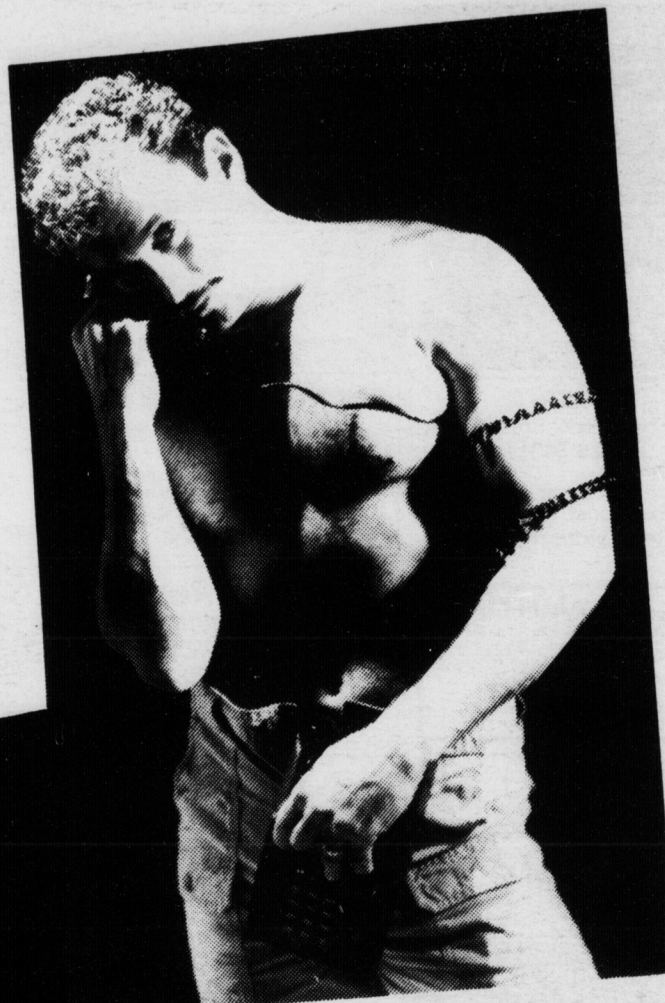


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Researchers Call For Expanded Ribavirin Study

Drug Shows Hopeful Signs For Treatment;
But Private Study Called Too Small

by Charles Linebarger

A six-month study of the drug Ribavirin has shown it to be effective in slowing the develop-
ment of AIDS among a group of men infected with the HIV virus but who had not yet devel-
oped clinical evidence of the disease. The results of the private study brought new demands
to expand government funded research on a larger scale.

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**Brian Jones:
'Legalize Ribavirin'**
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Law On Our Side Say Gym Attorneys

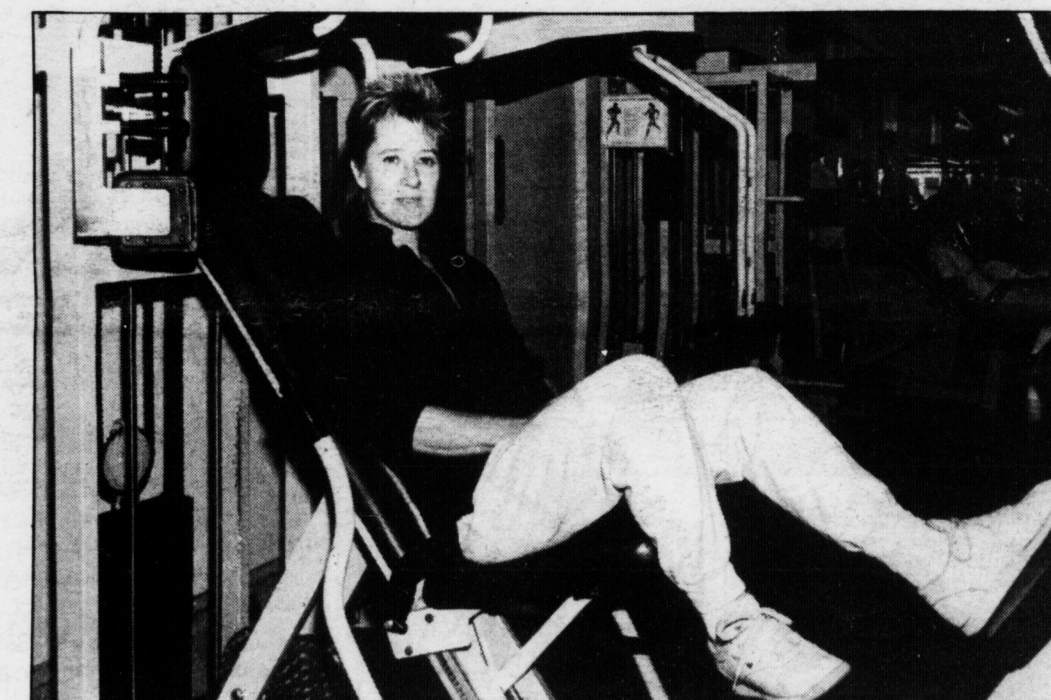
Statute Benefits Protected Class;
Suit Called Threat To Equality

by Mary Richards

Attorneys for the Women's Training Center have denied all
charges in a lawsuit brought against the Market Street gym
by three men who claim they were denied equal access under
the law.

The three men, two of whom are members of a baseball
team called the Ballbusters, allege they were discriminated
against because of their gender in being refused permission
to use the facilities of the fitness center. The complaint cites
the Unruh Civil Rights Act, which states that all persons are
entitled to full privileges in all businesses regardless of sex,
race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin.

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Betty Doza

(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

GOP Club Faces Charter Yanking

Effort To Expel LA Log Cabin Club;
Tactics May Have Backfired

by George Mendenhall

The Log Cabin Club, one of the largest gay Republican
clubs in the country, is having its charter challenged by Glen
Abel, newly elected 24-year-old member of the Los Angeles
County Republican Central Committee. Abel sent letters to
the 225 committee members urging that Log Cabin's charter
be revoked because it is gay, an issue that had been extensively
discussed in the past by the committee. Log Cabin was
chartered 18 months ago in a 28-6 vote and was supported by
chair Robert Whitmore.

Abel wrote, "I believe that by
recognizing this special interest
group, we are making it look as
though this group is representa-
tive of Republicans. I do not feel
the 350 Log Cabin members
should be representing me or the
Party." He attached a copy of an
article from Coming Up, a San
Francisco gay monthly, which
described sexual activity in bath-
houses.

But Abel's tactic may have
backfired on him. Whitmore, a
bank vice-president, said the ar-
ticle "glaringly described" gay
sexual activity. "My wife picked
it up. I took it away from her. I did
not want her to read it. Sending
this out was in very poor taste and
I don't know what purpose it
served."

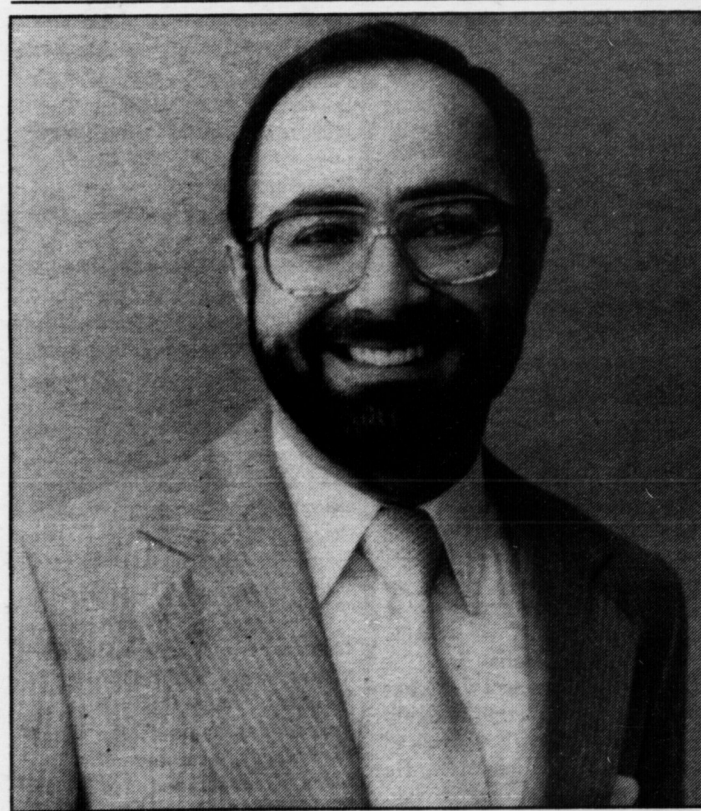
Whitmore added that "Log
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Today

Give and Take: Pres.
Reagan boosted federal
AIDS appropriations
just a little, but the
Duke's iron fist is hold-
ing the line on Califor-
nia's budget. George
Mendenhall reports,
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Heavy Breathing: Aero-
bics won't puff up your
pecs but it is good for
circulation — of the so-
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but Michael Hoffman's
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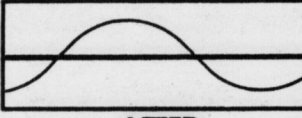
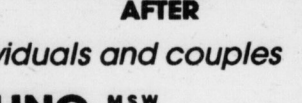
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Ribavirin

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Conducted by Ribavirin manufacturer ICN Pharmaceuticals, of Costa Mesa, California, the study involved 163 patients at four medical centers around the country: New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, M.D. Anderson Hospital of Houston, University of Miami in Florida, and the University of Southern California. The patients were divided into three groups. One group of 52 received a daily dose of 800 mg of Ribavirin. A second group of 55 received 600 mg of Ribavirin a day and a third group of 56 received a placebo.

According to results released last week by ICN, ten subjects receiving the placebo went on to get AIDS. Six of those in the group receiving the smaller (600 mg) dose of Ribavirin also developed AIDS. But in the group receiving the larger (800 mg) dose, no one went on to develop the disease.

The study was funded by Eastman Kodak and monitored by the Independent Safety and Evaluation Committee.

Dr. Karl Johnson, medical director of ICN, told the Bay Area Reporter why the company did not wait for the study's results to be published in a scientific journal before making them public. "The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) wanted us to wait

2-3 weeks but the investigators (researchers at the four medical centers) told us they were going to tell their patients come hell or high water," said Johnson.

Johnson explained that ICN was forced to go public early with the study's results because of contracts with the subjects in the study as well as federal laws requiring that inside information which might affect the value of a company's stock be made public.

The 163 men in the Ribavirin trials were chosen, said Johnson, because they had the HIV virus and had less than 500 T4 cells (AIDS often occurs when T4 cells drop to 300) and had lymphadenopathy, but no other symptoms.

"It shows," said Johnson, "that it will delay progression to clinical ARC or AIDS. But I'm not saying we've got something as good as insulin is for diabetes." He added that there were few side-effects associated with the drug's use. But "three patients quit because of an amphetamine-like reaction, buzzy heads and insomnia, and one quit because of nausea and vomiting and abdominal cramps."

Dr. Mathilde Krim, co-chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research in New York, told B.A.R., "I'm upset because Ribavirin gives us every reason to believe it should be effective. When one compares the controls (placebo group) with those on the

higher dose it is striking. But one has to wonder why a dose of 600 mg as against 800 mg should make such a difference. It leads one to think that the results in the higher group could have been a fluke."

"The trial should have been much larger," said Krim. "The government should intervene to enlarge the trials so we can be sure of interpretable results. There should have been 650 patients instead of 150 in this study. Now, to do that we need to start over and waste another six months. That makes me angry, because we're losing a thousand patients a month."

Krim said that the problem goes "much beyond the Ribavirin study. To develop a drug to fight something like AIDS, should not depend on one little company. The government should be underwriting this. But it isn't."

A second study of Ribavirin is also taking place involving 200 people with clinical ARC around the country. "This clinical study will be done in ten days time," said Johnson, adding that tabulation of the results will take longer.

Dr. Lawrence Kaplan at San Francisco General Hospital said that SF General has 23 people with ARC participating in the Ribavirin study. These ARC patients had symptoms ranging from oral thrush, weight loss, and hairy leukoplakia to other ARC symptoms.

Gym

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Donna Hitchens and Barbara Brenner, legal counsel for Betty Doza, owner of the Women's Training Center, have taken depositions from two of the plaintiffs in the case. Neither plaintiff had seen or signed the complaint filed by their attorney, Lawrence Murray, prior to the deposition.

Plaintiff Eugene Jones stated in his deposition that he deliberately went to three gyms in the city which he understood discriminated against men and asked to join. In each case he was denied access and in each case he has filed a lawsuit.

Guillermo Alcaraz, a second plaintiff, is a member of a gym which he attends weekly. He testified that his sole purpose in seeking admittance to the women's facility was to allow himself to be discriminated against. Alcaraz sought out five similar facilities which he believed to have discriminatory policies, with the same intention.

The third plaintiff in the case, Nestor Lopez, has been out of the country and will meet with attorneys upon his return this month.

Brenner commented on some of the unusual aspects of the case, pointing out that the plaintiffs' lawyer "had an enormous amount to say. I have taken very few depositions where the lawyer had so much to say. To him there is one issue, and one issue only in this case, and that's whether or



Donna Hitchens (Photo: Rink)

not men are prohibited from entering the gym. He has no appreciation of the fact that this law is affected by this lawsuit."

One of the allegations in the complaint states that "Unless relief (in the sum of \$25,000) is granted, plaintiffs will suffer irreparable injury because they will be denied access to an exercise facility that they had serious interest in using."

"I explored with both plaintiffs the extent of their injuries. Other than being angered by the denial of admission, they had no damages as far as I can determine," said Brenner. "Mr. Alcaraz said that certainly one thing he thought he would get is money. He also thought he would get them to stop prohibiting men from coming into the gym."

Brenner questioned plaintiff Alcaraz as to whether the baseball team of which he is a member is co-ed. "He said yes it is, so I asked him how many women

played on it. He said none, because they hadn't had any interest from the women."

Commenting on his remarks Brenner said, "I can't imagine any women that I know playing on a team called the Ball-busters."

She stated that, "I got very little else in the way of information about the team except that a group of players on the team were discussing the gyms one day and my impression is, based on Mr. Alcaraz's deposition, that they divided up among themselves which women's facilities they would go to for the purpose of being discriminated against."

A rally was held Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Swedish-American Hall, in support of the Women's Training Center and to celebrate its fifth anniversary. Both Brenner and her partner and co-counsel, Donna Hitchens, attended. At least \$4,500 in pledges was reportedly received to help alleviate the cost of fighting the case.

"I was extremely impressed by the turnout," said Brenner. "Betty Doza spoke, and I think everyone was moved by what she had to say. I think the entire community has an interest in seeing to it that this case is won, because this is a statute that was set up to protect groups that are discriminated against. That includes gays, and women. If this statute can be used to threaten the institution that either the women's community or the gay community have set up to advance their own equality in society, then we're going to lose a great deal if they win this case."

GOP

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Cabin met all the requirements when they were chartered and I promised committee members then that if the club did anything out of the ordinary, I would rescind the charter forthwith. In my opinion, the club has been doing what it is supposed to do—support Republican candidates and raise money."

Frank Ricchiaizzi, Log Cabin

president, said his club "is working hard to promote the party in the gay community. We strongly supported Ed Zschau for U.S. Senate. If they want to go after someone for not being Republican enough, they should talk to state Sen. H. L. Richardson. He refused to back Zschau." He said the important point in the current controversy "is that this issue of our being gay has come up again and we have had considerable support. Some Republicans who may not be comfortable with our lifestyle also will not

tolerate bigotry."

The reason for the letter, Ricchiaizzi believes, is that Abel is a strong supporter of Howard Winkler, a very conservative presidential candidate who wants to replace the moderate Whitmore. He concluded, "It is the Richardson puppets who are at work here and we are not about to give in to them."

The dispute is to be resolved at the Central Committee's February meeting.

Reagan Gives A Little; Duke Takes A Little

Federal AIDS Budget Up, But Not Enough; State Budget Hit for 'Statistical Shuffling'

by George Mendenhall

Pres. Ronald Reagan surprised everybody this month by requesting that Congress grant a 28 percent increase in AIDS funding in his 1987-1988 budget for research and education. Dr. David Werdegard, director of the San Francisco Public Health Department, called the increase "a good sign." But co-chair of Mobilization Against AIDS, Paul Boneberg, condemned Reagan for not asking Congress for \$2 billion.

The \$2 billion figure—\$1 billion each for education and research—has been recommended by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences as a minimum annual budget necessary to seriously combat AIDS. This would be less than 1 percent of the \$312 billion the president wants for the U.S. military budget.

Boneberg said that Mobilization's focus will be on federal rather than city and state budgets because of the enormous scope of the problem. He calls for the same effort to be put on AIDS as was expended in going to the moon. "The problem has worsened so extraordinarily in the past two years that a moon-shot effort is essential. The Surgeon General has said that millions will die if we do not have a massive educational program," said Boneberg.

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"We cannot say the president is uninformed. What he is doing is treacherous and murderous. We must now launch an educational effort compared with the one now underway in Britain in the schools, on television and radio, in the homes. The administration will not launch such a program," said Boneberg.

The president requested \$310 million for AIDS in his 1986-1987 budget message but later signed into law an increase from Congress that brought the total to \$410 million. Congress is expected to increase the requested \$534 million. Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, a member of the House Budget Committee, believes \$700 million would be a better figure.

Boneberg disagrees. "Boxer represents an area that has the largest percentage of AIDS cases in the world, so that is discouraging. The \$700 million figure is not enough. We are dependent on Democratic leaders like her to stand up for the \$2 billion and not to compromise. Everyone is talking compromise," said Boneberg. "It is not a matter of what is politically pragmatic but what must be done to save lives. Traditionally, the federal government has spent what it deems to be necessary, regardless of the cost, as it does with the military."

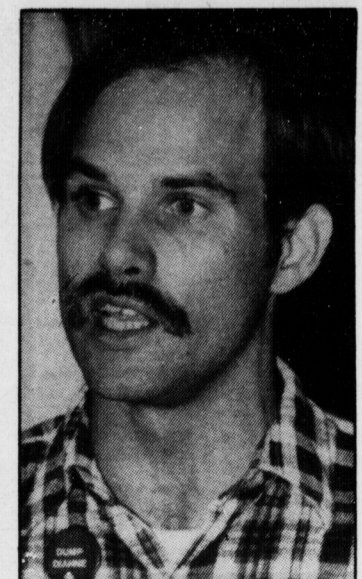
In addition to his AIDS increase, Reagan asked Congress for further cuts in the Medicare and Medicaid programs that assist the elderly and the poor. He also urged Congress to eliminate numerous programs that assist those in need of housing, food, and medical care. The effect this will have on people with AIDS will be considerable as such funds are urgently needed by state and local governments to provide services. The president said such cuts are necessary as he will not recommend an increase in taxes.

IRON FIST

Gov. George Deukmejian appeared to have proposed an increase in state funding in his 1987-1988 budget but Sacramento gay lobbyist Rand Martin explains that he would actually be cutting AIDS funding. The gov-



Dr. David Werdegard: thumbs up on budget. (Photo: Rink)



Paul Boneberg: thumbs down on budget. (Photo: Rink)

ernor did not mention AIDS in his budget address. He said he was raising the \$31.5 million figure for AIDS education, care, and research to \$32.1 million.

"He jacked up the figures for this year," Martin explained, "by including \$9 million that is available for loans to private companies who wish to do research on a vaccine and funds for vaccine tests. In reality, there will be less money for AIDS in the current budget. There has been a hyping and shuffling of statistics, a falsification," said Martin.

Martin is also concerned about an alleged "oversight" by the administration that omitted \$8.5 million for an AIDS research facility at San Francisco General Hospital from the budget.

State Health Director Kenneth Kizer states that the money, promised for this year, will be made available. Martin suspects that the \$8.5 million will be found by cutting it out of other AIDS funds.

The legislature is likely to pass bills asking for more money for AIDS than the governor wants. The question is, "What will the

governor sign when it reaches his desk?"

"Deukmejian has demonstrated that he has an iron fist and a blue pencil and is willing to hack away at the budget that the legislature gives him. He took \$22 million off the bills he got last year," said Martin.

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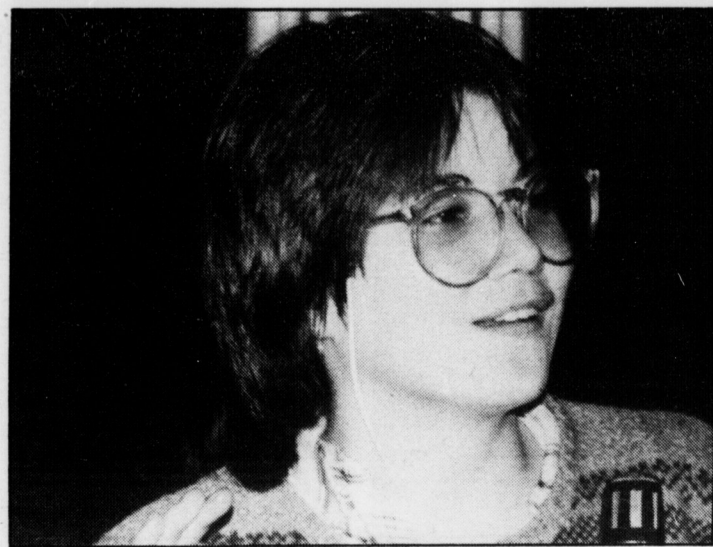
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—Diana Christensen
(Photo: Rink)

Bars Open Campaign On Patron Safety

Response To Recent Attacks

by Allen White

The San Francisco Tavern Guild and Community United Against Violence (CUAV) have joined forces to launch an extensive educational effort to combat an escalation of violence in the gay community.

CUAV's Diana Christensen said, "We know from our experience with gay men who have been robbed by someone they met in a bar, and again from these murders, that our strategies must focus on educating our community to 'think safety' as a prerequisite to socializing. That is the long term solution."

In the last month there have been two murders of gay men and last year there was a series of six homicides in the gay community. Police believe almost all of the murders were the result of a person taking a stranger home, and then being attacked.

Last Friday Sup. John Molinari held a meeting in his office to seek some solutions to the problem. At the meeting was Jim Bonko, representing the Tavern Guild, and Randy Schell and Diana Christensen from CUAV.

Molinari said, "I am trying to assist in a responsible manner by going through the San Francisco Tavern Guild, a network that is already in place." He added, "We will work to not sensationalize the situation but to see a change."

The educational effort will be unveiled next Tuesday at the meeting of the Tavern Guild at the Special bar on Castro Street. Attending the meeting will be Police Chief Frank Jordan, Sup. Molinari and representatives from CUAV.

Christensen said, "The goal will be to include bartenders in getting personal safety information out to the community. Safety materials for the particular problem will be presented by CUAV."

The Tavern Guild's Jim Bonko commented, "We are also examining the possibility of encouraging bartenders to make announcements at the end of the evening regarding personal safety." Bonko also said that bar owners are concerned and want

'All The News That's Fit To Print?'

Chron Says Lovers' Names OK; Still Hasn't Published Policy

by Allen White

William German, executive editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, said Tuesday there is no policy prohibiting the mention of lovers or companions in obituaries in the Chronicle.

German also said a statement which appeared last December in the Chronicle's Editorial section contained "factual error." He added, "I regret it was said that way."

When asked if there is to be a policy, German said, "There is not. We try to be fair." German said each story is done on a case-by-case basis and added, "When it is appropriate (to mention lovers) we will try to do so."

He said it was not always possible to identify a lover and there were times when it would not be appropriate. "There are all kinds of reasons," he said, "why we might be hesitant."

Last December, a statement followed a letter to the editor which was critical of a Chronicle decision to omit the name of a lover in an obituary. The deceased was Jay Spears and his lover was David Linger.

The morning newspaper said, "The Chronicle's policy is to publish only the immediate blood relatives as survivors. This is based on objections by relatives when non-relatives were listed as survivors."

Phelps Dewey, the assistant to the Chronicle publisher, told the Bay Area Reporter that the paper stood by the statement. German pointedly said, "He is not involved with the day to day operation of the paper."

Last Sunday, Larry Kramer, executive editor of the San Francisco Examiner, also chose to speak out on the subject. He said, "At the Examiner, and some other newspapers, the policy has been to mention the people we think should be mentioned, regardless of legal standing."

He further said, "But in many cases, where the kind of information we would like to have is unavailable, or where we are unable to establish to our own satisfaction just what relationship existed, we must fall back on those legal relationships to insure accuracy."

Kramer then took time to examine the controversy concerning the published policy of the Chronicle. Contrary to German's statement, the Chronicle hasn't printed a clarification for its readers.

AIDS Health Project Names 14 To Board

The AIDS Health Project has named 14 members to a newly established Community Advisory Board. As Project Director, James Dilley, M.D. said, "We are excited to appoint these highly skilled individuals. They represent the diverse personal and cultural needs of all the communities affected by AIDS and will bring perspective, guidance and energy to augment the superb efforts of our excellent staff, one which has pioneered AIDS mental health and prevention work throughout the early years of the crisis."

The recent appointees are: Tom Crites, a businessman who is active in the Golden Gate Business Association; Pat Denning, Ph.D., a Unit Coordinator for Adult Community Mental Health Services, and founding member of the Project; Louis Dunn, Program director of Acceptance Place, a residential alcoholic treatment center; Harry Duval, a psychotherapist in private practice and community activist; Tom Gallagher, LCSW, Director of the Mission Crisis Center; Aixa Maria Gannon, MPH, a Health Educator working actively with AIDS and perinatal issues; Eileen Gillis, MFCC, a Lesbian/Gay Liaison at the Human Rights Commission and volunteer therapist at Operation Concern; David E. Hopmann, J.D., an attorney concerned with needs of the AIDS affected community; Walter Krampf, MD, MPH, a physician in private practice actively caring for many persons with AIDS and also associated with Epidemiologic Studies of AIDS at SFGH; Marty Low, a financial analyst at the Sequoia YMCA; Glen Margo, Ph.D., a health educator with the city Department of Health; Faith Mitchell, Ph.D., a medical anthropologist and grant reviewer with the San Francisco Foundation; Jerry Polon, MFCC, a clinical social worker with Ward 6-B at SFGH; and Gary Sarliper, a person with AIDS.

The first major project addressed by the board is the upcoming move of the Project offices, from the present location at 333 Valencia Street, fourth floor, to the fifth floor of 1855 Folsom Street. For more information about the AIDS Health Project, call 626-6637.

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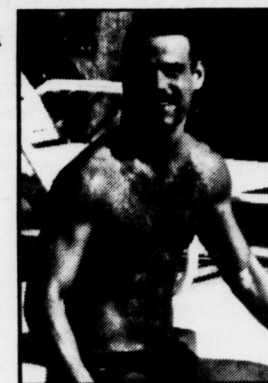
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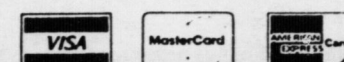
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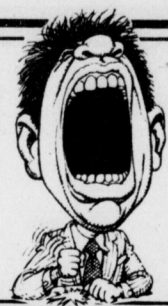
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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Games People Play

Sup. Harry Britt is absolutely right in demanding that the city of San Francisco not take part in any effort to bring the 1996 International Olympics here. Such a move would amount to, as Sup. Britt says, inviting bigotry to our town.

Since 1982, the United States Olympics Committee has been conducting a small war on the lesbian and gay community. By deciding to prevent the Gay Games from calling itself by its rightful name—Gay Olympics—the USOC has tied up funds and energy in one legal skirmish after another. Their attack on the enormously successful Gay Games—3,600 athletes competed in 1986—has been entirely bigoted and downright mean. Waiting until the last moment before the Games were to begin in 1982 to make their legal move shows the true spirit of the USOC's actions.

The multi-million dollar rich USOC even wants Gay Games to pay \$96,000 in court costs as a penalty despite Gay Games organizers' complete co-operation with court orders prohibiting use of the word "olympics." Although the USOC raises no objections to numerous uses of the designation "olympics," for some reason when gay people said the word, shivers ran through the USOC. Crab-cooking Olympics is tolerable but Gay Olympics somehow threatens the quadrennial international sports fest. This is flattering but it is also pure homophobia and not to be tolerated.

For San Francisco, a city which prides itself on its concern for justice for those treated unfairly elsewhere and the city that hosted the first two Gay Games, to invite the USOC to bring its show to town would mock that concern for justice. It would also be a slap in the face to the gay community.

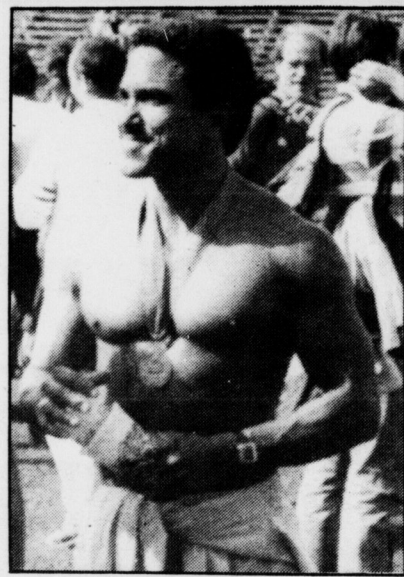
Beyond the issue of fairness, it makes little sense for the Bay Area to host a mammoth boondoggle like the International Olympics. This area may have most of the facilities needed but they are scattered around a wide area.

If Mayor Dianne Feinstein cannot now find the funds to expand needed city services, where will the money be found to provide facilities and services for the Games? We need to take care of our own people first.

Although the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles netted a profit for the USOC, it did little or nothing for Los Angeles businesses. Few businesses saw any profits from the Games. Local people left town or stayed home. Tourists never flocked to L.A. as expected, preferring their ringside seats at home before their own television sets.

Let the Olympics go elsewhere. They do not belong in San Francisco. They would make themselves an enemy of the gay and lesbian community, would bring nothing but inconvenience to the Bay Area, and would cost area governments precious funds needed for services.

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(Photo: T. Plewik)

High Tech Bigotry

Editor David Bunnell of MacWorld and PC World magazines deserves an award. He didn't have to but he got angry at the State of Georgia for its oppressive sodomy law and he said so in print. He even urged workers in the computer industry to get angry too.

In his editor's column in the November issues of those magazines, Bunnell wrote that since so many gay people work in the computer industry and the State of Georgia, home of the notorious *Hardwick* case that denied gay people a right to privacy, wants to expand its high tech enterprises, something ought to be done about Georgia's law. He urged folks to write Georgia's governor to demand repeal of the sodomy law in the name of human rights. Seems elementary, after all.

Well, the roof fell in on Bunnell who received an overwhelmingly negative and largely hateful response to his pro-rights suggestion. Some respondents—anonously, of course—called Bunnell a fag and a queer—which he isn't. One large advertiser was incensed enough to cancel \$8,000 in advertising. So much for respect for the basic civil right to express one's opinion upholding other basic civil rights in America.

But Bunnell has not issued any retraction and, in fact, says he is glad he did it. He believes that even though the focus of his magazines is computers, they shouldn't ignore the culture they compute in. Even techies get the blues. And if you can do something to help the situation, you should. In Ronald Reagan's America, that's a radical notion.

We applaud Bunnell for raising the issue of gay civil rights for his readers and we hope he sticks to his guns.

Ray O'Loughlin

OPINION

The Power of Visibility

by Stan Ward
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The top local and top national news story of 1986 concerns major defeats for gay and lesbian Americans: the Supreme Court's blessing on state sodomy laws and Temple University's sell-out to the military. But these defeats reveal nothing new: We already know the depths to which bigotry will descend in order to justify itself.

The Supreme Court and Temple University are in "good" company: the Vatican censors, Reagan's Justice Department, Lyndon LaRouche, Jerry Falwell, Paul Cameron, Jesse Helms, William Dannemeyer and the anonymous butchers of two black transvestites. Bigots of a feather indeed.

Yet the news was far from all bad—and our victories contain crucial lessons for the coming year. Chief among them:

• Perseverance: it took 11 years to settle with Pacific Bell and almost 20 to win equal protection from New York City.

• Adaptability: the Justice Department opinion has not stopped us from succeeding on the state and local levels, nor have we accepted the Supreme Court decision as invalidating state constitutions.

• Electoral aggressiveness: the defeat of the LaRouche initiative, the return of Alan Cranston to the Senate, the election of Bob Casey as Pennsylvania's governor, among many other examples.

• And, perhaps most importantly of all, the power of visibility.

This fourth lesson involves two facets of our community: special interest organizations and individual gays and lesbians. In Philadelphia, we owe a great debt to the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force for its activities with the school board, the police and the mainstream media as well as PATE, Action AIDS and BEBASHI. We owe an equal debt to the National Gay Rights Advocates, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the AIDS Action Council and the Human Rights Campaign Fund. And three groups outside our community—the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the National Organization for Women and the American Civil Liberties Union—should also be applauded for their crucial assistance.

But the success of organizations depends to a large degree on the support of individual gays and lesbians across the nation. Funding through voluntary contributions is essential; equally essential is support of public protests, gay pride marches and AIDS vigils. These must be stepped up in 1987: demonstrations during the bicentennial of the Constitution and the national march on Washington must be major priorities for all of us.

Our enemies are financially and politically stronger than we are; if might made right, we would have been nailed into closets long ago. It is up to us to ensure that right makes might; for when it does, the victory is ours—and humanity's.

LETTERS

Call The Mayor

★ After hearing of the proposed use of our city for the Olympic Games in a few years, I have to join John Dibelka and others who are urging the Mayor to deny the USOC any privilege with regard to San Francisco.

Tom Waddell is surely a hero. Just recall the rush of walking around town during Gay Games II. There has been nothing like it since. Why should the USOC persecute Dr. Waddell and us? What an injustice!

Call the Mayor. Write her if you can, but at least go to the phone, all of you, and call 554-6141 and leave her a message. She does listen to our comments.

Mark D'Angelo
San Francisco

A Silly Vendetta

★ The silly vendetta which you and your readers have been waging against KQED would make more sense if the objects of your hatred were the Churches of Rome, Lynchburg, or Salt Lake City instead of the PBS affiliate. What a waste of indignation!

In the four years that I have worked with KQED and SF Focus, I have never experienced any anti-gay bias. When one of your reporters called me to get the inside poop, I told him this, but it was never printed. I have written on gay issues for Focus and worked on a documentary on AIDS discrimination with producer Georgia Smith. I admire Spencer Michaels for his masterful demolition of Morley Safer after "Gay Power, Gay Politics." Because you have decided KQED is flagrantly homophobic, none of this has been acknowledged.

The many gay men and lesbians working at KQED should make their thoughts known, whether pro or con. As far as I'm concerned, there are far worthier targets for your anger.

Gray Brechin
San Francisco

ED. NOTE: *The Christian Science Monitor and KQED are probably comforted by your remarks. Would you have pontificated in this fashion had KQED run a news service in the 1960s based out of a pro-segregationist organization? Open your eyes, Mr. Brechin. This is not a "silly vendetta." Quit selling your soul. The issue is whether a San Francisco organization which could get some public monies should use an organization which discriminates against gay men and lesbians in hiring practices, a violation of San Francisco law. Get indignant against discrimination!*
Will Snyder

Who Are You, L. Johnson?

★ I don't know what disturbs me most about L. Johnson's recent diatribe against David Lamble in this space, the fuzzy thinking or the vitriol. Johnson accuses David (among others) of selling out to KQED and, in effect, betraying the lesbian and gay community.

What Rubbish!

Granted, Anthony Tiano is an arrogant redneck in an expensive suit, and granted, there needs to be more gay-focused programming on KQED, but taking potshots at our friends is hardly a constructive or effective means to that end.

Johnson is surely correct, to quote one of the more colorful images, that "KQED brass will wave the Lamble tapes over their heads to save their hides." But the very paucity of those tapes will do more to condemn them than will the shrill ranting of L. Johnson.

As for David having betrayed the lesbian and gay community, one has to laugh. He had the courage and the vision to begin broadcasting gay themes more than 20 years ago in Dallas. In the ensuing years there has been scarcely a gay issue, institution or artist which hasn't benefited from his expertise and access.

Which brings me to my main point. Namely, who the hell are you, L. Johnson? And what have you done for our community which gives you the right to knock our proven friends?

Robert W. Pitman
San Francisco

Togetherness

★ The election's over, the new year here. And with both will come many opportunities to look at what is ahead for the gay and lesbian community in 1987.

Opinions will vary as specific events develop; little doubt about that. But for now, from the view of an interested individual who enjoys participating in efforts for change, things look great! The work of thousands to deal with AIDS, our mobilization against Prop. 64, our collective effort to accomplish

these and elect good people to office: all signs that bode well for the community in the months ahead.

But just as important, I think, is the evidence that many of the special people who have made our progression possible are themselves moving toward continuing this collective effort. There is little doubt that limitations we've faced in accomplishing our goals have developed as a result of the idiosyncracies of particular relationships—often time strained relationships—between factions and individuals that have little to do with the overall course we seek. People, organizations, and the totality they engender have in the past carried with them baggage that served only as obstacles in the path.

There is, of course, nothing new about this type of occurrence. As the same individuals work with the same concerns over and over again amongst themselves it's natural that they seek to find easy ways to function (a convenient displacer of success), and progress accidentally stalls, or gets lost anyway.

Thankfully, there is a corrective mechanism: a concerned voter populace. And it's checked us again: brought us back to where we should be, told us what is needed. Our job now is to figure out how to translate this realignment of popular strength into a functioning operational force to work steadily, on a daily basis, without some of the pains of old habits, stale preconceptions, and blurred visions that have crept in in the past.

It is because I've seen such a change developing that I know I will be working hard to cultivate the potential of our community reformed throughout San Francisco and the entire Bay Area—an important part of success we've neglected recently, too. We at least owe it to those thousands now shouldering the greatest burdens to make use of all the talents we can muster!

1987's the year,
Togetherness the gear!!

Allan D. Shore
Oakland

Damage and Punishment

★ Why do we have the HIV confidentiality law? It certainly has not assisted me. My confidentiality was broken and yet no attorney I have contacted (there have been greater than 20) including those at BALIF are interested in following through with the letter of the law. One gay attorney advised me, "... just put it behind you and grow from it."

I'm angry. My reputation has suffered. I overheard co-workers wondering if I was an IV-drug user (I am not). Several of my friends have become long distance friends.

So what is the use and purpose of the HIV confidentiality law? It proscribes damages and punishment for those breaking the law. The only damage and punishment I have noticed has come to me. The law is useless.

Name Withheld Upon Request
San Francisco

A New Start

★ Thank you gay press for being. Thank you advertisers for keeping it free. Recent new year coverage of where we've been, are now, and what's ahead has challenged me.

- In 1987, I, for one, resolve,
 - to get the anger out;
 - to be consistent;
 - to go where most needed;
 - to tell what I now know and feel, and
 - to realize I've only begun to listen.
- Good Luck!

Steve Wynn
San Francisco

Spreading Seeds

★ Science by definition is a knowledge or study of a body of facts. In the future, botanical history will show a species of humans known as homosexuals, who spread wild poppy seeds from unknown sources as a ritual of grief.

This natural grieving process signaled the end of an epidemic of fear while it served to return the hillsides to their natural state. This future history will also note that the homosexual inherited this natural process of spreading seeds from unknown sources from another species known as birds.

Robert Starkey
The Poppy Project
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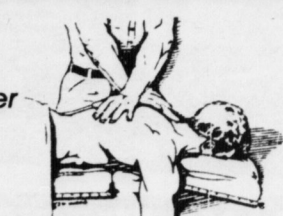
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LETTERS

'Platoon'

★ I am a black, gay and disabled veteran. The United States armed services have homophobic policies which are a sham for the abuse of personnel. I recently viewed *Platoon*, the new movie about the Vietnam conflict! I give writer/director Oliver Stone a hand for an excellent job of portraying the suffering of the American serviceman in Vietnam. It is a winner! I recalled my own suffering as a gay troop who had to serve as an outlaw even though I had and still have no criminal record! Heterosexuals could enlist even though they had criminal records without being labeled security risks! This was often a point of friction. Many of the slights against personnel's class, race and educational background are pointed out poignantly in the film.

I am a student at San Francisco State University. I visited the armed services recruiter there to ask if I could enlist as a gay recruit legally. The recruiter's staff ran into the room and stood behind the phone, ready to dial security! I wish that they had been able to call the police before I was drafted. I would have been spared much pain and suffering! Homophobia in the armed services is ethically unfit for the treatment of personnel under emergency circumstances or any other!

Terrence P. Chisley
San Francisco

GCN Responds

★ In response to Mr. Sanchez' letter concerning Joseph Durant's air of self-importance on GCN, I can only say I am impressed by the confidence with which you yield your personal opinion on a very subjective matter, i.e.: delivery with reference to style and presence.

What your letter does is completely negate the competent guests we have had on GCN and the important information they have for our viewers. Ask Christian Haren, Marcy Frazer, Karen Thompson, or Irene Smith how they feel about their interviews.

Joseph spends countless hours familiarizing himself with each guest so he can deliver the best interview possible. Behind the scenes, Joseph is responsible for producing many segments, as well as all set design and makeup. There is no mention of this in the credits. Consider for yourself a 35-hour-a-week job with no pay for an entire year and you will begin to grasp the persistence and investment of this dedicated individual. The segment you refer to, Mr. Sanchez, may have been his one interview on another of his activities, facilitating free art classes to PWAs, also a volunteer effort.

Does this somehow bother you, Mr. Sanchez? He has reluctantly pitched in when we have been short on air talent, and helped familiarize newcomers with their delivery. I hope that you can find it within yourself to be so intrinsically involved with your community. And as for horn-tooting, Mr. Sanchez, what else was that Farkle thing about anyway? I urge you to think about what you write, because even your best friends can watch G.C.N., read the B.A.R. and form their own opinions.

As for concerned viewers who were insulted by a Salvation Army spot between shows, I was as surprised as you. I do not own or control that 60-second spot between shows. Viacom was not aware that the Salvation Army is one of the most active anti-gay organizations. However, they are now.

Lastly, I hope to clear up a now totally confused gay public, over the airing of the Electric City repeat on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 9 p.m. G.C.N. and Electric City are in no way affiliated. G.C.N. was last week enjoying a much deserved holiday break, and Electric City rented the timeslot. Simple, yes. There is no point in contrasting or comparing the two different gay media groups, especially after their first show. Suffice to say it is obvious that gay oriented cable programming is here to stay. There is only one Gay Cable Network, with affiliates now in Washington, D.C., Boston, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Miami and New York. G.C.N. welcomes all rational criticism and would like to thank once again all the generous donors involved in our successful fundraiser. Please look forward to our One-Year Anniversary Party on Jan. 25 at Club 9, headlining The Blazing Redheads, plus so many spectacular guests.

John Canelli
Executive Producer
Gay Cable Network
San Francisco

Biblical Role Models

★ Falwell, Robertson, et al, have said repeatedly that one of their reasons for wanting to keep gays and lesbians in the closet and to deny us the rights that they themselves enjoy, is because they are afraid that they will become role models for young people. The suggestion has been made by these homophobes that one should turn to the Bible for role models.

Absalom ordered killings (2 Sam. 13:28-29 RSV)

and had sex in the open (2 Sam. 16:22 RSV); Amnon raped his sister, Tamar (2 Sam. 13:11-14 RSV); Elisha caused 42 small boys to be torn apart for mocking his bald head (2 Kings 2:23-24 RSV); Gideon killed (Jud. 8:16-17 the living Bible) and engaged in polygamy (Jud. 8:30); Isaac lied (Gen. 26:6-7); Jephthah killed his own daughter (Jud. 11:39 RSV); Lot offered his virgin daughters to a crowd (Gen. 19:8); Samson had sex with a harlot (Jud. 16:1) and lied to Delilah (Jud. 16:10, 13); Samuel murdered (1 Sam. 15:33); Saul ordered gambling (1 Sam. 14:42); killed (1 Sam. 15:7-8), 20 22:18-21), stripped himself and acted unstable (1 Sam. 19:24), gave David's wife to another man (1 Sam. 25:44), and transgressed God by consulting a medium and being unfaithful (1 Chron. 10:13-14 RSV). Solomon ordered murders (1 Kings 2:25 RSV, 2:34, 46), enslaved people (1 Kings 9:21 RSV), did not keep God's statutes or covenant (1 Kings 11:11 RSV), did evil (1 Kings 11:6), and lied to his mother (1 Kings 2:20-21 RSV, 2:25).

Moses and David are two famous individuals who occupy special places among Old Testament leaders. According to 2 Chron. 30:16, Moses was *the* man of God; yet, he murdered an Egyptian (Ex. 2:12), ordered an armed attack (Num. 31:3, 6), ordered the murder of prisoners (Num. 31:17), ordered the keeping of young female prisoners for several reasons (Num. 31:18), led mass killings of women and children (Deut. 2:34, 3:3, 6), ordered killings (Deut. 13:15, 20:13), blasphemously wrote he was a greater prophet than Jesus (Deut. 34:10 NASB), had a son out of wedlock (Ex. 2:21-22), and was excluded by God from Canaan for four different reasons: unbelief (Num. 20:12), rebellion (Num. 27:12-14 RSV), trespassing (Deut. 32:51-52), and rash words (Psalms 106:32-33 NIV).

And there is David. Despite all of the above, no individual in the Bible had a more disreputable, more scandalous career. According to the recipient of numerous accolades — never doing evil (1 Sam. 25:28), following God fully (1 Kings 11:6), being an angel of God (2 Sam. 19:27), keeping the commandments of God (1 Kings 3:14), and having a perfect heart with the Lord (1 Kings 15:3), David exhibited exceptionally corrupt behavior. He killed (1 Sam. 17:50-51 RSV, 18:7, 27, 19-8, 23:5, 30:17, 2 Sam. 8:1, 2, 5, 13), ordered murders (2 Sam. 1:15, 4:5-12), ordered prisoners to be killed (2 Sam. 12:29-31, 1 Chron. 20:3, 2 Sam. 8:1-2), committed unprovoked aggression and mass killing (1 Sam. 27:8-11, 2 Sam. 5:20, 25), gave up seven of Saul's descendants to be killed (2 Sam. 21:6, 9), requested that Joab be killed (1 Kings 2:5-6), intentionally arranged for Uriah to be killed in order to seize his wife (2 Sam. 11:14-17), displaced the Lord (2 Sam. 11:26-27), impregnated another man's wife committing adultery in the process (2 Sam. 11:2-5), wasn't allowed to build God's house because he was a man of war and shed blood (1 Chron. 22:7-8), lied (1 Sam. 3:2-3), committed polygamy (2 Sam. 5:13), exposed himself like a pervert (2 Sam. 6:20). Yet, despite all of this we are supposed to believe this is a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22).

Anyone approaching the Bible for goodness, decency, role models, and morality, enters at his own peril.

Alan G. Hanson
Sonoma

Remove My Name

★ This letter was sent to Lt. Colonel Bruce Harvey, Divisional Commander, The Salvation Army, Post Of- fice Box 3465, San Francisco, CA 94119.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Enclosed you will find a mailing addressed to me from your organization, bearing the slogan "To be remembered and respected" prominently on the outside of the envelope.

I did not open this item, because my memory and my concept of respect are in good operating order.

The only correspondence I would wish to have with your group would be to gladly add my name to a class action suit seeking to strip your non-profit, tax-exempt status, and to heavily fine both your organization and all commanding officers for illegally and godlessly perpetrating political action aimed at depriving gay-identified women and men of their civil and human, God-given, rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, both here in the USA, and everywhere in the world.

I hold your Army to be satanic; in mortal disregard of the most basic christian and human virtues; and I contemplate literature from you with the same feeling of horror Hitler's National Socialist propaganda inspires in me.

I demand that my name be removed from all your mailing lists.

Enclosed is a photocopy of an article from a local paper which addresses directly the issue of your persecution of gay people. I look forward to the day when righteousness shall prevail and decent, godly citizens will initiate political action on the national level to end your campaign of victimization.

May God forgive you all, and bring a speedy end to your unchristian, inhumane, and incredibly ignorant program.

Name Withheld Upon Request
San Francisco

Wayne Friday

Burton Expected to Resign

At press time, San Francisco's Congresswoman Sala Burton remained in George Washington University Hospital, suffering from what unnamed sources called "deteriorating complications of the surgery she underwent for colon cancer last August.

A spokesperson for the hospital confirmed over the past week-end that Burton had undergone a series of "diagnostic tests." But at the request of the congresswoman, those officials have declined to disclose the results of the tests. They would say little else except to confirm that their patient is resting in the hospital's oncology ward, which treats cancer patients.

Last week, at the opening of the 100th Congress, Rep. Burton was unable to take her oath of office at the Capitol, which is less than six blocks from her Washington home and arrangements were made to swear her in at her home. Both Burton's Washington and San Francisco offices were giving out little information about her health. But one source said that Burton had been told within weeks after her August surgery that the cancer had spread. The same sources say that it is not known whether she will be able to resume her congressional duties.

Sources close to Burton said this week that she has decided not to remain in office if she cannot carry out her responsibilities. One local friend of Burton's told me that he expects that she might resign as early as next month.

While friends and political associates of Mrs. Burton here were, as expected, more concerned about the congresswoman's health than the political implications of her possible resignation, many of those same people were quietly exploring the consequences of a possible special election for her seat.

Among those reportedly interested in seeking the 5th C.D. seat if and when a vacancy occurs are Supervisors Harry Britt, Carol Ruth Silver, Bill Maher, and recently-retired Chief Administrative Officer Roger Boas. Most of those mentioned were being respectfully discreet this week about their plans, but the phone calls were being made over the past few days. In some cases, outright commitments were actively being sought.

Dana Van Gorder, Supp. Britt's top City Hall aide, told the Bay Area Reporter that "Sala has been a good friend of the (gay) community and it is certainly our hope that she serves the remainder of her term. She has been a long-time supporter of our cause." Van Gorder added, however, "If and when that seat becomes vacant, we intend to run for it."

Though the scenario is highly speculative, a prospective Britt candidacy for Congress sets up a very interesting possible political chain of events in San Francisco. Britt and his supporters have for some time longed to advance politically, and many feel that the eventual plan was for Britt to seek Assemblyman Art Agnos' seat, should Agnos run for mayor and be successful. Some of Britt's supporters were thought to be committed to an Agnos mayoralty candidacy for that reason, if none other.



Sup. Harry Britt



Rep. Sala Burton

If Britt should seek the congressional seat and be successful, his supervisory seat would become vacant, allowing Mayor Dianne Feinstein to appoint his successor, which most believe would certainly be a gay man or a lesbian. The lobbying for that seat would immediately start all over again.

As I stated earlier, all this is speculation at best, depending on the revelation of Mrs. Burton's health and what course she eventually takes. After her August surgery, Mrs. Burton underwent a series of chemotherapy treatments and seemed to be recuperating. After a visit to the House in October, she insisted that all traces of the cancer had been removed through surgery. Mrs. Burton returned to San Francisco but kept her appearances limited and went on to easily win re-election in November. Her appearance apparently worsened shortly afterwards and her last public appearance was Dec. 9.

'Sala (Burton) has been a good friend of the (gay) community and it is our hope that she serves the remainder of her term.'

—Dana Van Gorder
Aide to Sup. Harry Britt

When asked recently about her condition, she answered reporters by saying, "Will I get better? I don't know." Despite the sometimes hopeful comments from those who know the congresswoman best, most political observers both in Washington and San Francisco were expecting Burton to resign her congressional seat within weeks.

Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt became the first Democrat to enter the '88 presidential race with an announcement last week that he was forming a campaign committee with Duane Garrett, the respected San Francisco attorney, as national chairperson. Garrett is recognized as one of the most effective political fundraisers in the country.

Everyone agrees that AIDS is the most pressing health problem in the state, but you wouldn't have known it by listening to Gov. George Deukmejian's State of the State message last week. Deukmejian mouthed platitudes about the crew of the *Voyager* flight, unveiled a new education plan that brought criticism from educators, and predictably lauded his past administrative achievements, but failed to even mention AIDS once in his 25-minute speech.

Apparently hoping to get a start on the rest of the pack, Secretary of State March Fong Eu used her swearing-in ceremony last week to announce that she plans to run for the U.S. Senate next year. Even if Eu gets past the other Democrats who want that job, she will find the campaign against Republican Pete Wilson a lot tougher than her past statewide campaigns have been.

Colorado's former Sen. Gary Hart, the acknowledged front-runner in the '88 Demo presidential race, will be in San Francisco Jan. 28 when he appears at a \$150 fundraiser for State Sen. John Caramendi at the St. Francis Hotel. He will then appear in L.A. the next night to reduce his own '84 debt, but will not appear at the state Democratic Convention that weekend in Sacramento. Jesse Jackson, Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden, and former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt are expected at the Demo confab.

Meanwhile, national Republicans have reportedly settled on

New Orleans as the site of their 1988 National Convention, while Dems are leaning toward Houston.

Former Rep. Ed Zschau has joined the L.A.-based venture capitalist firm Brentwood Associates to be their man in Northern California. Brentwood was a big investor in Zschau Business System Industries which the former congressman sold before going to Washington in 1982.

Two weeks ago, television evangelist Oral Roberts told his viewers that he had spoken with God and was told that unless his TV audience came up with \$4.5 million for the troubled Oral Roberts University's medical school, "God wouldn't let him live past March" of this year.

Well, apparently it worked, sort of, because since his Jan. 4 pronouncement, viewers have pledged over \$750,000, and the good news is, according to Roberts' sermon this past Sunday, God has now extended the deadline. Roberts said that God told him that if he doesn't raise the necessary money, "I'm going to call you home in one year." ●

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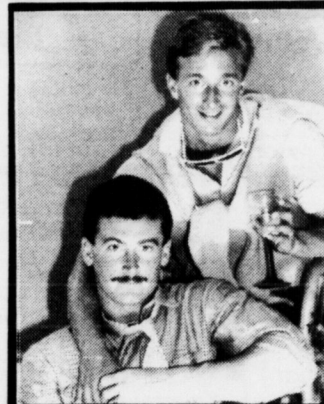
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Brian Jones

Dying From Embarrassment

An effective treatment for AIDS may be right here under my bed. Under my bed is a box stuffed with Ribavirin. I smuggled the stuff in from Mexico, as thousands of gay men have. I knew that if I waited for Uncle Sam to act, I could drop dead.

I have long believed Ribavirin to be safe, and to be possibly effective in fighting AIDS. Last week, results of a study were announced that provided strong evidence to both points. The study strongly indicated that Ribavirin is probably effective against AIDS. It is most effective in larger doses, and especially helpful for people in the earlier stages of AIDS infection.

This is enormously important news, because there are at least 1.5 million Americans with some level of AIDS infection. Most of them are in the earlier stages. I am one of these people: antibody positive, but healthy—so far. Ribavirin could possibly help most of us stay healthy.

But we can't buy it here, even though it is made here, in California.

Last week the maker of Ribavirin announced the results of its study of the drug. The study was monitored, at every step of the way, by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA reviewed and approved last week's announcement.

The drug maker, ICN Pharmaceuticals, followed 163 people for eight months. All of the study participants had a lower-level AIDS infection when they began the trial. They suffered either lymphadenopathy syndrome (LAS) or low-level AIDS-Related Condition (ARC).

One-third of the study group took 800 milligrams of Ribavirin daily. One-third took 600 milligrams. And one-third took a "placebo," or false dose. Those in the study group did not know if they were taking the real thing or the dummy drug.

Of the 56 unlucky souls given the placebo, 10 people — 18 percent — went on to develop full-blown AIDS by the end of eight months.

Of the 55 people given the lower dose of 600 milligrams, six — 11 percent — went on to develop AIDS.

Here's the big news. Of the 52 people given the higher dose, 800 milligrams of Ribavirin, none developed AIDS.

There was another important finding. None of the study participants suffered side effects from the drug. Not only did Ribavirin appear to be effective, it was shown to be safe.

This is in contrast to such exotic drugs as suramin. You may recall that several participants in a study of suramin here were killed outright, and many more were disabled, before that experiment was abruptly cancelled.

But you can't get Ribavirin here. Why not? The government has been embarrassed, and so have some of the AIDS doctors. They've been saying for two years that Ribavirin is no good, and they are determined to push their point over our dead bodies.

We're dying from embarrassment — their embarrassment.

It began a year and a half ago, when gay people, fed up with governmental delay, began smuggling Ribavirin from Mexico. This "underground railway" em-



Brian Jones, right, in Mexico looking for Ribavirin.

(Photo: KRON-TV)

barrassed the feds by making them appear cruel.

Back then, government bureaucrats demanded clinical trials of Ribavirin before they would allow any of us to legally buy the drug here.

The feds were joined by some of our own local AIDS doctors, who incidentally were heavily financed by federal grants to study the "approved" drugs — such as the deadly suramin.

Now, the clinical trial is complete. The evidence is clear. Ribavirin is safe and appears to stop the AIDS virus under some circumstances. But the same idiots were all over TV last week, still trying to keep Ribavirin from us.

These AIDS idiots do anything to avoid being proved wrong — including killing us. The Ribavirin study was monitored by the FDA. Yet Dr. Donald Abrams objects — because it did not confirm his preconceived bias. This is not science.

People are dying. Our lives are dying. We are all fighting for our lives. Ribavirin is a weapon

that probably will help. It is safe and it probably is effective.

Legalize Ribavirin now!

I especially make this appeal to Sen. Pete Wilson, who has shown great interest and energy on AIDS. Wilson should get on the phone to the FDA today.

AIDS waits for no one.

Liberace's Chauffeur Wins \$95,000 Settlement

by George Mendenhall

Wealthy and flamboyant Liberace has given his former companion, Scott Thorson, \$95,000 in an out-of-court settlement. Thorson claimed that he and the nightclub star were lovers for six years. Earlier, Thorson had received \$75,000 from Liberace although he claimed that there was an oral agreement that he was to receive \$70,000 a year for life.

No legal "palimony" precedent was set by the new settlement since it did not involve a case heard in court.

Thorson claimed that he met Liberace in a Las Vegas casino when he was 17. He later told a scandal sheet magazine, "He is the man I love." Thorson claimed he was ousted after he caught the entertainer in bed with an 18-year-old male and protested Liberace's affairs with other young men. He filed the lawsuit against the entertainer in 1982 after being evicted from the star's Las Vegas home.

Liberace, 67, has denied he had any love relationship with Thorson, calling him a former chauffeur and travel secretary. He said the lawsuit was "an outrageous and vicious attempt to

assassinate my character." The entertainer insisted that Thorson was fired because he took drugs, was an alcoholic and carried a gun.

Thorson originally sued for \$380 million. He said he gave up a possible career as a veterinarian and animal trainer when he met the nightclub star. When he left Thorson was given \$74,000, a gold Rolls-Royce, and three dogs.

Liberace has repeatedly denied that he is gay. He sued Confidential magazine in the 1950s when it printed that the star had sexually propositioned a hotel waiter. Later, he sued a London newspaper for alleging that he was gay. The entertainer won both lawsuits.

Quit Smoking Clinic

Are you a smoker who wants to quit? For smokers who are serious about quitting, the San Francisco Department of Public Health will offer an eight session Quit Smoking Clinic starting on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Health Center #1, located at 3850 - 17th Street.

The Quit Smoking Clinic will provide you with the opportunity to learn about your smoking behavior and to quit in a support-

ive group setting. The instructors, ex-smokers who understand the difficulty of breaking an established addictive pattern, will help you to develop skills and techniques to quit smoking and remain a non-smoker for life.

The fee for the clinic is \$30 and includes all materials. Advance registration is essential as class size is limited to 15 people. For more information, call 558-2444, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mike Hippler

Blue Collar Buddies

Okay, so now the whole world (or those who read the Oct. 30 issue of B.A.R. at any rate) knows that construction workers and their ilk don't get me all hot and bothered. Big fucking deal. Those who saw the Nov. 13 issue of the paper also know that certain members of the community (one disgruntled member at least) took great offense at what was called "one of the most degrading, sexist, phobic projections of a negative self-image upon a hapless group of innocent bystanders as has ever made it into print."

Well, fuck 'em if they can't take a joke.

However, because I'm a passionate believer in equal time for opposing points of view, I offer the following article to soothe the savage beasts who stalk the letters section of B.A.R.

I have a feeling that nothing less than a permanent leave of absence on my part will satisfy my irate critic, but this I cannot do. Instead I will attempt to provide him with the "entertaining or uplifting article" for which he asked rather than the "drivel" which I usually write. Enjoy.

Joe Lawrence is 38 years old and has been seducing men since he was a child of eight. But not just any men. From his first conquest onward Joe has directed his pre- and post-pubescent attentions primarily to one particular type — the blue collar worker.

In the beginning, the main reason for this was availability. Because his father was a blue collar worker himself (a repairman, a policeman, and a stock car driver, among other things), Joe was surrounded by the type throughout his childhood.

The results were inevitable: "When I was a freshman in high school there was this hot 21-year-old Italian guy named Johnny who worked with my father in the garage. If I woke up late, Johnny would take me to school in the truck. Often we'd stop at the back of this housing project, where we'd have sex in the cab of the truck. So then I began waking up late on purpose. He was the first man I ever kissed."

Although he continued having encounters of this sort on a regular basis, not until he was 21 did Joe identify himself as gay or meet other openly gay men — and then he wasn't impressed. The first two were "this disgusting faggot whose brother was a drag queen. I met them through my cousin, who was gay, at a New

Year's Eve party in New York, and they weren't exactly my type."

Later, when he moved to San Francisco and visited the South of Market scene, he still had difficulty identifying. According to Joe, most "leather queens" are people "who work for Macy's and dress up in leather for the weekend. It's so fake. I always say that if you want to know anything about ballet or opera or antiques, ask a leather queen. Besides, they're so unfriendly, they never smile, and they play a lot of games. I mean, I don't have to put up with that."

Discouraged that he could not find gay men who fit the image he was seeking, Joe turned elsewhere for companionship. For a while he advertised in swinger magazines. It was the only way he knew to meet the kind of men he liked.

Unfortunately, admits Joe, "This was a very unsuccessful venture on my part, partly because I'm so particular. They have to look exactly the way I want. Ninety percent of them were overweight or had bad skin and bad teeth, even though they said in their ads that they were handsome. Most were real slob. So I quit advertising that way."

At last, Joe hit upon an idea of his own, a club exclusively for "real gay blue collar workers and the people who like them." Consequently, in the fall of 1983 he founded Blue Collar Buddies. The main purpose of the club, he decided, would be to enable working class gay men and their admirers to meet one another through personal ads placed in the club's newsletter. For a while Joe toyed with the idea of holding social functions as well, but because his first party, held over the July 4 weekend, fizzled, he abandoned that idea.

Interest in the club grew quickly. Some members told him that until Blue Collar Buddies came along, they had no other way to meet other blue collar workers. True, they could always advertise in a paper like the Advocate, but most chose to join Blue Collar Buddies instead because, according to Joe, "it's more pinpointed. They have a wider selection."

At present there are approximately 125 members in states across the nation. Seventy-five percent of these men, Joe estimates, are blue collar workers; the rest are professionals, artists, or others who are attracted to them. Most are bisexual. To join

the club, each of these men pays annual dues of \$15. For this he gets a master list of club members, including 10 to 12 pages of personal ads, and three quarterly updates with new members.

Although Joe has no way to guarantee that the ads are truthful, "I encourage the members to be honest, to describe themselves accurately, and to say exactly what it is they are looking for."

Occasionally, he will have to reject an ad, usually because it is not appropriate. "One was from a guy down on the Peninsula who wanted to be gang-banged and mutilated. Another was from a guy who was into bestiality. I wrote him back and said, 'I don't condemn this, but really, this is not the club for this. It's for blue collar workers, not blue collar horses.'"



Ah, those blue collar buddies.

(Photo: Rink)

Ironically, Joe himself is not a blue collar worker. He does massage, artwork, and freelance photography instead. As he tells his friends, "Actually, I'm a no-collar worker."

Nevertheless, he is a man who knows what he likes, and what he likes is the taste of sweat — that, and "a certain kind of attitude."

Johnny, the 21-year-old Italian, had it, and Joe's been looking for him ever since. Some day, he hopes, he too will join Blue Collar Buddies.

For more information, write: Blue Collar Buddies, c/o Live Oak Press, P.O. Box 640444, San Francisco, CA 94164.

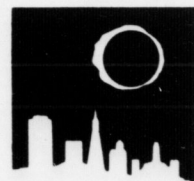
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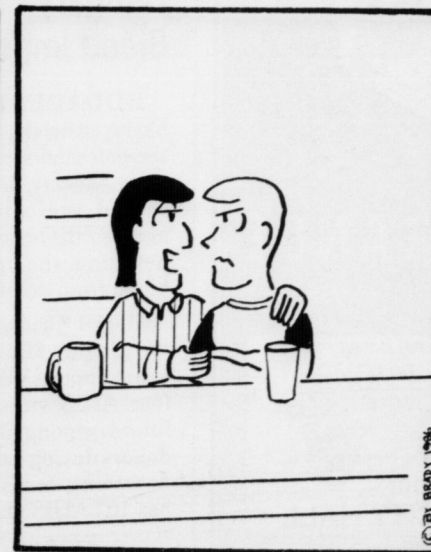


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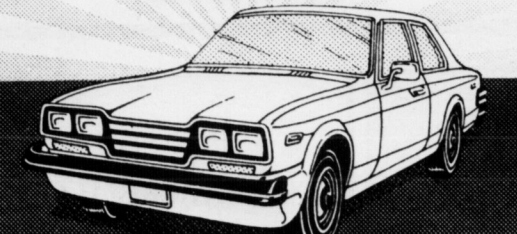
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Nashville Cops 'Crack The Code'

NASHVILLE—Sometimes San Francisco gay men and lesbians should count their blessings when they start to complain about problems in the city. After all, they could be living in Nashville.
Gaze, the Memphis gay newspaper, reports a crackdown by Nashville police which led to the arrest of 68 gay people for alleged sex violations. In a McCarthyistic scene, Nashville rangers were reported to have "cracked a complex set of signals for sex requests" in city parks.
According to reports, the signals appear to be the basic left/right, red/blue hankie codes with handkerchiefs tied to the side mirrors of the cars. There were other "codes" too, according to Ranger Jeff Debusk, who claimed to have "cracked" the code. Debusk said that if a person wanted sex, he circled the park three times and parked. If he wanted to perform sex, he continued to circle the park. People who were interested in each other signaled with their brake lights, he said.
Thirty-four of the people arrested were arraigned in General Sessions Court on Dec. 5. Twenty-two pleaded guilty to charges including soliciting for crimes against nature, performing crimes against nature and indecent exposure. They were placed on one-year probation and fined \$91.50 in court costs.
Nine of those pleaded innocent and three others failed to show for the arraignment. The remaining 34 have appeared in court or still face hearings.
This has been a public service message from the state that was proud to bring you the Scopes Trial.
—Gaze of Memphis

British Labor Leader Wants Law Reform

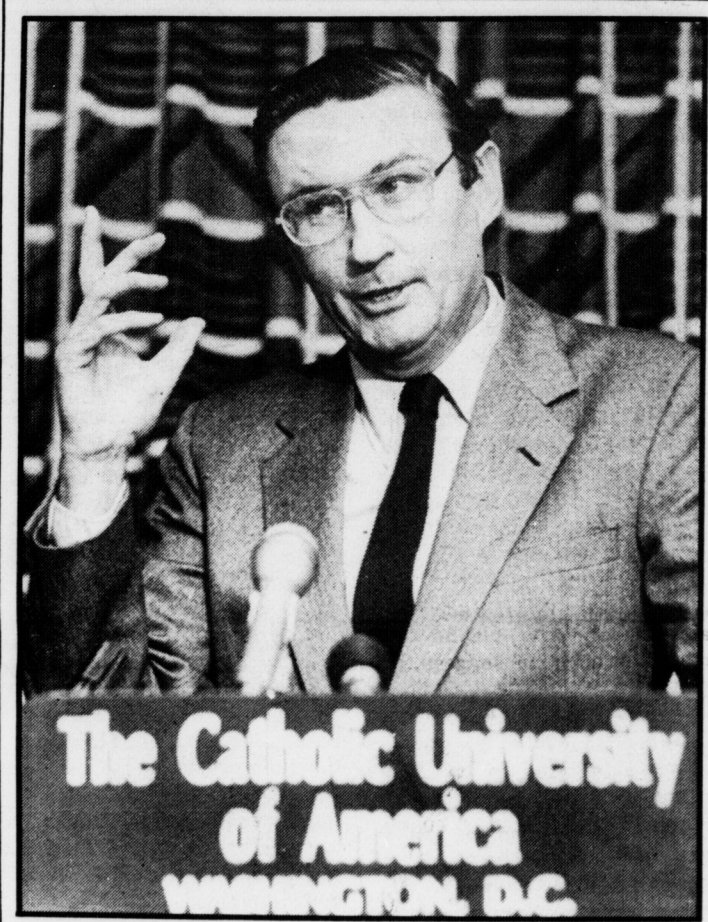
BLACKPOOL, England—The leader of the British Labor Party, Neil Kinnock, and the whole of Labor's National Executive, have voted for gay law reform. At the annual policy-making conference in Blackpool, 79 percent of the party supported anti-discrimination legislation. The new party platform, approved by 4,792,000 would lower the age of consent for gay men (it is now 21), outlaw and guarantee child custody rights to gays and lesbians.
—Outrage

Atlanta Cops Snatch Suspect

ATLANTA—Gay men are breathing a little easier in this city today. A man who has confessed to a string of murders involving gay men, has been caught by Atlanta police.
Michael Terry, 26, has admitted to Atlanta police that he murdered six gay men in the darkest, murkiest parts of Atlanta over the last six months. Terry told police that he would "position himself on the city street and wait for somebody to come along and make an offer to him." The murdered men were usually found stabbed or shot in the back of the neck or head, nude from the waist down in abandoned buildings and lots.
Terry allegedly killed his victims after having sex with them.
—The Weekly News of Miami

Hungary Bans Blood Imports

BUDAPEST—Hungarian health officials, alarmed about the potential spread of AIDS in their country, have run a successful prevention campaign against the disease by simply negating the importation of blood from other countries.
Margit Kiriny, the secretary to the Health Minister, said that blood imports were banned after four AIDS virus carriers were found among 330,000 blood donors during a two-year survey. According to Kiriny, Hungary has 102 AIDS virus carriers.
—Xinhua News Agency



Rev. James Curran.

DC Bishop Silences Curran

WASHINGTON—Washington's Roman Catholic Archbishop James Hickey suspended Rev. James Curran Monday from his teaching duties at the Catholic University of America because of Curran's dissenting views on church position. One of Curran's dissenting views include a pro-gay stance.
Hickey's action is the culmination of nearly a half-year war between the two clergyman. Last August, Hickey—who is the chancellor of the Vatican-chartered university—told Curran that the latter's views on homosexuality, birth control, abortion and divorce forced Vatican authorities to demand the suspension of Curran. "In taking this action," said Curran, "Archbishop Hickey has gone against the advice of the Chair of Theology and the Dean of the School of Religious Studies (at the school) and has shown a lack of appreciation for the needs and rights of students."
Last December, Hickey sent Curran a letter telling him he proposed to suspend him from teaching pending an outcome of the university process. Rev. David Power, chair of the Theology Department, and Rev. William Cenker, dean of the department of religious studies, wrote separately to Hickey protesting the proposal.
—United Press International

The Last Gays Of Pompeii

POMPEII—Question: Did tea room queens in Pompeii gather in a lavatory?
Answer: We'll never know, thanks to some archaeologists with rocks in their heads.
It seems as though some archaeologists who were digging in Pompeii uncovered a sailors' bathhouse where the walls were decorated with five wall paintings of homosexual orgies. But if you're going to go to Pompeii, don't expect to get a chance to see the erotic art. The archaeologists have restricted viewings of the work to "genuine, unemotional art scholars."
This isn't the first time censorship has reared its ugly head, here. In 1819, King Francesco I of Naples decreed that all erotic objects found at Pompeii should be locked away in a private chamber in Italy's National Archaeological Museum.
—Outrage

Study Shows Need For Early Therapy

by Charles Lineberger

A new study of people infected with HIV shows that 36.5 percent of them developed AIDS within seven and one-half years from the time they became sero-positive to the virus. AIDS experts in the study warn that this could mean that a similar percentage of all those infected with HIV will come down with AIDS. But researchers cautioned that the results came from a group that may be at higher risk for the disease. They also said that the study underscores the need for early preventive treatments such as AZT.

"We estimate that 20 percent of the men will develop AIDS within six years of infection, 27.5 percent within seven years, and 36.5 percent within seven and one-half years," according to a local epidemiological study which, said researcher Paul O'Malley, is the longest of all such studies.

O'Malley told Bay Area Reporter that he and his fellow researchers are working on the oldest AIDS epidemiological study in the country. The men involved as participants were originally recruited for a 1978-1980 hepatitis vaccine study at San Francisco's City Clinic. Blood samples that were taken then have been kept frozen to serve as some of the oldest specimens of HIV infected blood in existence.

Men who were infected as long ago as 1978 have been followed for the past nine years and serve as part of the basis upon which the study's directors make their prognostications for others infected with HIV.

"As you can see," the study's recent report states, "the cumulative incidence of AIDS accelerates sharply after around 60 months of infection, suggesting that AIDS is more likely to occur after five years of infection than before."

The study's findings were based on an average of 70 months of follow-up of a cohort of 66 sexually active gay men who were known to have been infected with HIV before October, 1983. Of

Centenarians Tell Their Stories

Author James Heynen is looking for American centenarians who would like to be considered for inclusion in a book he is currently writing, titled, *How Did They Get So Old? The Stories of 100 Americans over 100*. The book will feature centenarians from all areas of the United States and will include photographs, biographical information, and highlights of the centenarians lives.

The book will not resemble a clinical study. It is meant to be an attractive and informal tribute to the people featured and the thousands of centenarians they represent. The book will attempt to give a broad representation, including people from different geographic, ethnic, occupational, and racial backgrounds.

Persons who would like to be considered should have their hundredth birthday on or before Sept. 1. Send name, address, birthdate, and brief biography, as well as name, address, and telephone number of a contact person (friend or relative) who would be willing to assist in compiling information and setting up an informal visit between the featured centenarian and the author. For more information, contact James Heynen, 624 Lincoln Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368; (606) 385-0688.

"We all have AIDS."
It's just that some of us have the virus, and some of us don't. At first I thought AIDS had nothing to do with me, and I was angry about having to deal with it. But now that I feel part of the crisis, I feel a lot better about myself. And that makes me want to help others. —Bob Hoffman
To attend a Stop AIDS meeting, call 621-7177.
STOP AIDS PROJECT
It's about change. And isn't it about time?
The theme of recent Stop AIDS Project billboards is that "We all have AIDS." The billboards haven't been too popular with some folks in the lesbian/gay community. At left, someone has vandalized a billboard at the Castro Muni station. (Photo: Rink)

O'Malley said that he had a message he wanted to get out to the community. "Men should start looking at these anti-viral drugs (AZT and Ribavirin). A lot of men who declined their antibody results (on the HIV test) in the past are now asking for their results. Some because they are getting sick, but more because they are beginning to become aware that there may be some anti-viral drugs that potentially could protect them. Now at least there is the potential of doing something positive with your results."
The report cautions that its data can be questioned. "These study participants were originally recruited from a sexually transmitted disease clinic, and, if repeated venereal infections or re-exposure to HIV are important in the progression of HIV infection to AIDS, these men may be at higher risk for the disease. Our data are best viewed as maximum estimates."
The study will be expanding this year and anyone who was involved in City Clinic's hepatitis-B study between 1978 and 1980 is asked to call 621-5996 for further information on becoming a participant.
The City Clinic is also seeking \$65,000 from Burroughs-Wellcome, makers of AZT, in order to study the drug's effectiveness on HIV-infected men who are still asymptomatic.
"This is the first time that there has been a proposal to test an anti-viral drug on people who are infected but who are still relatively healthy," said O'Malley.
The group plans to try a smaller dosage of AZT than was used in the recent study with people with AIDS. They also plan to combine the AZT therapy with another potential AIDS drug, acyclovir.

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**Castro Assailant
 Pleads Guilty**

Bystanders Helped In Capture

by Will Snyder

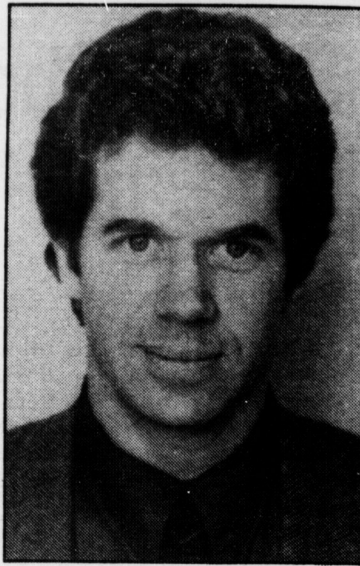
David Anderson, 18, pleaded guilty Dec. 24 to a Dec. 7 charge against him in an incident which sent one man through the window of a Castro St. delicatessen. Anderson admitted guilt for one felonious count of assault as well as assault to do great bodily harm. He will be sentenced on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

The incident which led to Anderson's undoing occurred early Sunday morning on Dec. 7. Anderson was on Castro hassling people. A man entered the Bear, a Castro bar, saying that a person had been hurt on Castro. A Bear bartender, Timothy Enman, and patron Todd Leone went out on the street to investigate.

Soon after, Enman and Anderson were involved in a scuffle. Anderson pushed Enman through the window of the Norse Cove delicatessen. He tried to

hide from police, but Leone showed police that Anderson was hiding between two cars.

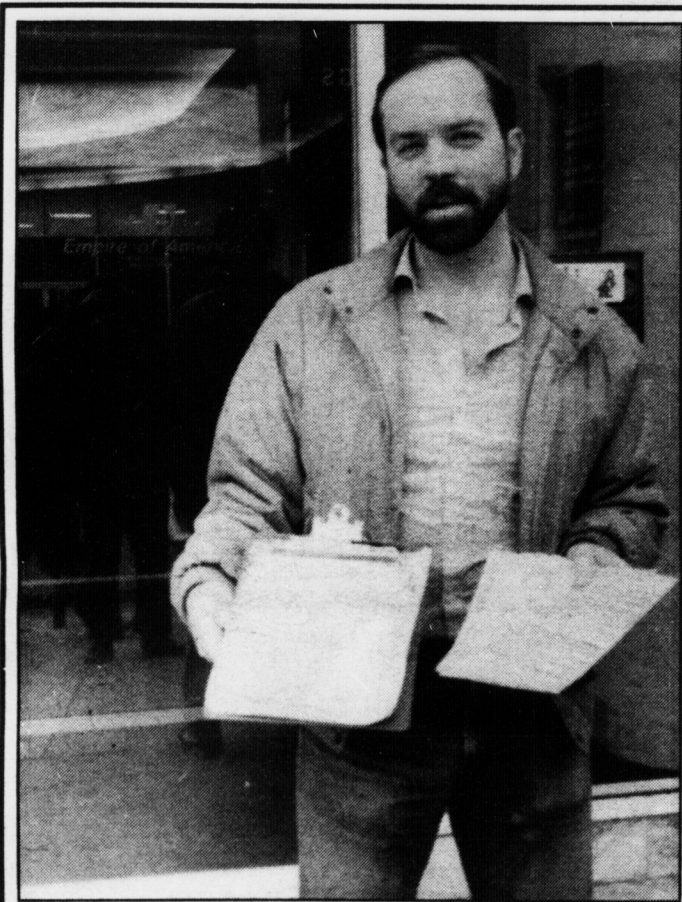
"I think this is one of the best examples of victim/citizen cooperation that I can think of," said Ron Huberman, an investigator with the District Attorney's office. "Because we had such good cooperative, believable witnesses I don't think Anderson's attorney (Carol Yaggy of the Public Defender's office) felt she could win the case."



Ron Huberman (Photo: Rink)

Huberman termed the case as "a major victory" for gay and lesbian people. "People simply have to start understanding a simple truth," said Huberman. "You can't go anywhere and push people around without facing the consequences."

Before the Dec. 7 incident, Anderson had no previous police record.



Protesting An Empire

Just about every day, passersby on Castro St. can see J.J. Zenger, a member of the "Sacramento 8," in front of Empire of America Savings & Loan, protesting Empire's not allowing certain publishable items in the building. If you look closely, you can see Zenger not only from the front but also from the back. (Photo: Rink... that's him with the camera.)

**Dolan AIDS Rumors
 Called 'Disgusting'**

Rumors that Terry Dolan had AIDS are "disgusting," says the man who replaced the late co-founder of the National Conservative Political Action Committee. L. Brent Bozell III, in Dallas as part of a campaign to defend Pres. Ronald Reagan's policies toward Iran, said the far-right group would continue pushing its agenda, which in the past has included strong anti-gay stances.

Dolan, 36, died Dec. 28 in his Washington home from what his doctor said was diabetes and pernicious anemia. Dolan had been in failing health for several years and dropped his leadership position with NC-PAC six months ago. Recent news stories stated that the right-wing leader had AIDS.

The PAC became known, especially in 1979 and 1980, for its advertising aimed at liberals,

most often Democrats. The ads sometimes featured photographs of men in drag and used anti-gay rhetoric.

Bozell said NC-PAC may stage a conservative political convention in Dallas next fall to gain support for an "issue agenda" for the 1988 elections.

"Dallas is pretty much the core of the conservative movement right now," Bozell said.

**No Nuptials
 For PWA
 At St. Paddy's**

NEW YORK—An AIDS victim has been denied his request to renew his civil marriage vows at St. Patrick's Cathedral, but a church official told the Associated Press that the cancellation had nothing to do with the Vatican's views on homosexuality.

"I cannot understand how the Church of God would do something like this," said David Hefner, 38, who says he was gay before his marriage three years ago to his wife, Maria.

"If I were a killer, a hired murderer or a thief," he added, "but I'm just a person who happens to have a sickness."

Msgr. James F. Rigney, rector of the cathedral, said he reversed an associate's decision to allow the ceremony, which had been scheduled for Valentine's Day. Rigney said it was "my own pastoral judgment" that people would receive better pre-marriage counseling in their local parish. He said the policy would not affect those dying of noncontagious diseases such as cancer.

Rigney denied that the decision related to the Roman Catholic Church's stand against homosexuality.

An archdiocese spokesman said there isn't any policy on performing marriages for AIDS victims. Joseph Zwilling said the Hefners are free to seek a priest at the other churches in the archdiocese.

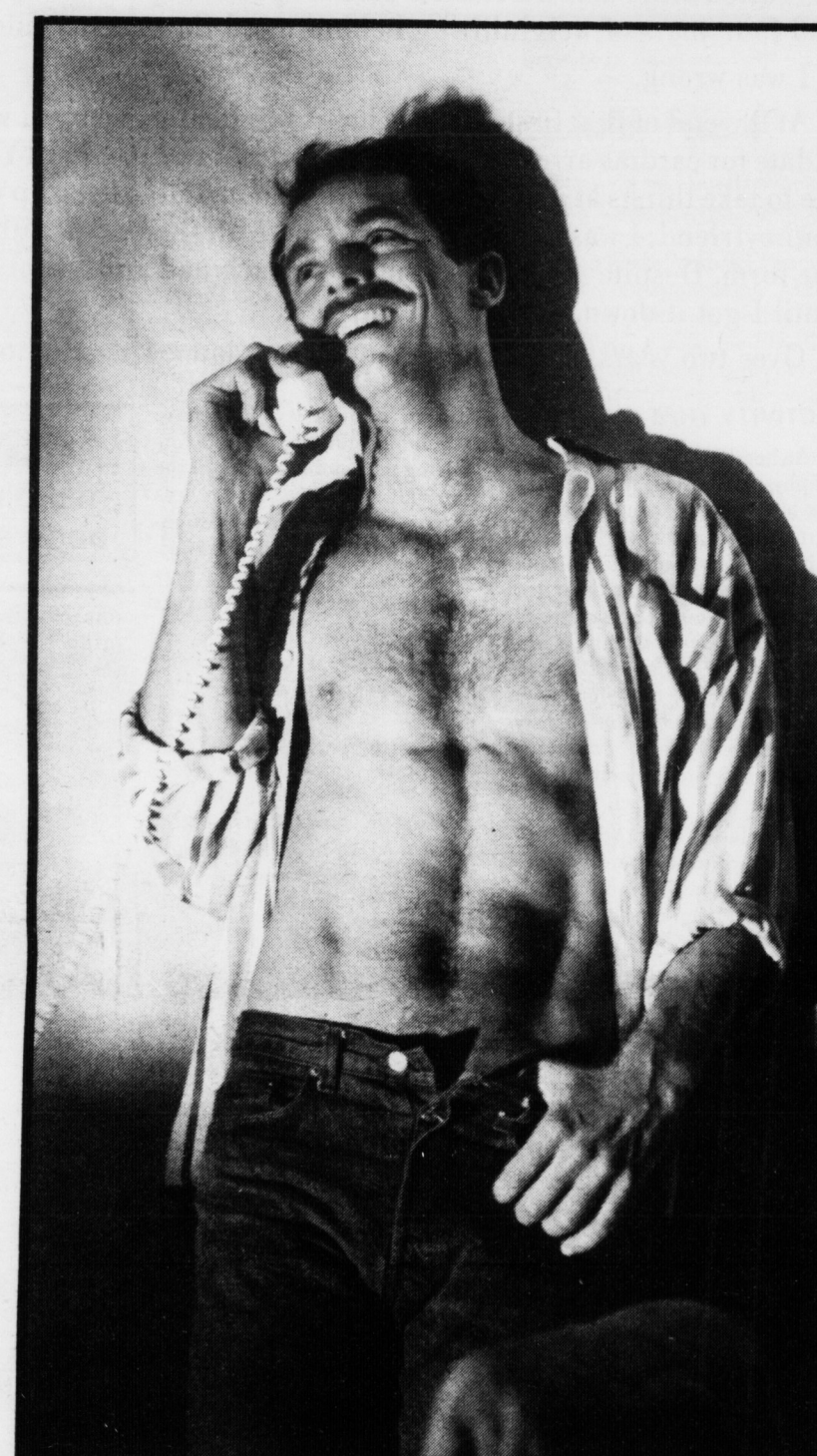
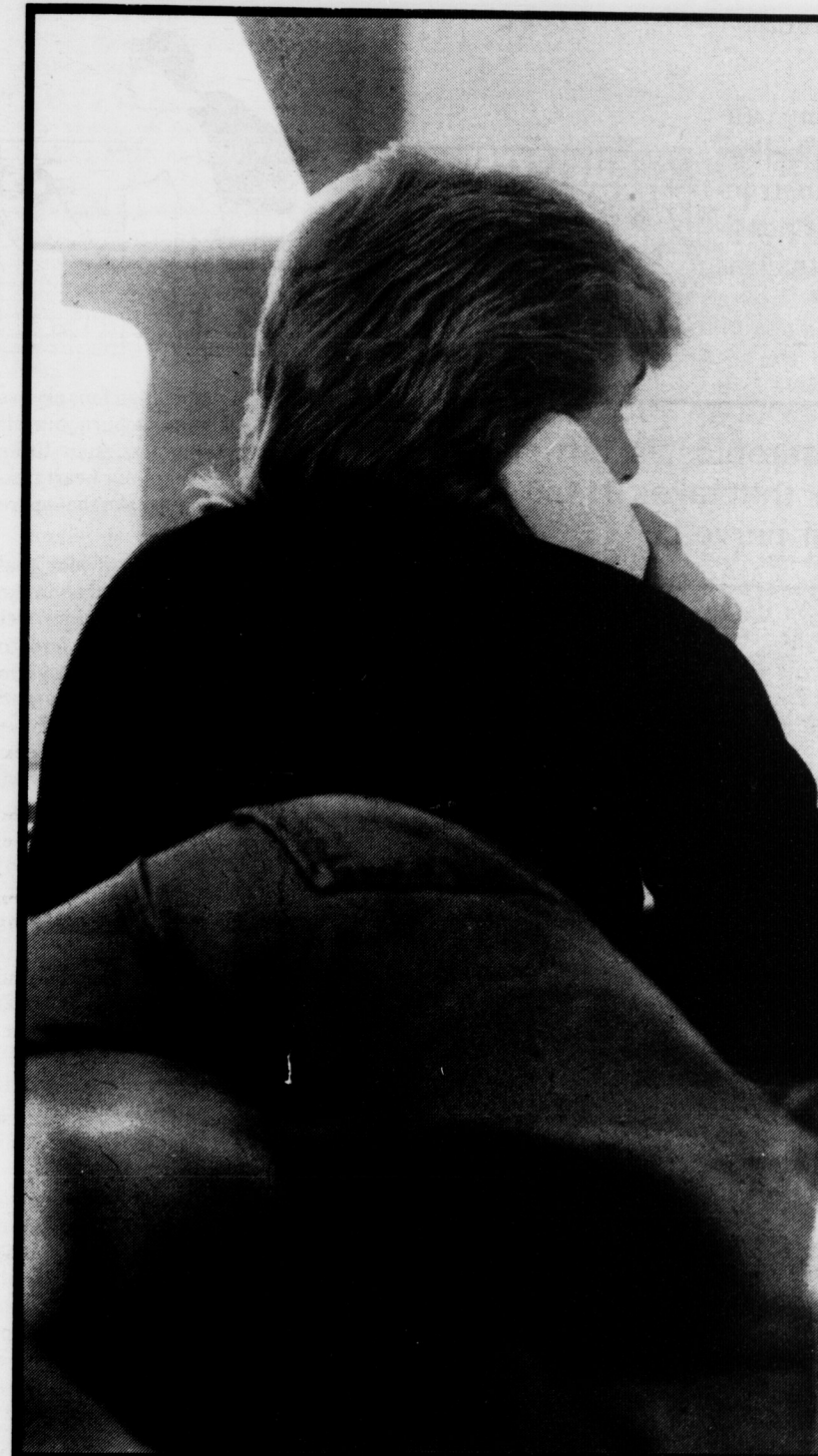
Thomas B. Stoddard, the executive director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, called the rector's reasoning "a subterfuge."

—The Associated Press

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National Gay Rights Advocates is currently signing up volunteers. We need help with our phone bank, with general office work, and with several special projects. Day and evening hours are now available. If you would like to use your free time being an important part of the gay rights movement, please contact C.J. Janovy at (415) 864-4624, or stop by our offices at 540 Castro St., S.F.

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Fit Or Fad?

Heavy Breathing, Undulating Bodies, Racing Heartbeat? It Must Be Aerobics Class

by Robert J. Stone

Part I

In 1984, I thought I was in great shape. There was no flab around my middle, I wore size 29 jeans, and my pecs were big enough to border on bad taste. At that point in my life, I started dating an aerobics instructor who suggested that I take his class. With nine years of sporadic tap and jazz classes and four years of weightlifting behind me, I figured it would be a breeze.

I was wrong.

At the end of that first class my heart was beating so fast I was a prime candidate for cardiac arrest. Of course my pride (read: V-A-N-I-T-Y) wouldn't allow me to take things at a slow pace so I pushed myself to keep up with my instructor/boyfriend. I was determined to execute all the moves with the best possible form. Despite my exhaustion, I was intrigued and I kept coming to class until I got it down.

Over two years, and hundreds of classes later, I'm still hooked.

ACTIVITY THAT ELEVATES

An aerobic activity is any form of physical exercise that elevates the heart rate and continues without stopping for at least 20 minutes. You don't have to take an aerobics class to get an aerobic workout. The same cardiovascular benefits can be obtained from running or riding a bicycle. But the energy of a live instructor and a room full of students has made aerobics one of the most popular forms of exercise.

Most classes begin with a few warm-up routines, progress to 20-30 minutes of aerobics, then finish off the hour with floor exercises that isolate arm, leg, stomach, and hip muscles. Low impact classes, which are increas-

ing in popularity, eliminate strenuous jumping movements during the aerobic portion of the workout. These classes are less intense and are specially designed to avoid the possible knee, shin, or ankle problems that may arise from long term high impact aerobics.

Classes are usually not competitive and everyone works at his own pace. Of course, regular students arrive in headbands and perfectly coordinated Lycra-spandex outfits, and farting is a definite faux pas, but the cut-throat competition of dance classes is conspicuously absent.

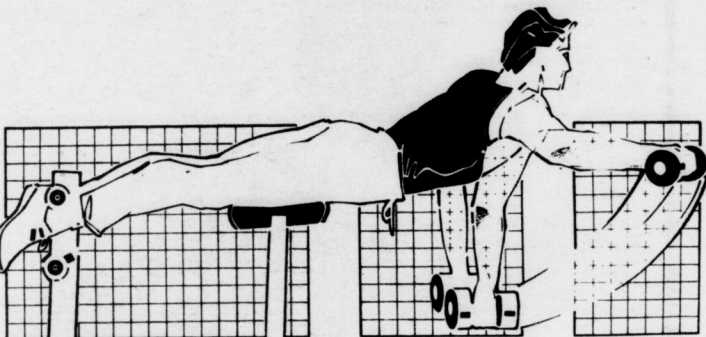
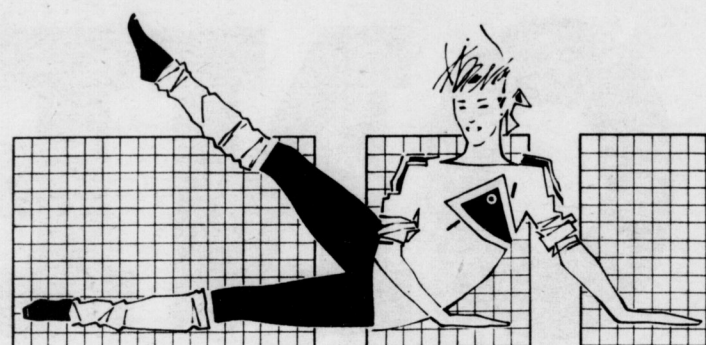
BODY PARTS

Before I get to trivialities like physical fitness, I'll answer the

'Teaching aerobics is difficult, demanding work that takes its toll on your body and your nerves.'

one burning question in the mind of most prospective students: "Can I get a date out of it?" The answer is "yes" but some advance planning is required.

First of all, it helps if you're a new student. Anyone who has been around the singles market is familiar with the value of being a new face. By the time you're a fixture in a class, you fade into the wallpaper. If you want to chat up the regulars, arrive early and hang out a little longer than



necessary afterwards.

And don't worry about being coordinated. A good athlete will always attract attention, but there are few things more endearing to an experienced student than the klutz at the back of the room.

If you're interested in the instructor: caveat emptor. Instructors wear skimpy outfits and thrust their body parts in peoples faces all day long. This occupational requirement brings with it no small opportunity for sexual encounters. My two years of dating an aerobics instructor gave me an inside look at a profession that isn't always pretty.

Teaching aerobics is difficult, demanding work that takes its toll on your body and your nerves. You're expected to be beautiful, cheerful, friendly, and enthusiastic at all times while you stretch, sweat, and bend your way through six to ten rigorous classes each week. And if the work doesn't wear you down, the blaring disco music will.

It should come as no surprise to learn that instructors are subject to all your normal garden variety neuroses. Chief among these is a narcissistic tendency to be in love with their own image. When you find an instructor who is sincere, competent, and seriously into physical fitness, you'll be smart to just pay for the classes and look for a social life elsewhere.

As for the more tangible benefits of aerobics, they are definitely there. Aerobic exercise improves circulation, strengthens the heart, and helps build endurance. If your goal is to improve muscle tone you should see some results, especially in your legs and hips. In fact, regular classes may allow you to postpone assalanche indefinitely. Aerobic exercise will also help accomplish the goals of any weight loss program since it helps the body break down fat. Dieting combined with exercise always produces more dramatic, lasting, and immediate results than dieting alone.

Although there is no fixed number of classes required to see results, most instructors seem to agree that the most visible payoff is obtained by taking three or four classes per week. If you start

taking more than four classes each week, you may burn yourself out. Anything less than three classes may keep your heart ticking but it won't make that spare tire disappear.

On the down side, if your goal is to increase muscle mass in the upper torso, forget aerobics. Get a membership to a gym and go on a good free-weight program using barbells, dumbbells, and pulleys. This will do little or nothing for your cardiovascular system, but you'll eventually be able to fill a tank top quite nicely.

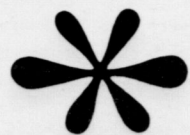
OFF YOUR TOES

Wear heavy shoes, work on your toes, push yourself to the breaking point, ignore your breathing, and pay no attention to the position of your back. If you follow these simple instructions, one hour of aerobics will make you wish you were dead. It will also make your physician, chiropractor, and masseur wealthy.

Aerobics results in more sports injuries than any other form of exercise, but it doesn't have to be that way. The frenetic high energy of early aerobics has given way to a more balanced approach. Most studios now offer a wide variety of programs that can meet the physical requirements of any student. You may want to begin with a low impact class and work your way up to a more rigorous program.

Whatever class you end up in, you should arrive with a good pair of aerobic shoes. Several manufacturers offer specially designed shoes for aerobics classes that will make your workout easier. Your instructor will probably advise you to stay off your toes as much as possible, breathe deeply and regularly, and be careful not to do anything that places a strain on your back. For the reasons behind these instructions, and any additional questions you may have, see the instructor.

Now that you've made up your mind to keep that New Year's resolution and begin a regular exercise program, where do you go? Next week I'll take a look at seven local programs from a student's perspective and give you my impressions of what's hot, and what's not, on the aerobics circuit.



AZT Trials Begin At Stanford

Stanford Medical School researchers plan to begin two studies of the experimental drug AZT (azidothymidine) in AIDS patients beginning in January. One study will test AZT's effects in patients with Kaposi's sarcoma. The other will test the drug's effects in patients who have had pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, a frequent complication of AIDS.

Both trials are part of a \$100 million federally funded program, announced last June, to find a drug treatment for AIDS. Stanford is one of 14 medical centers nationwide participating in the program.

AZT is an experimental drug that has shown some promise in treating AIDS, although it is not a cure for the disease. In September, federal officials announced that the drug would be made available to certain types of AIDS patients, after preliminary results of a clinical trial suggested that the drug could prolong life.

But continuing studies are needed to accurately assess the drug's effects and to pinpoint the kinds of people for whom it is most beneficial, explained Dr. Thomas Merigan, Becker professor of medicine and principal project investigator at Stanford.

Other experimental treatments for AIDS and ARC are also underway at Stanford, Merigan pointed out. Among the drugs under investigation are: Rifabutin, DHPG (di-hydroxy-propoxymethyl-guanine) and beta-interferon, Fluconazole.

Other studies may begin in coming months, Merigan added. Since each trial involves a specific sub-group of AIDS patients, potential volunteers must meet specific criteria, he noted. For more information, patients or their physicians may contact the Division of Infectious Diseases at Stanford University Medical Center or call (415) 723-6231.

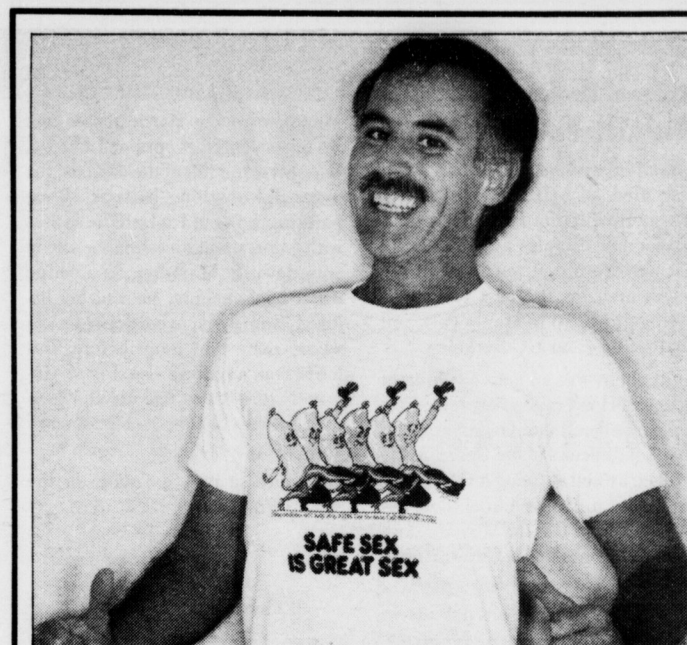
Foster Care Policy Change Rumored In Massachusetts

BOSTON—It appears as though momentum is building for a change in Massachusetts' foster care policies as it involves gay men and lesbians. A state-appointed foster care commission has recommended changes in Massachusetts' foster care program which will make it easier for lesbians, gay men and single people to become foster parents.

The proposed changes are before Human Services Secretary Philip Johnson, but must be approved by Gov. Michael Dukakis before going into effect. That's where the rub is, however, as Dukakis has consistently put major roadblocks in front of gay men and lesbians who wish to adopt children.

Under the new policy, placement decisions would be made by social workers working with foster children. At the present time, permission must be obtained from Department of Social Services (DSS) Commissioner Marie Matava if children are to be placed in a "non-traditional" home. In addition, the recommendations call for the elimination of a hierarchy which mandates that, barring rare exceptions, children be placed in "traditional" families.

—Gay Community News of Boston



Dancing Condoms

The Safe Sex Is Great t-shirts with their chorus line of dancing condoms are now available. In an effort to promote safe sex through humor, designer Valerie Randall created dancing condoms to benefit the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The shirts are sold only by mail order with \$3 of the \$12 from the sale of each one donated to the AIDS Foundation.

For more information about the t-shirts, or to order call the Presence 24-hour line at (415) 928-8676, or mail your name, address and telephone number with \$12 plus \$1.75 per shirt for shipping, and local sales tax for California residents to Presence, 1850 Union Street #114, San Francisco, CA 94123. Please specify size S,M,L, or XL.

Nevada Court Ducks Sodomy Case

The Nevada Supreme Court has declined to review a challenge to Nevada's sodomy law, citing "lack of standing due to insufficient threat of prosecution." This suit was brought on behalf of two gay men and two lesbians who sought a declaratory judgement of the statute's unconstitutionality.

"I wish the Nevada Supreme Court were as correct as it is progressive," commented Jean O'Leary, executive director of National Gay Rights Advocates. "Their enlightened belief that the state won't prosecute under a repressive and discriminatory sodomy law shows how far the gay rights movement as a whole has come, but offers small comfort and no protection for the gay men and lesbians of Nevada. They're forgetting that small gains hide big abuses."

"The door is still open, and we intend to walk through it," commented Leonard Graff, NGRA legal director. "The Nevada Attorney General's office has confirmed an argument before the state Supreme Court bench that the state bears the responsibility to prosecute under the sodomy statute. As soon as they do, we'll be back. And this time we'll win."

Referred to as the "unspeakable crime against nature," same sex sodomy is a felony offense in

Nevada punishable by six years imprisonment. Heterosexual sodomy is not addressed by a Nevada statute.

National Gay Rights Advocates received *pro bono* assistance in preparing the case from Richard B. Brautigam, Lee A. Ryan, and Sherri J. Conrad, of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, and Rodney E. Sumpter, Esq.

Berkeley Forum

The Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center, the AIDS Project of the East Bay, and the Berkeley Hillel Foundation are co-sponsoring AIDS: Facts and Fallacies, on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at the B/RJCC, 1414 Walnut Street, at the corner of Walnut and Rose in Berkeley. Admission is \$2.25-\$4.25.

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DEATHS

David E. Stephens

David Stephens, 38, of Cathedral City died of AIDS on Dec. 24 at Desert Hospital in Palm Springs. A former Los Angeles and San Francisco resident, he had lived in the desert area for the past two years, having grown up in Menlo Park and graduating from UC-Berkeley.

Stephens was an active volunteer at Desert Hospital's patient relations department and was a member of the board of directors of the Desert AIDS Project, as well as being a member of the Desert Business Association, the Palm Springs Desert Museum and the Living Desert and Desert Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include his parents in Carmel and a sister in Monterey. Donations to the Desert AIDS Project, P.O. Box 8925, Palm Springs 92263 are suggested.

Memorial services were held behind Stephens' home at Del Sol Country Club in Cathedral City on Dec. 28. He had planned and written the service and engaged a bagpiper dressed in kilts to play during the ceremony.

Joseph Derwoyed

On Jan. 8, Joe Derwoyed passed on quietly in the presence of family and friends after a brave battle against AIDS.

Born June 7, 1938 in New York state, Joe graduated in 1960 from Saint Bonaventure University and later served as a first lieutenant in the Air Force. He then moved to San Francisco where he worked for Levi Strauss and attended art classes through UC Extension. After a brief stay in Chicago in the 1970s, Joe returned to San Francisco where he became a systems analyst for such major firms as Bechtel, Macy's, and Bank of America.

Joe was one of the truly original personalities of this world. Delightfully eccentric in his views and

values, he loved to startle people with his unconventional opinions. Playful, impulsive, and full of the dickens, Joe never did anything halfway. When painting, he would splash the canvas with color; when bicycling, he would spin down to Monterey on a whim; when backpacking, he and his beloved dog Anna would boldly go where none had gone before. But more than anything else, Joe was intensely devoted to friends and family, and we will cherish his memory always.

Donations may be made to the Shanti Project.

Kurt Richard Stutzman

Kurt Richard Stutzman died with peace and grace on Jan. 8, surrounded by loving family and friends. His 20-month struggle with AIDS was characterized by courage, personal and spiritual growth, and consideration of others.

Kurt was born in Los Angeles on April 22, 1950, and grew up in Pasadena. He graduated from the University of California, Davis. His life's work included teaching, carpentry, and property management. His sense of spiritual community included both Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco. His talents for listening, organizing, and loving people were shared generously.

Kurt is survived by his mother Virginia, his grandmother Irene, his sister Carol, his beloved friend Sarah and their daughter Katie, his partners Don and Patrick, and many friends and relatives. A memorial service will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, 150 Eureka Street, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17. Kurt requested that any gifts in his memory be made to the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco.

Phillip Roger Benefield

Feb. 7, 1949 - Dec. 16, 1986
After a four-month illness, Phillip Benefield died peacefully at home on Dec. 16, surrounded by friends and caregivers.

He grew up in LaGrange, GA, where he was an active member of the Jay Cee's and Lion's clubs, as well as a charter member of the Sertoma Club. He held a bachelor's degree

and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Georgia. While at Georgia, he was a member of the local Phi Kappa Tau Chapter and the Circle "K" Honor Society. In 1975 he moved to Atlanta, where he met his business associate, Ron Boerner. In 1981, they moved to San Francisco, a move Phillip considered one of the best personal and business decisions of his life.

Among his many passions were football, bridge, tennis, reading, bowling, Trivial Pursuit, and his position with SanTrans.

Phillip is survived by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Benefield; his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Benefield; a niece, Christy and a nephew, Michael; best friend and business associate, Ron Boerner; special friends, Mort Berlin and Buck Reynolds.

Phillip, we love and miss you but we are glad that you entered and enriched our lives. We will look for you over the rainbow.

David Ellsworth Douglas

(Scotty)

Scotty was a merchant seaman for many years with Matson and A.P.L. He was also well-known and loved

as a bartender here in the city at The Landmark, The Gangway, The Gold Room and at The Chart Room on the Wharf.

He passed away due to lung cancer at 5 a.m. on Jan. 8 at his home.

He will be missed by his many friends for his warmth and friendly smile, especially by his "Bonsai!"
Sail on, Scotty!

Richard A. Smith

Richard Alan Smith died in San Francisco on Jan. 5. He had a PhD in the History of Consciousness and a Masters in Anthropology. Richard was a well-versed and traveled man.

A graduate of UC Santa Cruz and Berkeley and veteran of the Peace Corps, Richard taught at the Wright Institute, gave seminars on inter-cultural communications, and was authoring a dictionary of the Nisena Indian dialect. A past director of The Resource Foundation and an employee at Bank of America, Richard's absence will create a terrible void.

With the close support and love of his parents and friends Richard died peacefully at home. Contributions to your favorite charity. A memorial service will be held in March or April. Notice will be published in the Chronicle.

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**BAY AREA REPORTER
GREATER BAY NEWS**



'Homosexuality Immoral,' Say Solons

Local Republicans Among Dissenters

by Charles Linebarger

Thirty-two state Assemblymembers told their fellows and the press in Sacramento last week that California school children should be taught that homosexuality is immoral and dangerous to public health.

The legislators, most of them Republicans, sent a letter to Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig asking him to revise the state's proposed guidelines for teaching homosexuality in sex education classes. As they stand, Honig's guidelines call for a neutral discussion of homosexuality.

"This is absurd," says the group's letter to Honig. "The homosexual lifestyle is both immoral and a grave danger to public health." The letter from the 32 legislators also asked that the subject of gay men and lesbians not be mentioned in elementary school.

At issue was a section of the proposed sex education guidelines, to be presented to the state Board of Education in February, that says that appropriate material on homosexuality includes "a thorough discussion of homosexuality... but neither encourages nor condemns homosexuality."

Among local Assemblymembers who signed the letter calling for an apparently negative discussion of gay men and lesbians were Bill Baker of Walnut Creek, Bev Hansen of Santa Rosa, William Duplissea of San Carlos, and Charles Quackenbush of Santa Cruz. All are Republicans and all are first-termers, except for Baker who is serving his fourth term in the Assembly.

"I signed the letter," Bev Hansen, R-Santa Rosa, told B.A.R. "Because I feel the proposed guidelines are not in keeping with current law. The guidelines would put the issue of heterosexuality and homosexuality on the same level and the current law says we have to teach Judeo-Christian ethics. And since government doesn't sanction homosexual relationships, they can't be on the same level, and the children need to be told that."

Hansen said that she felt a majority of the Assembly would vote to revise Honig's guidelines on teaching about gays so that California children will learn about morality and the attitude of Western civilization toward homosexuality. But, "I don't think it (homosexuality) should be condemned. The press has picked up on it (the group's letter to Honig) as anti-gay."

Mike Housh, gay aide to Assemblymember Art Agnos of San Francisco, differed with Hansen however. "Baloney. It (a revision of Honig's guidelines on homosexuality) will never even get out of committee. Willie (Willie Brown, Democratic Speaker in the Assembly) is not going to let anything like this get out. And Roberti (David Roberti, Democratic leader in the Senate) won't in the Senate."

"This is not the first time that these types have attacked Honig," Housh added. "They did it over creation science a year ago and Honig absolutely shot that down completely. That's the best signpost for this."

Housh's comments were backed up by Susan Lange, the public relations director for the state Board of Education. According to Lange, almost all of the recommendations for revisions to the sex education guidelines were made on the section dealing with homosexuality. And most of it, according to Lange, "was negative stuff."

"They felt we were talking about it more than they wanted," she added. "I don't think the guidelines are going to change. It's been a strong position of Honig's all along. He's not about to discuss it negatively."

Housh said gay people who live in districts represented by lawmakers such as Hansen, Baker, Duplissea and Quackenbush should organize "so that people like this can't get elected."

Boxer Named To Armed Services Cmte

Congresswoman Barbara Boxer (D-Marin/S.F.) has been named to the House Armed Services Committee for the 100th Congress. "I am looking forward to this assignment very much. After working for four years on issues which have involved the Armed Services Committee such as arms control, procurement reform and overall defense spending, I am happy to have this opportunity to continue my work with more resources available to me," said Boxer.

The California Congresswoman, now in her third term, noted that her assignment to House Armed Services will complement her work on the House Budget Committee which sets overall spending targets. "It is very helpful," she said, "that during this time of budgetary crisis, I will have an excellent means of scrutinizing our military spending program."

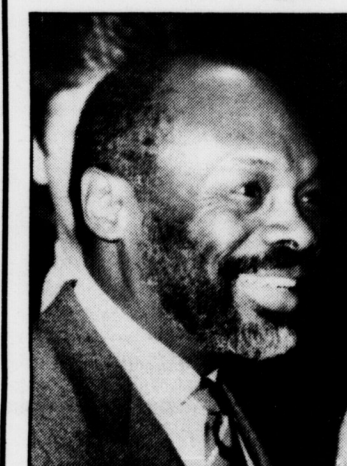
The Latest Education Controversy



Supt. Bill Honig

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Aide to Art Agnos



Speaker Willie Brown
(Photo: Rink)

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Sen. David Roberti

Gay Spirituality Conference

COGS II, the Second Annual Conference On Gay Spirituality will be held Jan. 24-25, at Shared Visions Center, 2512 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, California.

The conference will include talks, workshops, and panel discussions concerning the special contribution and wide range of gay commitment to spiritual work, as well as permitting networking between gay spiritual practitioners and seekers.

Participating in the conference as speakers and workshop leaders are representatives of many spiritual traditions, including Zen, Native American, Yoga, the Fourth Way, Christianity, and Sufism, as well as independent New Age spiritual practitioners.

COGS II is being sponsored by Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school founded by Master Hassein (Daniel Inesse), spiritual heir of Fourth Way Master E. J. Gold. Advance registration for the two-day conference is \$55. (\$60 at the door.) Inquiries may be made to COGS, P.O. Box 11554, Santa Rosa, CA 95406. (707) 887-2490.

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CONTINGENCIES AND SOLECISMS (A Forum Nose?)

AIDS: FACTS AND FALLACIES, A Forum to Educate, will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut Street (corner of Walnut and Rose), Berkeley.

Sponsored by the Center, the AIDS Project of the East Bay, and the Berkeley Hillel Foundation, the forum will feature these panelists: John David Dupre, Health Promotion Specialist, AIDS Project of the East Bay; Pam Grossman, counselor and former Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, Alta Bates Hospital; Marcia Perlestein, therapist and counselor; and Elmer Grossman, M.D., pediatrician and Clinical Professor at U.C. Medical School. They will present the latest news

on the medical, psychological and social implications of AIDS.

The guest speakers will also answer questions from the audience and provide informational literature and resources.

Admission is: \$3.25/members of sponsoring agencies; \$4.25/general; \$2.25/students and seniors.

For more information on this or other activities of the Center, call (415) 848-0237, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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It doesn't seem possible that it

has only been six (sick?) months since the first-ever tie for Miss \$1.98, but in just a few weeks Thom B. and Jim H. will have to relinquish their joint titles.

The 9th Semi-Annual Miss \$1.98 Beauty Pageant will be held at the Lake Lounge on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. I'm told that once again — only because there was nothing better to do — Joanna Caron will be Mistress of Ceremonies.

No matter what your opinions are about the pageant, an afternoon with the double-edged tongue of Joanna is well worth the effort. (Unnamed sources informed me that the reason she is so acrid is because she has never been able to qualify as a contestant!)

If interested in becoming "instantly famous," contact Carlos at the Lake Lounge for all information (893-9454). So far, 18 have expressed an interest in the competition. Proceeds this time go to A.C.I.E.'s General Charity Fund.

(Don't look now, but I have it on good authority that just may be Mama Chuckles, Greg, Marty, Keith, Ruth, Thom, and Jim [all previous \$1.98 winners] might be the judges at Revol's 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off.)

I have to get in touch with Mama Chuckles, too. Have you got that? Well, that's all, darling." Unfortunately, Little Mother didn't tell me what the meeting was to be about!

Joy is now the bartender/lunch waitress at the Paradise and Rick is the new waiter for dinners. Fred invites all to come in and meet the new people and enjoy the potables and edibles.

Revol is starting a Monday night Liar's Dice Club, that will meet every other Monday, beginning Monday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$3. There will be double elimination with "winner take all!" Bar rules will apply, and participants will be limited to 12 players maximum.

Don't forget Gary Schneider at the organ at Town & Country Wednesday through Saturday nights, and Sunday afternoons. Suzie is on (around, under, through, between and among) the planks!

Sam (T&C), from the generosity of Lou I., is putting up for raffle a unique English porcelain urn of British Navy Pusser's rum. This fine offering is in the shape of the Nelson Ship's Decanter, and it's only 95.5 proof! Tickets will go for \$1, and will be sold jointly at Town & Country and Revol. The winning ticket will be drawn at Revol's Chili Cook-Off, Monday, Jan. 26. Proceeds from the raffle will go to East Bay Assistance Fund. The decanter will be on display for one week at T&C, and one week at Revol.

The employees of Paradise and Lake Lounge all chipped in and presented owner Fred Corella with an extremely nice recliner lounge for Christmas. There was no explanation as to why he had it installed in the men's room!

Experience the culinary expertise of Alex at Revol. He will feature a spaghetti feed every Sunday from 4-7 p.m. For only \$1.69 (and purchase of a cocktail) you can get the spaghetti, salad, and bread.

"Bitches in Black" is coming, Saturday, March 7, 1987. More details as they become available.

Local singer Cynthia Bythell was awarded sixth place among aspiring vocalists in the massive Seventh Annual International Music City Song Festival of 1986. Cassette entries were judged in Nashville, TN, by music industry professionals and authorities. Cynthia's rendition of "Memory" competed against 200 other entries in the Novelty/Miscellaneous division. Cynthia can be seen and heard in her midweek nightly performances at Sergio's Supper Club in Fremont. Recently she has appeared throughout the Bay Area with a C/W trio known as Stone Broke and The Insufficient Funds.

The Oakland Parade Contingent held a meeting last Monday. Somehow the secretary failed to send out notices, so word of mouth was used to notify the participants. Details at 11.

What you don't do is always more important than what you do do (do do?). I'm smiling, love,

Nez •

Hey, Buddy, Can You Spare Some Time?

The San Mateo County Buddies Program is again recruiting volunteers to provide support to people with AIDS, AIDS Related Conditions, HIV infections, and their families and friends. The Buddies Program recently received a commendation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as the program of the year for its outstanding, innovative, and supportive service to people in the county.

Since the program began, an increasing number of people have become infected with the AIDS virus. San Mateo County has 138 cases of AIDS reported. The number of people with ARC is seven to ten times that amount. People with ARC particularly need the emotional and physical support offered by volunteers since they are often ineligible for funded services. In addition, we have a growing need to serve infected women, infants, and ethnic minorities within the county.

Our next training program will be held in San Mateo on the weekends of Jan. 30 and Feb. 7. All training is free of charge and a limited number of volunteers are accepted. Applications must be received by Jan. 12. If you are interested in participating in this exciting program, please contact the AIDS Coordinating office at 573-2588.

program and attend bi-weekly support group meetings with other volunteers.

All buddies participate in an intensive 36 hour training program which includes updated information on the medical aspects of AIDS, basic nursing techniques, death and dying, stress reduction techniques, legal and nutritional issues and much more.

Currently, the program has 35 volunteers who donate time each week to client care. Care includes home and hospital visits, help with household chores, transportation and emotional support. Volunteers are expected to make a six-month commitment to the

OLLA-PODRIDA (A Potpourri Nose)

The call went something like this: "Lovely Peter? I want you to put in your column that I'm having a meeting at Revol on Sunday, Feb. 1, at a lovely 6:30 p.m.

Deaths

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Danny Baxter

Daniel Baxter, born July 7, 1948 in Ogden, Utah, died Nov. 13, 1986 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He lived in San Francisco from 1976-1982.

Danny was a rare and gifted artist who has paintings in private collections and on permanent museum display throughout the United States, Canada, and parts of Europe. Art was what his life was all about and people were his greatest attraction. He loved both.

A passionate intellectual whose life work was art, he painted life and his paintings will continue to be discovered. He was a wonderful teacher to many, and his words and friendship will always be remembered. His life was full of sparkle and he had the quality of a rainbow, ever changing.

Danny earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Utah and received scholarships to the National Academy of Art and also Arts Students League, both in New York.

Many of his works were on display and sold at Alexander's Gallery on Castro & 17th St., and he did portrait commissions for many San Franciscans.

Danny had a great talent for murals and dioramas, some of which are: Bill Graham Presents "A Day on the Green," Oakland Coliseum rock concert with Ted Nugent and Aerosmith; both New York and Washington, D.C. visitors centers; Army Corps of Engineers National Park visitors centers at Crater Lake, Oregon, Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Grenada Lake; Temple Square visitors center, Salt Lake City.

Thank you, Danny, for your gift to so many.

Arthur Hopkins

Arthur Hopkins, 42 years, died on Jan. 4 after a two-year battle with AIDS. His life, filled with disappoint-

ments and hardship, no contact with his family, no friends, had made Arthur suspicious of everything, so much so that he was at first reluctant to accept the help he needed so badly.

However, some weeks ago he said, "Please ask the B.A.R. to print that tears shoot to my eyes when I think of you of Hospice." Farewell, Arthur! Thank you for your words and for the laughs we finally had together. You gave us encouragement to never give up. Rest in peace. Your AIDS-HOSPICE team, Heidi, Lorna, Ken, Annemarie and Deenah, your counselor.

David J. Fuller

David Fuller, 34, died Dec. 6 at Century City Medical Center of AIDS complications after a two-day illness. Memorial services were held at a private home Dec. 13 with Sandi Scott officiating and his ashes were buried at Ft. Meyers, FL. He is survived by his father in Dallas, TX, a half-sister and paternal grandparents.

Born in Arlington, VA, Fuller attended the University of Georgia and Golden Gate University in San Francisco, achieving the honor roll at both schools. He lived in San Francisco for four years and had worked as a word processor there as well as during his recent time in Los Angeles, where he had been employed for a year by Warner Bros. at The Burbank Studios.

Leon "Shorty" Andreatta

Born Nov. 21, 1928. Passed on from this life Dec. 18, 1986, from a heart attack. Leaving behind his lover, Robert Chapman, his mother and sister, and many close friends.

Shorty had been a resident in San Francisco for over 30 years. He was well known by many and liked by all. We will miss him tremendously.

Shorty, we love you and we will think of you often. Rest in peace. With love, from all.

Andrew "Drew" Finochio

Drew "met his maker" Dec. 8, at the age of 38, after a courageous 18-month struggle with AIDS. In passing, he leaves a legacy of strength and hope, never forgetting "that life can be acceptable under any circumstances."



His deepest compassion for his fellow man was best expressed by his crazy antics and a wonderful sense of humor. He never hesitated to lend a hand. He always shared his well being without a second thought. He was very grateful for the kindness and generosity he received in his time of need.

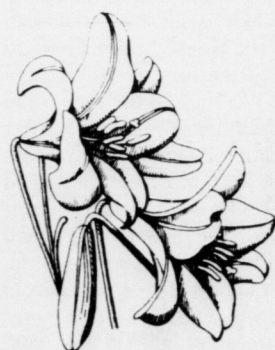
Anyone interested in a celebration of his life, please call Ron Cordova at 775-7139.

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Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries, Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obituary policy.

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THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 16

- **Evening of Fun and Comedy:** with Tom Armmano, Ricardo "Slic" Salinas of Culture Clash, poetry by Diane DePrima, and rapping by Dominique DiPrima, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 8:30 PM, \$5. With brief visual presentation of FLACA-NICA's mural in Nicaragua. Proceeds to buy art supplies for school in Nicaragua.
- **Beyond Definition:** music, Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St., S.F., 8 PM, \$4-\$6 sliding scale. Blues, jazz, top 40, and original tunes with Anna Flechero, Yolanda Bush, Tammy Hall, Christa Hillhouse, and Pat Wilder.
- **Desert Hearts:** movie, Sisterspirit Coffeehouse, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, 8 PM, \$5-\$10.
- **Fraternel Order of Gays:** game fest, FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr., S.F., 8 PM.
- **Principles of Color Healing:** with Ruth Strock of the Color Research Institute, Walt Whitman Bookshop, 2319 Market, S.F., 8 PM, \$7. Color meditation, use of visualization for inner growth, and pigment color. Bring a box of crayons or colored pens and one large sheet of white paper (of \$12 extra for supplies).
- **Herbs, Healing, and Immunity:** presented by Paul Lee, director of Platonic Academy of Herbal Studies, California Institute of Integral Studies, 765 Ashbury St., S.F., 7-10 PM, \$7 general admission, \$5 students and seniors. Call 753-6100 for more information.
- **Growing American Youth Group:** for gays and lesbians 21 or younger, Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, 2253 Concord Blvd., Concord, Call 372-9014 or 827-2960 for more information.
- **Yoga Class for PWAs and PWARC:** taught by PWA, 4-5:30 in the Mission, \$5 if you can afford. Call 863-7212 for more information.
- **AIDS Prayer Vigil:** Church of the Advent of Christ the King, 261 Fell St., S.F., noon to 3 PM. Call 431-0454 for more information.
- **"I Had AIDS Workshop":** noon and 7 PM; videos at 9 PM. Call Richard Locke at 558-9650 for more information.
- **Vision play:** circle of healing and renewal using visualization and deep trance work. Quan Yin Acupuncture Center, 513 Valencia St., S.F., 8 PM, \$5-\$15 sliding scale. Led by Van Ault, certified hypnotherapist. Call 864-1362 for more information.
- **Church of the Secret Gospel:** service, 746 Clementina St., S.F., 8 PM, \$2. Communion to 10:30 PM, refreshments, males 18+ welcome. Call 621-1887 for more information.

SATURDAY 17

- **Please Wait For The Beep:** stage performance. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 8 PM, \$9-\$12. Margery Kreitman's comedy hit of last year's Studio season hits the mainstage; directed by Patricia Keaney.
- **Betty Kaplowitz:** music, Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St., S.F., 8 PM, \$4. New political music by the singer/songwriter.
- **Brasil Ja:** music, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 10 PM to 1 AM, free. Brazilian music.
- **A Sense of Pride - The Story of Gay Games II:** book signing, Walt Whitman Bookshop, 2319 Market St., S.F., 1-3 PM. Roy Coe and Scott McLennan will autograph their book.
- **Francine's:** first anniversary party, 4149 18th St., S.F., 7 PM. Hors d'oeuvres and champagne; door prizes. Celebrate the first lesbian bar in the Castro. Call 552-9858 for more information.
- **San Francisco Hiking Club:** city hike in Pacific Heights, Marina, Ft. Point, etc. Meet at the Hard Rock Cafe, Van Ness at Sacramento, S.F., at 10:45 AM.

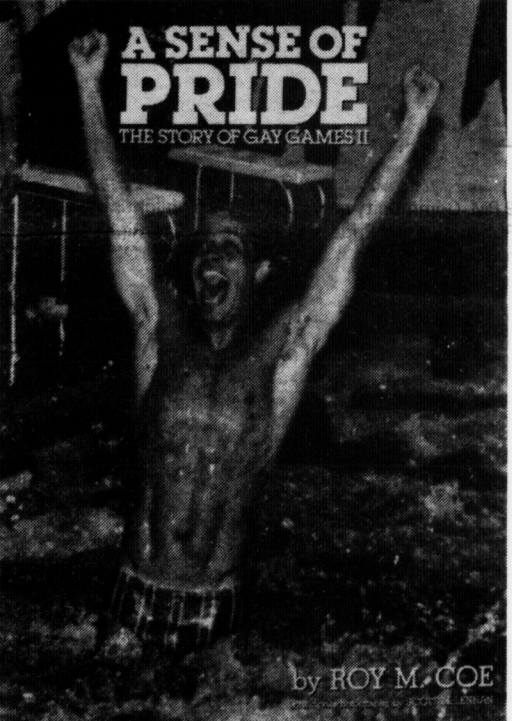


Please Wait For The Beep hits the mainstage Saturday after its hit Studio run at Theatre Rhino last season (Photo: S. Cohen)

- **EastBay FrontRunners:** Lake Chabot run. Take I-580 South to Estudillo exit. Turn left to Fairmont Dr. Lake Chabot Marina entrance is on the left. Parking fee, except for on the street. Meet at entrance at the end of the parking lot. Mostly flat. Call 526-7592 or 261-3246 for more information.
- **Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco:** auditions, All Saints Episcopal Church, 1950 Waller St., S.F. Call 396-3340 for appointment and more information. Soprano and tenor voices especially needed, but all voices welcome for the 1987 season.
- **San Francisco FrontRunners:** Meet at Stow Lake Boathouse in Golden Gate Park, S.F., at 9 AM. No-host brunch follows; beginners welcome. Call 673-7303 for more information.

SUNDAY 18

- **Hunter Davis:** music, Baybrick Inn, 1190 Folsom St., S.F., 5 PM, \$5. Davis will celebrate the release of her new album, *Harmony*, on Redwood Records.
- **Super Natural:** music, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 4-8 PM, \$3. R&B.
- **Golden Gate Business Association:** cocktail party, Comstock Club, 1409 Sutter St., S.F., 5-8 PM, members \$10, non-members \$12. Music, hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar. Call 956-8677 by 12 PM Friday for a reservation.
- **San Francisco FrontRunners:** Mountain Lake Park run. Meet at 9th Ave. and Lake St. (south end of the Presidio) at 10 AM. Three to four miles, rolling.
- **G40+:** meeting, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St., S.F., 2 PM, free. Slides and commentary by Jack Spratt, Ray Gaddis, and Romeo on FOG's trip to the Baltic.
- **Fraternel Order of Gays:** game afternoon, FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr., S.F., 3 PM.



Roy Coe and Scott McLennan will sign copies of their book Saturday at Walt Whitman Bookshop

- **Slightly Older Lesbians:** meeting, potluck 5 PM, discussion group 6 PM. Newcomers welcome. Call 647-0413 for location and more information.
- **MCC of the Redwoods:** worship and communion service, Olive and Throckmorton Sts., Mill Valley, 10:45 AM. Call 388-2315 for more information.
- **Letter-Day Saints:** sacrament meeting for lesbians and gays and their friends, Sacramento Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Sacramento, 1 PM. Conducted by the Sacramento Family of the Restoration Church of Jesus Christ. Call (916) 447-5755 for more information.
- **Integrity:** Eucharist, St. John's Church, 1661 15th St., S.F., 5:30 PM.
- **MCC San Francisco:** worship and communion service, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 10:30 AM. Call 863-4434 for more information. Childcare provided.
- **Church of the Secret Gospel:** (see Friday for details).
- **St. Mark's Lutheran Church:** services, 111 O'Farrell (at Gough), S.F., communion at 8:30 AM and 11 AM. Call 928-7770 for details.
- **Diablo Valley MCC:** worship celebration, 2253 Concord Blvd., 10 AM. Call 827-2960 for details.
- **Affirmation-Gay and Lesbian Mormons:** meeting and services. Call 641-4554 for recorded message which details the meetings and socials.
- **LeJazz Hot:** cabaret, Black Rose, 335 Jones St., S.F., 9 PM, 11 PM, \$2.
- **Golden Gate MCC:** Sunday worship services, 48 Belcher St. (between 14th St. and Duboce), S.F., 12:30 PM, 7 PM. Call 474-4848 for details.

- **Dignity:** Sunday Mass, St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate (near Civic Center), 5:30 PM. Call 584-1714 for details.
- **Men's Clinic:** free and confidential VD testing and treatment for gonorrhea, syphilis, NGU, scabies, lice, venereal warts, etc. Counseling and referrals for men with AIDS/ARC concerns, open to all Bay Area gay men, sponsored by the Gay Men's Health Collective, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 7-9 PM. Call 644-0425 for more information.
- **Holy Trinity Church:** meets at the Billy DeFrank Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, 10 AM to noon.
- **Eastern Orthodox:** Holy Ascension Mission, liturgy at 10 AM, 1671 Golden Gate #2, S.F. Call 563-8514 for more information.

MONDAY 19

- **Chris Williamson, Jesse Colin Young, and the Tret Fire Band:** music, Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St., S.F., 7:30 PM, \$12.50. Benefit for the International Indian Treaty Council.
- **Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights:** meeting, 565 Clay Restaurant and Bar, between Montgomery and Sansome, S.F., 6:30 PM. Former supervisor Terry Francois will speak on whether it is in the best interest for American blacks to concentrate on one political party to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders:** support group for older gay men (60+), Operation Concern, 1853 Market St., S.F., 7-8:30 PM. Call 626-7000 for more information.
- **SF Jacks:** ripoff night, 890 Folsom St., S.F., doors open from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, \$6 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Wear clothes that can be destroyed.
- **Emotional Support Group:** for people who have lost their lovers due to AIDS/ARC, 7:30 PM. Call Sean Martinfield at 626-4329 for more information.

TUESDAY 20

- **Gay Cable Network:** television on cable channel 6, 9 PM. Community news and views highlighting Maggi Rubenstein on Pride and Progress. The Right Stuff, hosted by Mario Mondelli, will highlight the Official San Francisco Papal Welcoming Committee '87.
- **National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights:** Northern California Ad Hoc Civil Disobedience Committee: planning meeting, 4305 17th St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Call 864-1988 for more information.
- **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays:** meeting, Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, 2253 Concord Blvd., Concord, 8 PM. Call 372-9014 or 827-2960 for more information.
- **People of Color:** support group, 513 Valencia St., 6-8 PM, free. Educational support group for minorities experiencing anxiety about their health, sex, and AIDS. Sponsored by the AIDS Health Project. Facilitated by Julius Johnson, PhD. Childcare available with 24-hour notice. Call 681-7887 for more information.
- **Temescal Gay Men's Chorus:** rehearsal, Trinity Hall, 2320 Dana, Berkeley, 7:30 PM. Call 843-1439 for more information.
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- **Healing Institute:** meeting/workshop, MCC San Francisco, room 21, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7:30-10 PM. Call 861-0702 for more information.
- **ISA Men's Group:** SF Men's Tuesday Night Incest Survivors Anonymous 12-step program, SF Home Health Services, 225 30th St., room 206, S.F., 7:30-9 PM. Closed meeting for survivors and pro-survivors. Non-smoking, wheelchair accessible, free parking. Call 474-2872 for more information.
- **Gay International Folk Dancing:** for lesbians and gay men, Eureka Valley Recreation Center, Collingwood Park, S.F., teaching 7:30-8 PM, request dancing 8-9:30 PM, \$2.50. Call 585-9784 or 285-5634 for details.
- **BurLEZk:** erotic dance show for women, Baybrick Inn, 1190 Folsom St., S.F., 9 PM, \$5.
- **People With AIDS Support Group:** meeting (see Friday for details).
- **San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps:** rehearsal, Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St., S.F., 7:30 PM. All band instrumentalists are needed. Call 621-5619 for more information. Every Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY 21

- **Aaron Mayer:** music, Baybrick Inn, 1190 Folsom St., S.F., 10 PM, free.
- **Lesbianism in its Many Aspects:** publication celebration for *Historical, Literary, and Erotic Aspects of Les-*



Francine's, the first lesbian bar in the Castro, celebrates its first anniversary Saturday (Photo: Rink)

- **bianism,** edited by Monica Kehoe, Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St., S.F., 7:30 PM, free. Essays by Judy Grah, Lillian Faderman, Margaret Cruikshank, Lonnie Hall, and Kehoe's research on aging lesbians.
- **Please Wait For The Beep:** stage performance (see Saturday for details).
- **Gay and Lesbian Sierrans:** meeting, Sierra Club, 730 Polk St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Gray Brechin will talk about how the Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge near Los Banos was found to be a toxic waste dump for San Joaquin Valley agribusiness and show the KQED video documentary *Down the Drain* which he co-produced.
- **New Men's Group:** inaugural meeting, Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Call 863-4434 for more information.
- **Making Friends With Anger:** seven-week series begins tonight. Call Scott Eaton at 821-4788 for more information.
- **Wednesday Matinee With GLOE:** sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders and North of Market Senior Services, this weekly program will offer movies, games, and refreshments for gay men and lesbians over 60 at 333 Turk St., S.F., 2:15-4:30 PM. Call 626-7000 for more information.
- **AIDS Project of the East Bay:** People with AIDS/ARC Support Group, Fairmont Hospital, San Leandro, 3-5 PM. Call 420-8181 for details.
- **Diablo Valley MCC:** Bible Study and Prayer & Praise Worship, 2253 Concord Blvd., Concord, Bible Study at 7 PM, Prayer & Praise Worship at 8:15 PM. Call 827-2960 for details.
- **Western Star Dancers:** square dance for experienced mainstream level dancers, Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Ave., 2nd floor theater. Both males and females welcome. Every Wednesday. Call 621-5631 or 621-3990 for details.
- **Men's Wart Clinic:** removal of penile and external and internal anal venereal warts, Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center, Oakland, sliding scale. Staff physician is Dr. Fred Strauss of the Gay Men's Health Collective. Call 444-5676 for more information.
- **Cabaret Open Mike:** Belden 22, 22 Belden Pl., S.F., 5:30-8 PM. Hosted by Aldo Bell with John Trowbridge at the piano. Call 398-4877 for details.
- **People With AIDS Support Group:** meeting (see Friday for details).
- **Friends, Family, and Lovers of People With AIDS:** support group. Call the Shanti Project at 558-9644 for more information.

THURSDAY 22

- **Please Wait For The Beep:** stage performance (see Saturday for details).
- **Bi Men's Support Group:** for bisexual men and married gay men. Meets 6:30-8:30 PM in Noe Valley. Call 821-4788 for more information.
- **Secret Gospel Church:** meeting, 2 PM, 746 Clementina No. 2, S.F., 2 PM. Refreshments and rap to 4 PM, \$2. Males 18+ welcome. Call 621-1887 for more information.
- **Coming Home Hospice Bingo:** Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St., S.F., 6:30 PM, \$10 minimum buy-in. Come on over and join the fun... even if you've never played bingo before. An alcohol-free space. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages sold. Smoking and non-smoking areas. Early Bird specials. Door prizes and cash prizes for each game.
- **Coping With the Loss of People With AIDS:** support group. Call the Shanti Project at 558-9644 for more information.
- **Friends, Family, and Lovers of People With AIDS:** support group. Call the Shanti Project at 558-9644 for more information.
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- **Stress Reduction Workshop:** call 558-8454 for more information.

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Director Reveals What Makes *Restless Natives* Restless

by Steve Warren

After reading homosexual overtones into hundreds of "buddy movies" I'm startled to hear a director tell me I'm not imagining things in his film.

"Ronnie's in love with Will, although he doesn't know it," Michael Hoffman says of the main characters in *Restless Natives*.

It's obvious that Ronnie (Joe Mullaney) gets jealous when his friend Will (Vincent Friell) falls in love with the female guide on one of the tourbuses they've been robbing. In one scene Ronnie caresses his hamster and tells Will petulantly, "You've got your friends and I've got mine."

General audiences will probably ignore the sexual undercurrents in what is essentially a light comedy about two poor young men who become folk heroes a la Robin Hood or, more true to the Scottish setting, Rob Roy.

"We talked a lot about it at rehearsal," Hoffman says, "and decided Ronnie was a closet case." The actors had no problem with the concept. Actors love subtext.

These two young actors, acting, too, Hoffman says, but they had dropped out of it before his film got their careers back in gear. Mullaney was running a fruit and vegetable stand when the offer came. The director adds proudly that two actors from his first feature, the little-known *Privileged*, have gone on to major roles in James Ivory's *Maurice*, based on E. M. Forster's gay novel, which was published posthumously.

Hoffman is also surprisingly frank about his own sexuality. "I've slept with men," he says, "and I've slept with women. I guess you'd say I'm bisexual." He's sleeping with women these days, but doesn't dismiss men as a phase he went through. "It happened before and it can happen again."

Perhaps his openness stems from the time he's spent in Britain. Hoffman was born in Honolulu but raised in the small Idaho town of Payette. After majoring in theater arts at Boise University he became the proverbial "Yank at Oxford" in 1979 when he won a Rhodes scholarship to study English Language and Literature at Oriel College there.

"At Oxford it's very unhip to be straight," Hoffman claims. "It's the last gasp of (homosexuality) for a lot of people, the final bloody blowout before they have to grow up." One of the social events of the season is the drag ball given by the Piers Gaveston Society, named for the lover of King Edward II. "It's wild!" Hoffman says. "Even the people who are supposed to be straight are giving blowjobs under the table!"

One of these parties was shown in *Privileged*. "The scene didn't



Restless—In Scotland the filming of *Restless Natives* were Oxford chums (l. - r.) Michael Hoffman, director; Rupert Walters, script editor; and Rick Stevenson, producer.

really fit in with the rest of the picture," Hoffman says. "A lot of them keep their male lovers on the side"—so there will always be an England.

Hoffman's direction of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on a campus quadrangle brought him to the attention of Rick Stevenson, a fellow American who was in the course of abandoning his study of international relations to concentrate on filmmaking. He founded the Oxford Film Company in 1980 and, as producer, hired Hoffman to direct *Privileged*. *Restless Natives* is their second feature, but the company has taken off in all directions, becoming, Hoffman says, "the English equivalent of (Robert Redford's) Sundance Institute."

Stevenson and Hoffman are spending January and February filming *Promised Land*, from a story idea that came to Hoffman when he learned one of his former high school classmates had shot another. He interpreted this as resulting from the anger that comes with learning the "American Dream" is really that—a dream.

The idea ties in with a current trend in pop music. Hoffman admits he thought about Bruce Springsteen when he started

Immodest Acts

Judith Brown's Study of a Lesbian Nun in the Renaissance

by Gerard Koskovich

Historians sometimes find themselves in a difficult situation: In the course of their research, they stumble on a major find that falls outside their intended topic.

Stanford history professor Judith Brown had this experience while working on the economic history of the Medicis in the Florentine State Archives more than ten years ago. She came upon documents detailing a Vatican investigation of an early 17th century mystic, Benedetta Carlini.

"The index referred only to a nun from Pescia who 'was thought to be a mystic and a saint, but who turned out to be a woman of ill-repute,'" Brown recalled. "Naturally, I thought I should take a look at that!"

"I expected that it would be a case of a nun who had had an affair with a priest — something quite common and well-documented. Instead, what the documents revealed — much to my surprise — was a case of what we would call a lesbian relationship."

"I asked colleagues at the Archives if they had ever seen anything like this, and they all said no — except one woman, who said, 'Oh, that stuff is a dime a dozen, so forget about it!'" Brown continued. "I'm glad I didn't take her advice, because it in fact turned out to be the first fairly well-documented case of a lesbian relationship between antiquity and the early 18th century."

Brown decided to pursue her accidental find. The result: a full-fledged historical study of the case, titled *Immodest Acts: The Life of a Lesbian Nun in Renaissance Italy* (Oxford University Press, 1985). Published last year, the book has attracted attention from a broad range of readers, straight and gay, both inside and outside academia.

Brown recently discussed the book, and her thoughts on the history of sexuality in general, at the semi-annual meeting of the Stanford Lesbian and Gay Alumni Club, held at the San Francisco home of Dr. Tom Waddell. Waddell, founder of the Gay Games, did post-doctoral work at Stanford in the 1960s.

"When I found the documents, I wondered what kind of context I could put them in," Brown said. "One thing I had to explain was precisely why the saint? Would it be plausible to suggest that women had not had sexual relationships with each other for 1500 years?"

"That made no sense, especially in a society where at least five percent of upper-class women were put behind convent walls. So I looked to the cultural context," Brown continued.

According to Brown, she found that in Medieval society "women were regarded as much more lustful than men, but it was believed they could only direct their attraction at men — because men were more elevated in the hierarchy of being."

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working on the script in 1981, but Bruce has become too popular—not to mention expensive—now. Hoffman is considering Lone Justice for *Promised Land*, having gotten Big Country to write their first film score for *Restless Natives*.

There will be some humor in *Promised Land*, but no gay content. I point out that Idaho is famous for homophobia—from the "Boys of Boise" witchhunts of the '50s through being the last state to report a case of AIDS in this decade. "My drama teacher in high school told me," Hoffman relates, "how he used to go over to Boise from Fruitland—of all places!—to have sex behind the capitol, and how frightened he always was—not of the legal ramifications, but the things that could happen. And yet Idaho does have a large gay community."

Promised Land isn't being filmed in Idaho, but "on the road between Reno and Salt Lake City," from a base in the latter city. Winter in Utah isn't a pleasant prospect. "It's gonna be a fuckin' nightmare," Hoffman predicts. "We've got a week of night exteriors, and where we're shooting can (have a windchill factor of) 40 to 60 degrees below zero." (Continued on next page)

Brown

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Popular belief at the time held that human beings naturally strove to reunite with God: This explained the desire of inferior creatures to unite with superior ones, but left no room for mutual relationships between equals in the hierarchy.

"This thinking colored any writing about lesbian relationships, because most male theologians and physicians who wrote about sex couldn't imagine that such things could occur," Brown noted.

"Those who could conceive of lesbian relations thought you shouldn't say too much about the subject," Brown added. "Women were thought to be flighty, incapable of reason, impressionable by nature. If you mentioned lesbian sex to them, they might get ideas! This meant that if a case was found, it was covered up."

"In contrast, when men had sexual relations with each other, they were severely and publicly punished," Brown said. "In the archives of Venice, for instance,

such cases were almost always more severely punished than other crimes — usually by burning at the stake — in order to have a deterrent effect on other men."

academic thinking for the last century," Brown explained. "It was believed that sexuality changed only with biological time — evolutionary time — not within the much shorter span of historical time."

Brown characterized this view as "obviously foolish," adding that scholars have "begun to chip away at the beginnings of the history of sexuality in the last two decades or so. In political, economic, and social contexts, we see rather shockingly different patterns of what was and was not acceptable. It's still difficult for historians to figure out the reason why these sexual structures in fact change so vastly over historical time."

The recent changes in the attitudes of historians themselves are clearly demonstrated in the response to Brown's research.

"I was a little worried about how my colleagues would react to my study of Benedetta Carlini," Brown said. "But I found that they were pretty positive and supportive."

Immodest Acts is available in paperback from many Bay Area bookstores. For more information on the Stanford Lesbian and Gay Alumni Club, write 345 Liberty St., San Francisco, CA 94114, or call 861-4597.



Judith Brown

'Women were thought to be flighty, incapable of reason, impressionable by nature. If you mentioned lesbian sex to them, they might get ideas!'

—Judith Brown

According to Brown, recent studies of the history of sexuality, including her work on *Immodest Acts*, represent a break with long-standing scholarly conventions.

"The view that sexuality is biologically determined, that it has nothing to do with culture and society, conditioned much of

Natives

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Among his many scripts in different stages of development, Hoffman is optimistic about making one with a gay theme that's set in Canada. No wonder Stevenson calls them "filmmakers without a country!"

Even the filmmaker label may change, though. Hoffman says he's anxious to get back to acting and directing for the theater which, among other factors, is much easier than making movies. He wants to work with his friend Victoria Holloway at the American Stage Company in St. Petersburg, Florida, on a season of five new plays, one of which he might write himself.

If he continues in film, Hoffman makes it clear he'll be doing small pictures. He recently turned down a big-budget feature and a *Miami Vice* episode because he didn't want the complications that go with them.

Michael Hoffman is really a pretty simple guy who, like his gay and nongay heroes in *Restless Natives*, will steal your heart if you're not careful.

Chorus Auditions

The Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco will hold auditions for its 1987 season Jan. 17 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 1950 Waller St., in San Francisco. Soprano and tenor voices are especially needed, but all voices are welcome. Call 396-3340 for an appointment and more information.

Gay Writing Workshop

Gay poet, writer, and editor Steve Abbott will teach a gay writing workshop beginning Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. Abbott has published four books, has taught writing in various universities, and participated in poetry festivals in Europe and Canada. The class will be open to all kinds of writing — journals, criticism, poetry, and fiction. Beginning and advanced students are welcome.

Class size will be limited to ten people on a first come, first served basis. The cost will be \$50 for five classes or \$15 per class. For more information write 545 Ashbury St., No. 1, SF, CA 94117 or call 626-5224.

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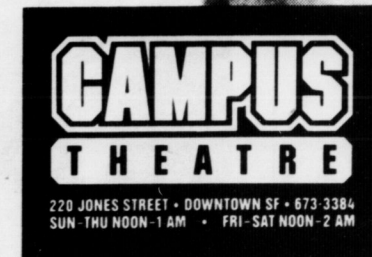
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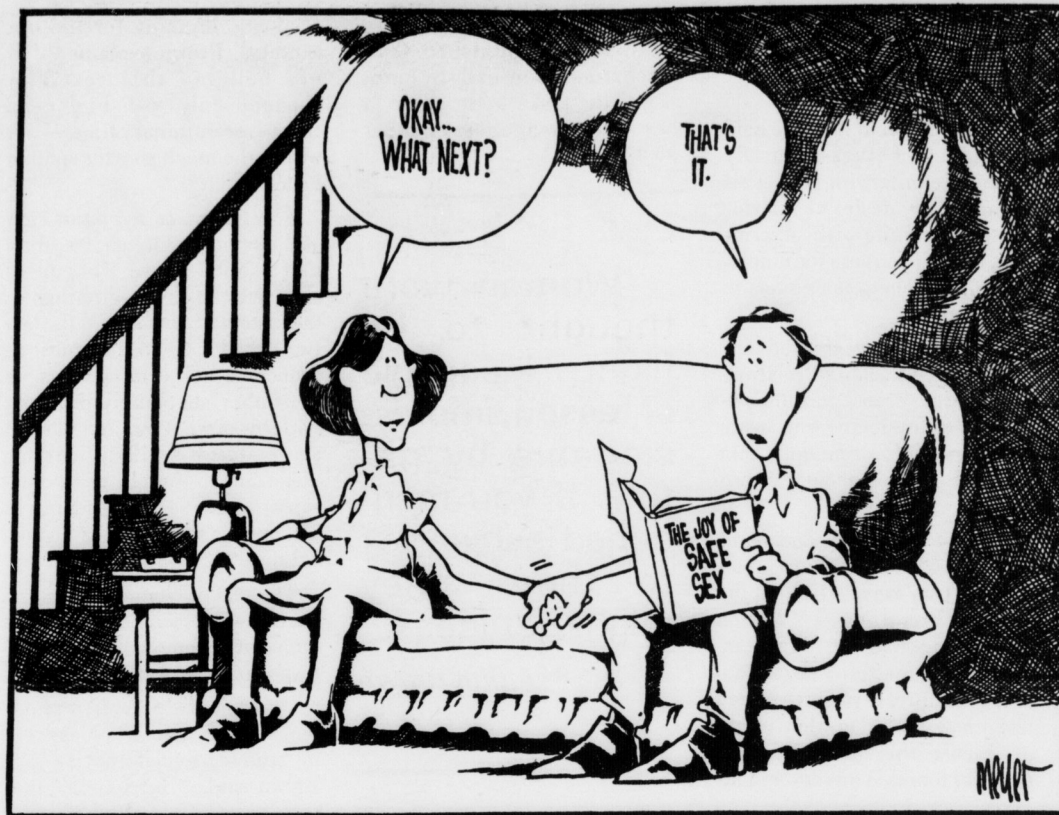
It's a mystery to me why so many people wanted to have sex in the Marina Green's restroom during December. It must have been awfully cold in there. Perhaps my desire for creature comforts makes me too boozwah, but I've never found T-room sex comfortable. Even in warm weather. And I'm sure it was the cold that let the cops nab 56 guys: they were huddled together for warmth. Gives me a vision of the man-apes in 2001: communicating by grunts and pokes, a clot of creatures bundle together to ward off the coldness of the concrete floor and porcelain fixtures while a frozen wind blows off the ocean and enemy tribesmen dressed in ceremonial blue approach warily. The man-apes resist; the newspaper said one patron was beaten after complaining to two fellows when he found them "in an act of sodomy."

Now that's intriguing. What act was it? The first, with its rising action, or the second, with its sudden twists, reversals, and quick climax? I guess it doesn't matter — these guys need a new

agent. Even though there's a shortage of theaters in town, especially ones small enough for such an intimate act, a john is simply a bad booking. They're hard to publicize — you have to depend on word of mouth — have no curtains, bad lighting, and such low capacity winners can't be chosen by audience applause.

But I misread the Chronicle article. The players weren't all there at the same time, but were arrested during 11 separate police visits (the cops have a season subscription, I guess). And I'm relieved, because for a while I thought there was a show going on I hadn't been invited to. And I'd like to have reviewed this one, even though critic seats to these acts are invariably bad: I feel so separate from the actors in those narrow stalls, especially when the door swings shut and I have to watch through those little windows. And I hate writing on those narrow tablets they hang up. The paper is so flimsy, even if it's twopy, and it rarely is. And those seats! If you lean on the armrest they flush!

So I didn't see any of *The*



Waterfront Follies of 1986. But I admired the casts. The newspaper listed two schoolteachers, two retired Army officers, a social worker, and a Municipal Railway bus driver (honey, his vehicle was articulated). Now a group like this should be doing a big show, say *The Kink and I*, instead of these little two-character quickies. And they said they were only rehearsing. For what? Men Be-

hind Bars? It's a good thing they were closed down. I'm sure none of them were Equity.

But don't feel bad if you missed the show. Even though critics like me always give T-room shows bad reviews, you can be sure there'll be a 1987 version coming soon to a restroom near you.

Scare the hets off safe sex, Chron. Let 'em drop dead in droves before you offer any support. See if I care. It just doubles the futility of it all to see the same mistakes perpetrated twice. I thought you guys were supposed to know better.

It's a double mystery to me that Meurer, the Chronicle's editorial cartoonist, could have bungled so badly with an AIDS cartoon last Sunday, and still see it published.

In it, a straight couple sits at opposite ends of a sofa. He reads from a book titled *The Joy of Safe Sex*. After clasping his distant hand, the woman asks, "What's next?" He replies, "That's it!"

And that's it for the Chronicle's efforts to help its straight readers stay alive. You think they could learn something from us, for we had the same initial response to the idea of safe sex. We've pioneered life in the AIDS era for them, so it's surprising that ostensibly well-informed cartoon satirists and newspaper editors don't pay heed to our experience.

A bigger mystery to me is the stack of murder mysteries which accumulated on my desk over the past few months. Collectively, they made me wonder how the genre holds its fans in thrall. Sure, none were classics, but after all this, who'd want to wade around looking for the good ones? I'm obviously not a fan, but I can tell a good story when I read one.

These books had all the right markings. They open with a big scene, settle down to exposition, and lead through colorful/weird characters to a solution. Tiringly, they all affect a hip leanness — even the ones that were broadly overwritten — and a cynical air that is supposed to be contemporary and sophisticatedly hard-boiled but is merely disheartening. Two offered such skewed visions of gay life as to be nearly unreadable.

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George Heymont

High-Minded Homoerotica

During my youth, I spent many an hour hanging around local newsstands ogling first-generation beefcake magazines like *Muscleboy*, *Young Adonis* and *Tomorrow's Man*. Although such magazines now seem remarkably tame — especially when compared to the penetrating performance art of today's pulchritudinous porno pictorials — these publications could instantly set my young man's fancy into overdrive. As my erotic fancies grew more sexually sophisticated and, on certain choice occasions, more bizarrely muscled, I discovered that what turned me on even more than specific sexual acts were the ideas, the imagination and the power which lay behind them. The distancing of homoerotic images from the palm of my hand to the nether regions of my mind catapulted me into an amazingly lush landscape of rich sexual fantasies.

Today, I'm still hopelessly lost in that never never land of erotic reverie. And, perhaps that may serve to explain why, as an adult, I've never found video porn very stimulating. If I prefer to read erotic fiction, it's because video porn leaves absolutely nothing to the imagination. Predetermined images are assigned to the viewer so that all the creative energy in the experience is taken from his hands. In the final analysis, video porn may prove to be as deadly as MTV simply because it never gives the viewer a chance to ask that crucial question "What if?"

These days many gay men are being forced to use their imaginations, some more than ever before. The demand for safe sex has prompted one phone-sex advertiser to suggest that "the ear is the most sensual organ in your body." Where does one draw the line between the repression of one's soul and the full flowering of one's imagination? I'd prefer to invoke the age-old adage which insists that a human mind is a terrible thing to waste.



Tadzio (John Payne) whets Gustav von Aschenbach's (William Lewis) appetite for chicken in Britten's *Death in Venice*.

ing torso and rippling musculature of a tall dancer.

'Death in Venice is the only major work in the operatic repertoire to deal with an aging closet queen's obsessive babbling over the "beauty and perfection" of an androgynous Polish youth.'

While *Variaciones Concertantes* (which was set to some exquisite music by Alberto Ginastera) offered plenty of visual stimulation, the lyrical ecstasy of Ben Stevenson's choreography for *Three Preludes* by Serge Rachmaninoff proved to be the high point of the evening. Although I occasionally had to struggle to banish images of the Trocadero Ballet's *Yes, Virginia, Another Piano Ballet* from my mind, Stevenson's work was clearly choreographed and his ideas simply stated. *Three Preludes* was beautifully danced by Janie Parker and Edward Warburton and, judging from this program (which featured the pas de deux from *Don Quixote* and John Cranko's *The Lady And The Fool*) as well as the company's rather impressive *Sleeping Beauty* production, the Houston Ballet strikes me as a company to be closely watched over the course of the next few years.

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A strong thread of dance sensuality and homoerotica is woven

throughout Benjamin Britten's last opera, *Death in Venice*. Based on the novella by Thomas Mann, this important contemporary work received a new production from the Opera Company of Philadelphia last month with tenor William Lewis as the novelist, Gustav von Aschenbach. In an inspired piece of casting, the tenor's rugged masculine beauty added a more bittersweet touch to Aschenbach's final encounter with the barber than I've seen in most productions. Although certainly adequate, Allan Monk's portrayal of the novelist's seven nemeses never became quite evil enough to suit my tastes.

As everyone knows, *Death in Venice* is the only major work in the operatic repertoire to deal with an aging closet queen's obsessive babbling over the "beauty and perfection" of an androgynous Polish youth. John Payne's delicately danced Tadzio had the desired hypnotic-erotic effect on von Aschenbach's mind while Gray Veredon's direction and choreography kept the piece moving neatly toward its climax. Michael Korn's conducting beautifully captured the alienated lyricism of Britten's intensely percussive score.

While George Tsypin's unit set relied on the effects of various slide projections seen through a wall of angled vinyl strips, his four cages/cabanas quickly lost their novelty and became a tiresome scenic gimmick. However, one aspect of *Death in Venice* which became much more painful for me to deal with on this encounter was the refusal of the authorities — for fear of hurting their tourism industry — to acknowledge that Venice was caught in the grip of bubonic plague. Their evasiveness reminded me of the days, not so very long ago, when the owners of gay bars and bathhouses kept asking the gay press not to print so much news about AIDS because "it would be bad for business."

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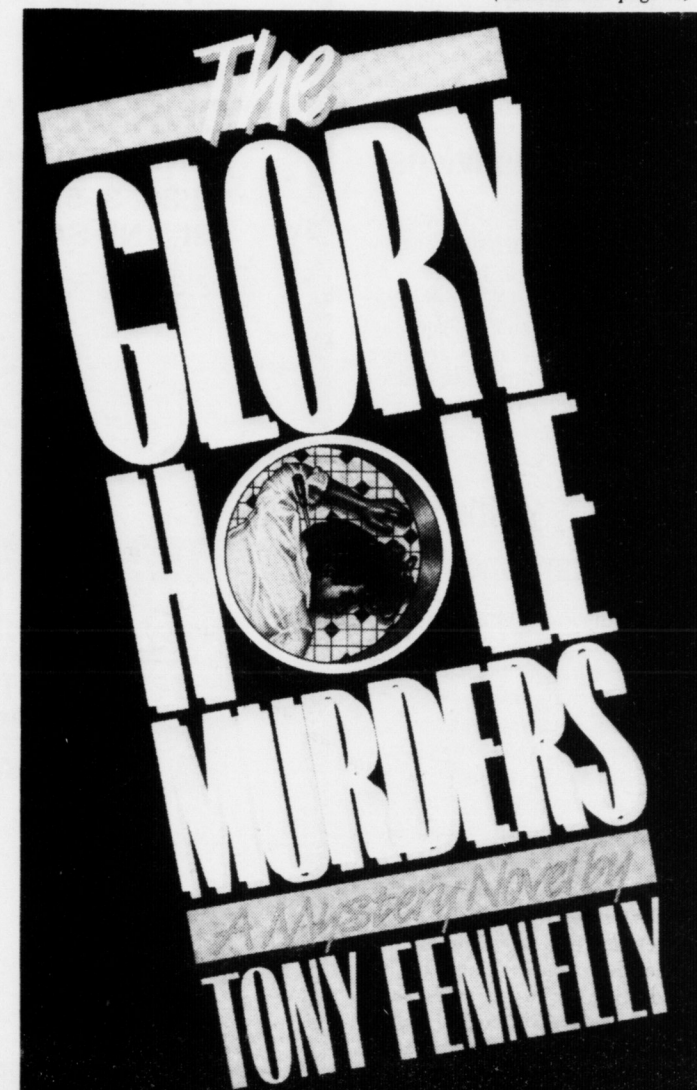


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Steve Warren

Kim Novak and Other Women in Film

I was a fan of Kim Novak's before I had taste. She remains one of my guilty pleasures as a critic, and I maintain she gave decent performances when directors worked within her limitations. When it came to being mysterious and sexy, as in *Vertigo*, Meryl Streep couldn't hold a *Bell, Book and Candle* to Novak; but attempts to cast her as a light comedienne (... *Moll Flanders*) were as foredoomed as asking her to play heavy drama (*Of Human Bondage*) or melodrama (*Jeanne Eagels*). With maturity she's developed a talent for delivering bitchy dialogue (*The Mirror Crack'd*) which has served her well this season on *Falcon Crest*.

Last year Joan Collins gave the performance of her career in an in-person tribute at the Castro, and everything has gone wrong for her since. We wish Kim Novak better luck as she gets her turn Saturday night at the Pagoda Palace. The clip-and-quip session will be followed by a screening of the memorable *Picnic*, with Kim and the late William Holden as sex objects who want to be loved for something other than their bodies. High rollers (\$50) will get to rub Kim's elbows at a party instead of seeing *Picnic*. *Vertigo* unspools Sunday morning.

The Kim Novak tribute is one highlight of this weekend's On Screen: A Celebration of Women in Film. Another is the Sunday night preview of *Lily Tomlin*, a documentary by Joan Churchill and Nicholas Broomfield which opens a regular run at the Castro Feb. 27. Five visiting directors, including Churchill, will take part in a Saturday morning seminar, "The Director's Craft."

Except for an evening of videos produced and/or directed by women at Wolfgang's tonight, and a free retrospective of German films at the Goethe Institute Sunday, all events are at the Pagoda Palace. Call 495-0122 for schedule and ticket information.

Here are short subjectives about some other features to be

shown:

Sacrificed Youth is a lovely Chinese movie about a teenager who moves from the city to a rural village where she learns to conform to the local ideal of beauty — slightly to the right of Valley Girl — and becomes popular. Writer-director Zhang Nuansin takes a slow, almost documentary approach until the left-field ending I could have done without. (Sat., 1:15 p.m.)

Anne Trister might have been the first great lesbian love story but it's more akin to watching paint dry, which we actually do because the title character is an artist, a Jewish girl who marries a doctor — a woman doctor. A psychologist, actually, but not a very good one as she can't tell that her 10-year-old patient and 25-year-old roommate are both looking to her to mother them. The hetero love scenes are more explicit than the lesbian one in Lea Pool's Canadian film in French with English subtitles. (Sat., 3:15 p.m.)

Loyalties by Anne Wheeler is also Canadian and also about a closeness developing between two women. The plot's sexual kinks, however, do not include lesbianism. One woman is British, the other Native Canadian. Both have husbands who sometimes abuse them. In the main the acting is good and the story moving, despite the script's tendency toward heavy-handedness. (Sun., 3 p.m.)

Dead End Kids: A Story of Nuclear Power is a complex, ironic commentary on the history of nuclear power, traced back to 16th century alchemists in multimedia fashion which never hints that filmmaker JoAnne Akalaitis wrote the show as a Mabou Mines stage production. The film is funny, intelligent, thought-provoking and, like anything concerning nuclear power, frightening. (Sun., 5:30 p.m., showing with *Spirit to Spirit*, an excellent short on the life and poetry of Nikki Giovanni, by Mirra Bank)



'I'm not ready for this. I never will be,' Alix (Louise Marleau, l.) tells Anne (Albane Guilhe) earlier in *Anne Trister*. The film shows Saturday at 3:15 p.m. at the Pagoda Palace as part of On Screen: A Celebration of Women in Film.

NO DEPARDIEU-DIEU

In *A Nos Amours* Maurice Pialat confused dramatic intensity with volume — the more strongly his characters felt, the louder they yelled at each other. The vastly superior *Police* is strangely quiet. The busy police station where much of it takes place rarely has more than one or two conversations going on at a time. Otherwise this drama is largely realistic, showing how thin the line is between the two sides of the law, and the off-duty camaraderie that can exist between them.

Gerard Depardieu is a tough cop who develops a soft spot for Sophie Marceau, mistress of a jailed Tunisian whose family is big in drug trading. The badass *fic* and bad news chick come into focus as the emphasis shifts from police work to romance.

Unlike most modern police films, *Police* is long on character and short on violence and car chases... from the country and mindset that gave us Georges Simenon's Inspector Maigret. (York)

DON'T LOOK IN THE THEATER!

An old hymn advises, "Let goods and kindred go." I don't know about the goods, but you can sure pass on *The Kindred*. It took five writers, including the

two directors, to concoct this latest blending of the Mad Scientist and Thing in the Cellar plots. It's embarrassing to waste actors like Rod Steiger, Kim Hunter and promising Amanda Pays, plus great special effects of *Alienlike*, tentacled humanoid creations, in this generally laughable, occasionally frightening piece of crap. (area theaters)

BIGGER THAN LIFE

In Chicago in the early '40s, when welfare was relief and blacks were colored, angry young Bigger Thomas (Victor Love) accidentally killed the daughter (Elizabeth McGovern) of the white family he chauffeured for. All the trappings of racism are laid on top of *Native Son's* central incident, when in fact it could have happened to anyone. The conclusion is foregone, but Bigger's sudden sense of black pride is as unmotivated as it is precocious. Richard Wesley's screenplay, watered down from Richard Wright's novel, asks you to overlook a lot of other implausibilities, especially in the murder and its immediate aftermath.

Considering the flaws of this well-meaning social drama, I shouldn't have liked it nearly as much as I did. But it held my interest throughout and made me examine my white liberal feelings, even as I was mentally tearing apart the narrative. See it for the acting, if nothing else. (Bridge)

SCOT FREEWHEELING

Bill Forsyth's gentle comedies have spawned enough imitations to be considered a genre. We just got *Malcolm* from Australia, and now there's *Restless Natives* from Forsyth's own Scotland, directed by Michael Hoffman.

Two young men (Vincent Friell and Joe Mullaney), despairing of trying to make an honest living, turn to crime and become modern highwaypersons. They don't wear masks and rob tour buses, sometimes distributing their booty to the poor, and quickly become folk heroes. What begins as a threat to tourism turns into an incentive instead, "bigger than the Loch Ness monster," as people try to get booked on buses that will be held up. Will (Friell), the cute, shy one, falls in love with a tourguide (Teri Lally), while Ronnie (Mullaney), his chubby friend who may be a wee tad jealous, falls in with gangsters who want to take over the operation.

In pursuit of the Clown (pronounced "clone") and the Wolfman, as they are known, are the inept local cops competing with ineffectual CIAgent Ned Beatty.

Once the Production Code dictated that crime must not pay. Today's audiences wouldn't accept less than a happy ending for these two young miscreants. *Restless Natives* provides it, with a happy beginning and middle as well, all scored to the happy Scot rock of Big County. (Four Star)

STAGE

A View From The Crotch

by Steve Warren

You can find gay theater in the strangest places — even in the heart of the Castro and in the soul of a play about heterosexual rape.

As the title implies, there's many a cross word in *13 Down*, by Robert Schrock. The characters are Marc (Michael Racela), an accused rapist, and David (Steve Logue), the public defender assigned to him. Marc is 23, the son of a conservative, bigoted minister. David is 37, gay and Jewish. Their meetings take place in a conference room of the San Diego jail where Marc is awaiting trial.

I'm going to do two things I ordinarily try to avoid — review from the crotch, and reveal information that doesn't come out until well into the second act. The latter is necessary to explain why this play might interest you, and the former because crotch level is where it's most effective — at least for gay men and straight women. Others may be left bewildered, if they are immune to Racela's broad-based charm.

On an intellectual level the play has problems. David fails to do two things that would seem mandatory in this situation — interview Marc's parents, even over his objections, and have his client examined by a psychiatrist. Once it's revealed that David was raped by a fellow soldier in Vietnam, parallels are drawn between the

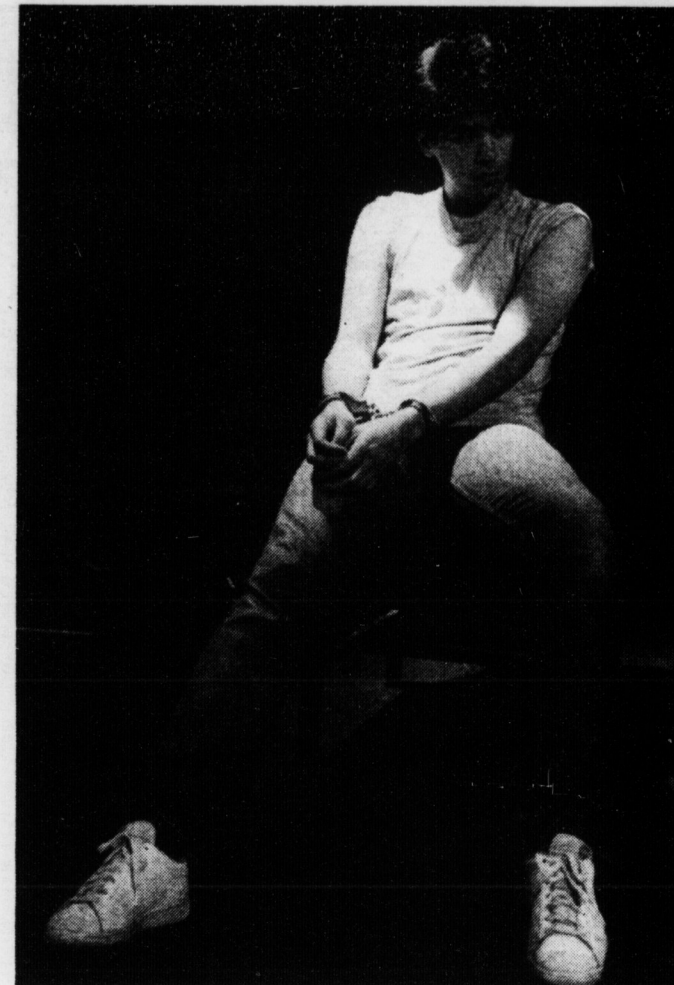
case is tried. His only defense is the rapist's standard "She wanted it," but if you want it badly enough you'll believe him. The last time a character turned me on enough to manipulate me this way was in the movie *Ernesto*. He's the kind of person I could get involved with against my better judgment, the kind who — in female form — is *film noir's* stock in trade.

With my critical faculties thus benumbed I couldn't tell whether Racela is a skilled actor or was just perfectly cast by director Fred Hartman, but I'm pretty sure the writing is the least important factor in his impact.

The play's ending is preposterous, from a legal standpoint. Whatever Marc's ultimate fate, Schrock lets him off too lightly with the audience. We're convinced that he's a whore at heart, but not necessarily a rapist.

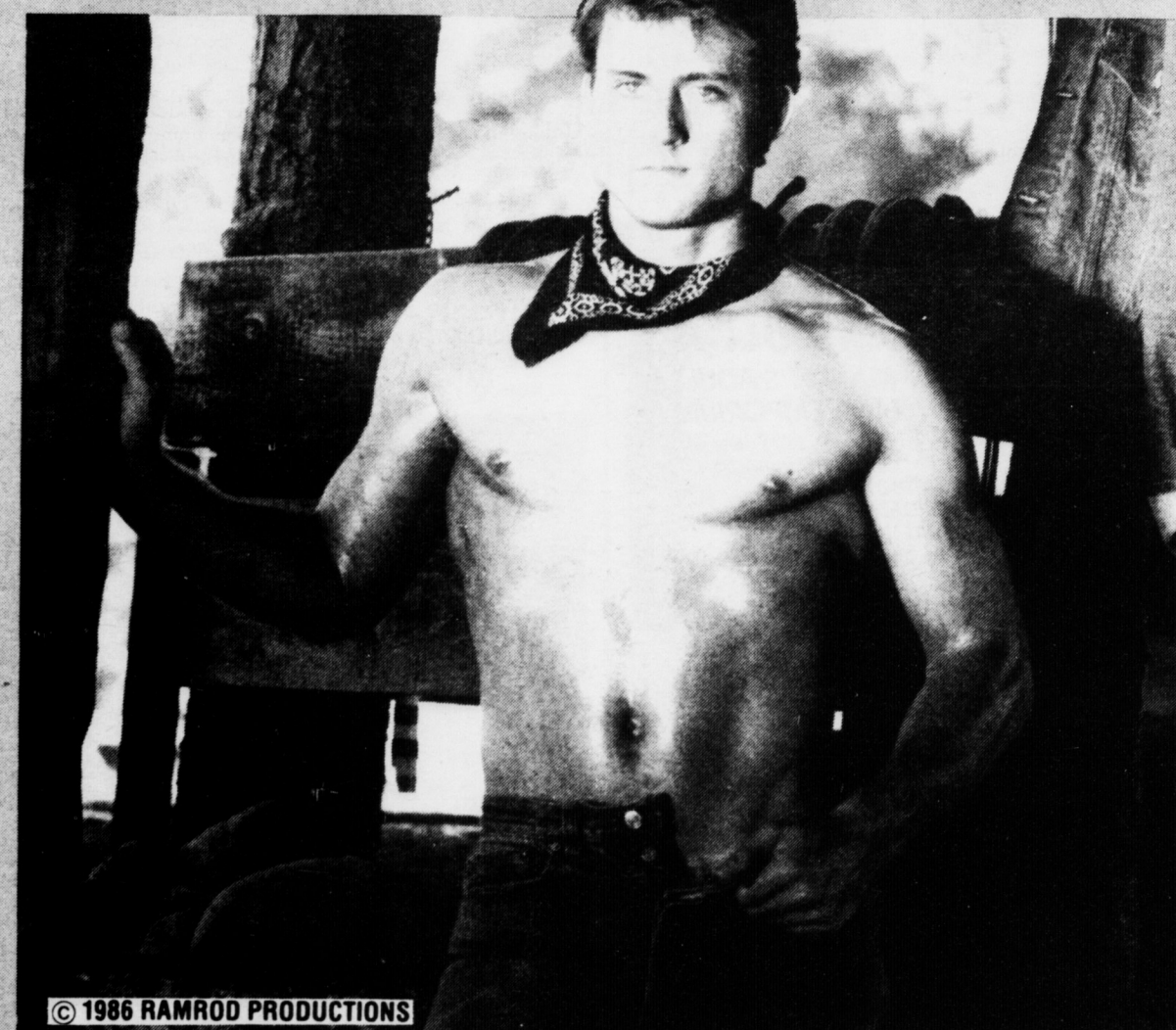
David is right. Sex does have everything to do with *13 Down*, and that's not the way a play about rape should be. It's still worth seeing for the questions — among other things — it raises.

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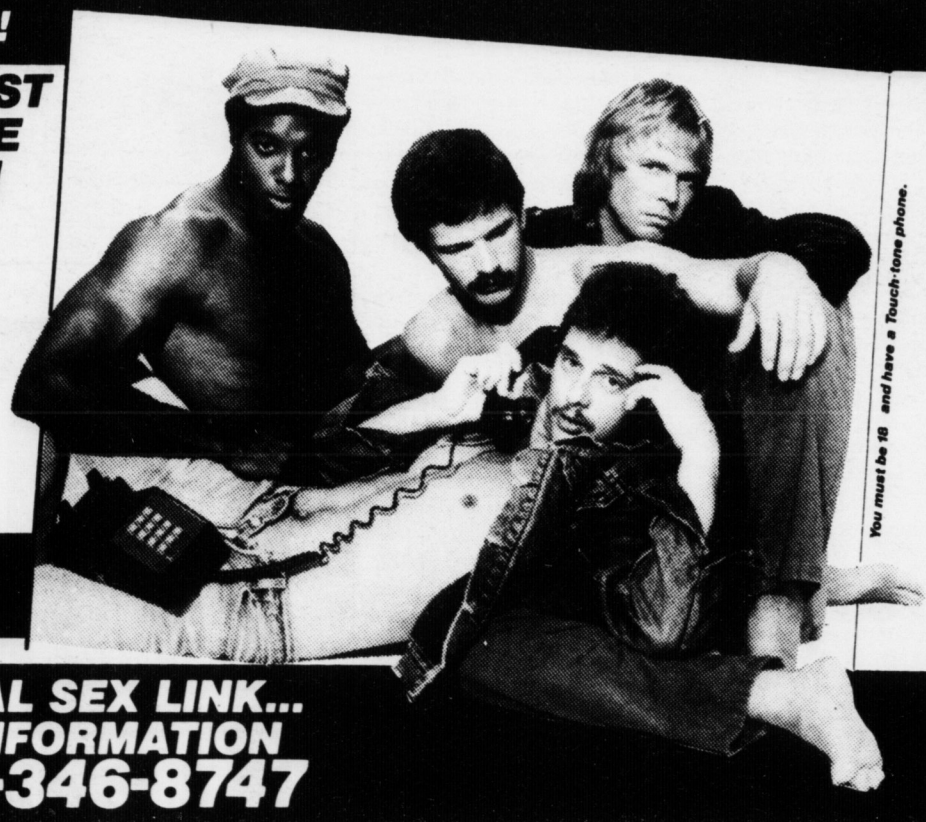
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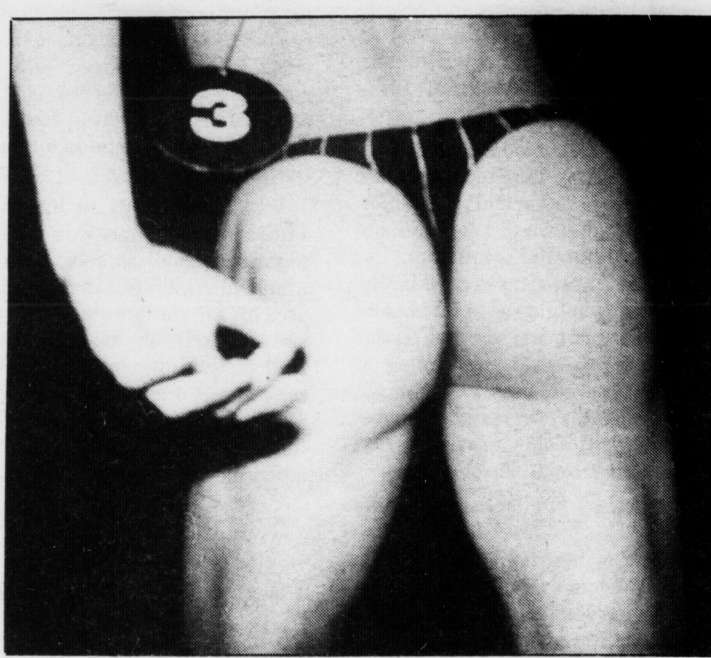
Saturday, Jan. 24, San Francisco will honor a woman in the community when the title Ms. Leather of San Francisco will be bestowed upon one of many aspirants already vying for the title.

The competition will be held at the High Chaparral beginning at 2000 hours. The event is a fundraiser for the International Ms. Leather Contest to be held at the Club DV8 in March and will select San Francisco's entry in that competition. The Intl. Ms. Leather competition will benefit many agencies in our community and candidates from all corners of the globe are expected to be here to compete.

This will be the first time leather lesbians will be so singled out. Though not highly visible, there are a lot of women out there who are into all aspects of bondage and discipline, leather and S&M. These competitions are expected to bring leather women out of the closet and usher formally into the community those numerous adherents to the genre.

This is good, both for the women and the community. Personally, I only know a few women in the scene. And it wasn't until I attended a big leather powwow in Seattle late last year that I realized more women are into leather than anyone would suspect or imagine.

In other cities without a large gay and lesbian population such as ours, gay and lesbian leather

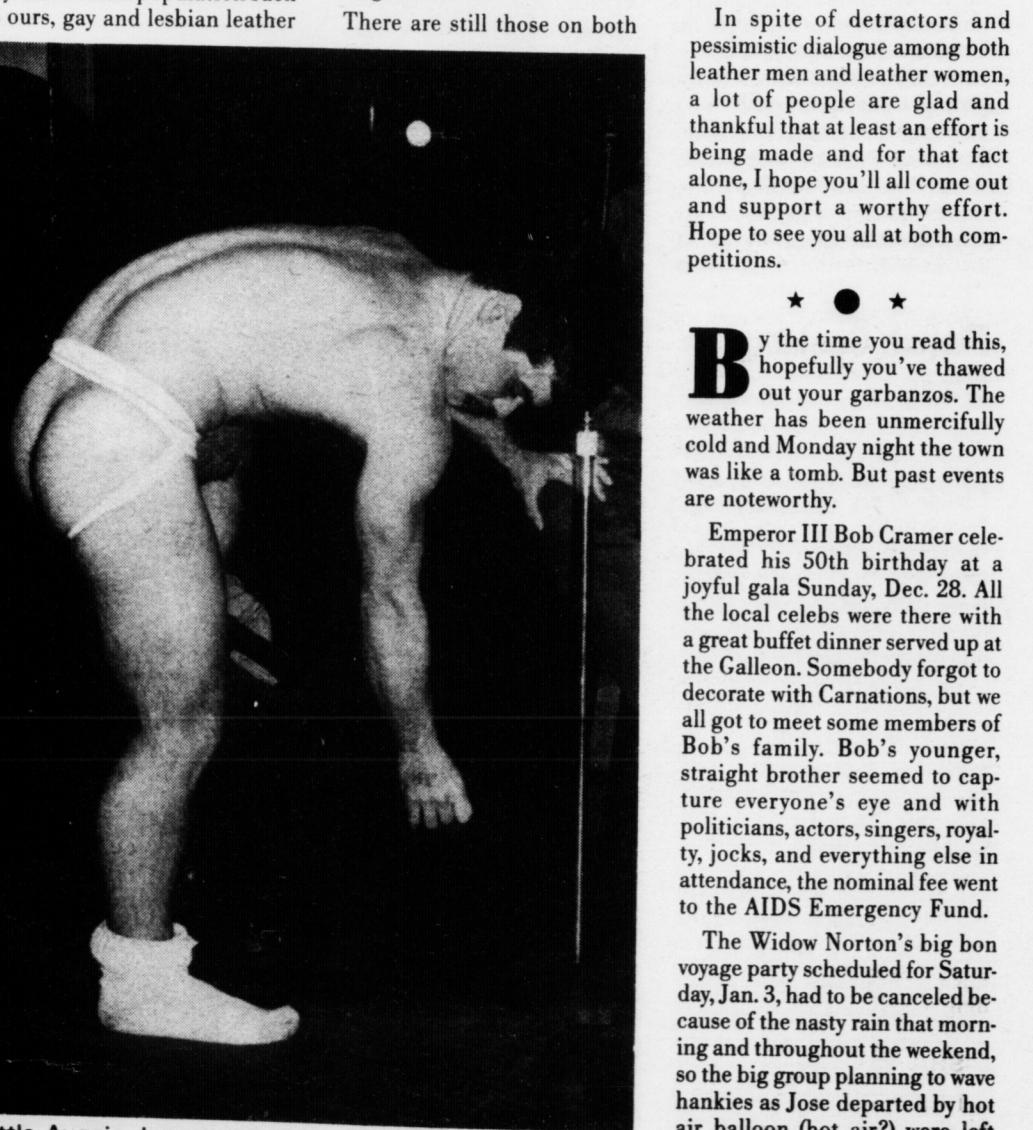


The first runner-up at the Endup Buns contest is a retired gymnast (Photo: R. Pruzan)

people seem to be jointly oriented and their leather functions are composed of many men and women working together. That is not the case in San Francisco.

With the advent of Ms. Leather of San Francisco and the Intl. Ms. Leather competition in March, it is a great opportunity for brothers and sisters of the leather persuasion to come together in mutual understanding, camaraderie, and much-needed support of each other. And it is assumed these events will help to bond us all together.

There are still those on both



Little Auggie demonstrated plenty of spirit at the Endup Buns contest (Photo: R. Pruzan)

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Herbella Hebron contemplates deserting leather to run for Empress in 1988! (Photo: Marcus)

Marcus
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dered as well as soaked. I trust my Mother made it to Phoenix in good shape and no need to say, (s)he will be missed by all her sons.

Last Thursday, Jan. 8, another mob converged at the Endup to witness the execution, er, exhibition of some eight young men who were vying for the May '88 spot on the Buns Calendar. The judges (David Sarathain, Jim Cvitanch, John DeMeo, and Red Bentzinger) had a good time kibitzing with the well-rounded contestants. Check out the pictures of the shenanigans captured for your pleasure by Robert Pruzanada.

The Board of Directors of the Cable Car Awards met that same night and, honey, the nominations were flying all over the place. You bars that decorated for certain holidays are all to be commended. The nominating committee traipsed through some 60 bars looking for the most outstanding. There'll be a lot of surprises at the Cable Car Awards & Show Sat., Feb. 28, and the entertainment lined up includes Jeanie Tracy, the Blazing Redheads, Shawn Benson, Gail Wilson, and the fabulous Pauline, to name just a few. Have your got your tickets yet?

The Cycle Runners had a Russian celebration at the Transfer but apparently their corresponding secretary was out of town so I didn't get the dish on that event.

In spite of the cold, there was a big turnout at the SF-Eagle Sunday for the Parade Committee with Patrick Toner one-manning it on the fundraising.

Last Monday night, the aspirants for Emperor and Empress went before the 11-man inquisition and in the end, Pat McGonigle and Rick Manning emerged as candidates for Emperor and the Empress race will be a three-way affair among Tina Tanner, Ms. Tatiana, and Lily Street. They'll be formally presented this Saturday night at the California Club at a gala, and the campaign is on, so look for the campiest parties as it rages. This should be an interesting race, but I heard the candidate review evening was almost a riot!

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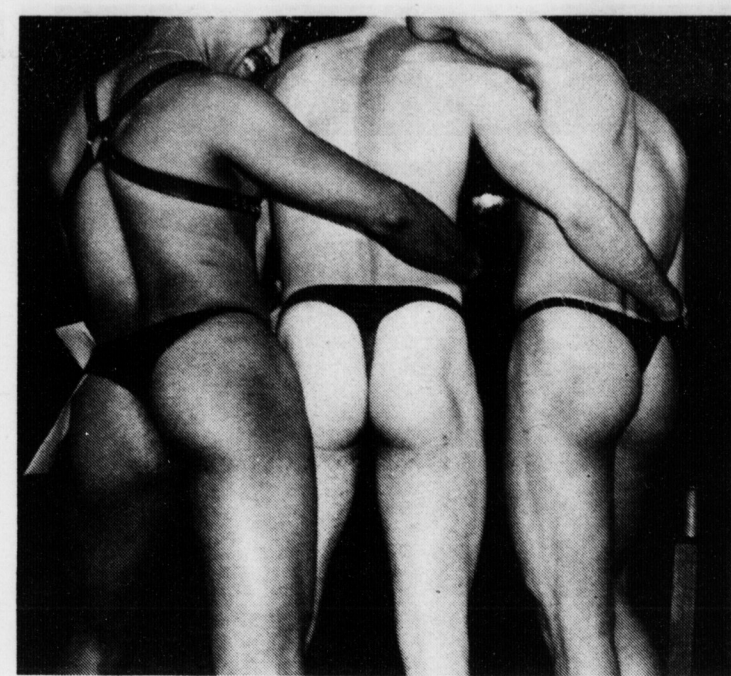
I had these great pictures of Lou Greene cavorting around the Great Wall of China but the contrast wasn't that great so couldn't

ing a talent contest at the Endup to raise money for Ms. Intl. Leather with \$50 being the top prize. If you can play a saw, juggle your falsies (teeth), or pantomime Barbra Streisand, isn't it worth a try? You must arrive by 1930 if you're going to compete and bring your tapes and/or props!

Mr. Leather of SF (and Drummer Associate Editor) Jim Ed Thompson travels to the nation's capital this weekend to represent this city at the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Contest. The Mr. Leather of SF Contest preliminaries begin here in March sometime. Nominations for the Golden Dildaux Awards are all in and the nominees will be announced any day now. The voting begins at the Eagle for the awards show scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Beer Bust.

Big leather gathering for Brian Berger's birthday coming up, and it's the most sought-after invitation of the month. If you weren't invited, don't ask, as more than 200 have been invited already and there just ain't no room left for you whoever you are or whoever you hope to be.

David Cockman, the t-shirt king (Angles) was happy to announce that the sale of Robert Uyviri t-shirts both by Mercury



Cheek to cheek—the latest winning buns at the Endup (Photo: R. Pruzan)

Mail Order and Mr. S. Leathers added up to some \$340 for the sale of some 680 shirts and all for the AIDS Emergency Fund. While I'm delighted at the amount, a Uyviri t-shirt is definitely a collector's item that everyone should have in their collection. Nice going, David, Alan Selby, and Mr. Batt!

Richard Ruggiero is out of the hospital and back to work and looking real good. His first day back on the job at the Powerhouse brought out a lot of well-wishers and Herbella Hebron, mink coat(s) and all, was the leader of the pack.

The lace people will overcome! According to the Eastbay Ear column in the Oakland Trib of 3 Jan., there is a group in San (Continued on next page)

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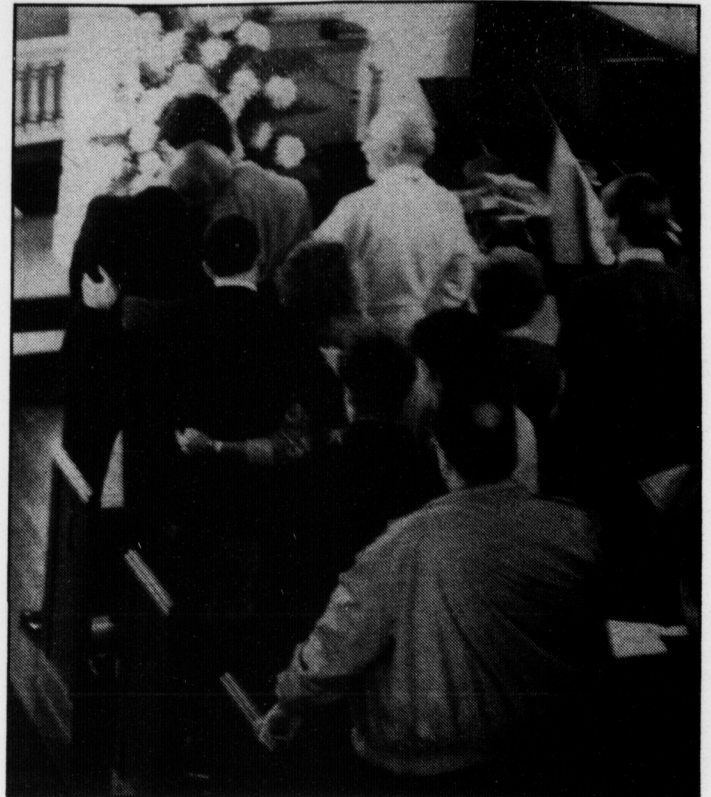
Marcus
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 Anselmo which calls itself The Circumcision Information Resource Center and the group recently named Prince Charles and Di as Parents of the Year because neither Prince William nor his little brother Prince Harry are circumcised! The group has declared 1987 as the Year of the Intact Child. Since we rarely have the privilege of knowing about the intimate anatomy of stars and royalty, this news should be quite welcome to some of you.

The press release further stated that Prince Charles (the next King of England) is circumcised, but dammit, they didn't say a thing about his younger brother, Randy Andy. Of course, you could call Princess Fergie now, couldn't you? By the way, the CIRC is anti-circumcision if you hadn't guessed it by now, and if you don't know what circumcision is you need a leather daddy!

In case there is any doubt in anyone's mind that Mr. Leather of New York isn't coming here for a visit, you may now rest. Martin will definitely be here and that leather groupie who thinks I must clear all my news through her should move to L.A. They need people like you there, honey! My communications with Martin are private and personal, so when he tells me he will be here at my invitation, I don't have to clear it with any leather club! Harrumph.

As for the other queen who is

Karr
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 Like *The Glory Hole Murders* by Tony Fennelly (Carroll and Graf, hardbound, \$14.95), I'd swear this was written by a straight person. From the vulgarity of its opening castration-murder in a T-room through its portrayal of the star detective, this is a homophobic tale. Here are the stereotypes we've outgrown: aging queens sell antiques, chase chicken, and say witty/bitchy things all the time which, as usual, aren't witty at all. What a tired and offensive book. Its plot is not all that original anyway; another politician with a



Mourners for Karl Stewart at MCC (Photo: R. Pruzan)

calling other queens all over the world and telling them that Leather Daddy's Boy James Buhler and I are lovers, she needs her head examined. Geez, can't anyone have a buddy anymore? Anybody who knows me knows my affection is solely geared to that man in Mountain View! Harrumph again!

Gotta go now, boys and girls. Hope to see you all at the fundraisers and other fun gatherings. Keep up your support of the

skeleton in the closet. Publishers Carroll and Graf may hope this crap supports their excellent line of reprints, but should publicly apologize for the lack of glory in this tale.

Another one I didn't go for was *June Mail* by Jean Warmbold (The Permanent Press, hardbound, \$17.95). Written by a woman — although you never can tell, for the false name is as common as the false clue in the murder biz — this one features a female detective. A contempo idea, but the contempo plot sinks it. Sarah Calloway is seeking her lover, a genetic engineer who claims to have developed the first viable AIDS vaccine. When he disappears, the straightforward case of a missing person escalates

into a political thriller, including government plots, an intelligence cover-up, and military and corporate involvement that includes germ warfare.

Even if the author's style was swifter and her attempts at genre hallmarks not self-conscious, I don't get off on AIDS as light entertainment. It just ain't thrilling enough to become a thriller. The idea should have been dropped at inception. And the explanations of gay life are clearly aimed at straight readers, as is the suffocating romance for the leading lady and a San Francisco journalist.

Then we have — at last — a gay book for gay readers. I think. Despite the recognition it offers, though, the plot of *Portrait in Murder and Gay Colors* by H. Paul Jeffers (Knights Press, paper, \$7.95) does not transform its sordid attempts to titillate with detail of the hustler's milieu or intrigue much with the inevitable coming out of its het detective — especially the unbelievable finale in which he becomes a murderer when his affection is spurned.

This confidently written book does have lots of false leads and good twists, and is creatively told through tape recording transcripts and other such techniques, but these also cause slow development. Other stylistic touches make the novel seem old. It has a '50s air not only in attitude but in detail: a porn star can't watch his film because he doesn't have a projector. Sorry: we're in the video era. And once again, much explanation is aimed at straight readers, strange in a book gay-published and packaged. Mildly enjoyable, such quirks tempered my enthusiasm. Not every mystery can be by Joseph Hansen.

Want to write your own? Steve Abbott will be leading a Writer's Workshop beginning Jan. 19 to cover all styles: journals, fiction, poetry, criticism, etc. It'll meet Monday nights. Five weeks is \$50; singles, \$15. Call him at 626-5224; it's limited to ten people.

Remy

Off To The Races

And they're off! It's official! That is, if the candidates show up for the Introduction of Candidates gala, that the races for the offices of Emperor and Empress of San Francisco have begun. Last Monday night, Jan. 12, the Imperial Board of Trustees and Governing Board held the Public Review of the potential candidates for Emperor and Empress at Amelia's. Prior to that date, the applicants submitted their applications for the office they wish to seek. After a background check to ensure that the candidates: do not have a criminal record, have a sound credit history, and have the ability to financially afford the expenses associated with being elected to either of these offices, the candidates were then publicly interviewed by the board members. Questions relevant to their aspirations were accepted from the audience. Generally, both the board and the public wanted to query the candidates on their previous experience and future commitment to serving the community that would ultimately elect them.

At times, the questioning can become extremely intense, as the candidates have no idea what type of questions will be fielded. Having gone through a similar experience, I can assure you that it can be quite harrowing. It's like trying to cross the freeway on foot at rushhour! One's patience is taken to the limit and one can only ask one's self, "Why am I doing this?" Although the board and public are just trying to gain further insight as to the candidate's true reasons for seeking the office, it is sometimes difficult to refrain from asking pointed questions that may be construed as being a personal attack on an individual. Regular candidates for political office go through the same type of drilling, so it is not uncommon that one feels that they're being picked on. It's also a test of one's mettle! If you can successfully survive the questioning at this and the All Candidates Nights, surely you have the fortitude to be elected to either office.

Once the Review Board has completed the questioning of each of the applicants, the board members meet in private to discuss and vote to either accept or reject each of the applicants. Traditionally, and with rare exception, all of the applicants have been accepted. If, for some reason, a questionable person were intent upon submitting an application, members of the board would try to dissuade the individual from applying, therefore trying to avoid public embarrassment of that person at the Review Board. It may sound rather callous, but better to save face privately than publicly. Once the board has made its decision, the announcement of acceptance is made that evening to those assembled.

The last step before becoming an official candidate is that the accepted applicants for the office of Emperor and Empress must make a presentation at the Official Introduction of Candidates Gala. If a candidate does not appear that evening, then they are disqualified from the race. If a candidate did not make their required presentation, it would be looked upon as though that per-



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agement of the Midnight Sun. Every cent taken in that night from either bar sales or tips was donated to the Foundation. The staff volunteered its time and worked in two different shifts so all who wanted to work to help raise money were able to do so. It's this kind of commitment to fighting the AIDS/ARC epidemic that gives the rest of us hope that we will win the war, not just the battles. My congratulations to all at the Midnight Sun and a big thanks to all of you who came out that night to support this worthwhile cause.

IN MEMORY

Our community was saddened by the passing of Karl Stewart, a former columnist of the B.A.R. and the David Society's Network magazine. Karl passed quietly from this world Wednesday, Jan. 8, with his lover, Larry Hough, at his side. Karl and Diedre compiled the B.A.R. Bazaar Calendar which detailed all of the coming activities for the week in our community.

I met Karl during his tenure as a columnist for the B.A.R. He was active within the court system, having served as Emperor Rich Carle's campaign manager and later becoming a member of the cabinet of Rich's and my court. He served us admirably and we appreciated his help. In subsequent years, Karl worked with the various Royal and Imperial courts helping various candidates campaign for elective office. He was instrumental in Diedre's campaign for Empress last year. Karl was also active in the South of Market community, attending motorcycle runs and covering activities of the bike

clubs and of the leather community.

I'm sure Karl's presence will be missed by many, but he will always be remembered by those whose lives he touched. See you in that big leather bar in the sky and farewell 'till then.

UP AND COMING

Start making plans now for the Cable Car Awards to be held at the Giftcenter Saturday, Feb. 28. The Board of Directors has received all of the nominations for 1986 and the nominees will be printed later this month in the B.A.R. This year's event promises to be as spectacular as in previous years. Ticket information will be announced soon.

The Barbary Coasters will hold its annual Motorcycle Awards at the Showfolks of America Hall Saturday, Feb. 28. Currently, qualified individuals are in the process of voting for the nominees in various categories. To qualify, one must have attended a percentage of one-day intown and weekend motorcycle runs. During December, these same people were sent nomination ballots to nominate individuals and clubs for distinguished achievement in categories such as motorcycle field events, run shows, food, Rider and Buddy, and Man of the Year. This year's awards should be quite interesting, as many of the clubs worked very hard to put on some excellent events. More information about this will be forthcoming.

The Cheaters Motorcycle Club will present Convention 1986-87 Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Grand Ballroom of the International Center, 50 Oak St. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a pre-convention cocktail party hosted by Matthew Brown (1985's President of the Year). Tickets are \$8 in advance



Karl Stewart was a man of many talents. We'll miss you.

(Photo: Rink)

and \$10 at the door. Each motorcycle club can nominate and campaign for its president to be elected President of the Year. Like any convention, there is a lot of hoopla and in conventions past, it has been fun-filled. Contact Ms. Pigg at 431-4395 for ticket and/or table information. A no-host bar will be available. See you there!

DO DA DE

I would like to thank Mr. D. Harley for the lovely note about my column. It makes me feel my work is appreciated and gives me inspiration to continue. Again, thank you very much.

Whale watching season is in

full swing and they are there, right Scott? It was hard trying to find them with binoculars, so I gave up and looked for them with my bi-focals! Go out and whale watch and you'll have a whale of a time!

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Mine was nice and I enjoyed being around my friends. Just a note: if you have an event you would like me to list in my column, you can call and leave the information on my answering machine or send it to me in the mail. I suggest at least a month in advance, as I only write every other week.

That's it for now—hugs to all and take care. Aloha!

Course On AIDS Care

The Southeast Community College Center of San Francisco Community College announces a free training program to expand the knowledge of care givers for AIDS clients and other terminally ill patients. Course content will include the psychopathology of AIDS, common symptoms of AIDS, role of the care giver, community resources, etc. Students attend classes one night per week for a ten week period.

Classes begin Jan. 12 and are held Monday evenings, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Visiting Nurses' Association, 225-30th Street, near Dolores, San Francisco.

A Community College certificate will be awarded to students successfully completing the program.

Candidates must meet the following criteria: 1) 18 years or older, 2) San Francisco resident, 3) Care giver for the terminally ill or CNA certificate.

You may enroll at the first class session.

For further information, call Terry Bloom or the Allied Health office at 647-5557.

Archives Names New Director

The International Gay and Lesbian Archives is pleased to announce that Jack Carrel will replace David Grossman as project coordinator for the AIDS History Project.

Grossman, who had originally taken the project from a few files at the archives to one of the largest, most comprehensive collections of AIDS history and information in the country, left recently to take up residency in Hawaii.

Carrel comes to Los Angeles from Atlanta, where he was director of the Atlanta Gay Center. His background is in journalism and management, public relations, program development and community relations.

One of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1982, he was also student chair of the Association of College Unions International, managing editor of *Ole Miss Magazine* in Oxford, Mississippi, and has worked as a nursing home volunteer.

Volunteers can call the archives to donate their services at (213) 463-5450.

Mark Friese

Back From La La Land

Having just returned from a trip to La La Land to help sort out some domestic problems in my family—and they say we have problems—but having helped resolve that touchy circumstance has almost left me a blank as to what has been happening in this town, but fortunately the phone started ringing just in time to save the day!

I was sorry to have missed the services for Karl Stewart, and will miss him, as he always had stories to share and certainly helped in creating many of them with his wit and style. We have lost another brother, and yet gained another reason to press on in our fight against AIDS. And yes, Karl, we will do just that!

Tonight you can attend a talent show at the Endup, which is a benefit for the International Ms. Leather contest. It will start at 8 p.m. with a \$3 cover charge. This event is being produced by Mistress Kathy and all kinds of talent is encouraged. I myself am considering entering my distinguished Kazzoo concerto.

By now the candidates for Emperor and Empress have either been approved, or rejected, and they are all on their way to providing us with an onslaught of parties. I decided not to toss my hat in the ring after giving an awful lot of consideration to what is required of you for the year, providing you win, and I hope all the candidates have done the same. If you think it is all dressing up and doing pantomime you're wrong because the Emperor and Empress literally bust their asses during their reign. Good luck to all of the candidates for 1987!

Empress Sable will celebrate his/her birthday all this week, and there will be many parties which will be fundraisers for different charities.

Tonight will be a party at the Kokpit for Sable which will start at 8 p.m. with a balloon pop, casino royale, and other amusements for everyone. The Kokpit will also be having a Tupperware party this Sunday at 1 p.m. hosted by Helen Trent. I know a few people I'm going to drag down there so they can replace some of mine. They are also having female impersonator shows Friday, Saturday, and Sundays at 9 p.m., and thank you Kenny Allison for being one of my

phone calls.

This Saturday evening will be the presentation of candidates at the California Club, 1750 Clay, which will start promptly at 7 p.m., and we all know what promptly means don't we? Tickets are \$7 and are available at the Men's Room, Galleon, and the Kokpit, and advance purchase is advised because it is sure to be packed in for this function.

Have gotten the info for just two of the candidates' kick-off parties—get your secretaries organized—and the first is for Mr. Lee-Ona that will be at the Kokpit this Monday starting at 8 p.m. The second party is for Tina Tanner at Kimo's Thursday the 22nd starting at 8 p.m. also.

The Yacht Club on Polk Street is hosting a benefit auction for the Coming Home Hospice this Saturday starting at 2 p.m., and they have some great items to be auctioned off that day so make it a point to drop by.

Sunday evening you should definitely check out the City Cabaret, 401 Mason St., where Ed Fonesca will be performing at 8 p.m. There is a \$7 cover charge with a two-drink minimum, and for those of you who have heard Ed before you know he is well worth it! For reservations or more info call 441-7787.

Next Tuesday, the 20th, will be the first meeting of the year for the Tavern Guild. The meeting will be held at the Special on Castro starting at 1 p.m. It should be interesting to see the new developments that have occurred over the holiday.

This is a portion of a flier that was circulated by anonymous parties concerning a business in the Castro. Now I'm not saying who's right or wrong, but I am saying that making victims out of people who are suffering, or have died from AIDS, is wrong! The flier reads: "Please show this man our community will not accept, condone, or support the vultures and scavengers who are greedily descending upon us as the AIDS epidemic claims so many of our brothers. After all this could happen to someone you love!" Now many of you know the business this flier was circulated about, and it certainly tugs at the heart, but if we are to grow together as a community we have to get the facts straight and not take anonymous fliers as the truth. If we are truly an



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Forum Meeting, Chez Moller, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY 1/16
Sable's Fundraiser Party, S.F. Eagle, 8:30-11 p.m.

SATURDAY 1/17
Sable's Birthday Beer Bust, Transfer, 2-5 p.m., \$6.
Presentation of Imperial Candidates Gala, California Club, 7 p.m., \$7 donation.

SUNDAY 1/18
Tupperware Party, Kokpit, 1-4 p.m.

Gay Chorus Beer Bust, S.F. Eagle, 3-6 p.m., \$6.
Imperial Candidate Rick Manning Kickoff Party, High Chaparral, 4-7 p.m.
Sable's Official Birthday Party, Kimo's, 8 p.m., MC's Sissy and Marlina, show and buffet.

TUESDAY 1/20
Imperial Court Meeting, S.F. Eagle patio, 7 p.m. (note time change).
All Candidate Night, Polk Gulch, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 1/21
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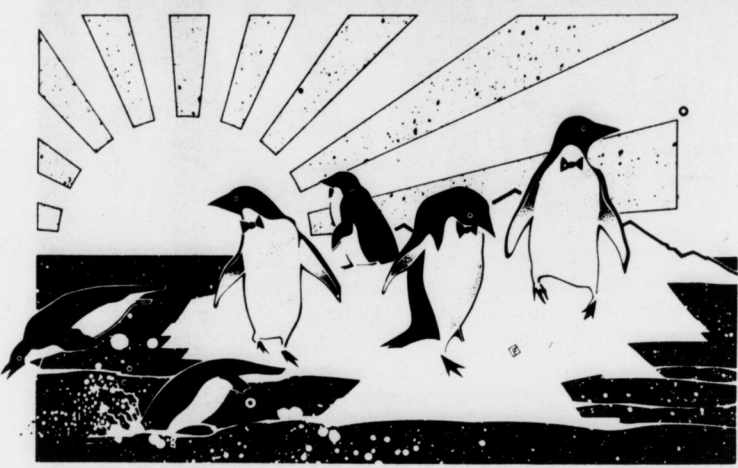
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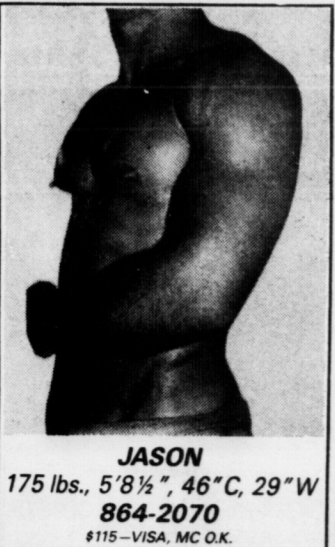


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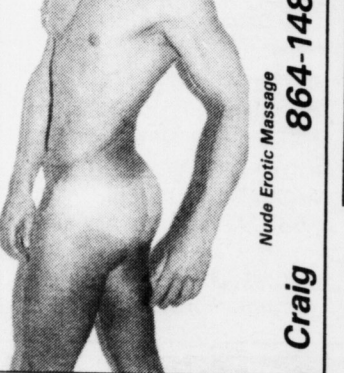
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PROFILE Daily Workout Important to Bramlage

by Paul Trefzger

David Bramlage will be 27 at the end of this month. He's 6'2" tall and weighs 175 pounds. He'd prefer to be 175, and he's working on it. "I work out every day," he told me, "at least an hour."

His intense training kicked in after he competed in Field events in Gay Games II, i.e. shot-put, javelin and discus. He's a member of the SF Track & Field Club.

He didn't do as well as he felt he could. "I noticed that most of the athletes were very strong and fit and if I expect to do better next time, I'm going to have to continue working out hard."

He was no slouch. "I got a silver in discus and a bronze in javelin."

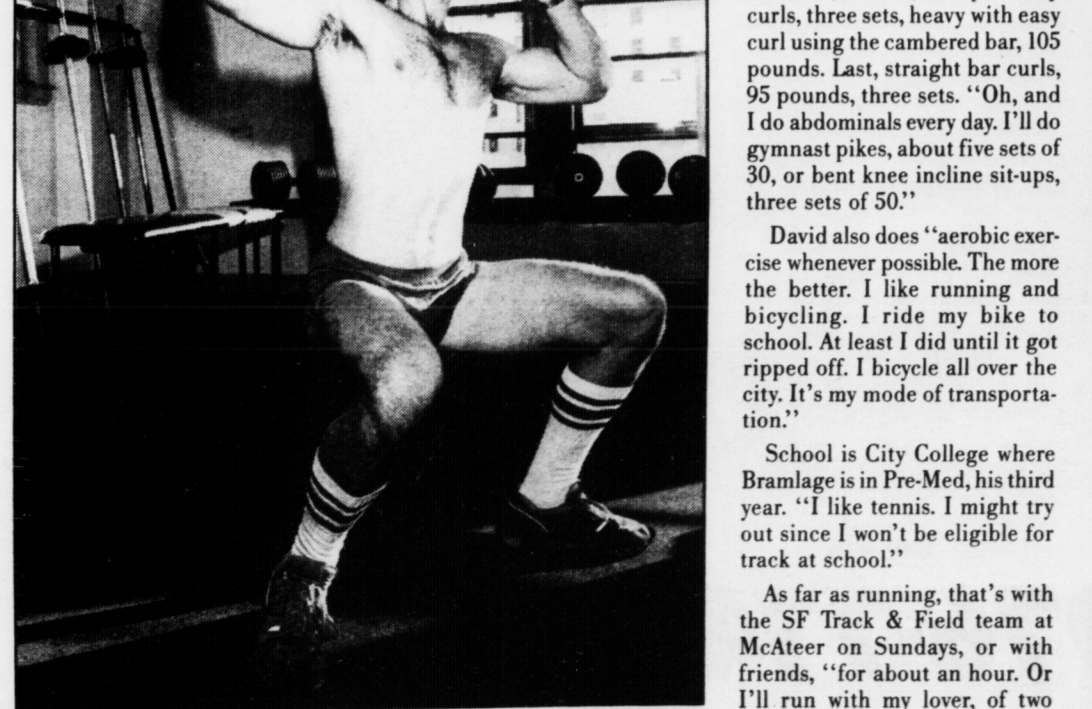
He is definitely anticipating Vancouver in 1990. David is an instructor at the Central YMCA. He can be found afternoons at the Nautilus area on the fifth floor.

For himself, free weights are more important. "I split my body's muscles into thirds," he said. "I work out a third each day. On the fourth day I start the cycle all over again. When I work out my legs, I like to do heavy leg presses instead of squats because I have a lower back problem."

Bramlage said he presses up to 400 pounds. He added, "I do a lot of lunges because they're great for my ass."

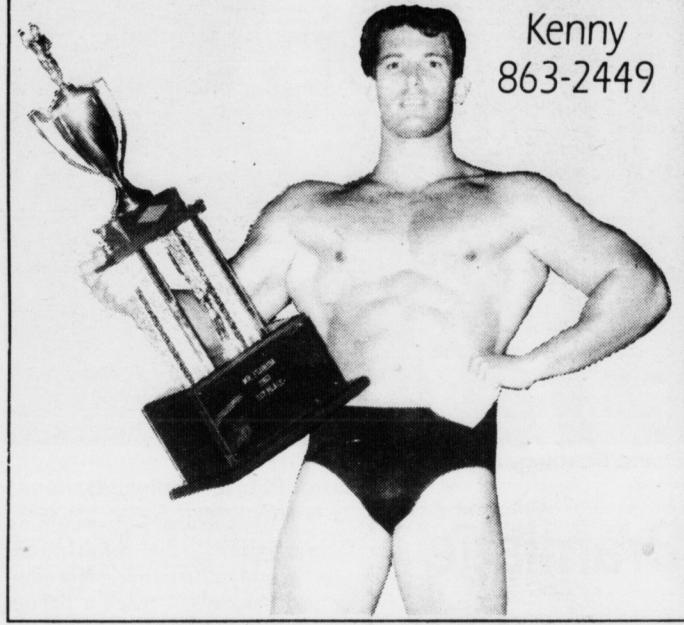
He does lunges with a 175-pound barbell. Then there are light narrow stance squats — 135 pounds, 20 to 30 reps, three sets.

Bramlage explained his chest, shoulder and tricep day: "I start with dumbbell flies; 55 pounds, 10 reps, five sets. Incline presses,



David Bramlage demonstrates how nutrition and exercise builds bodies 12 great ways (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

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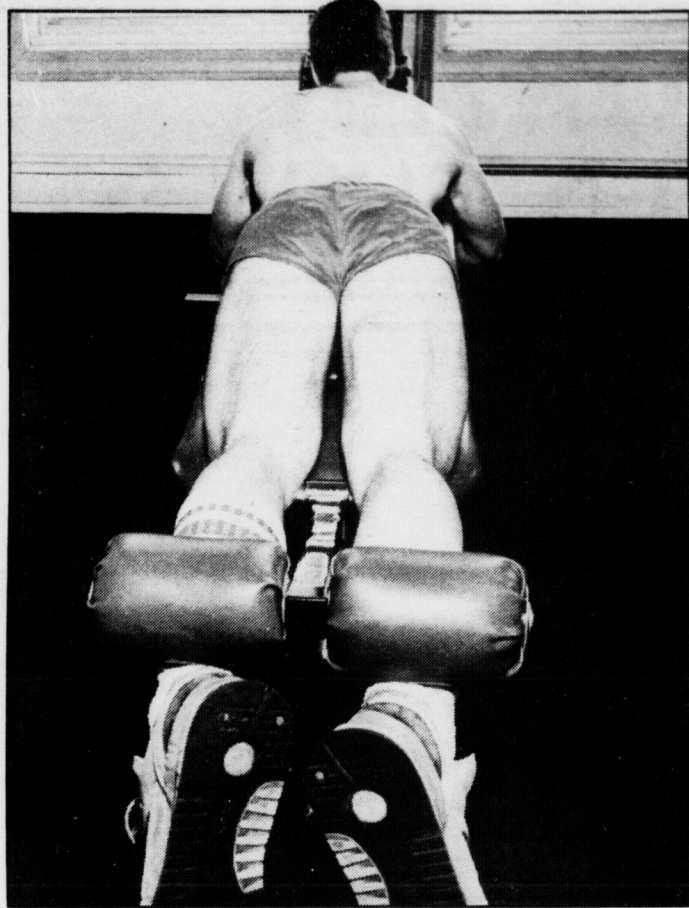
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Bramlage

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David elaborated on their relationship. "Living with this man," he said, "is like living with ten different experts because he has mastered at least ten different professions. I never have to look in the dictionary because Alan knows every word. It's true. There isn't a word I've ever come across — it's no exaggeration — because lawyers have to know a lot of words." More than French's mind appeals to Bramlage. "Well rounded is a good word to describe him... in more ways than one," he said with a smile.

David was born in Santa Barbara. He had no interest in sports in grammar and high school. "I was too interested in cars," he said. "... working on them. Still do. Well, not as much as I would if I had one." He spoke of one of his sources of income.

"I do personal fitness training part-time," he continued, "weight, nutrition, cardiovascular. Basically, I teach a person everything he or she needs to know to achieve their peak condition. I'm now working with a mother and her seven-year-old daughter who are both overweight."

"I know a lot of gay guys in this area who have the potential to be great bodybuilders but they don't know how to go about it," he added. "I feel that there are so many ripoffs out there that people need someone like me, who knows what he's talking about."

He said nutrition is his forte. "There are only a few do's and don'ts regarding exercising, but there are hundreds of things that you should know about nutrition and I profess to be an expert on all of them."

Finally, he added, "I guarantee results."

BOWLING

Getting To Know You...

by Jerry R. De Young

The holidays are past and the 1986 gay bowling vintage has been placed in the nostalgia keg to age and absorb character. Not to fret, The Clean-up Artists, the Pilsner Potlickers, will take care of The Leftovers.

The Tavern Guild Monday Bowling League stomped the first grapes of the new 1987 bowling season Jan. 5 when it recommenced the 86/87 Winter Season. While the new batch ferments, why not make yourself comfortable on Mary's Futons at one of the Wild Balls given by the Paradise Lounge and savor some delectable Capricorn Coffee served by the Whirl & Twirl Girls which, of course, is Better Natural. For that matter, you certainly won't have grounds to say Spare Us the dregs at a Cafe Commons get-together either.

Among the original entertainment presented at these lavish soirees will be Maud's Squad rendering a hearty Cock-A-Doodle-Do while The Pilsner Pointless Sisters Dive Inn a pile of Just Trax Trash (757 Medical will be standing by). Also, For Your Eyes Only, the Station Studs will simultaneously whang their Dicks At The Beach while wrapping a Wooden Horse Inside Out and, as a triumphant finale, the Rainbow Bears will dip their teeny-weensy Pin Pricks into the frigid Watering Holes of the Marina Resort. Awards By Chris and another sharp group, Sidney's Pinheads, will use Code Blue to determine the best act.

In addition to the sizzling cabaret scene, some pretty hot matches are igniting the bowlers' imaginations. For instance, the Tavern Guild Monday League 220+ers of 1/5 burned up the lanes while providing the following glowing examples of heated competition.

Lowell Hills	212
Mal Garcia	212
Jeff Ingels	210
Roger Spencer	205
Frank Hecher	203
Gerry Downs	202
Ljubo Fliskovic	202

In conclusion, Park Bowl has reserved Sunday, March 1, for gay bowling league members to participate in the Team event of the San Francisco Bowling Association's annual city-wide tournament. The Doubles and Singles events will be held at Castle Lanes on the weekends of March 7-8 and 14-15. See Mal Garcia or Randy Peterson for more details and/or forms.

Since the gay bowling leagues were first acknowledged as a distinct sporting entity by the SFBA several years ago, their members have done very well in these annual city-wide competitions. Therefore, this year, let's plan on making another impressive showing, both in numbers and talent. After all, many of the finest bowlers in the city are Tavern Guild and Community League members.

PARK BOWL TAVERN GUILD BOWLING LEAGUES

Team Standings

S.F. WOMEN'S BUSINESS LEAGUE (Week 14 of 26 - as of 1/4/87)		
1. Awards By Chris	35	17
2. Express Comp.	34	18
3. Park Bowl	34	18
4. Mona Tong Realty	32	20
5. Amelia's	32	20
6. Olive Oil's	31½	20½
7. Artemis Cafe	30	22
8. Francois Coffee	28½	23½
9. Spare Us	26	26
10. Cassidy Cabinets	25½	26½
11. Jeffes & Associates	24	28
12. Mary's Futons	24	28
13. Maud's Squad	23	29
14. SF Reporting	23	29
15. Sidney's Pinheads	22½	29½
16. Women's Trng Ctr	21½	30½
17. Cafe Commons	19	33
18. Code Blue	19	33
19. About Paper +	18½	33½
20. Better Natural	16	36

S.F. CAPRICORN COFFEE (Week 11 of 22 - as of 12/17/86)		
9. Capricorn Coffee	23	21
10. CC Riders	23	21
11. Mus/Nic Construction	22½	21½
12. Inside Out	22	22
13. Rainbow Bears	21	23
14. 757 Medical	21	23
15. Station Go Aheads	20	24
16. The Club	18	26
17. Pin Tweakers	16	28
18. Team #10	15	29
19. Welcome Home	14	30
20. The Hula Associates	13	31

TAVERN GUILD WEDNESDAY LEAGUE (Week 11 of 22 - as of 12/17/86)		
1. Play With It, Ltd.	32	12
2. The Leftovers	32	12
3. Park Bowl	32	12
4. Ram's Head Bar	30	14
5. Whirl & Twirl Girls	30	14
6. Pilsner Pin Guins	28	12
7. S.F. Eagle	27½	16½
8. Dicks At The Beach	24½	19½
9. Pilsner #1	23	21
10. OTR Again Travel	22	22
11. Pendulum Pandas	21	23
12. DK's Umentionables	21	23
13. Marina Resort	20½	23½
14. Pilsner Potlickers	20½	23½
15. Quate Tita's	18½	25½
16. For Your Eyes Only	18½	25½
17. Pointless Sisters	17½	26½
18. Opus 1	16	28
19. Village Buddies	16	28
20. Specialettes	13	31
21. Pin Pricks	11½	32½
22. Gutter Girls	9	35

THURSDAY TAVERN GUILD LEAGUE (Week 12 of 22 - as of 1/8/87)		
1. Park Bowl	33	15
2. Play With It, Ltd.	31	17
3. Belden 22	31	17
4. Sticky Bun Bears	30	18
5. Trocadero	30	18
6. Paradise Lounge	29	19
7. Wooden Horse	28	16
8. Dive Inn	28	20
9. The 69 Club	25½	22½
10. Cock-A-Doodle-Do	25	23
11. S.F. Eagle	24	24
12. Wild Balls	24	24
13. Just Trax	23	25
14. Inside Out	2	25
15. Trax Trash	20½	27½
16. PB Wrong #'s	20	28
17. Spare Us	18	30
18. Crescent City Cafe	17½	30½
19. Station Studs	17	27
20. Capricorn Coffees	16	32
21. Superstar Video	15½	32½
22. The Clean-up Artists	15	33

Compiled by Jerry R. De Young

Cafe San Marcos Softball Practice

The first practice for both the women's and the co-ed Cafe San Marcos softball teams will be held Sunday, Jan. 18. To join either team, call the Cafe San Marcos at 861-3846 for more information.

The Gay Softball League season begins in two months and rosters for both teams are still open. Join in on the fun of traveling to tournaments, among other things. See you Sunday!

BOOKS

Latin Endeavor

The Young Sailor and Other Poems by Luis Cernuda
Gay Sunshine Press, \$7.95

by Paul Reed

Ranking alongside other great Spanish poets like Octavio Paz and Pablo Neruda, the author of this volume of poetry is hardly ever

renowned as a gay poet. But gay he was, and here, for the first time translated into English by Rick Lipinski, are Cernuda's homoerotic poems.

The collection is substantial — but not so much for its length or scope so much as its depth. Cer-

nuda's poetry dives deeply into the emotion of melancholy, producing in the reader an emotional response that feels like a sigh.

Consider these verses from the poem "The Wind and the Soul" (from the volume *Living Without Being Alive*): "But it is not the wind that keeps/you awake, but another force/That today your body is a prison/Once free wind, and it remembers."

The book includes a short introduction by the translator, who sketches Cernuda's life and work and firmly plants him in the great tradition of Spanish poetry. Writing about Cernuda's homosexuality, Lipinski notes: "... until recently critics either avoid, discount, or accord grudging importance to Cernuda's gayness. When they do acknowledge the gay element of his poetry, they focus only on his surreal period

... then go on to extrapolate Cernuda's homoerotic references to love in general..."

Here, for the first time then, is a presentation of Cernuda's work in a frankly gay context — including 11 erotically charged illustrations by Alex Kouvel. The publisher of Gay Sunshine Press continues to bring out works of gay Latin authors, and this volume is yet another fine contribution to that endeavor.

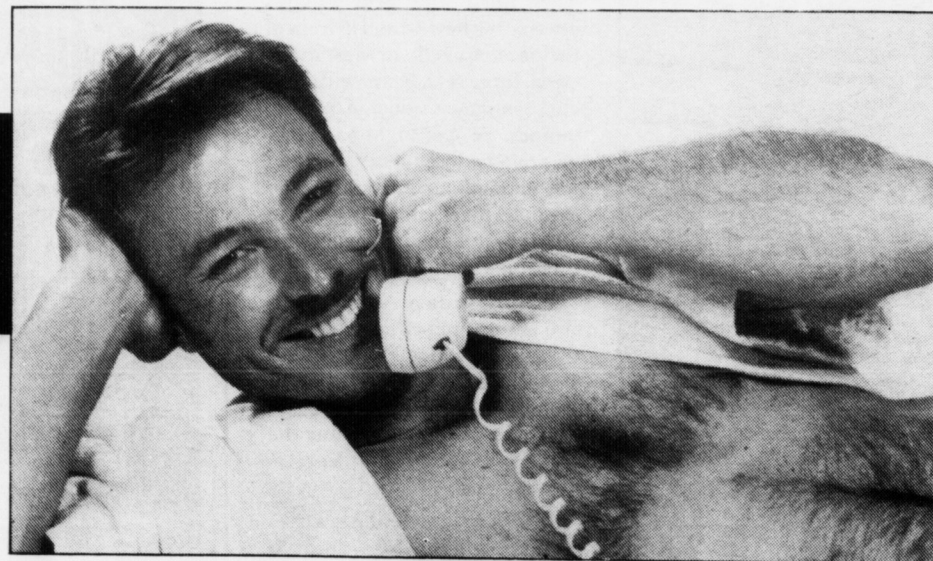
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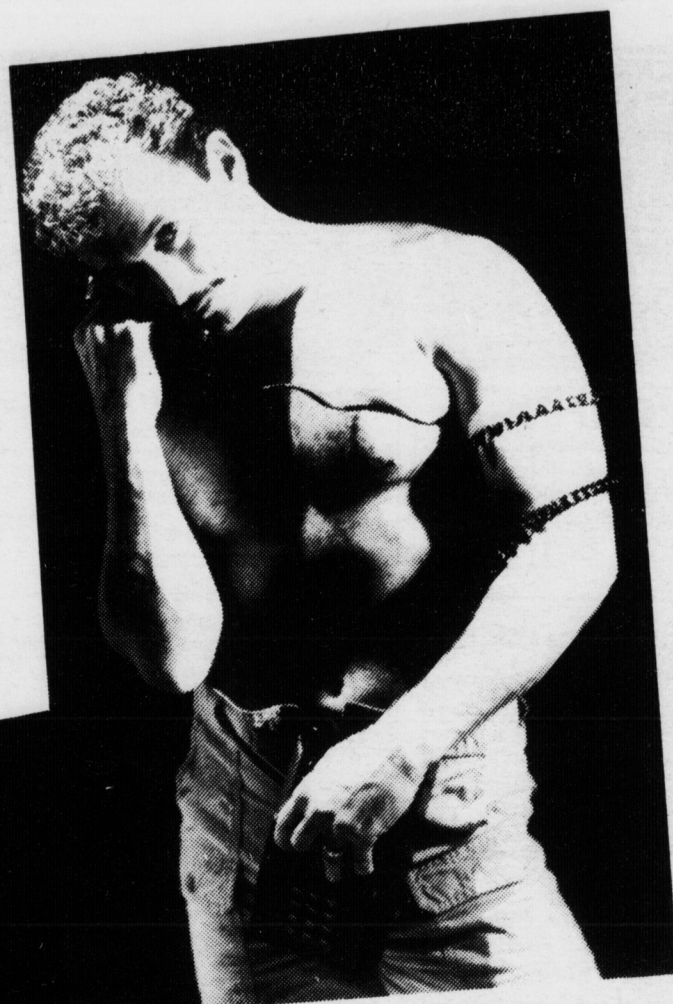
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Blue Cross Pays Up On New Therapy

Insurer Says Case Not Precedent; May Help Experimental Treatments

by Ray O'Loughlin

In what may be a breakthrough on the medical costs of treatment for AIDS and AIDS Related Conditions (ARC), Blue Cross of California has decided to re-imburse Bruce Silva, who has ARC, for treatments he received but are not approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

After lengthy negotiations from August to December 1986, Blue Cross told Silva that they will pay for his transfer factor treatments, an intravenous treatment that boosts the immune system.

Silva was delighted over the Blue Cross ruling. "It's been an uphill battle to get therapy," he said. "There is just no way I could get this treatment without the insurance."

Silva said that the treatment, which costs \$170 each time, has improved his energy level enabling him to continue working.

But according to Blue Cross, Silva's troubles are not over with the health insurance giant.

"We are making payments to him and have authorized payment for all bills to date," Kathleen Hawes of Blue Cross' customer service department told Bay Area Reporter, "but we will not be paying for future services of this sort." She said the action represented no change in their policy of paying only for treatments recognized as standard practice.

Blue Cross, said Hawes, had paid for Silva's treatments "in error" and had decided not to try to recover the money from him. "This is not to be considered a precedent-setting ruling," emphasized Hawes.

Silva's attorney, Katherine M. Franke of the Legal Aid Society's AIDS and Employment Project, called the move precedent setting nonetheless.

"Blue Cross saying that this is not precedent setting means nothing," said Franke. "This will make it easier for the next person even if their policy says only FDA approved treatments are covered."

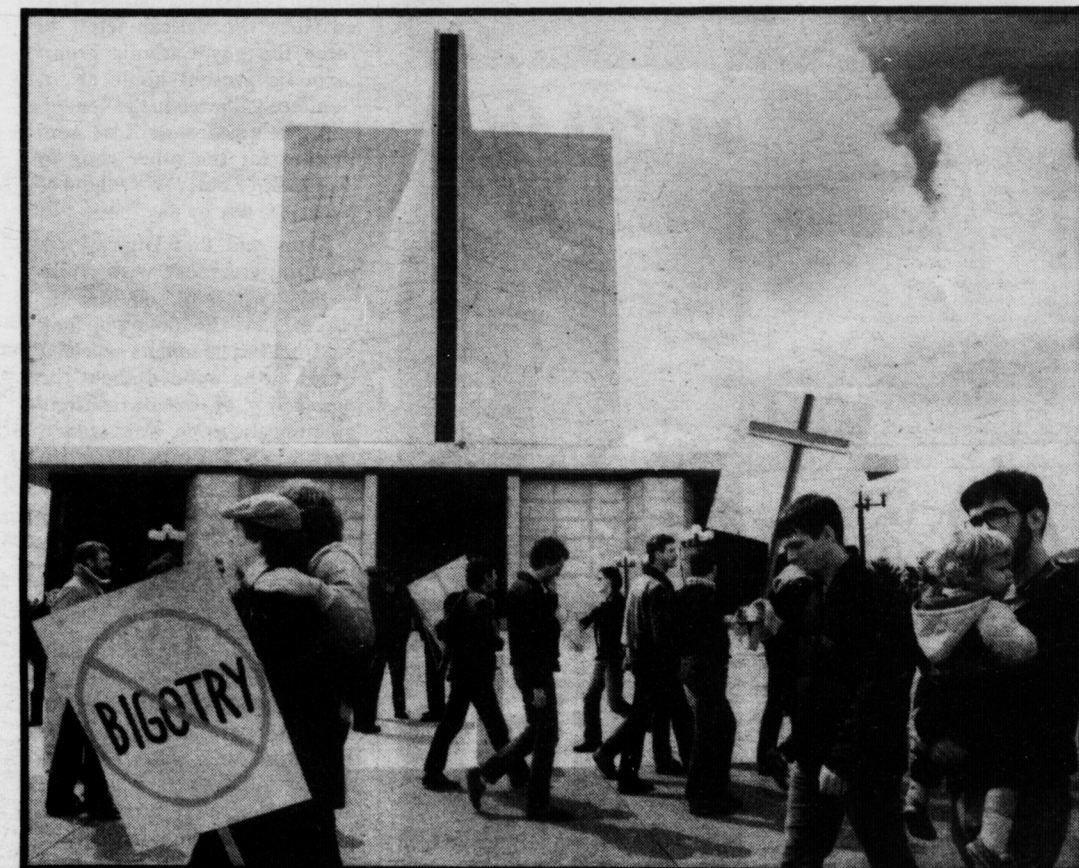
Franke cited a 1983 U.S. district court ruling that upheld a person's right to have the cost of laetrile treatments picked up by insurance even though the cancer therapy was not FDA approved and regarded as experimental. The court ruled, said Franke, that the term "experimental" was too broad to use in denying coverage.

"This settlement represents a major victory for all people with AIDS and ARC, most of whom have experienced some degree of resistance from insurance companies in covering their AIDS and ARC related expenses," said Franke.

"Since at this time there is no cure for AIDS, in the eyes of insurance companies, virtually all AIDSARC treatments are experimental," she added.

According to a medical social worker at a Bay Area hospital, the problem that Silva faces is "very common."

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The protests could continue at St. Mary's Cathedral (Photo: Rink)

'No John Paul II,' Say Politicians

Wahl Threatens Lawsuit

by Charles Lineberger

Recent Vatican pronouncements on homosexuality have led to increasing fears that Pope John Paul II's trip to San Francisco this fall will lead to an angry confrontation. From gay Catholics to gay political leaders, the city and the gay community are gearing up for such a confrontation.

"There's an assurance that there will be demonstrations if he comes to town," said Rick Pacurar, the president of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club.

"There's absolutely no way we can allow him to come to our city after the way he has made more miserable the lives of millions of gay people around the world."

Pacurar added, "this Pope has been more obsessed with this subject than any of his predecessors and he has shown very little compassion, especially on the AIDS crisis."

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'The city's gay rights ordinance forbids the city from contracting with organizations that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.' —John Wahl (Photo: Rink)

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Science Reveals How Virus Blocked

Targets For Therapy Now Possible; Vaccine Trials In Near Future

by Brian Jones

NEWPORT BEACH, CA—Researchers last week reported major medical advances in fighting AIDS. Experts from a dozen nations gathered here at an international conference to report on their progress. They announced advances at every level of AIDS prevention and treatment.

• U.S. officials said they probably will have an experimental AIDS vaccine within a year. This news was important to people at risk for AIDS, who have not yet been infected.

• Scientists demonstrated how a drug called AZT interferes with the action of the AIDS virus. AZT appears to prevent the virus from taking over immune-system "helper" cells which it has in-

"Our basic molecular research has defined a number of targets for therapeutic intervention . . ."

—Dr. William Haseltine

vaded.

AZT cannot reverse the immune system damage already caused by the virus. However, the drug seems to halt the virus from further eroding the human immune system. This news was important to people with full-blown AIDS, or those with high-level AIDS-Related Conditions (ARC).

• A California drug maker reported details on the effects of a medicine called ribavirin. Ribavirin appears to restore the immune system by increasing the number of immune system cells. However, so far it is unclear how ribavirin works.

Ribavirin has demonstrated the greatest effect among people with low-level ARC, and among those who are positive for the virus but who are mostly healthy.

When will these advances reach the people who need them? There was progress here too.

In Washington, the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave initial approval to AZT. An FDA panel of scientists urged licensure for the drug. Licensure is now expected within weeks.

Use of ribavirin would be (Continued on page 16)