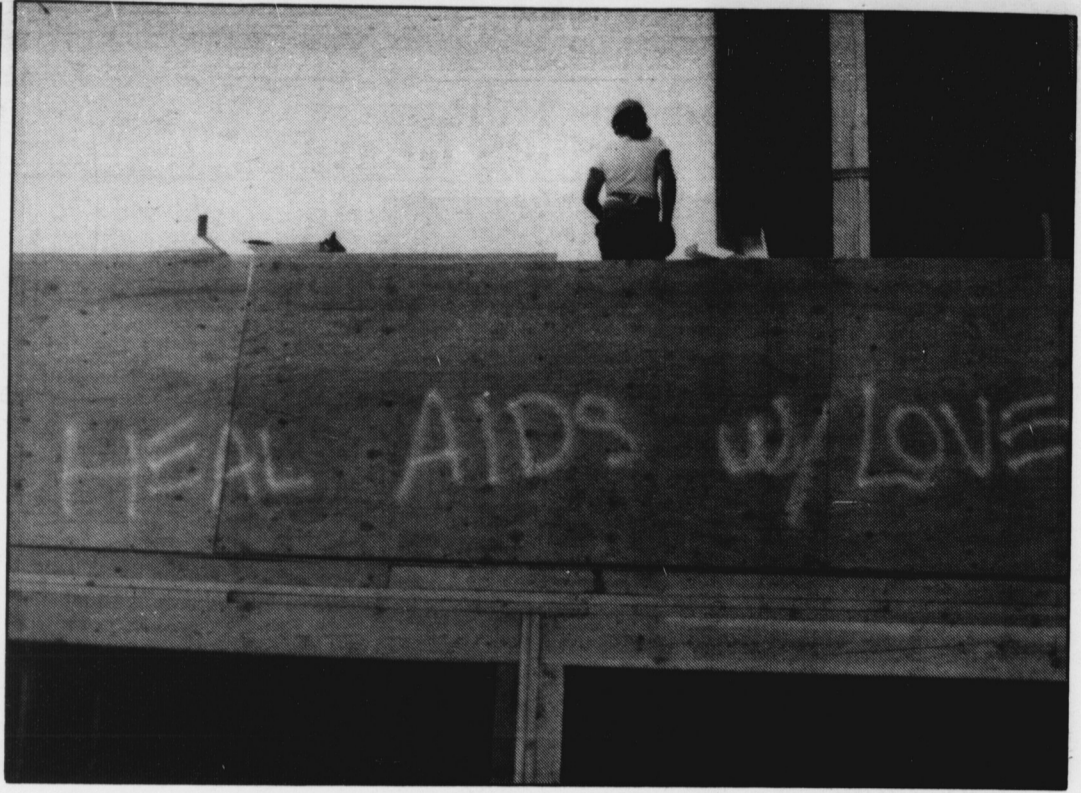
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ON THE OFF BEAT

AIDS Hysteria: A Clear And Present Danger

MIKE HIPPLER

We hear a lot about AIDS hysteria these days, ranging from absurd things, like Hollywood actresses refusing to kiss gay actors, to more serious matters, like people with AIDS being evicted from their apartments or losing their jobs. Personally, I haven't seen any of my friends with AIDS treated with anything but the greatest concern and respect by any segment of the population, either gay or straight.

But I have seen a great deal of fear surfacing in the straight community recently. Their fear is directed, if not against persons with AIDS specifically, then against gay people in general. I am disturbed by this trend. As I have learned, AIDS hysteria is not a figment of journalists' imaginations but a clear and present danger—a danger we must confront.

Not too long ago, I was standing in the check-out line of Cala Foods on 18th Street when the store security guard—a young, skinny heterosexual—walked up to the checker and said, "Can I put a word in your ear?"

"Sure, what's up?" asked the checker, another of the store's pretty straight boys.

The guard then explained, dramatically sotto voce, that one of the customers in line was going to pay for his groceries with money that he had been holding in his mouth. "I just thought you ought to know," he said.

The checker shrugged and went about his business. Clearly he was not as paranoid as his co-worker about the possibility of catching AIDS simply by working in a gay neighborhood and by handling gay money.

I left the store wondering just how many employees of the store share the security guard's insecurity. In that small enclave of heterosexuality, do they have meetings periodically to discuss ways of protecting themselves? They should—to protect themselves not from AIDS but from ignorance.

A few weeks later, my friend Bill and I were skiing at Kirkwood, south of Lake Tahoe, when Bill had a bad fall and broke his leg. Because he was in a great deal of pain, the nurse at the first aid station gave him pain-killers intravenously before his leg was set. A few hours later, he was handed a bill for nearly \$400 and sent on his way—and he thought that was that.

Next day, the first-aid nurse called him from Kirkwood and said, "I've got to ask you a really big favor. Are you gay?" The reason she wanted to know is that while administering the pain-killers, she accidentally pricked herself with the needle and was concerned that she may have exposed herself to the AIDS virus.

I don't know why she thought Bill was gay. It took me weeks to figure it out, and my Queerometer must work a lot better than hers. Perhaps it was because I was there, and I am more obvious than Bill. Or perhaps it was because I was so solicitous for Bill's welfare. Bill thinks it was simply because he is a 36-year old waiter, single, living in San Francisco. Whatever the reason for the question, Bill answered, "No, I'm not gay, so you don't have a thing to worry about."

I couldn't believe he lied and asked him, "Don't you think she has a right to know?"

He replied, "No. What good would it do? It would only make her worry, probably needlessly. If I ever come down with AIDS, I'll let her know. But in the meantime, she has no right asking me questions like that simply because she is hysterical. It's none of her damn business."

While I would have answered the nurse differently—fuck her, if she wants to worry—I understand Bill's point of view.

The thing that concerns me here, however, is not Bill's attitude but the nurse's. Has it come to this, that all gay men in San Francisco are seen as threats to the health and welfare of straight people just because they are gay?

Finally, I received a troubled call from my good friend Melanie in Atlanta recently. Melanie had a problem and needed advice. As it turns out, our mutual childhood friend, Tommy, who now lives near me in San Francisco, was visiting friends in Atlanta named Peter and Sue. Sue has known Tommy for years and loves him very much, but her husband Peter has only known him for a short while and cannot understand why his wife is such good friends with a gay man. At best, he has never been any more than distantly polite where Tommy is concerned.

During his recent visit, however, Peter's attitude toward Tommy changed. His reserve turned to animosity, and he demanded that Sue ask Tommy to leave. "I don't want a gay man staying in this house—not now, anyway," he told her. When pressed, he explained that he didn't want to get AIDS, and he didn't want her to be exposed either.

Although Sue objected, she eventually gave in and asked Melanie if Tommy could stay at her place. Unfortunately, Melanie's lover, with whom she lives, shared Peter's feelings. "No way are you bringing that man into our house," he said. "I don't want to catch AIDS either."

Melanie tried to explain to her boyfriend how irrational his fears were. Tommy doesn't have AIDS, and even if he did, she explained, he would be no threat, for AIDS is not transmitted casually. She failed to change his mind, however, so finally she said, "Look, this is my house too. You can't tell me who can stay and who can't. Tommy is my friend. If you don't like it, leave."

When her boyfriend threatened to take her at her word, Melanie called me. "What do I do, Mike? Tommy put me up when I came to San Francisco. I love him and want to return the favor, but Paul is being so stubborn. He's making me choose between Tommy and him."

"In that case, you have a decision to make," I told her. "If I were you, I'd probably ask Tommy to stay elsewhere. I'm sure he'll understand, and you won't be risking your friendship—not if I know Tommy. And if you don't, you will be losing your lover, who hopefully is undergoing a period of temporary insanity. But you also should consider the larger question: Do you really want to spend the rest of your life with a man who can behave this way? His attitude toward faggots and his fear of disease, however irrational, is one thing, but what about his ability to compromise, and his respect for your opinion? Think about it, girl."

The last I heard, Melanie was still living with Paul, and Tommy was back in San Francisco, after finding a place with other friends in Atlanta.

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NATIONAL/WORLD NEWS

Pink Triangles Next? Gays Get Color Code

WILL SNYDER

DENVER—The city of Denver has been using a Nazi-style of color-coded uniforms for inmates in its prison system. Gays are issued gray uniforms. Also receiving gray uniforms are prisoners with a history of violence or psychological problems.

Those awaiting trial on felony charges will be issued green uniforms, while those accused of misdemeanors will be dressed in blue uniforms.

Gay rights groups denounced the policy, which has been in effect for one year, as being discriminatory against gays. They also said this action would leave gays open for possible harassment within prison walls.

"Anyone with a sense of history would be reminded of a period under a fascist government," said Britt Alkire of the Gay Rights National Lobby board of directors.

Denver prison system administrators said they started the color coding to protect gay men from being harassed or assaulted by other prisoners. They also felt this action would reduce the incidence of rape in prison.

—Au Courant of Philadelphia

British Sex Law Goes Before European Court

STRASBOURG, France—Britain's Sexual Offenses Law will be under close scrutiny because Europe's Supreme Court decided to hear a case against that law. If the case—brought by Londoner Martin Johnson—is successful, Britain will be forced to change or scrap the law.

The European Court of Human Rights, Europe's highest court, has ordered Britain to justify its 1967 act in writing by Jan. 3, 1986. The Sexual Offenses Law demands gay relationships "to be conducted in private." It also bans sex between more than two gay men and sets a discriminatory age of consent of 21 for gay men and 15 for everyone else. The British are reportedly nervous about the court's demands because the European Charter on Human Rights (ECHR) bans anti-gay discrimination. The ECHR has the force of law in Western Europe.

The story behind Johnson's charges dates back to his Oct. 1982, birthday party. He had 37 guests at the party, an amount not considered very private by London police. The 37 guests were arrested and kept overnight in a London Jail. Charges, however, were not filed.

Johnson claims the law violated his civil rights. Under the guise of the law, British gay men are often arrested for holding hands or kissing in public. The act has also been used to justify several raids on London bars and discos in 1982-84, but these raids appear to have stopped for now.

—The Advocate

British Sex Law Goes Before European Court

Dallas Gay Activist Nixes Oath, Loses Job On Board

DALLAS—Bill Nelson was all set to serve on the Civil Service Review Board for the City of Dallas, but there was a hitch. He had to sign an oath, pledging to "preserve, protect and defend" state laws.

In Texas, that can be contradictory for a gay activist such as Nelson. So, he amended his oath to exclude Section 21.06, which bans homosexual intercourse in the state. Lawyers advised Dallas City Council members that they had to remove Nelson from the Civil Service Review Board, a panel that hears from city workers on employment matters.

"They are requiring me to sign an oath swearing that I will preserve, protect, and defend a law that says I am a criminal," said Nelson. "And a criminal for something that is very basic and natural for me."

Nelson said he has talked to the American Civil Liberties Union about suing the city and the state.

He appeared before the Dallas City Council and said other City Council members have violated this oath, too. But, he was told the city does not force compliance, just that the oath be signed.

"I know for a fact that at least one of our local elected officials actively speaks out against the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit," said Nelson, "and I know that several of them do not support the right of every woman in Texas to have an abortion. Yet those two issues are both 'the law of the land'—and when they took office, they swore to 'preserve, protect and defend' those laws."

Sodomy is a misdemeanor in Texas, punishable by a fine of up to \$200.

—Philadelphia Gay News

Texas Gays Plan To Send Plea To Supreme Court

DALLAS—Gay rights advocates in Texas plan to ask the United States Supreme Court to hear the case of Baker vs. Wade, the controversial court decision which upheld Texas' ancient sodomy laws.

The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) and plaintiff Don Baker decided to push for the high court right after the justices chose to hear a Georgia case—Hardwick vs. Bowers—which also deals with a state sodomy law.

"In view of the Supreme Court's decision to hear the Georgia case, it has significantly affected our plan of action," said Baker.

Baker said he and THRF would file a writ of certiorari (a motion to appeal) right away instead of waiting until 1986.

In August of this year, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans overturned a lower court ruling which made Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code unconstitutional. Three years earlier, Federal District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer ruled that the state's old sodomy law was unconstitutional.

The Texas law states that it is against the law for members of the same sex to engage in acts of oral-genital or anal-genital sex in the privacy of their own homes. It is not against the law for members of the opposite sex to participate in the same acts. The Georgia law forbids both homosexuals and heterosexuals to engage in such acts.

Baker said the Supreme Court has been known to combine two separate cases when the two are similar.

—The Dallas Voice

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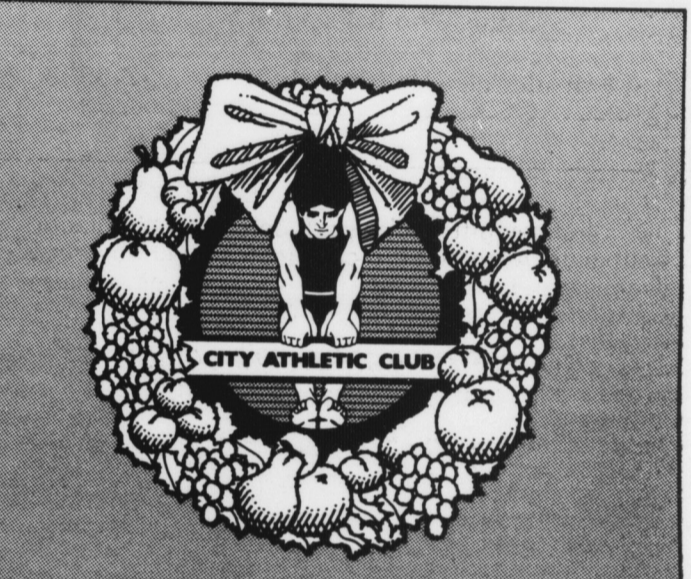
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GUEST COLUMN

Robert K. Bolan, M.D.

What Motivates Changes to Safe Sex?

I, too, disagree with Dr. Marcus Conant's views on AIDS risk reduction. However, I think the Nov. 14 *B.A.R.* editorial widely missed the mark by trying to discredit and personally malign the man. There is ample evidence in the literature on behavior change with which to intelligently refute an education campaign based upon denial of a biological drive. Argue with him on the data, don't call him names—that does not discredit him or his viewpoint. It's just silly posturing.

The prevalence of AIDS virus in our community is now estimated by two of the ongoing AIDS studies to be about 50 percent—one out of two gay/bisexual men is infected. Anyone who is not having only safe sex with secondary partners is probably already infected and able to transmit virus even though he feels perfectly fine. I believe this is the basis for Dr. Conant's advice to learn your antibody status. If you are negative and are unable (unwilling) to consistently stick to safe activities then you should find a similarly antibody-negative partner. From a public health perspective this is hardly a foolish viewpoint—it is coldly rational.

But the antibody test is not positive in 100 percent of infected individuals. Dr. Jeff Levy, at U.C.-San Francisco, has found living virus in 2 percent of a sample of persons who repeatedly tested negative for the antibody. Other researchers at Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center have found virus in 10 percent of 60 or so individuals whose antibody tests remained negative.

These investigators claim to have a more sensitive culture technique than that currently in use by others. If higher estimates of falsely negative tests are confirmed, then for truly negative individuals, Dr. Conant's method would be like letting a fox loose in the chicken coop. Further, it can take up to six months after infection with the virus to develop the antibody.

Before making any assumptions about the safety of engaging in AIDS-unsafe behaviors with another negative person one would need two negative results, the second one being at least six months following the last potential virus exposure.

What about the efficacy of safe sex guidelines? For those who are antibody negative, consistent and absolute adherence to the guidelines is required to remain noninfected. To remove all risk one must even eliminate behaviors from the possibly safe category, including wet kissing. The "possibly safe" or "possibly risky" has been the most difficult category for people because data linking these behaviors to AIDS transmission is the least certain.

For those who are antibody positive, the risk reduction messages are the same because we hope that by avoiding exposure to additional infections (parasites, CMV, etc.) one can remain healthy and survive with the AIDS virus.

The other great hope is that infected people will feel a sense of responsibility to not transmit the virus to another individual. In fact, a May 1985 survey performed by Research & Decisions Corp. for the AIDS Foundation showed that 92 percent agree that it is an individual's responsibility to avoid transmitting the virus to others. However, 29 percent of the sample continued to place

themselves (and their partners) at some risk by practicing unsafe sex with secondary partners some of the time.

Another very interesting finding from the survey revealed that 3 percent of the sample reported using IV drugs in the previous six months. This 3 percent accounts for 38 percent of all the anal intercourse reported by study participants.

Obviously, these people are motivated by something other than care for themselves and their partners. In fact, it is likely that the group of individuals who consistently practice unsafe sex probably do not share values with most of the rest of the community and are not going to respond to nice-nice messages about caring. In fact, they may not respond to anything.

I believe that as a community we can no longer project the attitude that sexual gratification holds primacy over health, that it's understandable and OK to "slip" and transmit the virus as long as we are "trying" to be safe. Coming around to this attitude, however, is not to be confused with having an effective education/behavior change program in place to help those individuals having trouble.

We have two behavior change programs in San Francisco that are based upon attitudinal surveys: the AIDS Health Project and the Stop AIDS Project. They have not been specifically evaluated because of insufficient research funds. This is unfortunate. Unless we can document that educational models are effective, we have no direct proof with which to counter naive education attempts which exhort people to change by, in effect, shouting louder at them with more drastic demands.

The last time either study questioned their participants was spring of this year. They should be funded to go out again. Other attitude/behavior studies should be funded. For example, a lot of men are having the antibody test done. How are its results affecting sexual behavior? Specifically, are all those who are antibody negative consistently practicing safe sex? If not, then what beliefs do they have about susceptibility to the disease? What attitudes do they have about health, about sexual expression? Are they risk takers in other areas of their lives?

Similarly, what about those who are antibody positive? What about their sexual behaviors now that they know? What are their values pertaining to community, to the safety of others? Is there any evidence of despairing behavior—"I'm already infected, what the hell." Is there any homophobia—"I'm infected and I'm going to take others out with me."

We may be making headway, and maybe we aren't losing the war, but let's cut the metaphors and talk English—people are still transmitting virus.

Let's stop the magical thinking and accept the reality that people don't die of sexual frustration, they die of AIDS. The non-rational mind, where sexual fantasies and behavior urges reside, must not be allowed to prevail when it pulls one toward dangerous behavior.

We must take control and we must adopt the principle as a community that sexual transmission of this virus is not acceptable—ever.

Politics

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given to hand-picked Democratic candidates for the Assembly next year in hopes of increasing the Democrat's 47-33 lead over the Republicans. . . . The latest Field Poll shows California voters giving Ronald Reagan a 64 percent "favorable" job performance rating. Performance ratings for Gov. Deukmejian, Sen. Cranston and Wilson also remained unusually high.

The Hayward City Council hears the second reading of that city's AIDS non-discrimination ordinance on Dec. 17 and Tom Brougham, president of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Demo Club, is asking supporters of the legislation to contact Hayward Councilmembers to express thanks for the 5-1 vote on the original reading and to urge support in the second vote.

One of the most interesting fights in the House of Representatives to be decided when the next Congress convenes in 1987, will be that of House Democratic whip (the third-ranking House leadership post), California's Rep. Tony Coelho (D-Merced) is thought to be the front-runner but will have to beat New York's Rep. Charles Rangel.

Frederick Hobson, a gay man who was Sen. Milton Marks' former appointments secretary, has filed suit against the veteran Republican official, charging that he was fired "without justification." The Hobson suit asks for \$500,000 in compensatory damages and \$1.5 million in punitive damages, and keep an eye on this story.

Richard Heyman, Key West's first openly gay mayor leaves office at the end of this month. Heyman, popular with voters in the Florida resort city, declined to run for re-election because of poor health.

Both national parties agree the Republicans will pick up some statehouses next year. Of the governorships to be filled next November, only 9 are now held by the GOP while 27 seats held by the Democrats are on the line.

NOW president Eleanor Smeal telling reporters that her organization plans to work to repeal sodomy statutes in 25 states. On AIDS, Smeal says, "Phyllis Schlafly has a brochure

out on the ERA-AIDS connection that claims: 'ERA permits homosexual marriages, homosexuality leads to AIDS.'" Smeal says "that is very crude inflammatory stuff. It's not true, the ERA does not give homosexuals any additional rights, and we have got to take them (Schlafly) on. I want to develop radio and television ads that attack homophobia."

Thanks to Sup. John Molinari's office and the Golden Gate Business Assn. Foundation, the protesters at the AIDS/ARC vigil at the UN Plaza will have the Christmas tree they wanted. . . . And the Toklas Demo club will hold their holiday Christmas party at the home of Sup. and Mrs. Dick Hongisto on Dec. 22, 3-6 p.m. They are asking guests to bring canned goods for distribution to people with AIDS or to contribute a cash donation to support the AIDS/ARC vigil at the UN Plaza.

Senator Alan Cranston, running for re-election next year, spent a whopping \$1,631,831.95 of taxpayers' money this year to mail "newsletters" to California voters, compared with only \$10,459.69 spent by his GOP colleague Pete Wilson, not up for re-election. Cranston's tab was the highest of any U.S. Senator, and this waste should be outlawed.

W. Friday

CRIR Installation

Installation of officers and directors of Concerned Republicans For Individual Rights will be held on Monday, Dec. 16, at Chez Mollet Restaurant, 527 Bryant Street. No host cocktails will begin at 6; the meeting at 7. Admission is free.

The installing officer is slated to be Sen. Milton Marks (R-SF). A member of his staff for over two years and long-time activist Chris Bowman will be sworn in as president. Bowman was elected by acclamation at the club's November meeting.

Other officers to be installed include: Kenn Knight, first vice-president; Marty Keller, second vice-president; Irv Lichtenwald, treasurer; Michael Sher, corresponding secretary; and Bob Coates, recording secretary. Bob Bacci will serve as the immediate past president. Directors to be sworn in include: Duke Armstrong (president, 1981-1983), Ray Benson, Bob Griese, Brian Mavrogeorge, Wally Myer, Mike Newell, Tom Peretti (president, 1983-1984), Richard Robison, and Bob Speer.

Following the installation, Bowman will deliver an acceptance speech and introduce the committee chairmen for 1986. No-host dinner will follow at Chez Mollet.

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Hippler

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But according to Melanie, the climate in Atlanta hasn't changed. "There isn't a straight man here who isn't afraid of gay men," she swears, "even more so than before. It's pitiful."

Pitiful indeed. I wish I knew what to do to combat this problem, but I don't. These are people, after all—my friends' husbands, at any rate—who have heard the proper advice but refuse to believe it, perhaps because they do not want to believe it.

AIDS has given them the excuse they need to vent their hostility toward gay people. We can only hope that with time their fears will abate and that if we continue to bombard them with information, some of it will sink in.

But I have a feeling that the hysteria will end only when fear of homosexuality does, or when AIDS becomes so widespread in the straight community that heterosexuals will be forced to respond in a more responsible manner—whichever comes first.

Unfortunately for them—and for us—I think I know which that will be.

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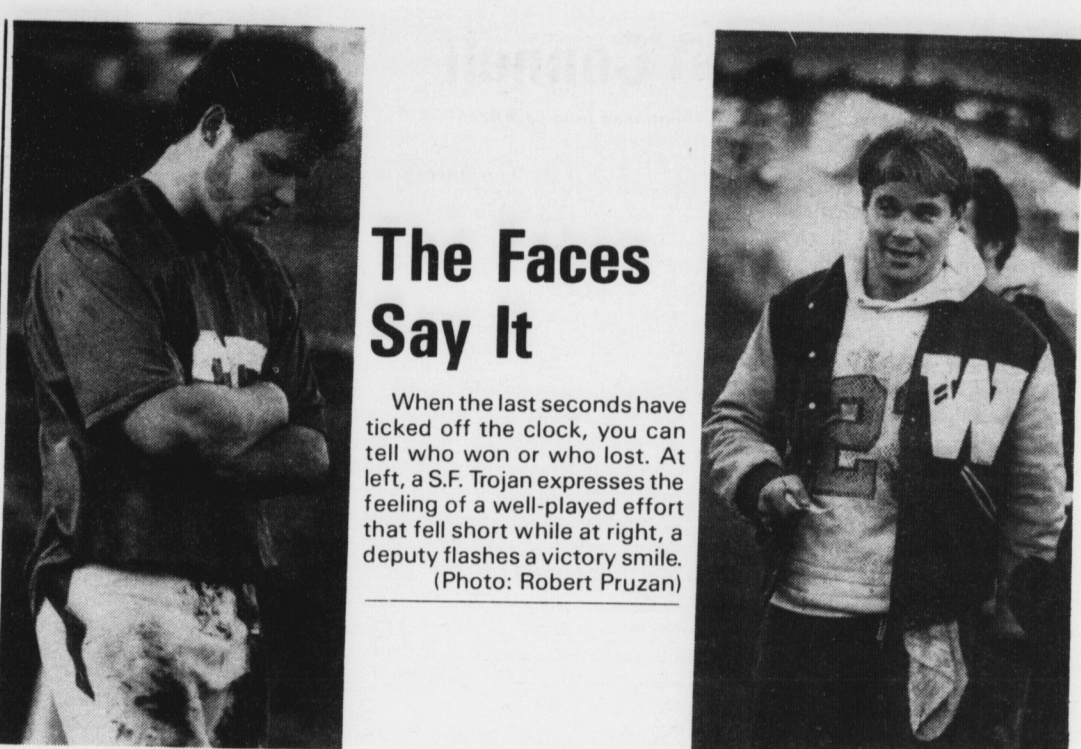
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The Faces Say It

When the last seconds have ticked off the clock, you can tell who won or who lost. At left, a S.F. Trojan expresses the feeling of a well-played effort that fell short while at right, a deputy flashes a victory smile. (Photo: Robert Pruzan)

Trojans Lose, But Charities Win

by Allen White

Over 800 people gathered to half freeze to death and watch the San Francisco Trojans get beaten 25-12 by the San Francisco Sheriff's Deputies in the second annual Charity Bowl. As a result of the event, the San Francisco AIDS Fund, Gay Games II and Meals-On-Wheels of San Francisco will each receive a check for over \$1,000.

The Trojans were the gay team. The Deputies were identified only by occupation, not orientation. This football game is played differently from what you saw earlier this week on Monday Night Football. Unlike the 49ers, this group plays on a smaller field and you don't tackle the opponent. To end the play, players pull a colored hank, from their opponent's rear pocket. The color is the same for each player on each team and they may pull the strip of cloth from either the right or left cheek.

The San Francisco Sheriff's Deputies had a cheerleading team called "The Posse." Their best cheer of the day was "Trojans, Trojans, what a waste; Use them once, throw them away." For the first half, the Trojans had the Hayward Raw Rahs for cheerleaders. During the second half they were rudely replaced by Sister Boom Boom and her Squad 69.

The model of restraint as he continued his commentary throughout the afternoon. "If you will look behind the cloud cover," he announced, "you will see the Goodyear blimp which will be covering the game from high in the sky." Goodyear which also deals in rubber no doubt was aware of the opportunity presented by a team called the Trojans.

The game festivities began when Patrick Toner, an organizer of the event, carried Deena Jones, Duchess of San Francisco, onto the field to sing the national anthem.

For the most part it appeared to be as much an afternoon for wallowing in mud as for sports. The game had moments of excitement as the two teams were more closely matched than last year's game. Last year the sheriff's racked up a score of 48 to 6 against the Trojans.

Half time activities began with the crowning of the homecoming

king and queen. Arriving majestically in the rear of a red pickup truck were King Sonny Cline and Queen Rita Rockett.

This was followed by the entrance of Deena Jones wearing aqua blue hair which glistened against the mud. The Duchess performed with the San Francisco Golden Garters, a dixieland band.

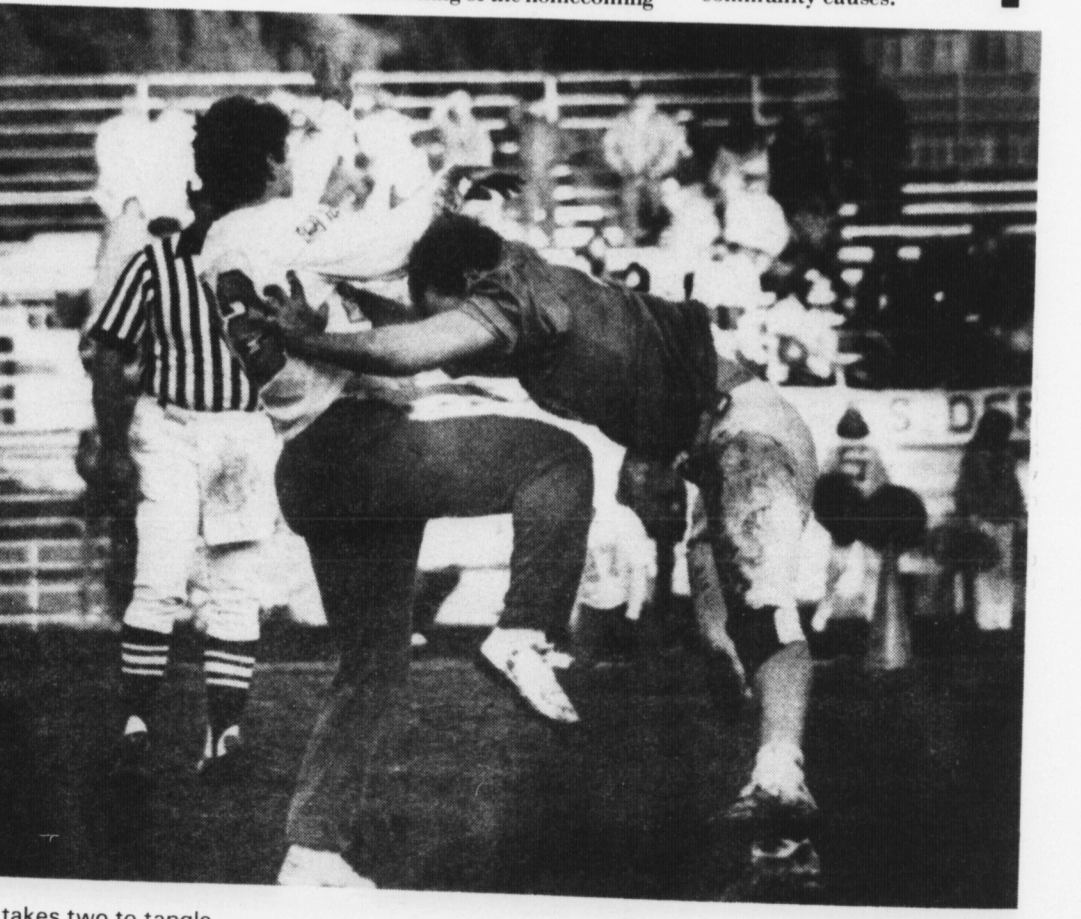
As the Hayward Raw Rahs proceeded through their pom pon routine, the two football teams went out on the field and began the second half.

If this wild sporting event can be considered unique, it was only a prelude to a second event. Following the game, the Gay Softball League had its first event at Rawhide to kickoff their fundraising activities for the annual Gay Softball World Series to be played in San Francisco in 1987.

Their evening began with Rawhide owner Ray Chalker entering the dance floor in a light blue poodle skirt with matching sweater. There followed a hula hoop twirling contest and then a contest for best poodle skirt.

With these antics the Gay Softball League raises money. A near capacity crowd raised over \$1,500 to start the league on what will be a major gay community event in 1987.

San Francisco's gay community is a community of unusual texture and diversity. Hundreds of people got together, had fun, and raised almost \$5,000 for varied community causes.



It takes two to tangle.

(Photo: R. Pruzan)

Sierra

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 the creation of Lesbian and Gay Sierrans.

"Three of the four candidates we supported were elected," said a jubilant Steven Krefting, who was one of the three pro-gay candidates elected. He also thus becomes the first gay-identified member of the Bay Area executive committee. "We now hold a 6-3 majority in favor of Lesbian Gay Sierrans on the executive committee," he added.

"I wasn't surprised," said Krefting. "I was joyful. We knew we had done the work to win." Krefting was referring to a 5,000 piece mass mailing that was sent to all club members in the Castro and Haight. Another 300 mailings were sent to members who were identified as gay.

Voter turnouts in Sierra Club elections are always low, according to Krefting. The recent election, held throughout the month of November, saw 2,200 members out of a possible 31,000 vote. But only a little more than 600 voted in last year's election, reported the newly elected Krefting.

The results of the election were reported to the club's local officials Dec. 9, and according to Krefting, an executive committee meeting followed.

"Jim Pachl, the person who had been in a leadership position against us and had lost was there," stated Krefting. "He said that he thought that this (the grass-roots electioneering practiced by the pro-gay slate) would create a two-party system within the club and lead to controversies in future elections. But I told him that we had done this because there had been blatant discrimination and this was the only route we had, the only means we had of challenging that."

The "blatant discrimination" Krefting cited was a reference to a vote by the local chapter's former executive board last February not to allow the creation of a new club activity section, Lesbian and Gay Sierrans. The local club already had recognized other activity sections specifically aimed at heterosexuals, Sierra Singles, Solo Sierrans, and Sierra Couples.

Krefting told the B.A.R. in a recent interview that he felt the reason behind last February's vote had been homophobia. "There were some superficial issues thrown up as excuses," he said. "One was that there was the potential of hurting fundraising by the club. I think there would have been some losses in membership, but they would have been more than offset by gains in membership and a new resource base for raising money."

At the Dec. 9 executive committee meeting, Krefting was elected by the committee to represent the Bay Area chapter in the national Sierra Club Council. The council is the legislative body for the national Sierra Club and works closely with the national club's board of directors.

Looking into the future on the day after his election win, Krefting sees a higher profile within the club for lesbian and gay Sierrans as well as a stronger presence within the gay community on the environmental issue.

He also believes that similar gay oriented activity sections will soon be formed in other Sierra Club chapters particularly in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, "and possibly other places."

C. Linebarger

O'Connell

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 carries a maximum prison sentence of four years. The other two defense attorneys said their clients did not participate in the attack and should not be charged with murder.

But Fazio said all four are guilty of murder because they acted with a "community of interest to inflict injury." He said the defendants were united in action when Clanton cried out, "Somebody hit that dude," as O'Connell walked by.

Superior Court Judge Edward

Siern agreed that all the defendants were aiding and abetting. Last week, he denied a motion for acquittal, saying, "When you have a lynch mob, for instance, it doesn't really matter who provides the rope. They encouraged each other."

The crime of second-degree murder requires proof of "malice aforethought," and carries a sentence of 15 years to life in prison. Fazio said the violence was premeditated because Rodgers had said, "Let's go beat up some faggots," before the group left Vallejo. He said that malice was implied, but not expressed, because no one had said, "Let's go kill faggots."

Harvey Goldfine, attorney for defendant Timothy White, said the charge of involuntary manslaughter fit his client "perfectly." He said he was not excusing his client's conduct in the least, but that charging him with second-degree murder reminded him of the time his mother tried to put a square tablecloth on an oblong table.

Goldfine said the blow that White struck was not necessarily dangerous to human life, but more likely dangerous to the nose or teeth.

Defense attorneys had argued that O'Connell may have stumbled due to drunkenness. The coroner, Boyd Stephens testified

that O'Connell had a blood alcohol content of 0.29, almost three times the standard for "under the influence."

Slamming a pointer down on a tabletop, Fazio said that O'Connell's head was "driven into the concrete." Exhibiting gruesome post-mortem photographs of a gray-green O'Connell, Fazio quoted the coroner. He said O'Connell struck the curb in an "accelerated fall," and did not merely lose his balance when he got the 25 cm. crack in his skull.

Minorities are used as scapegoats, Fazio said. And O'Connell died because he was perceived to be "different."

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Empress Tessie Dead at 45

by Will Snyder

The down and out of the Tenderloin lost a friend last weekend. No longer will Tenderloin Tessie be around to lend a helping hand or a spare buck.

But as both Gene Arceri and Bobby Pace reminisced about their friend, Perry Spink, a.k.a. Tenderloin Tessie, they knew the former Empress of San Francisco would not be forgotten.

Spink, 45, died on Dec. 7 of cardiac arrest. He had had an infected liver as a result of a losing battle with drinking.

"He was a tremendously civic-minded fellow," said Arceri, an author who was once Spink's lover. "He was always concerned with senior citizens groups or the hospice or something of that nature."

"When someone needed to borrow a buck," said Pace, "Tessie would go out and borrow a dollar from someone else and then bring it to his friend."

Tessie's domain was the sometimes sleazy world of the Tenderloin. He spent seven years as a bartender at The 222 Club. This wasn't what he originally envisioned as his life's occupation when he moved from New York to San Francisco in 1969.

"Perry was the best travel agent I have ever seen," said Arceri. "He was vital to that industry. But he preferred to be a bartender," Arceri added. "He just felt more comfy in that kind of environment."

Spink preferred the chit-chat with the customers and the sometimes great friendships in a bar. As he got to know the people of the San Francisco gay community, the community got to know him, too. In 1981—with Emperor Bobby Pace by his side—Spink was elected Empress of San Francisco. He tackled such projects as holiday dinners for seniors and lonely gays.

"No one ever had to teach Perry how to care," said Arceri.

Spink is survived by two sisters, Joan Williams in Atlanta and Fran Taylor in New York, and a niece, Nancy Williams in San Francisco.

But Pace insisted there were other survivors as well. "Tessie always thought of the people of San Francisco as his biggest family," he said.

Memorial services have not been yet determined.



Tenderloin Tessie

'When someone needed to borrow a buck, Tessie would go out and borrow a dollar and then bring it to his friend.'

— Bobby Pace

'No one ever had to teach Perry how to care.'

— Gene Arceri

DEATHS

- Dale Widmark**
 In loving memory of Dale Widmark, born Aug. 12, 1932 in Lima, Ohio. Died Nov. 26, 1985 peacefully at his San Francisco residence, attended by his friend of 11 years, Buck.
- Marc Pattee**
 Marc Pattee, born January 25, 1955, died on Sunday, Dec. 1 at home with his family and friends by his side.
 Marc will be remembered for his sweet and sensitive nature and for brightening our days with his sense of humor. Marc loved San Francisco and the 49ers. His last wish was that his family and friends remain faithful to one another. Marc will always miss you. Take care on your new journey. We'll be together again. Love, Mom, Candy, Gary, Penny, Patty, Randy and Gigi. ■
- Steve Abrahams**
 Steve Abrahams 37, passed away Dec. 3 at U.C.S.F. He was surrounded by his lover, family, and friends.
 He was raised in Highland Park, a suburb of Chicago and had a degree from Stanford University.
 Those who knew Steve will never forget his \$1 million smile and his ability to make all around him love him.
 In memory of Steve, contributions may be made to Hospice, 225 30th St., San Francisco, CA 94131. ■
- Guy Rana**
 Our friend, Guy Rana, passed away in the early evening of Dec. 4. He was born Sept. 30, 1953 in Southampton, New York, and lived in San Francisco since 1974.
 "If there's another world, he lives in bliss."
 If there is none, he had the best in this.
- Mike Cislini**
 Mike Cislini, age 27, passed into the peace of all-knowing eternity on Nov. 20 in San Francisco, CA.
 Mike, or Spike as he was known by his friends, a native of Reno, Nevada, is survived by his lover and friend Calvin Robinson. Parents Basil and Rose, brother Robert, sisters Roberta Pearce, and Elizabeth Ewing, and Grandmother Julia Cislini. For all the wonderful memories Mike has left us, he will be sorely missed and his love will be treasured forever. ■
- Clyde Eugene Morrison**
 Clyde Eugene Morrison, 37, resident of Redwood City, was brutally murdered Nov. 24 in the South of Market area.
 His sudden death came as a great shock to all that knew him. Gene will be remembered by his friends and co-workers for his love of beauty and nature.
 He had a lot of dreams and goals that were left unfulfilled by his sudden demise.
 He is survived by his grandparents in Richmond, CA, whom he loved very much.
 I hope that you attain peace and harmony in the next plane. Be at peace Gene. ■
- Justin "Ada" Stowe**
 Justin died on Tuesday, Dec. 2. Ada worked as a bartender at the Capri, Galleon, Badlands and Nothing Special.
 He was born in Willburg, Mass. He lived in San Francisco the past 13 years.
 Justin died after a long illness.
 There will be a party honoring "Ada" on Sunday, Dec. 15, 6 p.m. at Festus, 15th & Castro streets.
 Ada was loved and will be missed by all his loved ones and close friends. ■
- Joseph Sesto**
 Joseph Sesto, a San Franciscan the last five years, transcended on his spiritual journey to the next plateau. Friday, Nov. 29. A funeral mass was held at Mission Dolores on Tuesday, Dec. 3.
 Joey, a native New Yorker, is survived by his parents Olga and Frank Sesto, sisters Margaret and Mary Ann, brother Billy, and many friends that loved him and will miss him dearly.
 Joey was quiet and private, but once you became his good friend, he showed you his intelligence, kindness, humor, and love.
 Joey never complained throughout his illness. In fact, he tried to give as much comfort, understanding and strength as he could to his family and friends.
 He will always live in our hearts. We love you, Joey! ■

G BAY AREA REPORTER GREATER BAY NEWS



Professor Wiggy Sivertsen and Father John Hester (center) toast the formation of the IRIS Project with David Burgess, Santa Clara County Department of Public Health (far left), and AIDS Foundation Board members, Dr. Ira Greene and Richard Kendall.
 (Photo: Dot James)

Santa Clara County AIDS Foundation Closes

Group Praised for Spearheading AIDS Education, Services; All Assets Turned Over to ARIS Project

by Dot James

The AIDS Foundation of Santa Clara County has formally discontinued operation and turned its remaining assets over to the AIDS Referral and Information Service (ARIS) Project.

San Jose State University Prof. Wiggy Sivertsen, chair of the Foundation's board of directors, announced the board's decision in a brief ceremony at a champagne reception Dec. 2.

The AIDS Foundation maintained an office in San Jose from September 1983 until August 1984 when funding difficulties prompted the closing of the office and the layoff of paid staff. Since 1984, the Foundation has been a resource for the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health to ensure that accurate information about the disease and support services were available to county residents.

David Burgess, AIDS project coordinator for the health department, presented the Foundation board with a certificate of commendation for "its pioneering efforts." He noted that "the AIDS Foundation did the original work in this county and beyond. Many people have given of their time and energy in a compassionate sense of caring."

Burgess said, "The people who worked for the AIDS Foundation for the past few years were the pioneers. Without them the work that exists today, the knowledge about the disease in the community today, the better care and support for people with AIDS today—none of these would be available."

Sivertsen, in accepting the award on behalf of the board, acknowledged the support given to the Foundation by the South Bay gay community. "Without your support, without your help, and without your financing, there is absolutely no way that any of us who devoted our effort and energy to AIDS would have been able to do that," she said.

After the reception Sivertsen commented that she intends to keep working on the AIDS issue in Santa Clara County.

"I'm in the process now of meeting with the members of the Board of Supervisors and lobbying them to give us money," she stated. "I think we desperately need money for a chronic care facility."

"Secondly, the county has essentially escaped scot-free. It has not really spent one single, solitary penny. All AIDS funding here has come from the state or private donors. So I think it's time for the county to put its money where its mouth is," she said.

"In addition to a chronic care facility, there has to be funding for other kinds of services, and the county has to get more actively involved in the whole area of AIDS," added Sivertsen. The Supervisors have to be more concerned and verbalize that concern.

Foundation board member Ira Greene, chief of Dermatology at the Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center (VMC), also plans to continue his work on behalf of AIDS information and education.

"I feel my work as a physician is primarily education," Greene stated, "and education is the only way we are going to overcome the prejudices about a disease that, in terms of contagion and potential fatality, is the worst problem health professionals have faced in this century."

He said he strongly supported the ARIS Project, "for its members are providing vital assistance which we really need now for people with AIDS and their families. I look forward to working with them."

The ARIS Project was formed last summer with its chief objective to provide support services, both to people with AIDS and their families and to individuals who are AIDS-phobic. ARIS is presently an all-voluntary organization. Its members are trained by San Francisco's Shanti Project in periodic weekend sessions. The organization is applying for 501(c)3, public benefit corporation status from the Internal Revenue Service. Currently, Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose acts as its fiscal agent so that funds donated to ARIS are tax deductible.

ARIS Project board of directors' Chair, John Hester, Roman Catholic chaplain at Stanford

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Rocky IV

Having turned the nation hawkish with *Rambo* and played on that to get them to see *Rocky IV* by promising World War III, Sylvester Stallone surprises everyone with a plea for peace at the end of his new Rocky opera. Unfortunately, it's not going to seem any more convincing to non-pacifists than the fight which precedes it did to this non-pugilistophile.

Star Stallone is credited as writer and director, but the dialogue sounds like small talk on a tv game show and the look of the film is more the result of editing than direction. Several music videos are incorporated, one featuring highlights of *Rocky I-III*, including Rocky and Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers) embracing in the surf, and another contrasting Rocky's natural training methods (chopping wood, pulling a cart, running up a mountain) with the high-tech techniques of his Russian opponent. There are more freeze frames than in a slide show.

Dolph Lundgren plays Drago, "the most perfectly trained athlete ever," the Soviet fighting machine who challenges Rocky after killing Creed in an exhibition match. "Whatever he hits he destroys," the Russians boast. "If he dies he dies," Drago says of an opponent in a voice as metallic and emotionless as that of a household robot thrown in to distinguish this film from its predecessors. "You can't win,"

Adrian (Talia Shire) tells Rocky, "I just gotta do what I gotta do," he replies with stoicism John Wayne would have envied.

The fight goes 15 rounds, even though Rocky is half-dead at the end of the first. I won't tell you who wins. A Russian victory would cost the movie about \$50 million at the box office, but as Rocky says, "It's not about money." If you believe that you'll also believe him when he tells Adrian on the eve of their ninth anniversary, "After all these years everything still seems kinda new." (Cinema 21, Empire, Century Plaza, Geneva)

FALSE STEPPES

White Nights is about a Russian ballet dancer (Mikhail Baryshnikov) and an American tap dancer (Gregory Hines) who effectively traded places about a decade ago, each defecting to the other's country. What does this have to do with a soundtrack album of ten danceable pop tunes? Nothing—and everything. American pop becomes the common denominator to which both men practice their disparate forms of dance, and the action stops several times for Misha to change tapes on the cassette player that crash-landed with him in Siberia.

"I'm still Russian, I'm just not Soviet," he says, resisting Soviet offers to welcome him home as the prodigal son and forget the criminal charges stemming from



Touch me, touch me! — Sylvester Stallone drapes himself in the American flag after a victory in *Rocky IV*. Didn't they bust hippies for that?

his unauthorized departure. Not only does he want to go back to the States, but he easily convinces Hines ("I'm a selector, not a defector") to join him, forgetting American racism and the hatred of his own family after he deserted from Vietnam.

In a manner that makes *Rocky IV* look enlightened, *White Nights* presents commicatures of Soviets and such simplistic politics that it's a throwback to the '50s. Had Hines crashed in the U.S. instead, would our coun-

try's behavior have been any better?

The boring politics and miscalculated suspense are frequently interrupted to give each man a chance to dance their own choreography. Twyla Tharp's, and an opening ballet by Roland Petit in which Death seduces Misha with a cigarette. Most of the dancing is first-rate, and Hines has a good dramatic scene as he tells his life story with a bit of tap punctuation. Isabella Rossellini, quite recognizable as the late Ingrid Bergman's daughter, is at least visually effective as Hines' Russian wife, and Helen Mirren does as well as the script allows as Baryshnikov's former lover.

Taylor Hackford's *Against All Odds* made more from album sales than ticket sales. This time he seems to have paid more attention to the music than the drama, so viewers can hardly do otherwise. (Northpoint, Plaza, Grand Lake)

APPLAUSE FOR THE CLAUS

Disney got out-Disneied this season. Not only did *One Magic Christmas* turn out to be more like a fart than a movie, but it's inferior in almost every way to Alexander and Ilya Salkind's *Santa Claus*. Not that *Santa Claus* is a great movie, but it's got much more magic and a lot less schmaltz than the Disney opus. It's definitely the movie to take the little ones to this year.

Saintly old Uncle Claus (David Huddleston) and his wife (Judy Cornwell) freeze to death in the snow while delivering handmade toys to the poor children of their village. They're transported to the North Pole for an eternal afterlife of delivering elf-made toys to all the world's children every Christmas.

Dudley Moore plays Patch, the most vocal of the elves, an all-male cadre who sleep in a dormitory situation and dance together in times of rejoicing. Dudley duds out when he tries to speed toy production by putting in an assembly line, but he finds a kindred spirit in unscrupulous toycoon John Lithgow. "I'm not a fairy, I'm an elf," Patch insists; but the same can't be said for Lithgow's assistant Towser (Jeffrey Kramer), who likes puce because it's between fuchsia and lavender. He's a nonsexual being so the G rating is safe. When Lithgow gets an inspiration for "Christmas II" you know his role models are the Salkinds, who have *Superman IV* in the planning stages.

Meanwhile, Santa plays

Santa Claus isn't worth the \$50 million it's reputed to have cost, but it's better than giving Ronnie the money to spend on missiles. (Galaxy, Century Plaza, Empire)

LAND OF RISING FUN

Kihachi Okamoto presents his unique personal vision of the folly of war in *Human Bullet*, a 1968 Japanese film just receiving its local premiere. Set in the summer of 1945, it follows the surreal tragicomic odyssey of young cadet Minori Terada, who looks like one of Jerry Lewis' nerd characters. Humiliated in training by being made to work naked for complaining that the troops are underfed, he has sex for the first time and falls in love before setting out on his final mission, being cast adrift in an oil drum strapped to a torpedo like a small-scale *African Queen*.

Okamoto appears to be obsessed with the penis and its functions. Though none are shown there are discussions of the hero's ("no big thing") and that of an armless man ("a fine piece of gear") he assists in urinating. There's another pissing scene and a sexual reference that turns the film's title into a double entendre.

Despite the heavy subject matter, *Human Bullet* is surprisingly funny and full of cinematic playfulness that must have been quite avant-garde in its day. (Kokusai)

PICK OF THE REPS

Dec. 13: *This Is Spinal Tap*, the best screen satire since *Young Frankenstein* (Strand);

Dec. 14: *The Women and Dinner at Eight*, a chance to brush up your bitchery in time for Christmas parties (Castro);

Dec. 15: *Mad Max, The Road Warrior* and *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome*, or now you can get enough of Mel Gibson. (Strand);

Dec. 16: Gay life in the barracks (*Streamers*) and more incidentally in prison (*Short Eyes*) in a grim, intense pair (Castro);

Dec. 17: *Blue Angel* (quintessential Dietrich) and *Lola Montes* (Max Ophuls' epic) (York).

STEVE WARREN

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FOOTBALL

Deputies 25 - Trojans 12

In what can probably best be described as a real contest, the S.F. Sheriff's Deputies defeated a valiant S.F. Trojan team. McAteer High's stands were filled to capacity on the Trojan side. The Deputies' stands, somewhat smaller, had the advantage of being in the sun on a cold but clear day. Approximately \$4,000 was raised for the three charities, the S.F. AIDS Fund, Gay Games II, and Meals on Wheels.

Deena Jones headed off the event with a soulful rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner." Supervisor John Molinari's coin

toss resulted in the Trojans kicking and the Deputies receiving. The tight battle during the first quarter, which resulted in no score, set the tone for the game. Both teams were forced to be reckoned with. There was an interception of Trojan quarterback Andre Lalias' pass intended for Steve McInnells by Deputy Mike Howard. Good defense prevailed, however. The Trojans were first to score in the second quarter on a pass from Andre Lalias to Pete Weiser, a 15 yarder caught in the end zone. They were unable to make the conversion.



Deputy Quarterback shows game-winning form (Photo: M. Hicks)



Fumble at the Charity Bowl (Photo: R. Pruzan)

G.S.L. UPDATE

TOM VINDEED

Rawhide Dance Corral \$1,500

Who says the Gay Softball League can't throw a successful fundraiser? Sunday night at the Rawhide the GSL kicked off its World Series fundraising campaign with a party that netted \$1,500. Due in large part to the hospitality of Rawhide owner Ray Chalker, who "kicked in" an extra \$500, the money raised gives the league an excellent base for future fundraisers.

Special thanks go to two super people, Tony Treviso and Deena Jones, who hosted this fun event. Deena appeared with her Dream Girls, Tawny Gold and Sandy Sorreles. They wowed the audience.

The limbo contest was won by Bobby De Tullio of The Village, who got as low as I have ever seen him go. Frank Rivera proved that

eating Mexican food pays off when he out-lasted Wayne of Tampa in the hula hoop contest. The noodle skirt contest was won by Yaz, who sported a smart red and black ensemble. Once again, thanks to all of you who were there for your support.

On behalf of the GSL I would like to let a few people know we are thinking of them. David Kramer of the Vagabond is very ill in a Pennsylvania hospital. Paul Wians of Chaps and Rick "Becky" Ritt are doing nicely after their recent bouts with illness. We wish all of them well.

By the way, Trax was the only sponsor at the dance. I would hope that before sponsors criticize us for not supporting them, they will think about this. We need each other.



Pete Weisser scores the first Trojan touchdown (Photo: Rink)

quarter was a replay of the first, with good defensive holding, and the score, because of a Deputy conversion, was 25-12.

Tom Parker was his usual funny self doing the play-by-play. The crowd had a good time, and the weather cooperated with sunny skies. Post-game parties were at The Olde Gavel and The Powerhouse. Trojan coach Ron Herzog told me, "We Trojans came out to play and it was a hell of a game." By the team's attitude, you'd have guessed that

they'd have won. Deputy Rick Drocco conceded, "Your defensive line (Stacy Davis, Clay Maxwell, Rick June, Bernard Turner, Joe Lucinski, John Paul Castillo, Chris Hildreth, Ed Hall, Abe Silva, and Keith Williams) was extremely tough, and the offense did a hell of a job." He added, "I was glad to see a lot of people there. It was nice to look across the line. You could even get a smile. It was very competitive, a great game. I would like to thank everybody for coming out. Next year will be even greater."

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Marcus
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Tessie, one of the most unforgettable people I've ever met. Memorial Services were pending at my deadline.

Sunday, the bike clubs of the SF Bay Area threw their annual Christmas Party again at M&M Pavilion. Hordes of well-wishers were on hand to enjoy the festivities, the highlight of which was an abridged (very abridged) version of "The Night Before Christmas" recited by the bike club presidents and written one night when they were meeting in a not-so-sober setting. Some of the lines were devastating, lethal, and quite, quite funny. Jonni Valle had a big hand in writing it, and the other presidents had a big hand in reciting it.

On the other side of town, the SF Pumpers convened at the Academy Sunday afternoon. Some 50 pumpers showed up, and for the uninitiated it was an exercise in gigantia. For the first meeting, a few curious spectators were allowed in and the scene was



Outgoing President of the Year Al Martino (Photo: Marcus)

'Got your Christmas shopping done already?'

quite, er, uh, fulfilling. In future meetings (every Saturday afternoon at 1000 hours at the Academy) admission is permitted as a guest of a member only. The ownership of a vacuum pump is your membership card, and admission for members and guests is only \$2. The vacuum pumps are on sale at the Ambush leather shop in various sizes, depending on your, uh, structure. It's quite an enlightening experience and the membership (pardon the pun) is growing.

Got your Xmas shopping done already? Then you should be ready to get in on the festivities coming your way. This Friday, Dec. 13, Trocadero Transfer celebrates its swinging 8th Anniversary from 2300 until Dawn. Dick Collier, Stanley Walker, and the Troc staff are revving up for a monumental holiday season with their anniversary, Christmas party, and New Years Eve celebration.

If you're in Santa Rosa, you'll surely want to catch Tom Amniano at Jeremiah's. Also on Friday, the Mr. CMC Carnival contestants, Ernie Viola, Richard Ruggieri, and John DiMeo will present the checks for the money they raised at the Carnival last month to their charities.

Saturday, the long-awaited Mr. Bare Chest calendars, in color this year, go on sale, all proceeds for AIDS charities. The beauty is only \$10 and will definitely be a collector's item.

Sunday, Rikki Streicher, one of the community's most respected women, celebrates her 60th birthday at the Green Room of the War Memorial Building beginning at 1800 hrs., with a huge turnout expected.

They're giving free Bridge lessons at the Ambush every Saturday afternoon too at 1200 through 1500 in the second floor lounge, and Don Shadle tunes in to the live Met Opera broadcasts on the third floor beginning at 1130 hours every Saturday. Of course, everyone's gearing up for the Mr. Beer Belly Contest there on Wed. the 18th, and on Thursday the 19th, they light the \$5 a light Christmas Tree at the SF-Eagle for the benefit of Ward 5-B patients, carrying on the tradition started by Chaps Bar.

Rita Rockett breaks out of her solitude to celebrate the 4th Annual Reunion Party at Castro Station tonight from 2000 hours, featuring Lee Harrington and his Leonamusik with Odis Campbell. Bring a small gift for the patients. At the newest women's bar, Sofia's (16th & Valencia), they're having a Chevere on Saturday beginning at 2100, with sizzling live Latin and Brazilian jazz artists.

If you're one to plan ahead, remember *Cats* arrives at the Golden Gate Theater in July 1986; watch for details on how you can be a first-nighter as a benefit!

IDOL GOSSIP

Ed Gabet of the Powerhouse is not what you'd call a great football fan, but he found a new interest in the game after he met Scotty Smith of the SF Gay Trojans team. Mr. Herzog, coach of the team, says he wants more players for future games and as far as Big Ed is concerned, Scotty is the tightest end on the team.

Hey, if you get too tipsy to drive your machine during the holiday season, you can get a free cab ride home from your favorite bar by calling 666-7404. The service, sponsored by the Care Unit of Marshal Hale Memorial Hospital, will operate from 1900 to 0300 hours daily beginning Tuesday 24 December through Thursday, 2 January.

Big Kenneth Anne was conspicuously absent from the SF Pumpers' first meeting at the Academy last Saturday, much to the dismay of the regulars, but promises he'll be there this Saturday—the line forms to the right (or left), depending on your

Wally Wallace of the NY Mineshaft fame blew into town last week and is escorting a nice young man around on his first visit to Mecca.

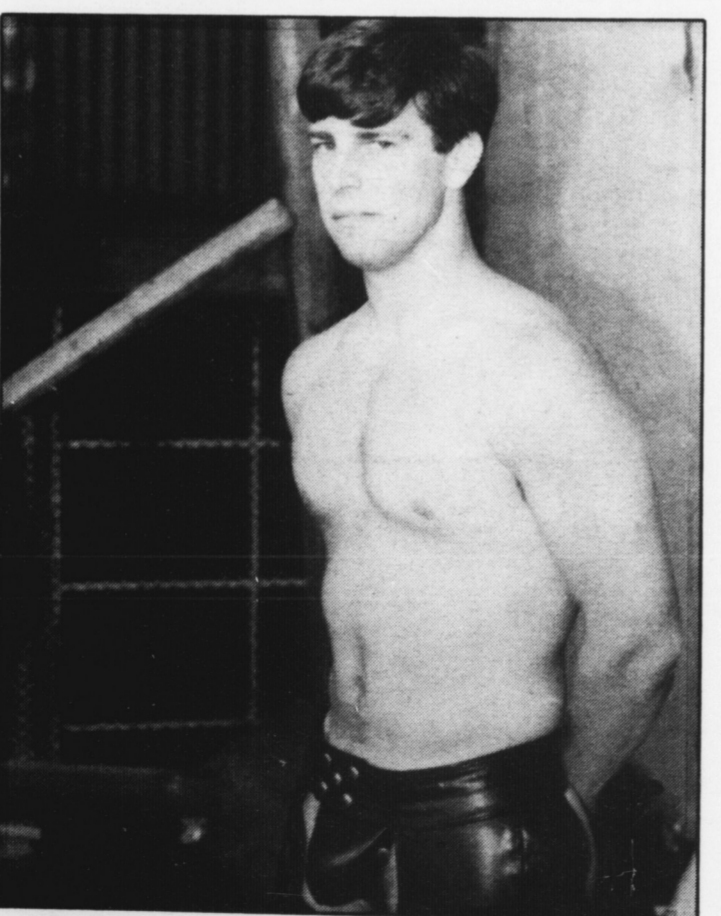
Tony, publisher of *Dungeon Masters*, was in town last week too, scouting around for an office, an abode, and a magazine to buy?

In LA what used to be a leather bar, The Phoenix, closed and then re-opened as a Cha-Cha palace (with the same owners) and is a straight bar now called El Sombrero (are you reading this J.C. Corbett?).

Only one candidate for Empress? Not if a certain group has their way—time will tell!

That does it for this week, boys and girls. Drive carefully (and sober) during this festive season and until next week, remember: Influence is like a savings account; the less you use it, the more you've got!

Mister Marcus



Young men like this one keep the sexual tension high at the Eagle's Sunday beer busts (Photo: Rink)

COURTLY CHATTER

Mele Kalikimaka

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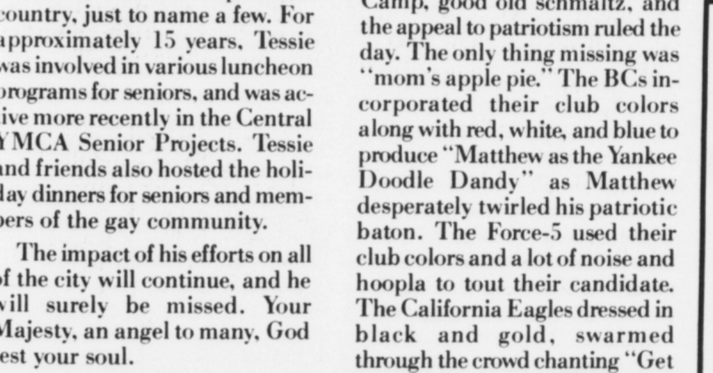
Since my next column will not be out until after Christmas, I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas. I hope you all get caught up in the flurry of parties, holiday events, and mad shopping sprees which are the precursors to Christmas. Enjoy yourselves and have one for me!

AN ANGEL DEPARTS

A sad note during this holiday season came with the news on the morning of Dec. 7 that Her Most Imperial Majesty, Empress XV Tessie (Mr. Perry Spink), passed away at St. Luke's Hospital following a cardiac arrest.

Tessie helped establish and fund numerous humanitarian programs throughout the city, with special emphasis in the Tenderloin. Some of the many projects close to his heart were The Tenderloin Night Ministry, Helping Hands Project, The MCC, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Toys for Tots, and St. Anthony's Dining Room. Of extreme importance to Tessie were projects involving senior citizens. Tessie was one of the first to recognize the need for a "senior escort service." He spearheaded the fund-raising and set-up of this service, which is now administered by the San Francisco Police Department in conjunction with the community service diversion project. Because of these efforts many seniors today are able to do their errands safely and without fear. He and his friends organized field trips to get the seniors out of the Tenderloin hotel rooms to places like Marine World, Great America, and the Napa Wine country, just to name a few. For approximately 15 years, Tessie was involved in various luncheon programs for seniors, and was active more recently in the Central YMCA Senior Projects. Tessie and friends also hosted the holiday dinners for seniors and members of the gay community.

The impact of his efforts on all of the city will continue, and he will surely be missed. Your Majesty, an angel to many, God rest your soul.



Empress Ginger (l.) and Pat Montclair at Kimo's (Photo: Rink)



Matthew Brown's supporters demonstrated at the President of the Year contest (Photo: Marcus)

Your Phil" (hmmmm... you would have to have been there to get what they meant, its rather unprintable.) Rich Demerest's floor demonstration was hastily put together, but rather effective and had his delegates chanting "We Want Rich." Once the floor demonstrations were over, the second round of balloting commenced. Only the top two vote getters from this balloting would proceed to the third ballot. Again Matthew Brown and Phil Smith were the final two candidates from whom the delegates would choose.

During the intermission and prior to the campaign speeches from each of the candidates, the floor managers were hastily picking up additional support. This one would be too close to call because each candidate is extremely well liked among his peers. During the campaign speeches, Matt challenged Phil to a secret duel behind the cur-

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tains. Phil accepted, but no one knows the outcome. The results of the third ballot were very close, and it could have gone either way. The key votes were held by the independents because they have no club affiliation and are therefore free to vote for whomever they choose.

DO DA DE

Patrick Toner, International Mr. Leather, has been elected the male Co-Chair of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day, Parade & Celebration Committee by the general membership. Also elected to an officers' position was Geoff Worcester as the Corresponding Secretary. The proposal to "dba" the corporate name to that of "Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee" was defeated by a lopsided majority. The election of a treasurer for the corporation was postponed until the January, 1986 meeting as well as that of the selection of the logo for the Parade and Celebration.

In issue 46 (dated Nov. 14, 1985), I inadvertently listed a member of the Governing Board incorrectly. Empress XVII Mae is the third representative from the Council of Emperesses, not Lonnie Shotwell. My apologies to both Mae and Lonnie for this error.

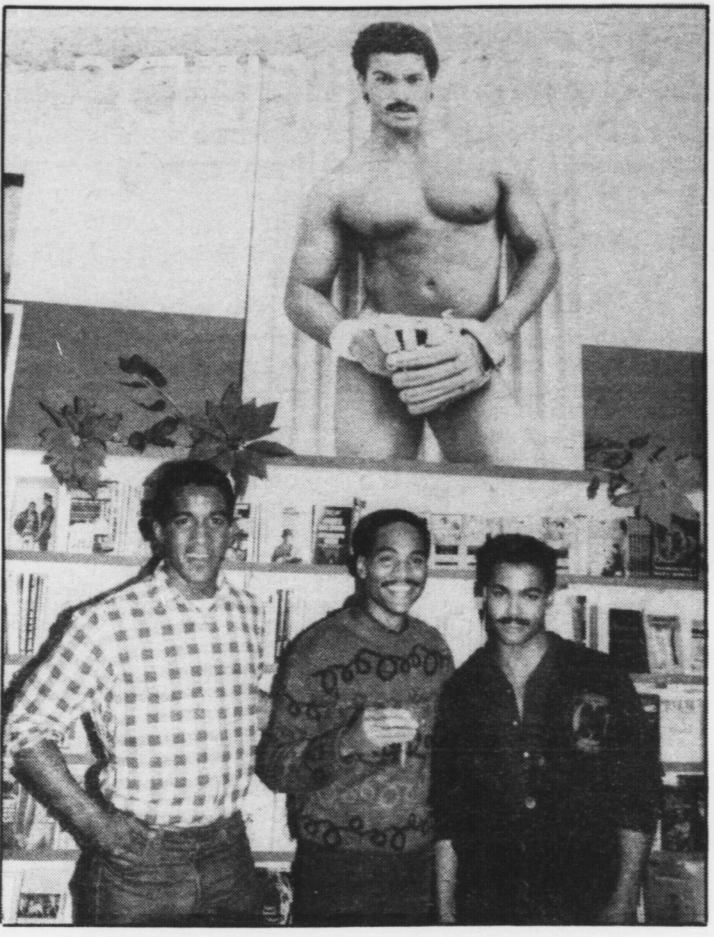
The Godfather Service Fund is presently seeking new or used bathrobes to supply to the patients at Ward 5-B. Also they are seeking volunteers to assist in the distribution of the personal care packets that the fund provides to the patients in 5-B. Those who wish to donate some time can call the S.F. Tavern Guild Foundation at 771-6133. Also, if you wish to donate a new or used robe for distribution, they can be dropped off at the Community Thrift Store or by calling the number that is listed herein. The Fund would appreciate any help you may be able to donate.

UP & COMING

The Fire Crystal & Ebony Star Court of the Grand Duke & Grand Duchess will be hosting a Beer Bust at the S.F. Eagle Patio Sunday, Dec. 15. Proceeds will benefit the Coming Home Hospice and the Court. Donation of \$6 is requested, and it will be held from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Village on 18th Street will be hosting their annual Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 16 starting at 8 p.m. As always, this party is a fun event and is a "thank you" from the staff and management for your patronage during the year.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, Trax on Haight Street will be hosting their Christmas party. Kenneth Ann and his staff always make



The models for the Black is More Than Beautiful calendar at Walt Whitman Bookshop last weekend (Photo: Rink)

this a big to-do. Starting time is 8 p.m., so come on out and join in the fun that is planned for their patrons.

The Mens Room on 18th Street will be packing them in for their annual Christmas party. The approximate starting time for this soiree is 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19. Teresa La Bitch and Danny, along with their staff, really do it up right as their gift to their patrons. Will see you there!

Kimo's annual Mele Kalikimaka party is slated for Friday, Dec. 20. The festivities are planned for 8 p.m. Hawaiian hospitality is ever-present, because Kimo and his staff go all-out to treat you like "alii." Wear your aloha shirt or skirt and come join in the fun.

If you want to take a few hours off the hectic Christmas shopping, stop by the Castro Theatre Saturday, Dec. 21. The Fire Crystal & Ebony Star Court under the auspices of the Grand Ducal Council will present a special showing of *Lust In The Dust* with Tab Hunter and Divine. The showing is a benefit for the S.F. AIDS Foundation Food Bank. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and entry is canned foods or toiletry items. A special guest appearance will be made by the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band. The Food Bank is in need of food for persons with AIDS or AIDS Related Condi-

Well, that's it for now. Mele Kalikimaka until next time... Aloha
Remy



Lober night at The Mint's two-for-one dinners (l. to r.) Miss Cowgirl Big D, Grand Duchess Deena Jones, Allen White, Mr. Cowboy Randy Be Good, Tom Horn, Grand Duke Tony Treviso (Photo: Rink)

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Phillip Henderson of Headlines puts the finishing touches on the Polk Street store's Christmas tree. For more details of Christmas in other gay neighborhoods, please turn to page 14. (Photo: Mick Hicks)

3 Guilty in O'Connell Killing

Four Vallejo Men Face Second Trial on Assault Charges

by Gregory Douthwaite

Three Vallejo men have been convicted of second-degree murder for the fatal assault on John O'Connell near Polk Street last year. A fourth man was acquitted.

The men allegedly yelled, "motherfucking faggot queers" during the assault in which O'Connell, 42, was struck twice in the face, and fell, hitting his head on the curb. He died three days later.

Timothy White, 23, David Rogers and Donald Clanton, both 21, will be sentenced on January 9 by Superior Court Judge Edward Stern. The term will be 15 years to life in state prison.

A fourth man, Douglas Barr, 21, also of Vallejo, was found not guilty. He was eating pizza at the time of the assault, his attorney said.

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Adopt-A-House For Christmas

by Charles Linebarger

As the Winter holidays approach, some people are concerned that Christmas cheer is shared by all. For 33 men living in eight Shanti residence houses holiday spirit means help from interested community organizations who want to make sure that Santa Claus doesn't forget them.

Helen Schietinger, director of the residence program at Shanti, explained that this will be the third year in which Shanti houses have been adopted by community groups. What that means, said Schietinger, depends very much on how people in each particular house are feeling when mid-December rolls around.

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Looking for Mr. Goodbuds is Atlas Savings as new investors line up to buy into the gay bank, page 18.

Christmas miracles grow on trees, reports Dot James from San Jose, page 20.

San Francisco schools still have no policy on AIDS though the deadline has passed, see page 22.

Study Shows Condoms Halt Virus

UC Study Verifies No AIDS Virus Transmitted if Condoms Used

by Brian Jones

Condoms block the AIDS virus. That is the result of a first-ever study in which researchers persistently tried—and failed—to force the virus through condoms. The University of California-San Francisco researchers used five brands of over-the-counter condoms, made of three different materials. All totally blocked the virus.

AIDS prevention campaigns have long promoted use of condoms. But, said UC AIDS researcher Dr. Marcus Conant, "It was time to put some science under the message."

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A Peaceful Moment

His name is Buck Stuart. The 21-year-old native of Altamont, Ala. is one of the people taking part in the vigil outside the Old Federal Building. His Christmas wish is to make it to age 22. A teddy gives him support while he sleeps. For more on the vigil, please turn to page 4.

(Photo: Mick Hicks)

