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Army of Whistle Blowers Stops 4 Youths Teens Chase Man on Castro; Muni Driver Accused of 'Assisting' Getaway Attempt

by Will Snyder

For years, Community United Against Violence (CUAV) has been urging people to blow whistles when violence appears imminent. On Friday night, May 1, an army of people on Castro Street blew the whistle on four youths.

The results of the whistle-blowing were mixed. The good news was that the unity of an enraged community prevented possible anti-gay violence. The bad news was that the youths were released to their parents because no official complaints were filed against them.

Another bit of bad news involved an alleged confrontation between pedestrians who tried to keep the youths from leaving the Castro area and a Muni bus driver they allege was trying to assist the youths. A Muni spokesperson denied that bus driver Levon Bell was either trying to assist the youths or that he was using abusive language against the pedestrians.

The youths, who were not named because they are between the ages of 13 and 17, were on the 24-Divisadero bus at 9:45 p.m. According to witnesses, they were sticking their heads out of the bus windows and screaming, "Faggots!" When one young man yelled back at the youths, they poured off the bus and began to chase him.

What the youths didn't count on, how-



An angry bus driver, Levon Bell, is questioned by police on Castro Street. (B.A.R. Photo: Brian Jones)

ever, were the whistles — about 20 of them.

Two of the whistle-blowers were B.A.R. contributing editor Brian Jones and a friend, Greg Nolan. The two men were customers in the Haagen-Dazs ice cream store, near 18th and Castro Sts., when they heard the shouting from the bus.

Jones said he went out on the street, where he witnessed the screaming exchange between the youths and the pedestrian, and the approach by the youths. He said he sensed danger.

"At that point it occurred to me to blow my whistle because it seemed like an attack on this fellow was about to happen," said Jones. "I started blowing my whistle."

Nolan said the response by others on Castro Street was "incredible." "These guys obviously saw they were in a tough situation so they started back up toward Market Street with the intent of getting back on the bus," Nolan said.

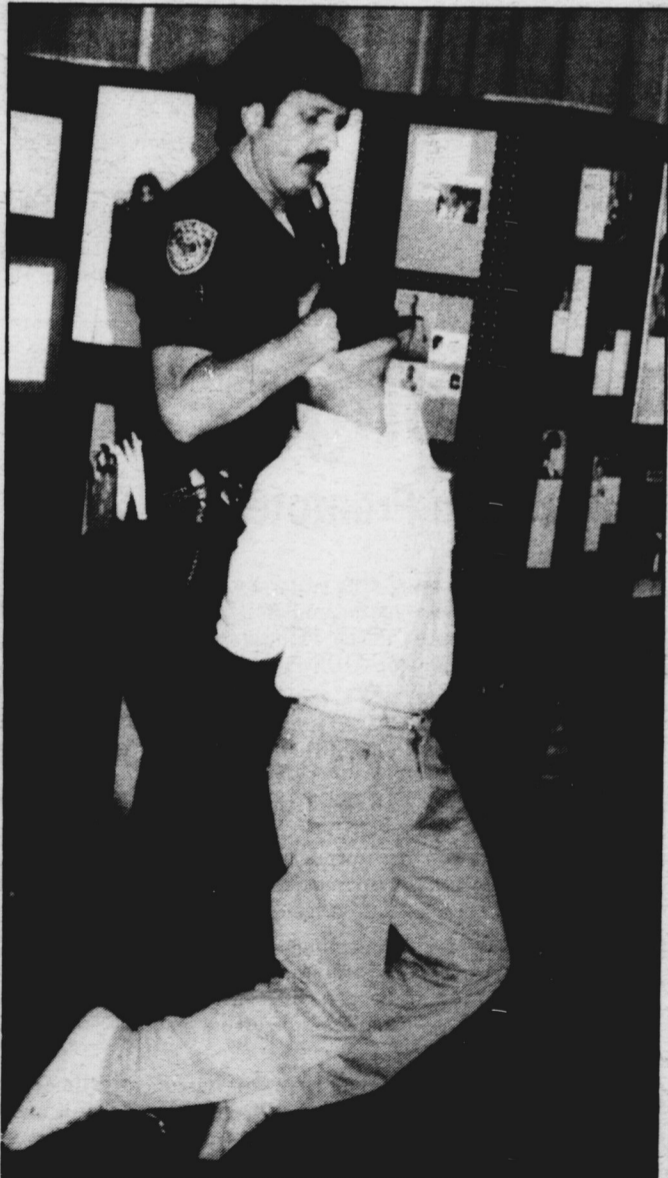
"The crowd was not about to let them get away with this stuff and followed them, still blowing their whistles, up Castro Street to Market," Nolan said.

Jones said that he urged others on the street not to let the youths get away, or "they'll assault somebody further up." Jones said that the youths boarded the bus at 17th and Castro.

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- City Hall and the Police Department talk about anti-gay violence. Allen White reports on p. 13
- Anti-gay violence increased in 1986, according to National Lesbian and Gay Task Force. Greg Douthwaite reports on p. 14.



A policeman puts a stop to a demonstrator's activities at the U.S. Federal Building Tuesday. Six demonstrators were arrested for reacting to a U.S. Dept of Labor rule which forced AIDS antibody testing for Job Corps applicants. Story on page 4.

(Photo: James Dusch)

Owners, Facing Jail Term, Close 21st St. Bathhouse

Out-of-Court Settlement With City Attorney Allows Operators to Avoid Stiff Penalties

by Charles Linebarger

Faced with jail terms and fines, owners of the 21st Street Baths pulled the plug. The last operating gay bathhouse in San Francisco closed on Monday, May 4.

In return, City Attorney Louise Renne agreed to drop legal action against the three bathhouse owners. Renne threatened up to 70 days in jail and a \$14,000 fine. Renne charged the owners with violating a December, 1984 court order banning contact sex in sex-related establishments. A hearing had been set for May 11 on Renne's request for a contempt-of-court citation, but has now been canceled.

Tom Steel, the attorney for 21st Street Baths, said, "I negotiated with Renne through one of her assistants. And frankly it's my belief that it's the mayor who makes the decisions in this case. She was the one who was behind the original bathhouse closure move."

The 21st Street Baths is owned by John Acmoody, William Estep, and David Anderson. The three had been charged with violating a 1984 court order issued by S.F. Superior Court Judge Roy Wonder. The order specified the rules under which gay bathhouses and sex clubs in the city must operate in an attempt to curb the spread of AIDS.

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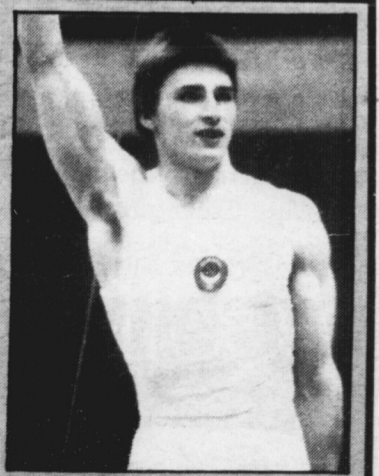
Today

Pedals: Nearly 1,000 bicyclists are expected to compete in the 1987 AIDS Bike-A-Thon. Jay Newquist has the story on page 3.

Forgiveness: That's what Rev. Troy Perry has for Jim and Tammy Bakker. Steve Warren reports on page 16.

Applause: Won't you be my Valentin? Russian gymnast Valentin Mogilny waves to a crowd at US-USSR gymnastics meet. For another look at this young man in action, turn to page 36.

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Last Bath

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The bathhouse owners were accused of not properly monitoring the bath's patron, thus allowing them to engage in high-risk sexual activity.

Renne sent private investigators from the Hal Lipset Service, 2509 Pacific Ave., into the bathhouse to report on sexual activity.

The Lipset private eyes said in a report that "high-risk sex," as defined by the court order, was taking place in the 21st Street Baths. Wonder's order defines high-risk sex as any contact of the penis or anus of one person with the mouth or penis of another.

LAST IN A LINE

A superior court judge in Los Angeles, ruling on nearly identical sex-ban rules there, declared the rules unconstitutional and threw them out of court. L.A. maintains several operating gay bathhouses.

Randy Stallings, former president of the Toklas Democratic Club and a consultant for the 21st Street Baths, decried the closing of the last gay sex club in the city.

Stallings recounted the history of bathhouse closures for B.A.R. At the time when Mayor Dianne Feinstein began her crusade to close the bathhouses under the banner of stopping the spread of the AIDS epidemic, the city had 11 gay baths and sex clubs.

Stallings reeled off their names: "There was the Hot House, Sutro, Liberty Baths, Dave's, Ritch Street, Club Baths, 21st Street, the Cauldron, Animals, the Slot and Bootcamp."

"The Hot House closed first in 1983," Stallings said. "The last three to go were the Club Baths, which closed a year ago this month; Animals, which closed last fall, and the Slot, which closed right after the Club last summer."

Stallings said he was sad to see the 21st Street Baths close. He said he felt it was wrong to take away from gay men the right to decide where, with whom—and how—they would congregate.

"Our right over our own bodies is a very basic one," said Stallings. "But most people don't agree with me anymore. This horrible nightmare has made some people question their own sexuality."

BUSINESS DOWN

According to Steel, 21st Street Baths, even though it was the last operating gay bathhouse in San Francisco, was seeing nothing like the business that it had catered to in its heyday, when it had nine rivals. Steel said the bathhouse was down to 30 customers a day before the city brought suit against its owners.

Said Steel, "At its peak in the late '70s each of the baths had hundreds of visitors a day. There are studies showing that 85 percent of gay men in San Francisco have been to a bathhouse at least once."

Steel said the closure of the baths and sex clubs had led to an increase in "tearoom" activity.

Steel said that, as an attorney, he gets calls when people are arrested. "When you have 70 people arrested in one week at one tearoom, that's quite a number."

"Here in San Francisco this is the end of the bathhouses for the time being," said Steel.

"The reason for the settlement was not that the owners were afraid of being closed or losing the suit—it was simply not seeing any future in operating a bathhouse in San Francisco," Steel said. "They didn't have any motive to fight this case since they had so little to win. There just isn't much interest in going to the baths in San Francisco today."

Renne Runs For Mayor

City Attorney Louise Renne, in office just nine months, announced Wednesday that she is a candidate for mayor in the upcoming fall election. Renne announced her candidacy despite opposition from Mayor Dianne Feinstein — who is largely responsible for Renne's rise through the ranks of city politics.

Renne joined the Board of Supervisors in 1978 when Feinstein appointed Renne to her own seat, made vacant when Feinstein assumed the mayoralty in the aftermath of the assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

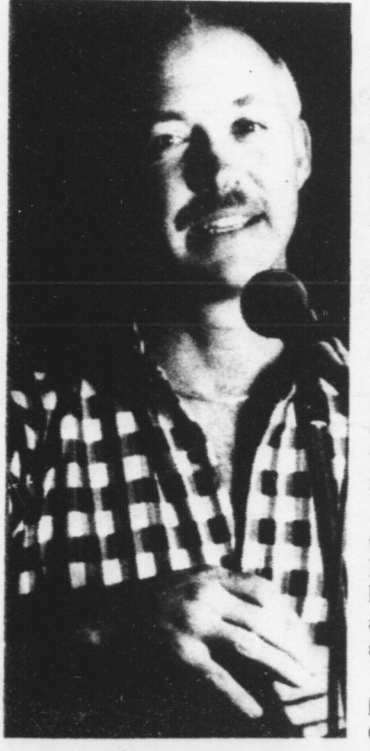
Renne was reelected twice. When City Attorney George Agnost died nine months ago, Feinstein again advanced Renne's career — appointing her to the three-and-a-half years of Agnost's unexpired term.



Louise Renne (Photo: Rink)

'Folk's Songs'

Entertainer Uses Rock To Promote Safe Sex



Bill Folk

Bill Folk, award-winning song writer and musician, will introduce a rock version of the message he promotes: Stop the Epidemic — Play It Safe! As the Executive Director of one of the foremost AIDS prevention organizations, the Stop AIDS Project, Folk helped to develop a model grassroots community awareness program that is being duplicated around the country as well as abroad. The concept of "safe sex," unheard of even a few years ago, is now commonplace in San Francisco because of AIDS prevention programs.

Formerly taboo, safe sex is a current topic on TV talkshows, a subject in the "Lifestyles" section of family papers, and now the focus of a new rock song Folk has written as part of a two-hour program he will present in concert on Friday and Saturday, May 8-9, at Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street.

Said Folk, "safe sex is being promoted with remarkable success, using everything from fortune cookies to bumper stickers, from South of Market clubs to public school health care programs; it's about time we use another American medium to promote safe sex — the world of rock and roll."

Working for the Stop AIDS Project, Folk has had little time for the take-off musical career he launched at Bright Moon Records in 1981. His singing style includes elements of folk, light rock and country ballads, and he finds strong support from both American and foreign audiences. However, Folk is better known in the entertainment industry as a lyricist.

Motivated by both tragic and happy memories of lost friends and lovers, Folk has dedicated his performances to the memory of Terry Omer, a Stop AIDS Project volunteer and close friend.

Proceeds from the event (\$8 in advance, \$10 at the door) benefit the Stop AIDS Project.

It's Bike-A-Thon Time!

The Goal: \$500,000 For AIDS Charities
The Cast: Nearly 1,000 Bicyclists!

by Jay Newquist

They're ready to roll this Saturday, May 9—close to 1,000 cyclists—and they'll pedal to help raise an estimated \$500,000 for 11 AIDS charities during the 1987 AIDS Bike-A-Thon.

The tally of riders reached 935 earlier this week, but the Different Spokes Bicycle Club expected the count to hit 1,000 when the first wave of bicycles leaves 19th and Collingwood at 7:30 a.m.

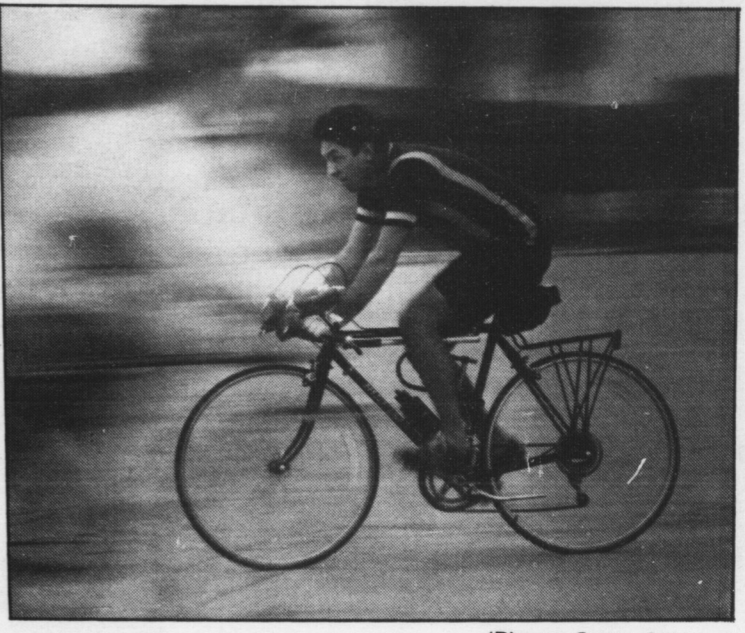
The premiere challenge is a 100-mile ride through Marin County that will be led off by Gene McCutcheon, who was seriously injured in last year's Bike-A-Thon, but has fully recovered.

The 60-mile tour of San Francisco and Marin will be kicked off at 9:30 a.m. by Commander Michael Lennon, formerly of the Mission Police Station, five captains, and 34 police officers.

A staggered start from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is scheduled for the 25-mile route through San Francisco. There are a total of eight rest stops along the three routes for the cyclists where fresh fruit and beverages are being offered.

These rest stops are staffed by 125 support personnel, including representatives from the Metropolitan Community Church (Golden Gate Chapter), Bay Area Career Women and Gay Sierrans.

The GGBA will provide transportation to the various sites and the San Francisco Radio Club will stay in contact with road monitors at various points along the way.



(Photo: Scott O'Hara)

The premiere challenge is a 100-mile ride through Marin County.

Marin County Ambulance will provide medical help and another 11 medical people will donate their services. At least 12 masseurs and masseuses will be on hand to help the cyclists recover.

The hard work of the cyclists will be greeted by a buffet feast and entertainment that will last from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Eureka Valley Playground.

The buffet menu is being donated by: Affair to Remember, Sutter's Mill, Just Desserts, Marsha's Marvelous Desserts, Mrs. Field's Cookies, The Square, The Metro, Walgreen's, Orphan Andy's, Church St. Station, and Grenier Beverage, among many.

Also on board to soothe the savage ligaments will be comedians Tom Ammiano, Marga Gomez and Danny Williams. They will be joined by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, Men About Town, Barbary Coast Cloggers, San Jose Spurs, Menage, and the Foggy City Dancers.

The 1987 AIDS Bike-A-Thon coordinator is Tom Walter.

The post-event entertainment will be handled by Michael Clark, who directed the Procession of the Arts at the Gay Games. Bob Humason is in charge of the buffet as well as finances. Bob Munk assisted with fundraising.

Karry Kelley is coordinating the more than 300 Bike-A-Thon volunteers. The logistics of the road, rest stops and medics are assumed by Matt Algeri, Matt O'Grady and Charlene O'Neil.

Parade Youth Meeting On May 21

The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Youth Committee will hold its first meeting Thursday, May 21, at 3412 22nd Street at 7 p.m. All gay and lesbian youth under 25 are urged to attend. Contact Michael at 978-9047 for further information.

GGBA Sponsors Gourmet Showcase

The Golden Gate Business Association presents its first-ever "Gourmet Showcase" and cocktail party at Sutter's Mill, 77 Battery Street, San Francisco, on Thursday, May 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Representatives from 18 food, beverage, florist, catering and party businesses will be on hand to tempt GGBA members and their guests with an array of entertainment and dining ideas. Everything from Hors d'oeuvres to floral arrangements, chili to desserts; even entertainment packages and product samples will be waiting to be tasted, sipped, viewed and admired.

The "Gourmet Showcase" is part of the regular series of monthly events sponsored by GGBA to provide an opportunity for members and prospective members to meet in a relaxed atmosphere. Whether for business or pleasure, plan now to make contact with GGBA.

Scheduled participating businesses are: Just Desserts, Sutter's Mill, Don Ramon's, Leticia's, Catering With Style, Bon Appetit Catering, A New Leaf Florist, Nelson & Associates, Great Earth Vitamins, Tarts Inc., Alvesta's Chili Company, T. Marasco Selections, The Comstock Club-Woods Resort, Murder Unlimited, Food-service, Continental/Avard, Fidelity's Fabulous Fudge, Teddy Bears, and Metro/Square Restaurants.

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According to (Fair Employment and Housing) department officials, it takes four to five months before an investigation begins. For some with AIDS, "five months could be half a person's life," according to attorney Katherine Franke (left).

(B.A.R. Photo: Brian Jones)

State Sits On Kears Case

'They're Waiting For People To Die': Franke

by Tim Taylor

California's Department of Fair Employment and Housing was rocked last week by charges that it is giving short shrift to complaints involving AIDS discrimination. Katherine Franke, a public interest attorney, angrily accused the department of "sitting on cases and waiting for people to die before they can be resolved."

Franke, who works for the AIDS Employment Project, alleged that her client, Bruce Kears, was fired by Neiman-Marcus after officials of the company learned he had AIDS. It is nearly five months since Kears first filed a complaint of discrimination against the retail giant, but the state has not started an active investigation of the case.

Franke's charge was supported by Benjamin Schatz, an attorney with National Gay Rights Advocates, who complained that a refusal by the department to investigate allegations made by one of his clients stemmed from "indifference, laziness or homophobia; I don't know which."

Schatz is representing Ken Snowden who has charged that a doctor hired by the Texas-based American Founders Insurance Company was verbally abusive, threatened him with physical violence and called him "faggot bastard" during a home interview.

VISIT TURNS UGLY

Papers filed with the department allege the

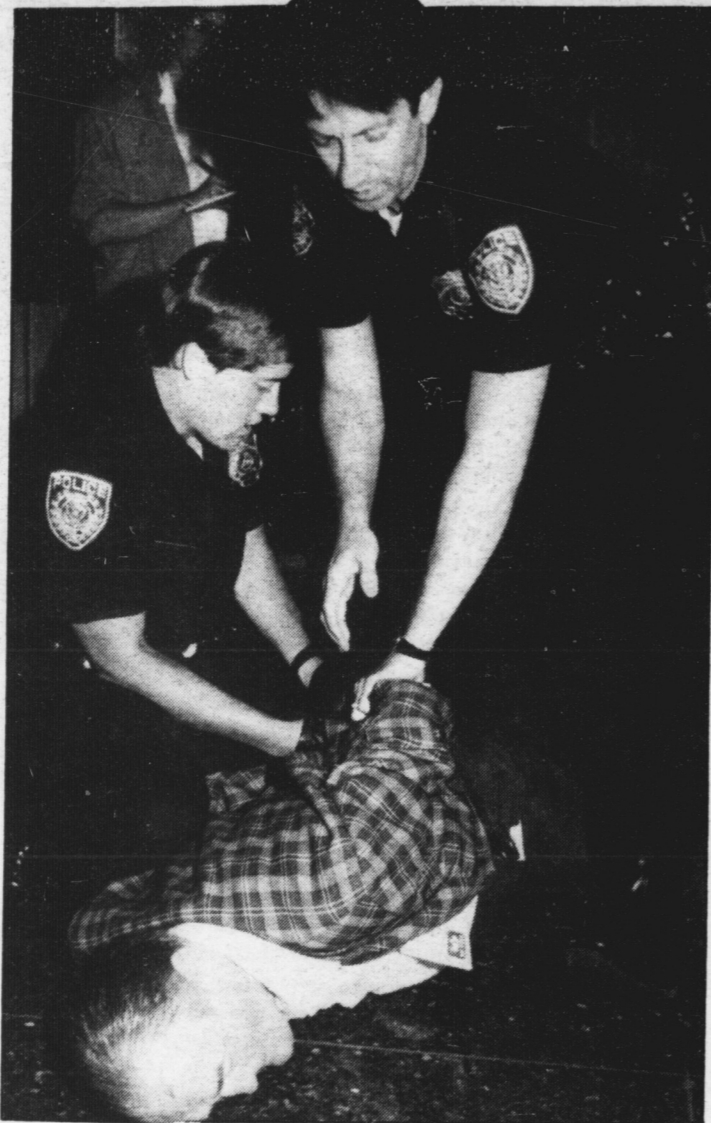
routine visit turned ugly after Snowden refused to sign a statement allowing the company to test blood and urine samples for HIV antibodies. The insurer had demanded this as a precondition for issuing a mortgage protection policy. Snowden's insurance application was later rejected.

The San Francisco district office of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing refused to open an investigation of the complaint after conducting a review Schatz characterized as "perfunctory." He appealed the action, but his request was turned down by the district's superiors in a terse, three-paragraph letter that offered no explanation for the decision.

In the Kears case, Franke asked for a quick hearing asserting that his shortened life expectancy made it possible he would not still be living by the time the department had completed the lengthy process of investigation, formal accusation, hearing and adjudication. According to department officials, it takes a minimum of four to five months before an active investigation begins. For someone with AIDS, "five months could be half a person's life," Franke said.

Meanwhile, Kears currently is able to work and is seeking the right to return to his job with full restoration of lost wages, seniority and benefits.

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Two police officers handcuff a demonstrator. (Photo: James Dusch)

Police Arrest 6 at AIDS Testing Sit-In

Citizens for Medical Justice Hit Job Corps on Forced Antibody Tests

Police arrested six people staging a sit-in at the San Francisco Federal Building in San Francisco Tuesday. The demonstrators, supported by 50 protesters outside, were reacting against a new U.S. Dept. of Labor rule which requires forced AIDS antibody testing for young people seeking to enter the Job Corps.

Those arrested were members of the Citizens for Medical Justice (CMJ), a group which staged a similar sit-in at Gov. George Deukmejian's office late last year

to protest the governor's vetoes of AIDS-related legislation and funding.

Police charged the CMJ members with disorderly conduct and blocking entrances. They were booked and released.

CMJ called the new federal testing rule "an illegal and dangerous precedent of rejecting all youth from entrance to the Job Corps residential program who test positive for exposure to the AIDS virus."

Said the group in a prepared statement, "Routine testing of teenage applicants to the Job Corps is dehumanizing, emotionally catastrophic to those who test positive and alienates those whom the Job Corps was designed to help."

The Job Corps provides job training to inner city youths between the ages of 16 and 20. It began the forced testing on March 1. As of April 15, the Job Corps had tested 6,985 people and 16 were found to be positive for exposure to the virus.

Those who tested positive were rejected from the residential program in order to segregate them from other Job Corps workers.

California State Law prohibits forced AIDS antibody testing, and the state labor agency has ruled that discriminating on the basis of AIDS antibody status is prohibited under existing non-discrimination laws concerning handicaps. However, federal officials argue that they are not bound by the state law.

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LETTERS

Jean Kovalich

★ Thanks to Jay Newquist for at last pointing out the real significance of this case of anti-gay employment discrimination by the federal government. As he says, the government, through the DOD, contends that "failure" by a lesbian or gay man to declare his or her homosexuality before being asked about it constitutes grounds for denial of employment opportunities (here, a promotion) as well as suspension from duties while the DOD conducts a long investigation regarding eligibility for a security clearance. This is the latest anti-gay policy of the Reagan administration; it was formally published as such in the Federal Register of April 8.

Unfortunately, Newquist's article contains two major errors of interest to gays generally, and another error that is grossly unfair to Kovalich. He wrote that gays generally get clearances "only after they went to court," but that has not been true since 1975. The present DOD policy allows gays to have ordinary Secret and Top Secret clearances, but only after unnecessarily long investigations and interviews. (This unfairness is being challenged in Federal Court here in High Tech Gays vs. Disco) Newquist also stated that the government would "love her back at her old job if she just said she wasn't gay," but that is hardly the case. What the director of the DOD agency did say was that his agency would look upon Kovalich with favor if she gave up her Lesbian lifestyle and promised to refrain from homosexual practice in the future.

Finally, the article illogically reports that Kovalich "would not conceal a gay person's identity so that he or she could obtain security clearance." Obviously, such concealment would result in the denial of the clearance on blackmail grounds applicable to "closet" homosexuals, since the DOD generally grants clearances to openly gay persons. That is, any attempt by Kovalich to slant a report in apparent favor of anyone, gay or non-gay, would only decrease that person's chances of getting a clearance.

The article also failed to mention that High Tech Gays (of San Jose) voted unanimously to support the Kovalich case from its Legal Defense Fund, and has already contributed \$100 to this litigation.

Thanks again to Jay Newquist for his informative article. The foregoing corrections are necessary to prevent B.A.R. readers from being misinformed about gay-related governmental policies and practices.

Richard Gayer
Gay Rights Lawyer
San Francisco

Let the Pope Visit

★ As a clergyman of the Independent Catholic Movement who is a person diagnosed with AIDS-Related Complex (ARC), I know that I could possibly be in an AIDS Hospice at any time. Given that circumstance, and in light of my ministry within the Gay Community for the past 30 years, I wish to offer my strong support for a visit by Pope John Paul II to an AIDS Hospice during his trip to San Francisco.

As part of the peacemaking and liberation-creating ministry of the Servant Synod of Ecumenical Independent Catholics of the Thomassine (Syro-Chaldean & Antiochean) and Mariavite Transmission—a faith affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person—the Community of the Love of Christ created a sacramental ministry in, of and to the gay community in 1946. I was ordained within that ministry in 1957.

After being ill since Dec. 1980, I was diagnosed with ARC in April, 1984. I realize that I can never be sure of when I will have a serious decline in health, and I could be in a hospice at the time of His Holiness' visit in September. As a non-schismatic dissident Catholic, I have several very serious disagreements with recent Vatican pronouncements; not the least of which in this context, is Cardinal Ratzinger's vicious denunciation of gay people. Nonetheless, if I were in an AIDS hospice I would certainly welcome the Pope's visit and the Papal blessing. I would hope to be able to enter into Christian dialogue with the Bishop of Rome concerning our disagreements.

The Prophet Isaiah enjoins us to "come, reason together;" and if we are to be truly compassionate as our God is compassionate, we must enter into loving dialogue, not animosity. Therefore, I strongly protest against the statements of those *soi disant* "leaders" of the gay community who would seek to prevent His Holiness' visit to San Francisco and/or to an AIDS hospice.

The Most Rev. Michael Francis-Maria Ikin, CLC, O.M.V., Thomassine & Mariavite Archbishop, San Francisco

Erroneous Reporting

★ Your excerpt from the National Catholic Reporter in your April 23 edition was inaccurate. David Gosling from the World Council of Churches' Church and Society Division made his remarks concerning the Vatican at a major Inter-Faith Conference on AIDS and ARC held last month at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Cathedral, and Temple Emmanuel. This event, which drew over 400 religious leaders and lay professionals was the result of a great deal of effort from a team of people representing many local groups including Shanti, the Parsonage, the AIDSARC Office of Catholic Social Services, St. Mark's, and the AIDS Interfaith Network... It was not held by the World Council of Churches, as you indicated.

Bob Nelson, Conference Chair
Inter-Faith Conference on AIDS/ARC
San Francisco

Fight Back

★ In regards to the recent violence against gays at Orphan Andy's and the young man in the Western Addition:

The time has come for more public service articles in the gay press offering self-defense training for our community. It is admirable as a community to be strong and united in numbers, but there are times when we aren't in great crowds and have to fend for ourselves. Being a victim gets old and I for one won't buy into that powerless position any longer. Let's take the slogan "Gay People Fight Back" one step further and do just that.

Norm Grimard
San Francisco

Grateful to Hippler

★ Your readers' response to Mike Hippler's column about Louise Hay was predictable in its controlled outrage, but where's the praise? I'm grateful for Hippler's candidness, and willingness to speak his mind, regardless of popular opinion. I almost wrote to compliment his efforts before reading the angry response. Now I am compelled not to defend him, but to air my approval.

Yes folks, a virus causes AIDS. This isn't a stress-related ailment we're dealing with, but a full-fledged epidemic. It isn't caused by homophobia, internalized, or otherwise. It can be prevented, but so far there is no cure.

I don't mean to sound pessimistic or cynical. I have had AIDS for three years and I eagerly await a cure. Holistic healers and attitudinal improvers are welcome in the effort, but sometimes their arrogance and blatant disregard of medical facts can be alarming.

Let's have more cooperation on all sides, if possible. After all, AIDS is the common enemy, isn't it?

Andy Frumarkin
San Francisco

Moving Ever Rightward

★ There seems to be some debate among the "experts" about the likelihood of marriage for single college-educated women over 30. Last fall, a study by Harvard and Yale researchers suggested that 80 percent of these women would forever remain single (sic). Now a marriage expert with the Census Bureau claims more than 90 percent of these women will marry (Chronicle, 5/1).

Why is this important to lesbians and gay men? Precisely because of the response the first report received and because of the "reassurances" given us by the second.

The institution of marriage in this country is collapsing (relative to its previous hegemony) because it is inoperable for many women and men. So what happens? Two researchers publish a study which shows this enormous (and, at least in their work, exaggerated) "problem." The result: many women who have been hit over the head an infinite number of times with the message that "finding a man for life" is the *sine qua non* of femininity become restless and panicky about their future. They know they are being judged failures. Then, along comes a representative of the state to tell not only that "all is well" but actually that "all is excellent (disregard that figure of 10 percent for homosexuals, 90 percent of our college educated women—few of whom are poor or women of color—will be married soon enough)!"

It is a disturbing reality when so much time is spent by both private universities and government officials to reinforce a failed institution which nonetheless still controls our lives. It should be clear that this research reflects a mood of despair among the elite who are trying to force the development of sexual politics ever rightward.

Scott Bravmann
Berkeley, CA

LETTERS

Just State the Facts

★ Your headline on page 3 of the April 30 Bay Area Reporter asked "Is Jim Bakker Really Tammy Faye?" The real question should be whether it is really necessary for the press to concentrate on Bakker's spouse and her use of makeup and her tips on how to be a "Christian wife." Like the issue of Imelda Marcos and her shoes, the press insists on attacking the spouses' of greedy men and their empires.

Could it be that the press is composed of mostly men and somehow, there is a deep-seated belief that behind the downfall of every powerful man, is a woman? This sexist attitude reinforces all of the dangerous stereotypes that have oppressed women for all time. And, because sexism and homophobia walk hand in hand, the oppressor becomes more powerful and the oppressed become weaker.

Allen White failed to convey to your readers that allegations rendered against Jim Bakker by Swagart and Falwell as to his sexual relations with other men is a deliberate attempt to blame homosexuality for the downfall of the PTL empire. Falwell has stated that homosexuality is the greatest sin of all. Wycoff of the Santa Clara Moral Majority has stated that "Homosexuality should be coupled with murder."

Instead, White transfers by virtue of your headline an implication that by cross-genderizing Jim and Tammy, that to be a woman is less desirable than to be a man. This coupling of sexism and homophobia is dangerous and something I would hope would not appear to be in the gay press.

It should be the responsibility of the press to portray an accurate account of certain topics. Within the confines of the gay press, it should not only portray accurate accounts of topics, but it should do so in such a way that it dissolves the sexist implications of that account and therefore, dissolves internalized homophobia.

The reason the PTL empire failed was because of male greed and conquest of power. Not because of Tammy or her gender. The reason Falwell has established this new-found power with PTL is because by accusing Bakker of homosexuality, Bakker has absolutely no recourse to attempt to regain that power. Imelda and her shoes were not responsible for the end of the vicious Marcos regime. It was because of Ferdinand Marcos' greed for power. Sexism only hurts a gay movement—so please, no more cross-genderizing on news story headlines. Just state the facts with an eye for combating sexism.

Robert Schell
San Francisco

Pope Is Offensive

★ Well, let's see who the Pope has offended this week. All of us who believe that abortions should be

Moral Blindness
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that ads seen by a gay man in gay media have far more impact than the same ads seen in general media. These ads say to the gay man that here is a company which wants his business and respects him as a customer the same as it respects any other customer; that here is a company which doesn't regard him with the feelings of prejudice, discrimination, fear and even hatred which he faces elsewhere. Ads in gay media have far more impact on the gay consumer — and the trick to successful advertising is impact, not merely exposure.

Yet while all this takes place and many millions of dollars are allocated to media buys, the major condom companies still refuse to schedule any advertising in gay media. While ads are prepared for television, for women's specialty publications, for black and other minority publications, there will be no advertising for the one population group which is most in danger from AIDS and which needs continuing education about condom use the most — the gay community. If this isn't "immoral," then I don't know what is. And if it isn't a blatant example of "homophobia," then I don't know what is.

Obviously everyone in the advertising industry makes money on advertising. The ad agency makes money, the media makes money, and hopefully — as a result of the success of its advertising — the client makes money. And the ad rep for the publication makes a commission. The fact that money is involved should not blind us to the fact that a moral issue might be involved as well.

Over the years, there has been talk of economic action directed against several companies whose homophobic attitudes have been especially blatant, but I have always fought against such actions. I feel that such tactics are usually counter-productive. But in the case of the condom industry, we are literally talking about matters of life and death, and such homophobia cannot continue to be ignored. For many years, little advertising was being done by the condom industry because most media would not accept condom advertising.

Yet while this was happening, the gay media was literally begging for such advertising and was being refused. Now condom ad budgets are running in the millions. These companies will be advertising to women, blacks, on television, in general interest newspapers and magazines, and still they refuse to advertise to the gay community, which continues to bear the brunt of the AIDS epidemic.

If you don't see any immorality in this position, you are morally blind.

Parade Needs Childcare Domo

A Childcare Coordinator for the June 28 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration is needed. This is a one-day event which requires some preparation. Please send resume no later than May 12 to: SFL/GFD/PCC, Attn. Childcare, P.O. Box 584 Castro St. #513, S.F., CA 94114.

Musical Group Needed for Fundraiser

The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration is looking for a musical group to perform a fundraiser at the S.F. Eagle June 7. All interested parties are urged to call Jon Clendenin at 931-4014.

Carry The Flag!

Volunteer runners are needed to carry the rainbow flag at the front of this year's Freedom Day Parade. People of color, PWAs and women are encouraged to volunteer. All volunteers are welcome. Please contact the Parade office at 647-3733 by June 1.

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HEALTH



The scene at Buena Vista Park: looking for love in all the wrong places? (Photo: Rink)

Are you having more sex, but enjoying it less? Do you find yourself obsessed with the thought of sex and compelled to go out looking for it, even if you don't really want to? Do you find yourself in abusive, unhealthy relationships, but stay in them anyway? If so, then you may be a sex or love addict.

At first, the idea of being a sex addict may sound strange. Why wouldn't someone want to have as much sex as possible? Can you really have too much? While sex certainly isn't bad, being *addicted* to it is. Sexual addiction is much like alcohol or drug addiction — alcohol or drugs themselves aren't necessarily bad if done in moderation, but if you're hooked on them and can't control your use, then it is bad and unhealthy. The same goes for sex or even for love.

A sex addict goes through progressive stages, and in the end is isolated from friends and loved ones, obsessed with his or her sex life, which is often a secret, double life. The addict can be obsessed with any type of sexual behavior. Sometimes it is illegal (such as public sex in restrooms or parks, exhibition, obscene phone calls, etc.). It may also be unsafe, increasing the addict's chance of getting AIDS.

For a sex addict, each compulsive sexual experience may go through a cycle. First is preoccupation. The addict gets into a mood or mental state where he or she is obsessed with the thought of sex, which leads to a compulsive search for sexual stimulation. The addict may cruise for hours in a state where his heart pounds as he searches for his stimulation. Danger or risk may heighten this sensation. The addict becomes addicted to this "rush," just like a drug addict is addicted to the rush of his chemical.

The second stage of the cycle is ritualization. Cruising, watching, waiting, preparing becomes a part of the rush, and just starting this behavior can lead the addict into the compulsive cycle. The ritual can be as important as, or even more important than, the sexual act itself.

The third stage of the cycle is the sex act itself. The sex addict is powerless over his or her behavior, just as an alcoholic is powerless over alcohol. The addict has lost control and is compelled to complete the sexual act, possibly over and over in one afternoon or evening.

The final stage is despair. The addict feels guilty about his or her behavior, often vowing "never again." But it does happen again and again.

The sex addict may spend hours and hours pursuing his or her addiction, whether it be hours of cruising, hours of masturbation, hours of looking into windows hoping to see sexual activity or standing in a window to expose themselves, hours sitting in a porno theater, hours of cruising for hustlers, or hours in a bookstore, restroom or park.

All of this behavior is, however, unsatisfying and unfulfilling, and all of those hours are wasted.

Nevertheless, the addict is compelled to do it again and again, hoping for a different result.

A related addiction is love addiction. The love addict may be in a very abusive — even violent — relationship, but unable to get out. He or she is addicted to the person, or the idea of love itself. If the addict gets out of one unhealthy relationship, he or she often will quickly get into another.

Sex or love addiction often goes hand in hand with alcoholism or drug addiction. It is an illness just like those other addictions, and often the sex addict is also an alcoholic or drug addict or both. It is not uncommon for a sex addict who is an alcoholic or drug addict to sober up or get clean through AA or NA, but then not deal with his or her sexual addiction.



SEXUAL ADDICTION: In Love With Love

by Frank Davis
18th St. Services

When this happens, the sexual addiction often leads to a relapse with the substance addiction. For recovering alcoholics and drug addicts, the most common reason for going back to their substance addiction is sex.

How do you know if you are a sex addict? If your sexual activity is uncontrollable yet unsatisfying, then you are probably an addict. If your sexual activity is secret, abusive to self or others, used to avoid painful feelings and alter your mood, or is empty of a caring, committed relationship, then it is probably unhealthy.

What can you do if you think you may be a sex or love addict? There are at least three things. You can get and read a very good book about the subject called *Out of the Shadows* by Patrick Carnes, Ph.D.

Second, you can seek out professional counseling by a therapist who is familiar with sexual addiction.

Third, you can attend a Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA) meeting. This is a group based on the twelve step program of Alcoholics Anonymous for people who are addicted to sex or an unhealthy relationship. The meetings are free and are very open to gays and lesbians.

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To find out the times and places of meetings, call SLAA at 771-8888 or get a free listing of gay meetings from 18th Street Services, 2152-B Market Street, phone 861-4898. It may be the best thing you will ever do for yourself.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

'Queen Bea' Gives Lesbian Tenure

UTRECHT, The Netherlands—A lesbian who is a prominent German scholar was recently named by **Queen Beatrix** to a tenured professorship in lesbian studies at the University of Utrecht. **Ilse Kokula** was honored by the Dutch queen after giving a semester-long series of lectures on the topic, "Living as a Lesbian in Germany."

—*The Gay Community News of Boston*



Lesbian Imprisoned In China

TIENTSIN, China—A 40-year-old lesbian was imprisoned for having a sexual relationship with another woman. Although gay sex is not explicitly illegal in China, laws against "immorality" and "indecentcy" may be used to put lesbians and gay men in jail.

—*Emma of West Germany*



Puerto Ricans Give Life to 'Terror'

CAROLINA, Puerto Rico—Angel M. Colon Maldonado, who is also known as "The Terror of Homosexuals" as well as the "Bachelor's Angel," was given a 133-year sentence in prison for murdering a gay dentist. Superior Court Judge **Crisanta Rodriguez** handed down the sentence after Maldonado was found guilty of murdering **Luis Manuel Gonzalez Lopez**, a dentist.

Maldonado is also accused of murdering two other Puerto Rican gay men. He is also under investigation for five other murders, including film producer **William Kraft** in California. Maldonado admitted that he hates gay men and sought to kill them. He was alleged to have had sex with at least one of the men before murdering the person.

—*La Semana of Dorchester, MA*



Dutch PWAs Choose Euthanasia

AMSTERDAM—According to wire service reports, one out of every eight persons with AIDS in the Netherlands is choosing to die by euthanasia. United Press International reported recently that there are an estimated 5,000 terminally ill patients in Holland each choosing to take lethal injections from consenting physicians. Some of those patients are PWAs.

Although ending the life of a person with a terminal illness is a crime in the Netherlands, Dutch courts have allowed this form of "active euthanasia," allowing doctors to follow a specific set of guidelines to avoid prosecution.

—*United Press International*



Texas Senate Adopts Blood Bank Bill

AUSTIN—The Texas Senate adopted a new bill which would allow the state's blood banks to conduct certain tests without consent of the donor. At the same time, the state solons refused to consider a bill which would have protected "whistle blowers" in the workplace.

The blood bank bill requires that each blood donation be tested for infectious diseases, including AIDS, and does not require that the donor be informed or provided counseling in regards to the test. The bill's sponsor is Houston Democrat **Chet Brooks**.

The bill would allow blood banks to report positive test results with the donor's name to other blood banks, but it would prohibit the disclosure of the infectious disease a donor has or is suspected of having.

—*United Press International*

UN QUOTE QUOTE

Conservative Catholics 'should not have to be reminded of the perverted homosexualist lifestyle,' which is represented in the works of Michelangelo.

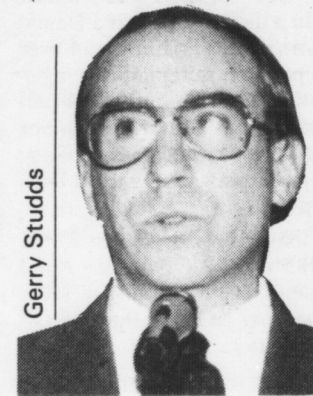
—A statement by the **MORALITY ACTION COMMITTEE** and the **GENERAL FRANCO LEAGUE**, complaining to **JOHN CARDINAL O'CONNOR** about the presence of works by **MICHELANGELO** in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral (Philadelphia Gay News)

'What is odd about those scenes in the urinals is that women respond to them; that sex can actually be like that is so riveting to them.'

—**STEPHEN FREARS**, director of *Prick Up Your Ears* (New York Native)

'As the sorry story of Jim Bakker's adulterous night with Jessica Hahn converged with reports of a hostile takeover by a fellow evangelical and a friendly takeover by a friendly fundamentalist, what characterized the news coverage... was sheer glee... In an age when a Democratic congressman named Gerry Studds can publicly declare that he has lain with a male congressional page and not pay for his admission in any way whatsoever, Jim Bakker's seven years of hush money to Jessica Hahn seems almost anachronistic.'

—**JOHN PODHORETZ**, Editor's Page, Insight (New York Native) (Photo: Rink)



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Republican Ross Has Slim Chance in 5th District Race

Though it is mostly a foregone conclusion that the Democrat, Nancy Pelosi, will win the June 2nd runoff in the 5th Congressional District, there is a Republican in that race.

In a district that has a Democratic party registration of over 64 percent, a Republican registration of no more than 24 percent, and a scattering of minor party voters, the chances of any Republican winning are at best, bad.

Taking only 3 percent of the total votes cast in the April special election, attorney Harriet Ross ended up the top GOP vote-getter.

Ross, a grandmother who holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Cornell as well as a law degree from USF, has been a deputy public defender in San Francisco since 1968.

Long active in GOP party politics, Ross served as county chair of the party in 1985 and 1986.

There are currently no elected Republican officeholders in the city. Some in the party will tell you that it is because of Ms. Ross and others of her conservative political bent that the party has consistently lost voters and the few elected officials it did have.

Ross told the Bay Area Reporter that she spent "around \$10,000" winning her party's nomination and expects to spend \$75,000 on the June election,

She Supported Briggs, Opposed AB-1, And Stood Silent on LaRouche

with much of that figure hopefully coming from the party.

Ross has been criticized by many gay Republicans for her support of the Briggs Initiative, which would have barred gays from teaching in public schools. She also opposed AB-1, but Ross now says she has seen the light and, of course, has changed her mind.

Harriet Ross now says she would not oppose gays teaching in schools, and she would urge Gov. Deukmejian to now support AB-1.

In addition, Ross, who refused to take a stand on last year's controversial LaRouche Initiative, which would have included a provision for quarantine, says she now favors some type of domestic partners legislation.

When asked if she has ever, in her years as a public defender, employed the use of the so-called "homosexual panic" defense, she claimed that she had not, but she clearly came very close to, if not in fact having done so, when she defended a young man last year.

Michael Kolosky admitted stabbing a gay man over 90 times.



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(Friday, May 8) Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance civic breakfast at the Comstock Club (call Don Disler at 392-2800).

John Molinari must be doing something right with the legal community. His candidacy for mayor has been endorsed by both District Attorney Arlo Smith and Public Defender Jeff Brown.

When Liz calls, no one says "no." President Reagan and his wife will join actress Elizabeth Taylor at a fund-raising dinner May 31 for AIDS research.

San Francisco State Senator Quentin Kopp has joined other state legislators in a plan to move next year's presidential primary in California from June 7 to early April or even March. Gov. Deukmejian and some Republicans have shown little interest in the plan, with some expecting the Governor might veto such a move.

Board of Supervisor President Nancy Walker will address the May 12 meeting of the Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR) at the Miyako Hotel (no-host cocktails at 6:30; Walker speaks at 7:15).

The Stonewall Gay Demo Club endorsed Democrat Nancy Pelosi for the 5th congressional seat at their Monday night meeting. Pelosi told the Stonewall Democrats that she "doesn't oppose" berthing the USS Missouri in San Francisco.

Although Ms. Ross told the Bay Area Reporter that she "certainly expects to" be endorsed by the predominantly gay Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights (CRIR), most in that organization that I spoke with doubted that she would indeed be endorsed, though Chris Bowman, a past president of the group, and Brian Mavrogeorge, its current president, are supporting her.

CRIR, in the past, has been very critical of what many in that club felt was nothing short than pure homophobia on the part of Ms. Ross, and a couple of the gays who sat on the GOP county committee during her chairmanship, have told me that she was "a disaster for the party in general and for gays in particular."

Kevin Wadsworth, a respected gay activist who was also a candidate in the June primary, who was barely beaten for the party nomination by Ross, said this week that it is certainly "not likely" that he will endorse her, adding that he had not even heard from her since the election.

Tom Nolan, the president of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, is the guest speaker at tomorrow's

Whistles

(Continued from page 1)

One man reportedly told bus driver Bell that the teens had tried to beat somebody up, that the police should be called, and the bus should be stopped.

A confrontation occurred between the crowd and Bell. Jones said he stationed himself in front of the bus, holding up his arms. According to Jones, Bell told him and others to "get out of my fucking way or I will run your asses over."

"We tend to disbelieve this particular operator used the language for two reasons," said Muni spokesperson George Newkirk. "Number one, he's a minister, and number two, other operators (who) have worked with him have stated that they have never heard him curse and he himself says he does not curse."

"I am quite sure the driver said, 'Get out of my fucking way or I will run your asses over,'" Jones said in response. "He may be a minister, but I am a newspaper reporter, and I have been one for 12 years. I know how to quote people accurately — and at least a dozen others heard the same thing."

According to Jones, the alleged comment caused not only jeers from the crowd, but a larger crowd as well. Meanwhile, Nolan said the teens were "hanging out the back windows spitting on people and calling them faggots and telling them to get out of the way."



The 24-Divisadero that couldn't get away from Castro St. (B.A.R. Photo: Brian Jones)

One person who was a target of the youths was pedestrian Edward Hamby. "They called me a fag and one spit in my face," said Hamby. "I was standing on the street while the bus was stopped (at 17th and Castro). The one who spit on me was a little blond kid."

Bell could not pull the bus away for two reasons. The crowd blocked his path and someone had pulled the electrical power cords from the back of the bus. Meanwhile, police were called by 10 separate residents and businesses.

By the time police arrived three minutes later, approximately 50 or 60 people had started milling around the bus, making sure it couldn't get away. Emotions were reportedly quite high.

'This is the best example of how whistles work in a long time.'

—Kevin Roe, CUAV

The Muni spokesperson added that Bell drove to Market and Castro. "The kids got back on the bus at Market and Castro," said Newkirk. "At this point, according to his report, people surrounded the bus and told the bus driver to call the police."

Newkirk added that Bell said the "mob gave him a bad time."

According to Kevin Roe, client advocate with CUAV, the police action pointed out the need for victims of violence to file reports. "We need to have anyone who was actually harassed by these kids to contact CUAV and file a report," he said. "The police report doesn't have any statements from victims — just information about the kids."

Despite his current disappointment with the May 1 incident, Roe still praised the whistle-blowers. "This is the best example of how whistles work in a long time," said Roe. "You can come by the CUAV office and pick one up for a dollar and a half."

Roe said the May 1 anger by Castro residents proves that his-

tory repeats itself. "Two or three years ago," he said, "a very similar thing happened. A guy attacked a gay man with a pipe, then got on the bus and the driver tried to drive away. The bus was surrounded by people and the assailant was apprehended."

The strong sense of unity by the gay community didn't rub off on a bus patron, according to Nolan. "One thing that happened," he said, "was that on one point a girl got off the bus and said, 'Do you guys really have to do this? I'm in a hurry.'"

Personal Safety Confab on May 16

The UCSF Police Department's Personal Safety Program is sponsoring a One Day Self Defense Workshop on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$30 for public and \$10 for UC affiliates. To register call the Personal Safety Program at (415) 476-5683.

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Alice Up For Grabs In SF Mayoral Race

Molinari Is Clearly Ahead, But It's Easier to Block than Win

by Charles Linebarger

Everyone had expected the Milk Club to endorse Art Agnos for mayor, whether it came early or late. But until this it had been assumed that the Alice B. Toklas Club was firmly in the Molinari camp. While most observers still believe that the majority of the Alice leadership is with Molinari, many club members say that the vote of the Alice rank-and-file is up for grabs. That's newsworthy because the Alice endorsement could turn out to be a major factor in deciding which way the gay voters will go in this fall's election.

Alan French has been a member of Alice since 1978. An attorney who is not a club officer, French said, "Molinari forces seem to depend on going after professional gay political leaders and pulling them in, but that may not be enough. The Harvey Milk Club showed that. People seem to be pretty independent in this race. They are making up their own minds."

Richmond Young is the chair of the Alice Political Action Committee. He is also a supporter of the Molinari candidacy and spoke out last week at the Milk Club meeting over the early endorsement by that club of Assemblyman Art Agnos.

Young said, "The Milk Club endorsement is over as far as I'm concerned. Roberto Estevez (the president of Alice) has told me the club is upset with the objections I raised at the Milk Club meeting over their early endorsement of Agnos because they fear it might lead to an inter-club war."

NEWS ANALYSIS

EASIER TO BLOCK

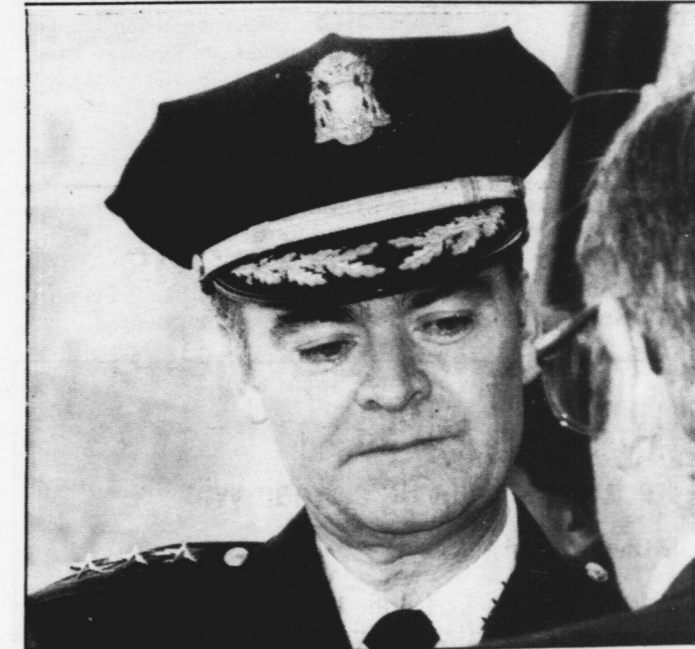
"Jack (Molinari) is the favored candidate," said Young. "But it's too early to say whether he will get the club's endorsement."

It's always easier for a minority to block an endorsement than for a majority to push one through.

"All they (Agnos supporters) have to do is get 40 percent of the vote," Young said. "But it's going to be a long time before we endorse, and the membership may change."

Steve Morin is a psychologist who sits on several state boards. He said that both Molinari and Agnos have many adherents in the club. Morin agreed with French about how the rank and file members will vote. "It's unclear," he said.

"What is going on at Alice," (Continued on page 20)



Police Chief Frank Jordan (Photo: Robert Pruzan)

Citizen Action Cited for Drop in Violence on Muni

Jordan Says Crime Down 34 Percent, Promises to Continue Police Patrols

Community involvement, such as was seen last Friday night on Castro Street, may be a factor in a 34 percent decline in crimes on the Muni from last year. Mayor Dianne Feinstein and Police Chief Frank Jordan jointly made the announcement this week of the one-third reduction in Muni crimes.

Chief Jordan said community support and involvement, and more police officers riding the Muni, were the keys to keeping Muni crime down. Jordan said he will continue the special police unit's enforcement program.

The statistics released this week are viewed as impressive. Aggravated assaults on Muni passengers or drivers were reduced from 18 at this time last year to only 8 so far this year, a 55 percent reduction. Reported assaults dropped from 63 to 45, which is a 28 percent reduction. Strongarm robberies dropped from 13 to only 2, an 84 percent decrease. Pickpocketings, the most numerous crime, fell 22 percent, from 97 last year to 75 this year, and purse-snatching 75 percent, from 8 to 2.

Chief Frank Jordan emphasized that the support of the community as well as involvement by citizens were primary reasons there has been such a dramatic drop in Muni crimes. The Community United Against Violence has been credited with tracking Muni violence and encouraging citizen involvement through its "blow a whistle" campaign.

—Allen White

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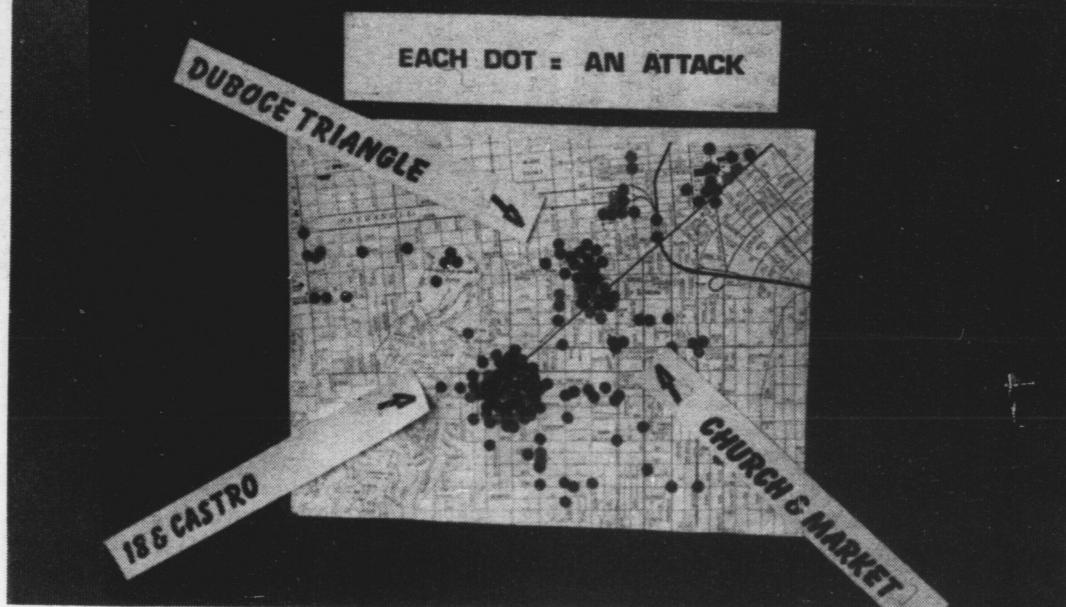


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Focusing in on violence.

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Nationwide

In Horrific Detail, Report Documents Anti-Gay Violence

At Least 80 Homicides and 732 Assaults Recorded in '86 - Double the '85 Toll

by Gregory Douthwaite

Reports of anti-gay violence doubled from 1985 to 1986, according to a report by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Almost 5,000 incidents of anti-gay violence and harassment were documented last year, more than double the amount reported in the civil rights group's first annual report in 1985.

At least 80 men and women lost their lives in anti-gay homicides, 732 assaults were reported, and 3,473 reports of verbal harassment or threats of violence were documented.

Across America, organizations documented increased violence. The New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project logged a startling 82 percent increase in cases. The Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force reported a 27 percent increase. And San Francisco's Community United Against Violence logged a 14 percent increase.

Reports were obtained from a total of 47 organizations in 27 states. More than a third of them reported increased violence from 1985 to 1986.

Reports were also obtained from the National Gay Crisisline, the gay press, and new anti-gay-violence groups in Minneapolis, Atlanta, and Boston. The new group in Boston logged 135 incidents in a city which documented no violence in 1985.

The rise in reports of violence occurs at a time of widespread attacks against Asian, black, Hispanic, and Jewish Americans, said Kevin Berrill, one of the report's authors. These attacks "suggest that tolerance of individual and group differences in America is on the decline," he said.

'EASY TARGETS'

Gay people are perceived as "easy targets" because of the perceptions that they are "unwilling to fight back" and "unwilling to risk exposure by reporting crimes against them to the police," the report said.

Anti-gay violence is motivated by "irrational fear and hatred" and "unfounded and persistent notions that gay and lesbian people are sick, sinful or predatory," it said.



Violence in the Castro, graffiti-style.

(Photo: Rink)

AIDS has exacerbated anti-gay violence, according to 63 percent of the organizations surveyed. Reference to AIDS was made in 681 incidents.

"The AIDS crisis has clearly fanned the flames of anti-gay bigotry," said Berrill, "but it is unclear whether and to what extent 'AIDS backlash' is distinct from — or another manifestation of — this bigotry."

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Violence

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been denial and neglect."

The report gave examples of different types of anti-gay violence, including assaults, murders, and bombings; attacks by organized hate groups, family members, and police; and defamation by the church and state.

ASSAULTS

The 732 anti-gay assaults include attacks with weapons ranging from rocks and fists to knives and guns:

- In Boston, a gay man leaving a gay bar was abducted by three assailants and raped with bottles, lighted matches, and other implements. The assailants told the victim, "This is what faggots deserve."

- In Des Moines, two assailants wielding an ax and a bat attacked a heterosexual man whom they mistakenly perceived to be gay. The victim sustained a broken neck and multiple wounds.

- In Morristown, New Jersey, three men beat and slashed a gay man, extinguished a cigarette in his face, tied him to the back of a truck, and drove the truck — dragging him along a dirt road.

HOMICIDES

Eighty homicides involving gay victims were documented in 1986, including strings of killings in New York, Minneapolis, Atlanta, and San Francisco. A striking aspect of many of these murders was their extreme brutality:

- In Stockton, California, a gay minister was found dead in the trunk of his car. His skull was crushed, his throat was slashed, and he had suffered multiple stab wounds in his chest.

- In Philadelphia, the bodies of two pre-operative transsexuals were found in a ravine. The two men, who were dressed in women's clothes, had been badly beaten, shot, and dismembered before their bodies were soaked in gasoline and set on fire.

ATTACKS ON ESTABLISHMENTS

Since the early '70s, hundreds of attacks against gay institutions have occurred, including arson of 18 Metropolitan Community Churches.

- In 1986, there were 10 reported arsons and bombings, 50 bomb threats, and 191 acts of vandalism reported:

- In Maine, a man was arrested for setting off a tear gas canister in a crowded gay bar. Thirty-five people were treated for smoke inhalation and eye irritation.

- In Philadelphia, two bricks smashed through the windows of Giovanni's Room, a bookstore that is the only business in the city with the words "gay and lesbian" on its exterior sign.

ORGANIZED HATE ACTIVITY

Extremist organizations including the Ku Klux Klan and

neo-Nazi groups have launched attacks on the gay community:

- In Little Rock, a neo-Nazi group called the Arkansas Liberty Net started a white supremacist computer bulletin board, urging users to start compiling lists of "queers" to include in a "nationwide hotline" which would be "acted upon when deemed expedient." Similar bulletin boards, with names like "Queer Watch" and "AIDS Plague," exist in Dallas, Houston, Chicago, and North Carolina.

- In Marietta, Georgia, a group calling itself the Crusade Against Corruption, led by white supremacist J.B. Stoner, announced the inauguration of a "nationwide, patriotic, White racist, political crusade." The group's flyers describe AIDS as a "racial disease of Jews and negroes that also exterminates sodomites." They conclude, "Those high risk Aids groups must be SEGREGATED far away from us White people so as to protect innocent White people from Aids."

VIOLENCE BY FAMILY MEMBERS

While most anti-gay violence is perpetrated by strangers, it also occurs among those who know each other, sometimes intimately.

According to the Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth in New York City, 40 percent of the violence reported by its teenage clients is perpetrated by family members.

- When a 16-year-old boy told his mother he was gay, she called him a "sinner." Later, while he was sleeping, she assaulted him with a kitchen knife in an attempt to "cut out the evil" in him.

- In Wisconsin, a police officer received a life sentence for murdering his father and his father's male lover. The prosecution claimed the officer shot the victims at close range as a calculated response to their living situation.

POLICE ABUSE

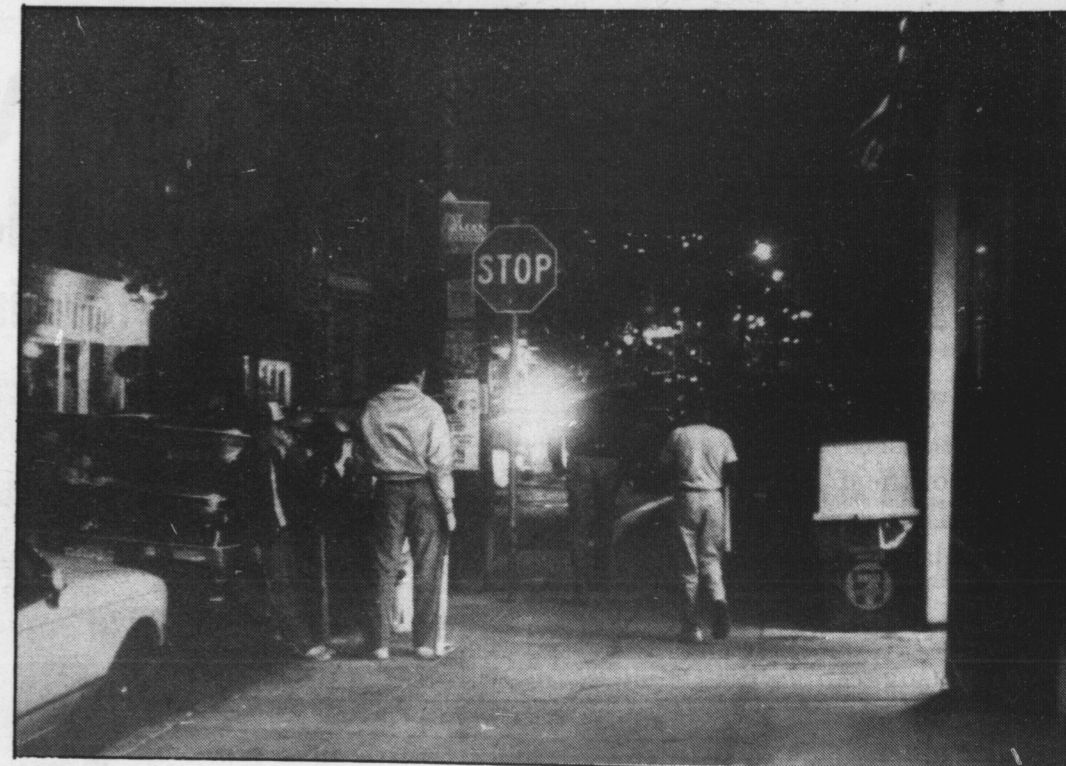
The report documented 410 incidents of police abuse, harassment and negligence. "The ordeal of victimization is even greater when the perpetrators are those responsible for protecting citizens," the report said:

- In Queens, New York, police told two gay-bashing victims to hurry and "wrap it up" because his coffee was getting cold. They only reluctantly issued misdemeanor summonses to two assailants still in the vicinity, although one of the victims had suffered shattered facial bones.

- In Philadelphia, two gay college students were called "faggots" and "pretty boys" and beaten by several assailants. When police arrived, they found one victim with his arm around his shaking and bloodied friend. Police accused the victims of provoking the attack by "sitting like that," and refused to take a report.

ANTI-GAY DEFAMATION

Inflammatory remarks by pub-



Kids with baseball bats at 18th & Noe, looking for trouble.

(Photo: Rink)

lic figures — including leaders in religion, politics, and entertainment — "fanned the flames of prejudice and fear" in 1986, the report said. Such statements reinforce the demeaning attitudes that lead to anti-gay violence, it said.

- In August, President Reagan said of the flamboyantly dressed Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi, "Why not invite Qaddafi to San Francisco, he likes to dress up so much?"

Secretary of State George Shultz added, laughing, "Why don't we give him AIDS!"

- In November, the Catholic Church issued a letter to bishops on the "Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons" which implied that gays are to blame for anti-gay violence.

"When civil legislation is introduced to protect behavior to



More anti-gay graffiti, this time on Noe Street.

(Photo: Rink)

which no one has any conceivable right, neither the church nor society at large should be surprised when distorted notions

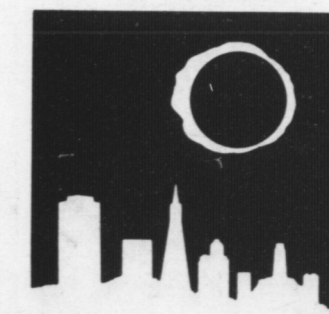
and practices gain ground, and irrational and violent reactions increase." The letter was approved by Pope John Paul II. ●

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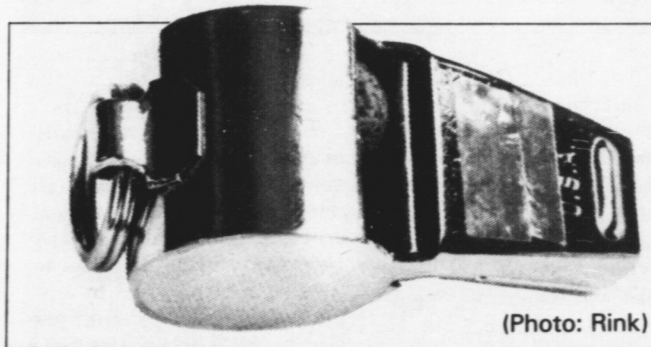
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Sex and Salvation

Troy Perry Practices What He Preaches — And Asks Forgiveness for Jim and Tammy



by Steve Warren

He can sling the gospel with the best of them. But the Rev. Troy Perry isn't worried about a "Perrygate" sex scandal rocking the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC), which he founded in 1968.

At the suggestion that someone might expose his sex life, he laughs heartily. Unlike other celebrated preachers who throw stones from their expensive glass houses, Perry says his sex life is "an open book."

"I don't hide lots. I don't do anything that I feel is sin. That's the difference between me and Jim Bakker. I believe that sex is a part of the wholeness of a human being. They're sex-obsessed."

The scandals known as "Pearlygate" have come as no surprise to Perry, he says. "I've always said preachers are as human as anyone else."

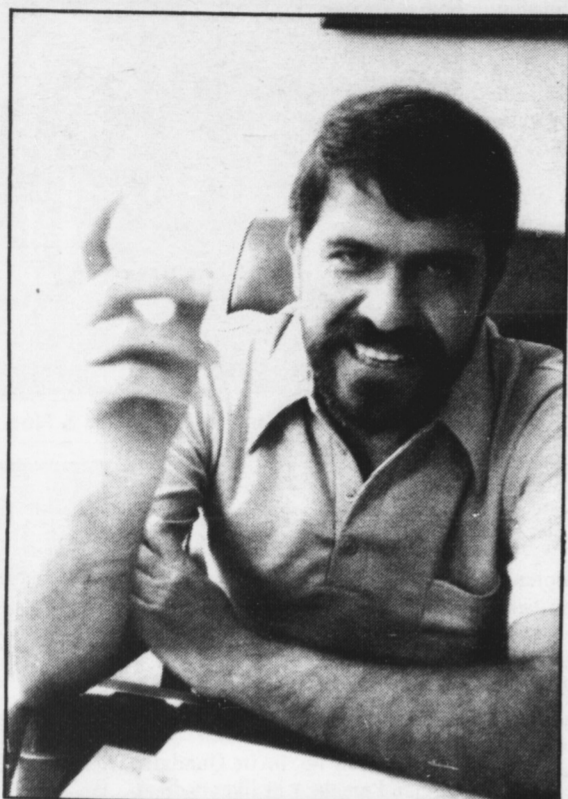
"Coming from my old Pentecostal background, I could guarantee that if I heard a preacher who did a series of sermons on adultery, week in and week out for several weeks, he was having intercourse with the piano player."

MCC has the mission of preaching that God loves gays too. So the church has never formulated a rigid moral code which its leaders couldn't live up to any better than its followers.

Instead, an unwritten doctrine of honest and responsible sexuality has sustained the church even in the age of AIDS, when the sense of responsibility has heightened.

Perry describes three areas of sexual expression he has preached against since the beginning of MCC.

"Number one was, I believe that rape is a sin. I believe forcing yourself on someone who doesn't want your attention is absolutely wrong," Perry says.



(Photo: Steve Warren)

'I happen to like Jim and Tammy Bakker. I thought it took a lot of guts for her to say she had been hooked on prescription drugs.'

'Tammy was calling for concern for people who are coming down with AIDS and for prayer and for research.'

—Rev. Troy Perry

Secondly, "I had problems with people who would go out in broad daylight and have intercourse in the street. I've always felt that was not appropriate," Perry says.

"The third area was sex with children. I have problems with adults who go to bed with seven-, eight-, and nine-year-old kids."

MCC does not condone adultery. However, Perry defines the word differently than other religious leaders. "That's the breaking of vows you make to another human being," he says. "If you have an open relationship and you're honest about that and you've both agreed to that, that's fine and dandy. If you don't and you lie about it and run around, then you're as bad as our enemies."

Of those "enemies," Perry has some sympathy. "I happen to like Jim and Tammy Bakker," he says. "I thought it took a lot of guts for her to say she had been hooked on prescription drugs for 17 years."

"I don't see how people can discount their ministry. They did do good. Jim Bakker said this happened, asked forgiveness for it, and I thought it was the work of the Christian church to forgive. I get tired of 'Christian' groups who want people to wallow in the dirt in the process of asking forgiveness. Jesus never said that."

"In my old denomination if you committed adultery you couldn't come back in the ministry for seven years. If you were a homosexual you couldn't come back for life. I asked them to show me that in Scripture, and of course they couldn't."

"I think if Jim and Tammy have any sense at all they'll move back in, take over their organization and do it outside the Assemblies of God — go ahead and do what they've been doing best, have their talk show."

"They just had a clergyman from MCC on their show," Perry says. "They were attacked for that. They had Rev. Steve Pieters, who is a person with AIDS. He was on their show as an openly gay person, as a clergyman from MCC."

"Tammy did the interview and then ended it with crying — as she does sometimes — and telling people that Christians had a bad habit of talking about things they didn't understand, and calling for concern for people who are coming down with AIDS and for prayer and research."

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Outrage, Concern Over FCC Action Against AIDS Show

'Jerker' Author, Producer Cite Chilling Effect on Free Speech

by Ed Power

Gay literati, constitutional lawyers and anti-AIDS activists were united in their disgust toward the Federal Communications Commission last week. They said that an attempt by the FCC to squelch a hard-hitting program dealing with AIDS chills free speech, and could damage efforts to stop the epidemic through education.

The play at the center of the controversy, Robert Chesley's *Jerker*, is a frank exploration of its two characters' emotional and sexual responses to the AIDS crisis. The play is comprised of 20 dramatized telephone conversations — "many of them," as the play's subtitle warns, "dirty."

The play has been described by gay and straight critics alike as one of the most powerful and important works about the AIDS crisis.

Reaction to the FCC action was critical and angry. Michael Kearns, the director of the Los Angeles production of the play, condemned the action as "institutional fagbashing." Civil libertarians described it as a politically motivated assault on the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution, which protects free speech.

AIDS educators worried that the decision would impede their efforts to promote safe sex information. Gay artists expressed concern that it would no longer be possible to write honestly about the gay experience without running afoul of the FCC.

'PRO-SEXUAL'

Ironies abound. Chesley described the play as "a pornographic elegy with redeeming social value." He explained that he wrote *Jerker* in

response to the type of prudish attitude that finds sex — but not the horror of AIDS — obscene.

"There was too much moralistic shit going on around the health crisis," Chesley said. "We've got to respond to AIDS, but I wanted to respond in a pro-sexual way."

The play bears out Chesley's claim that the work is largely concerned with redefining obscenity. In one of the scenes to which the FCC objected, Bert describes visiting a friend with AIDS who is hooked up to a respirator.

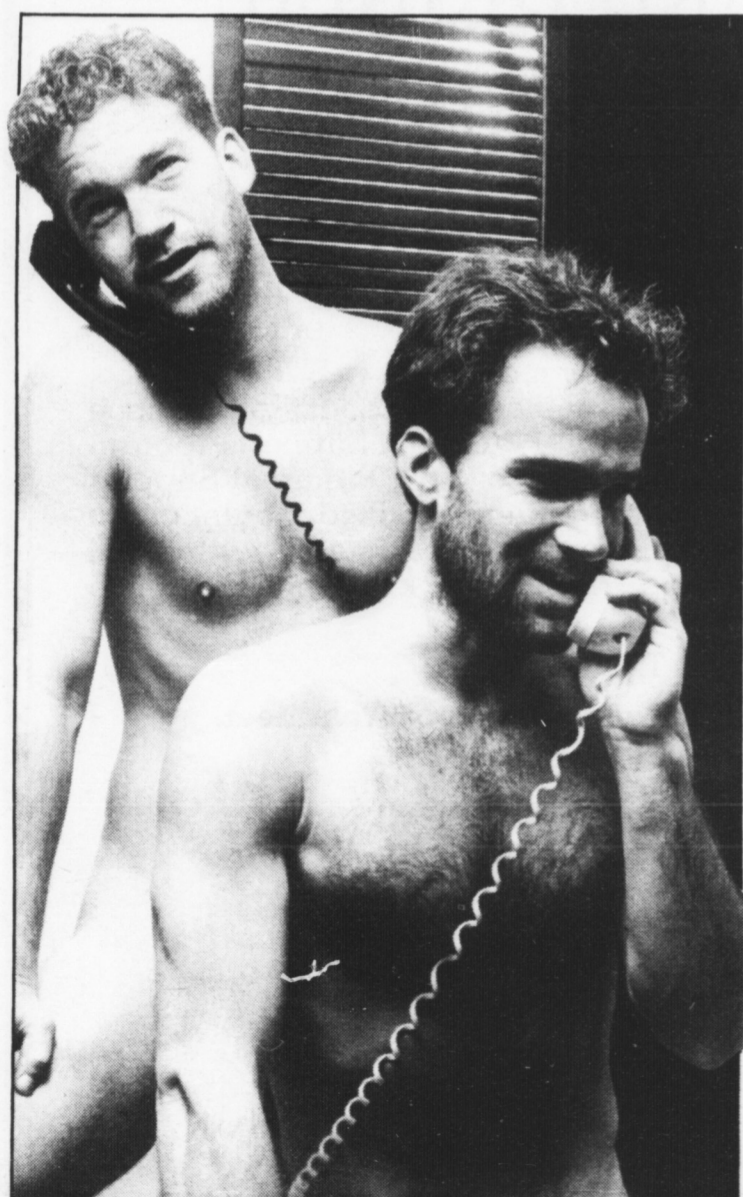
"Shit! He's so thin I didn't recognize him, and that fucking machine, it's like pumping him up and down, it's... obscene."

Later, in one of the play's most powerful moments, JR, a crippled Vietnam veteran, tells Bert about his experience during the war.

"I just wanna say: I know, I saw what... 'immoral' means, I learned what 'immoral' means. And that's why nobody but nobody tells me I'm immoral if I love a man, if I love a hundred men in one night, if I love sucking ass, if I love licking boots, if I love taking piss from a guy's cock, or if I have a quickie blow job in the Union Square men's room: all that is good; really, truly, basically good. Something in me knows that, knows that it's just the exact opposite of the evil I've seen."

The FCC disagreed. According to FCC spokesperson Richard Bezzoli, two of the excerpts which the FCC found indecent came from the above-quoted passage.

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A scene from *Jerker*

A Very Gay Affair

Razzle-Dazzle at the Black & White Ball

by Allen White

The gay community helped raise the million-dollar profit anticipated from last week's Black and White Ball, and helped create the spectacular undertaking in San Francisco's Civic Center.

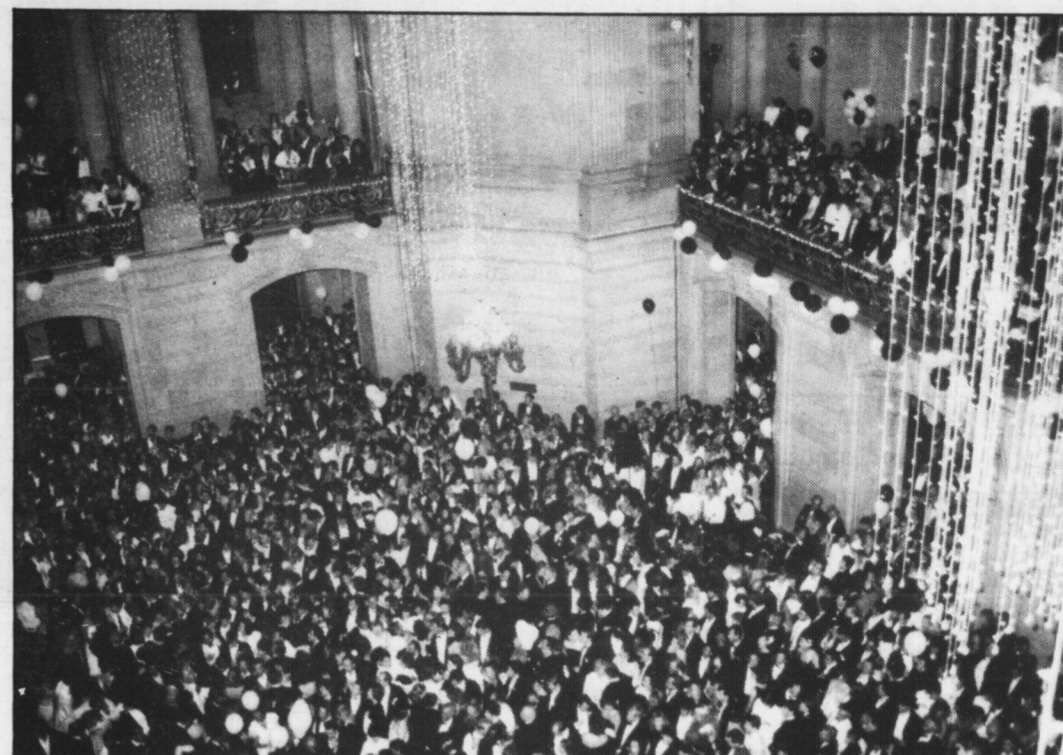
Throughout most of last week a number of people worked under the direction of Gilbert Baker to create all of the banners and flags that draped the city's buildings. Dykes on Bikes founder Glenna McElhinney provided a truck and helped with the installation. Gay Men's Chorus member Bill Graham was one of a number of people who were seen helping hang the many banners.

Gilbert Baker estimated that more than \$30,000 in fabric was used to create the unique effects. Reports indicate that the total cost of the event was just under a million dollars.

Gays made their presence known throughout the event Friday night. For most, preparations started earlier in the day as people mobbed tuxedo rental agencies. Black and White Formal Wear on Sutter Street said they exhausted their supply with more than 500 rentals.

People began arriving in a multitude of vehicles. One group of ten arrived in a block-long stretch limo with four black wheels and steps into a rear rumble seat. The rental cost was \$150 per hour. At the other end of the scale, the somewhat reliable Muni Metro took hundreds of people from the Castro Muni station in black-tie garb to the Van Ness exit.

At 9 p.m., the festivities officially began. The block-long Logan High School marching band from Union City proceeded down Grove Street to the Civic Center. Glenna McElhinney, in a white tux, provided an interesting contrast to Gilbert Baker, in



The Black and White Ball was packed. (Photos: above, Tony Plewik; right, Robert Pruzan)

a flowing white gown. The two managed to conveniently position themselves between the television cameras and the band.

The Black and White Ball was designed for dancing beneath all the razzle-dazzle. Guys were dancing together at the new State Building to the music of Southern Pacific. SP was made up of members of the old Doobie Brothers group and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Campus Theatre's Brad Crawford danced in the foyer of the Opera House to the music of the Harry James Orchestra. Peter Mintun's orchestra alternated with the Count Basie Orchestra on the Davies Symphony Hall stage. Marga Gomez performed at the Civic Auditorium before the KBC Band.

The announced spectacle of the evening was presented at midnight in City Hall. With the Stanford and UC Marching Bands, Snow White from *Beach Blanket Babylon*, and several other performers, the dome came alive with fireworks and multiple laser patterns.

Food, most of it free, was seem-

ingly everywhere. Chocolate-dipped bananas were offered in the Veteran's Building. Assorted cheeses and wines were presented at City Hall. There was an oyster bar in the Civic Auditorium, and at the same location the Hard Rock Cafe served homemade chili.

At 1:15 a.m. the Zasu Pitts

Memorial Orchestra took to the stage of the Civic Auditorium when more than 7,000 people crammed the building to dance. At the clocks struck 2 a.m. the act of sitting down rivaled the athletics of dancing.

The Black and White Ball is certainly one of San Francisco's most creative and splashy events. Under the direction of Charlotte Mailliard, the event was almost technically perfect.

The logistics of the ball are incredible. It is staged in six buildings and a tent which is erected for a pre-ball dinner. The streets are closed, and the Civic Center becomes San Francisco's Disneyland.

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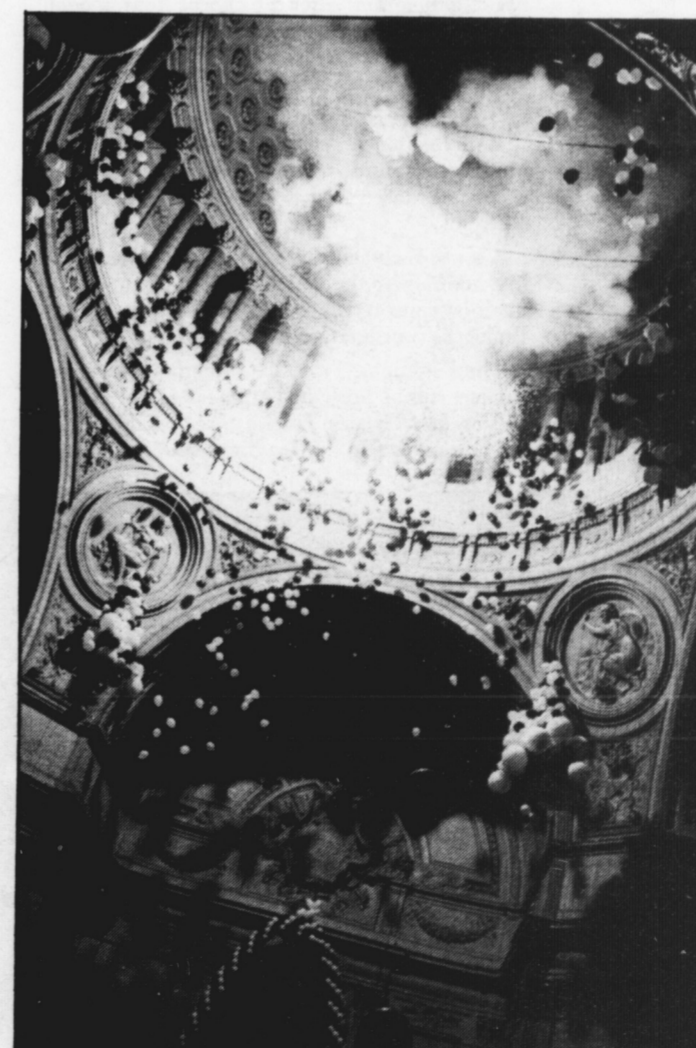
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After Years of Strife, The Band and The Chorus are Working in Harmony



Band members face the music and prance.

by Allen White

The cooperation between the major gay performing arts groups is now greater than it has been for more than five years. May 9 many gay bands and choral groups will join for an evening of Highlights From The Broadway Musicals.

The presentation this Saturday is an effort of the San Francisco Band Foundation. Last month Golden Gate Performing Arts, the umbrella group for the SF Gay Men's Chorus, presented a program called In Memory of Friends for those who have died.

Each of the programs contains an intermingling of musical organizations. Last month the chorus invited the band and Vocal Minority to join its effort, and this month the band has returned the invitation to the chorus and Men About Town.

This spirit of cooperation is the result of a newly acquired enthusiasm in almost all of the groups. The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus has been successful in the last few weeks of ridding itself of five years of home mortgages resulting from the debts of its 1981 national tour.

The chorus' financial problems were most significantly helped by the success of its concert earlier this year with Charles Pierce and Barbara Cook. The group was able to see a net profit of more than \$40,000.

The chorus has now redirected its primary effort almost totally to its goal of making music. The chorus has set a full schedule of appearances through the Spring and Summer months. In addition to a concert next month with the gay band, the chorus will also perform at the annual Gay Musical Celebration in June and will present a concert in July at Grace Cathedral.

The San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band was one of the hits of last week's Cinco de Mayo Parade in the Mission District. The band was also hired to provide musical entertainment for the election-night party at Trocadero Transfer for Harry Britt.

Next month the band will perform at its premiere event, the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade.

The band also plans to march in Washington, D.C. as part of the March on Washington in October. While in the city the band will perform at Kennedy Center with other gay bands which are members of Lesbian/Gay Bands of America.

The cooperation of the musical groups is evident with the emergence of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Chorus as the producers of the annual Gay Musical Celebration on Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day weekend.

For the first time the mixed chorus will produce the event, which traditionally brings together all the gay musical organizations in the Bay Area.

The gay band was founded in June 1978. Later that year the Gay Men's Chorus was organized. The chorus performed for the first time at a Christmas concert that year.

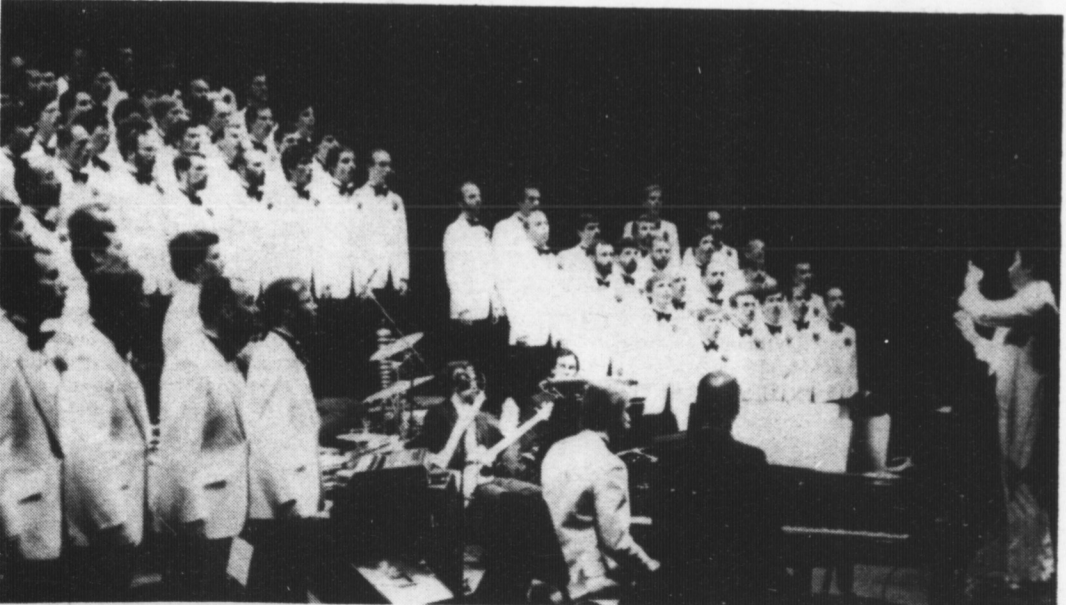
In the years that followed the groups expanded and formed Golden Gate Performing Arts. GGPA brought the groups together to form a forceful musical presence in San Francisco, and one of the most visible social organizations in the gay community.

The financial strains of the 1981 chorus concert tour caused the two groups to go their separate ways, with the band forming the San Francisco Band Foundation. After the chorus' tour, a debt of almost a quarter of a million dollars remained. At the same time, a series of money-losing concerts by the band created a deficit for the Band Foundation.

With the financial problems now seemingly behind both groups, there is a sense of maturity which has caused them to move forward on almost all fronts.

A sense of community conscience has been put into action with the availability of tickets for the Saturday concert for people with AIDS. The Shanti Project is coordinating the distribution.

The Highlights From The Broadway Musicals concert will be presented at 8 p.m. at the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and \$15 and are now on sale at all Headlines stores.



The chorus.

(Photo: Rink)

Cuomo Swats Insurance Firms

Applicants Don't Have To Take Antibody Test

by Tim Taylor

Insurance companies that have required New York residents to take the HIV antibody test were handed a serious defeat. Gov. Mario Cuomo said he will issue sweeping regulations that bar the use of test results as a basis for denying individuals health coverage.

The long-awaited announcement, made recently before 600 cheering spectators at New York's Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, concluded an intensive, and at times acrimonious, campaign by community activists to get the state's sluggish pro-industry Insurance Department to strengthen its enforcement against companies that have misused the test. The new measure is a stunning setback to the powerful insurance lobby which had worked frantically to preserve its access to records identifying a person's HIV status, a position that threatened hundreds of thousands with loss of private medical care and financial ruin in the event of any serious illness.

According to Cuomo, the regulation will feature the following provisions:

- It will prohibit insurance companies from requiring applicants to take the antibody test;
- It will prohibit insurance companies from asking whether an applicant has ever taken the test;
- It will bar insurance companies from making a determination regarding an applicant's insurability on the basis of test results.

Virginia Apuzzo, Cuomo's key advisor on gay rights issues and the deputy executive director of the state's Consumer Protection Board, credited "massive political pressure" from the gay community as the muscle needed to push through New York's first explicit protection for people at risk of contracting AIDS.

For several months, advocacy groups, including Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Gay Men's Health Crisis, had been meeting with Insurance Department officials, haggling over the details of a regulation. When progress was slow in coming, insiders close to the negotiations said it took a personal appeal from Apuzzo directly to Cuomo to break the ice, and force the bureaucracy to back a strong anti-discrimination measure.

The governor's initiative was praised by Thomas B. Stoddard, Lambda's chief attorney who was one of the principal people meeting with state officials. He called it, "A major advance, and one I was not at all sure we would be able to make. For hundreds of thousands of self-insured people this regulation is absolutely essential."

Not included in Cuomo's directive is a ban on the use of the test for life and disability insurance, an omission Stoddard criticized. He did note, however, that this loophole could be closed by an additional regulation banning discrimination by the insurance industry on account of sexual orientation.

A task force of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners has recommended all



New York Gov. Mario Cuomo (Photo: Rink)

state adopt such a prohibition, but so far California is one of only a few states to have taken this step. Apuzzo confirmed New York is likely to adopt such a measure, "in the near future."

The move for regulatory safeguards came after New York's legislature refused to enact a law banning discrimination by the insurance industry.

The fractious legislature is politically split with Republicans in control of the upper house and Democrats heavily dominating the Assembly. The two houses are frequently at philosophical loggerheads and it is unlikely any legislation would be considered in this inhospitable climate, let alone pass in undiluted form.

Cuomo had submitted legislation limiting use of the HIV test in 1986, but the proposal went nowhere and was not even introduced in the conservative Senate.

Stoddard asserted, however, that Cuomo acted well within his administrative powers in issuing the regulation, and that it afforded protections equivalent to law.

Cuomo's announcement was big news in New York, even making the front page of the New York Times which generally ignores gay and lesbian concerns. The announcement was timed to coincide with his unprecedented appearance at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, a fledgling nonprofit organization which is converting a dilapidated abandoned school building in the west Village into a showpiece and activities center for gay groups.

Before his announcement in the main auditorium, Cuomo spoke at a well-attended fundraiser for the building's ambitious ongoing renovation project. He also unveiled a plaque honoring one of the center's founders, Peter Vogel, a long-time gay activist and former aide to the Governor who succumbed to AIDS last year.

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Franke's request has gone nowhere, so far, and district administrator Kay Kirkland defended the department's "first-in, first-out" procedures. Referring to other discrimination complaints involving sex, race, age or religion, she asked, "What are we telling the complaining public when we give preferential treatment to people with AIDS?"

Franke denied she was seeking special favors, however, reiterating that AIDS cases are uniquely "urgent" and cannot wait for the bureaucracy's "business as usual" way of handling complaints.

The department did win a landmark ruling earlier this year when it prosecuted a case which resulted in AIDS being declared a physical handicap protected by state law. The precedent-setting case alleged that the Raytheon Corporation had improperly dismissed one of its employees who had been diagnosed with the illness. The case established critical safeguards for all AIDS discrimination complaints, but it was a pyrrhic victory for the person who brought the complaint since he died before an official investigation of the charges got underway.

Raytheon's penalty in the case was limited to \$6,300 for back wages paid to the estate. Potential punitive damages were waived since the complainant had died. Franke emphasized that her request to expedite AIDS cases is intended to prevent other

quilty employers from avoiding similar liability.

Asked whether the Raytheon case didn't support Franke's contention that AIDS cases are urgent, Kirkland said, "Sure... But when you have 12,000 cases statewide, what can you do? How do you pick and choose?" Various officials with the department said a review of in-take procedures of AIDS cases was underway, but could not provide specifics when or if a new policy would be announced.

Kirkland described the Department of Fair Employment and Housing as "the people's lawyer," an agency that allows victims of bias to prosecute cases without the huge expense of hiring private lawyers. However, only six investigators staff the San Francisco district office, and they juggle 50-to-60 active cases at one time.

Both Franke and Schatz placed ultimate blame for the department's backlog in Sacramento, at the doorstep of Gov. George Deukmejian, who controls the purse-strings and the staff. Schatz echoed Franke's judgment that the Department's investigators were "people not committed to issues pertaining to discrimination," reflecting attitudes they said were prevalent in the state's Republican administration.

Snowden provided the last word, however, when he said he was going to pursue his case despite the initial setbacks so that other Bay Area companies learned such "outrageous... conduct is unacceptable," and that they would not be able to get away with similar violations of rights.

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The AIDS Diet

OR

How to Turn Brussels Sprouts into Barbed Wire

Editor's note: This essay is taken from the book *To All The Girls I've Loved Before: An AIDS Diary*, copyright © 1987 by J. W. Money. The book will be in bookstores in June; (at \$6.95); or order by mail from Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118 (\$6 postpaid).

The first thing you learn about AIDS, if you're lucky, is that food is your best medicine. My first bout with PCP, I ate everything I could get my hands on, and lots of it, because I'd lost weight and that's what the doctors told me to do. I drank three glasses of milk a day, and while I don't do that now, I think it helped. Now I'm in a second bout with pneumonia, and weigh 16 pounds less than I did then. In other words, I need a little bit of armor.

When I first got AIDS, I made some strict rules about habits, refined those rules and obeyed them until I created a dietary prison. I should, instead, have built a country club, whose front lawn had a sign: Experiment and allow yourself anything that doesn't hurt you. This implies taking the time to reflect and try different things.

I've never been a drinker, but in the last few months I've tried "harmless" alcoholic beverages like half a glass of champagne or wine mixed with water. Every time, these social imbibements have left me the next day feeling like I'd taken ten Quaaludes. I have learned that I can't drink. I know that might change, but right now, I'm not interested in finding out. I'm too sick to perform that experiment.

I've read some of *The Yeast Connection* and also *Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Mucous*, and I think these books, and others like them, can be helpful. They may cause dramatic changes in you if you follow their precepts. They may do some good, or not much at all. They may also do harm. No two bodies are alike or respond alike. You've got to experiment with a willingness to admit when you, or someone else, is wrong.

'For years I lived on donuts and coffee every morning—and a Pepsi for lunch.'

I went to an acupuncturist for a painful rectal fissure that Western medicine, after three months, had failed to help. I think I improved after these treatments—anyway, I was in less pain. I got angry at the doctor, and he told me that I was angry at him and I didn't believe it, because on my first visit he spent a half hour with the needles and filled up the rest of the two hours talking and "consulting." I thought this pleasurable, because he was bright and full of ideas, but at \$60 an hour I thought he was taking advantage of me and I felt cheated that I wasn't getting more "treatment." I had just been on a diet for seven days that was so pure it would make Jack LaLanne genuflect. I had had a great death fright, and my reaction was to clean up my diet. Seven days of purity had a strange effect. Nothing tasted good anymore. I began to drop weight and became depressed. This is the state I was in on my first

visit to the acupuncturist. He put his psychological probe into my depression and this conversation followed:

He: Do you like coffee?

Me: Yes.

He: Do you drink coffee?

Me: Not since I got AIDS.

He: Why not?

Me: It has caffeine and it's acidic. It's not good for you.

He: I want you to go out tomorrow and have a good cup of coffee.

I was shocked, and I was angry that he could be what I thought was so flip about my hard-won abstinence from coffee. He said, "I always think you've got to keep a few vices so that when you're pushed into a corner you've got something to bargain with." He was right. I hadn't lost my appetite, I had lost something to bargain with. The next day, I went to a cafe and had my first cup of coffee in several months. It was delicious, but more important, it cheered me up considerably. After half a cup I quit. I was satisfied. And I didn't have another cup right the next day. I've learned that I can handle a little bit of coffee.

For years I lived on donuts and coffee every morning—and a Pepsi for lunch. I was very vain about my washboard stomach and terrified that half a sandwich

would turn me into Luciano Pavarotti. Coffee again at 4 p.m. to buoy my energy, and at 9 at night, starved, a meal that would cause Adele Davis to protect herself with the sign of the cross: a mushroom pizza, two frozen Milky Ways, and two glasses of homogenized milk. That was only one of my favorite dinners during the eight years that I never ate breakfast and rarely ate lunch. Add to this that I often went to the gym first and pulled off 500 sit-ups—all accomplished

'I was terrified that half a sandwich would turn me into Luciano Pavarotti.'

to the detriment of my health. I lived on caffeine and sugar. Some of these divine repasts, to make matters worse, were consumed about ten minutes before I fell exhausted into a deep sleep. If I had known then what I know now, I might not have had as sculptural a body, but I'd be a lot healthier. And who knows, maybe I wouldn't have done the damage that made me more susceptible to AIDS.

Find out what works for you and do it. And do it for as long as it works. Keep your mind open, read the authorities, but don't be trapped by cant. I never drink and I never smoke, but I still eat pizza, preferably one slice and with a vegetable that helps fill me up so that I don't want another three slices of pizza.

When life, because of a rigid diet or whatever reason, takes on the atmosphere of

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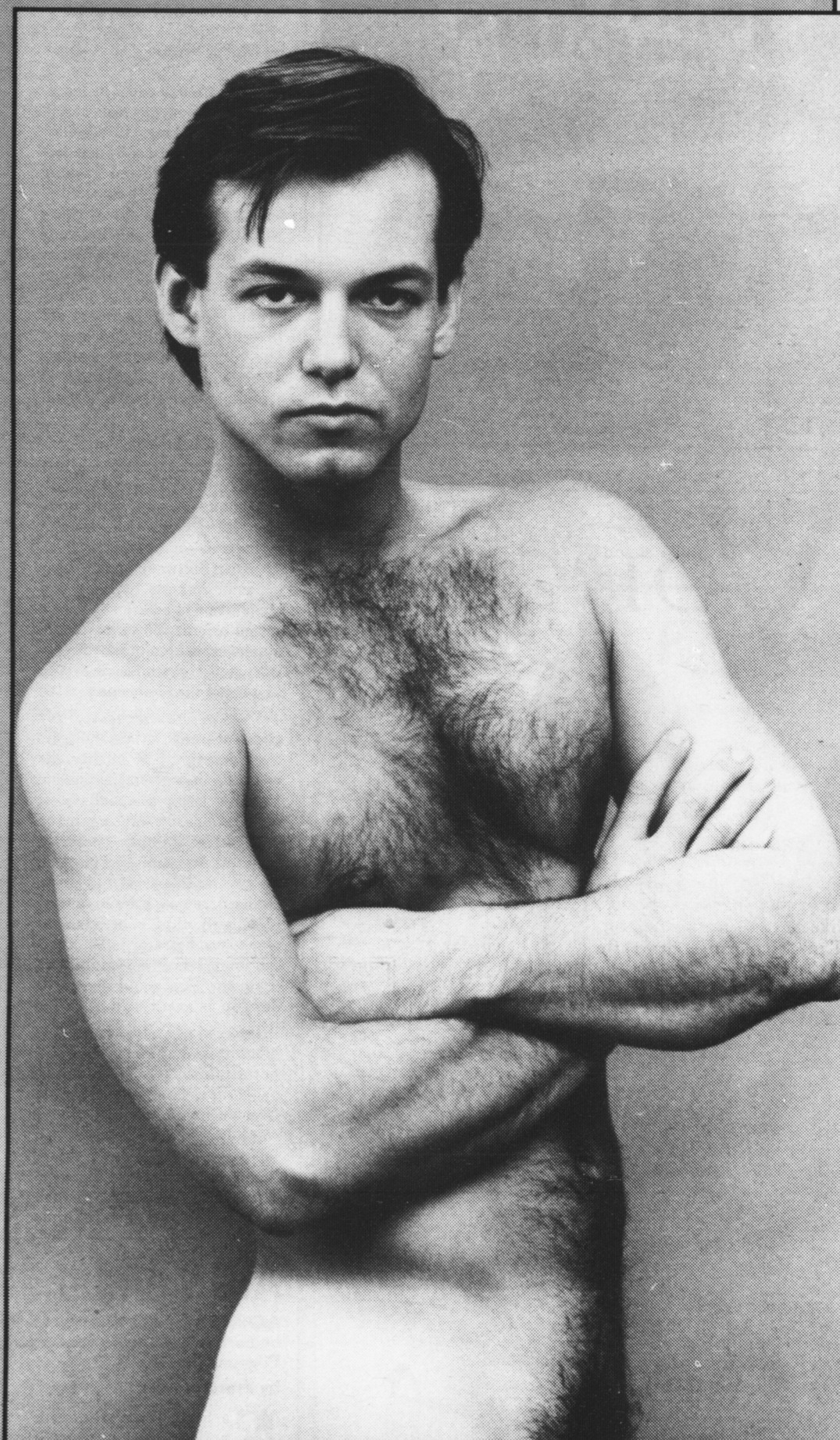
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The Greening of the Sissies

The "Sissy-Boy Syndrome" and the Development of Homosexuality
by Richard Green, M.D.
Yale University Press, \$40

by Marv. Shaw

How much could be learned about gay male nature by staking out a behavioral research area of 44 decidedly effeminate boys and tracking them into early adulthood? Green, a professor of psychiatry at UCLA, approaching this study via association with John Money and his pioneering work, decided in the late '50s that, potentially, much could be discovered. For 15 years his study proceeded. The results are not definitive; nevertheless, his book stands as a promising beginning for further effort.

Setting aside the knee-jerk reaction that any research into the origins of gayness is illegitimate, we can get a comprehensive, controlled—though variegated—picture of the relationship between effeminate behavior in early boyhood and recognition of a basically homosexual orientation in manhood. Macho expostulations to the contrary, most gay men have long suspected the connection.

The prime necessity for Green's study is ironically its most damaging. To qualify, the 44 had to show several effeminate characteristics and behaviors: declarations of wanting to be girls, cross dressing, choice of feminine toys, feminine gait and gestures, avoidance of rough play, choice of female roles in fantasy play, and choice of girls as playmates. Extreme indeed, this syndrome sets up a self-fulfilling prophecy. How could these lads develop as anything but gay?

Interestingly, a few emerged as heterosexual or bisexual adults, but with usually some homosexual period in their maturation. To Green's credit, he is perfectly candid on the variegation of what he calls the sexual identity spectrum, noting carefully the abandonment of one feminine behavior here, the shift of sexual interest there.

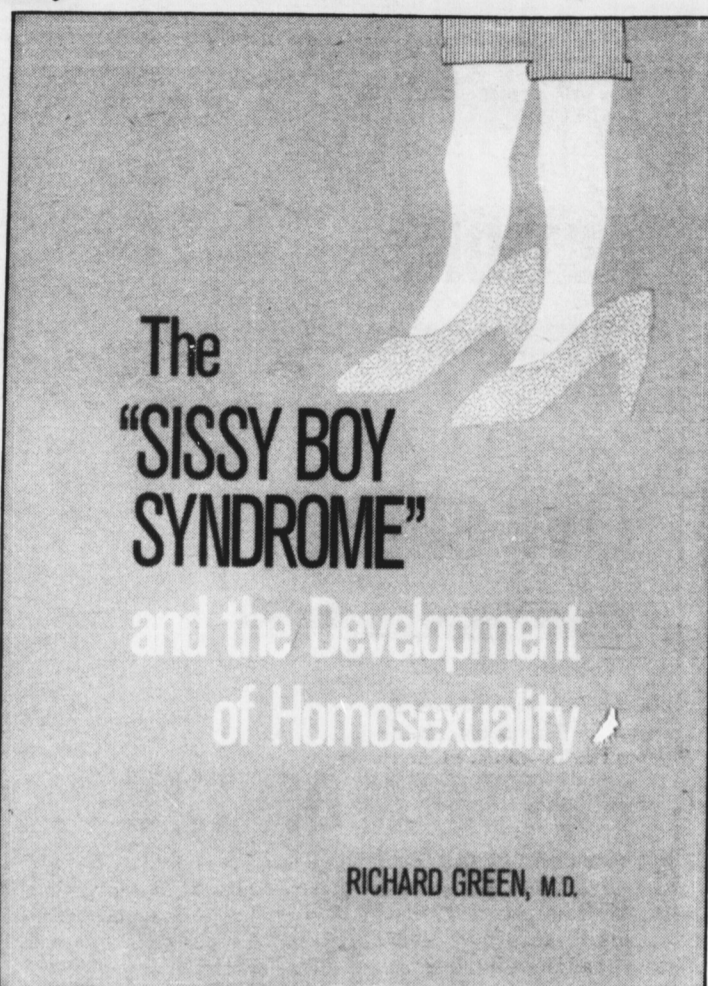
AIDS and the Church

AIDS: Personal Stories in Pastoral Perspective
by Earl Shelp, Ronald Sunderland, and Peter Mansell
Pilgrim Press, \$7.95
by Frank Howell

Each week I scan the death notices in B.A.R. to see if anyone I know really well stares out at me from the printed page. So far, luck has prevailed. But for how long? AIDS remains a curious abstraction until it lands in your own back yard.

Throughout the AIDS crisis the American church establishment, with a few notable exceptions, has chosen to remain aloof from the task of ministering to the sexual leper. The prophetic role of Christianity is thus denied and the pastor chooses to follow the congregation rather than assume that Christ would not drive the money lenders from the hospitals, but instead invite them to a barbecue. Jim and Tammy Bakker would understand the morality involved. The church will settle for mere respectability.

The authors, Shelp, Sunderland, and Mansell, who serve as theologians and a medical authority, in that order, challenge us with case histories of those who are crucified on this bizarre cross of hypocrisy. The stories speak for themselves.



Naturally, there was a comparison group, 36 boys with predominantly masculine characteristics and behaviors. Only one of this group became even bisexual, none gay.

Probably the most disturbing realization to come out of this book is that the supposedly discredited "cause" of male gayness, a distant or absent father and a close-binding mother, appears repeatedly. But of course that "cause" might be true of only these ultra-effeminate.

Another disquieting factor is that Green, whose own sexual orientation is not evident, regards the work of homophobes like Irving Bieber and Charles Socarides as legitimate as that of John Money and Alfred Kinsey.

Among the speculations in his penultimate chapter, Green wishes that others now develop this line of investigation further. I commend that wish and would make two recommendations. First, there should be a study from the "opposite end," so to speak. That is, a larger, more representative sampling of gay men should be studied to determine, from their own recollection and analysis, what influence any effeminacy might have had on their developing sexual orientation. Second, any degree of effeminacy should be included, not just the extreme syndrome Green isolated.

BOOKS

Elegant Satirical Rapier

Stop worrying, Casanova — who'd believe it anyway?



Now for My Next Trick . . .
Cartoons by Michael Willhoite
Alyson Publications, \$4.95

by Marv. Shaw

There is enough that is absurd in the gay world and the idiotic attitudes of straights toward it to tempt satirists of all kinds. But there are major problems: satirizing realities that are already ridiculous, getting unique angles on subjects, and being original enough to win appreciative attention.

Willhoite solves the lot in his collection of 86 cartoons from the Washington Blade. He catches gay people and situations from every conceivable angle with an insouciant style and captions that are right on target. The result is that we can get a good laugh at ourselves and give a good-humored finger to the straight world.

Reclaiming Our Past

About Time: Exploring The Gay Past
by Martin Baum Duberman
Gay Presses of New York, \$10.95
by Frank Howell

One of the principal ways in which straight society would like to oppress gays is to rob them of their sense of past. This causes a major blow to our pride.

Homophobia stands in the way of any intrepid historian who dares to probe the past roots of human sexuality of any kind. Duberman relates many of the problems encountered. Archival personnel are reluctant to release controversial materials. They fear a backlash from relatives. Materials of a homoerotic nature are difficult to find via the old days. If such evidence did exist it was usually destroyed. Many history buffs recall with horror the manner in which the Victorian widow of Sir Richard Burton gleefully destroyed his most intimate papers.

About Time is divided into two distinct and informative parts. Most of the material is taken from columns published in the New York Native, New York Times and Christopher Street.

In Part I we reap the benefit from Duberman's research when he rummages through the ragbag of gay chronology and produces some of the following:

- Love letters that circulated between two southern gentlemen in the 1820s;
- Controversy about Walt Whitman and his gayness—a riveting debate;
- Reports on sex among the boys in the dear old CC camps (Civilian Conservation Corps) in the depression days;
- How the King Cole bar was "de-fagged" by a clever detective using sinister methods;
- A sensationalized report about boy prostitution in New York City (1948);
- A Senate report (1950) on the threat of homosexuals infecting government and causing corruption;
- An absorbing correspondence between Dr. Alfred Kinsey and a well-traveled European gay who shares his observations on sexual mores in Continental and African countries;
- A trendy magazine from the 1950s warning us all about "San Francisco: The Queer City."

In Part II we can thoroughly enjoy Duberman's essays on several subjects.

He provides intriguing background on the Leonard Matlovich case against the United States Air Force, but he leaves out Leonard's battle with the Mormon Church when it excommunicated him for loving Adam instead of Steve. He gives details on

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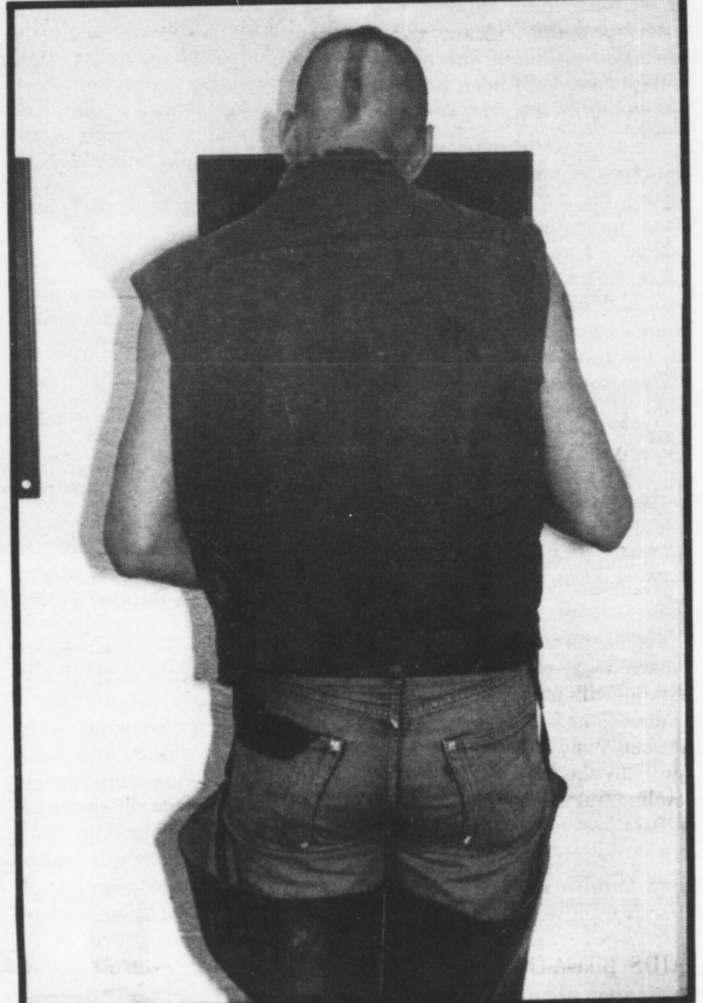
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Mr. Marcus

★ DC-Eagle ✂ Closes After 15 Years ★

The Washington, DC Eagle closed its doors for good last Sunday, May 3, after 15 years serving the leather/levi/uniform fraternity in the nation's capital and surrounding states. As a replacement, Dick's Bar will assume the name DC-Eagle at 639 New York Ave., NW. It will retain the original Eagle's symbols and traditions. Regulars are hopeful that the new establishment will live up to its name.



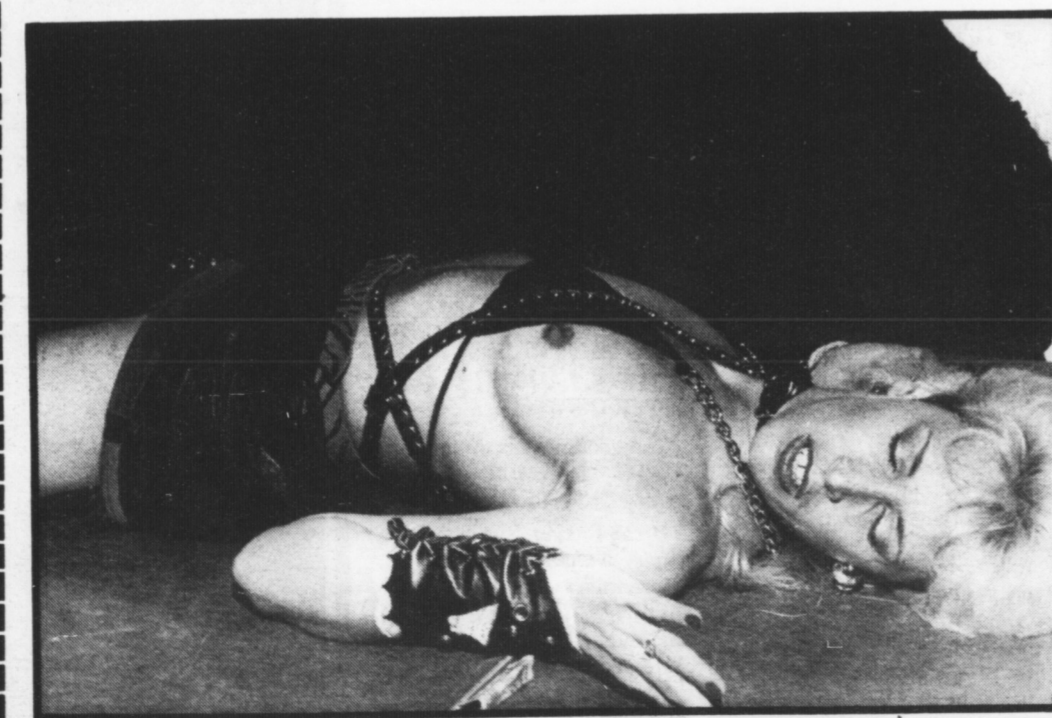
A high-booted guest at Rex's West Graphics opening (Photo: R. Pruzan)

Home of a gay charitable group, Brother Help Thyself, the DC-Eagle had a loyal cadre of employees, some of which worked there 10 years or longer. It opened in November 1971 in a building on 9th Street NW which had been partially destroyed by fire in the 1968 riots and was in the middle of Washington's decaying downtown section. It was the birth of a genuine leather bar, with an upstairs room (the Leather Rack) selling leather clothing and sex toys. In 1976, Don Bruce, his brother and sister-in-law (Eddie and Barbara), acquired another building and opened the Eagle In Exile, a leather-levi disco only a block away. At that point, the Bruces employed more than 140 people. In 1979, the construction of the D.C. Convention Center on 9th Street forced them to move to their present 7th St. NW location. Harassment of patrons by neighboring businesses was a problem until Mayor Marion Barry was elected. In 1976, the DC-Eagle was honored by the (now defunct) Washington Star, which reported that the Dept. of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs awarded the bar a Certificate of Merit for cleanliness, more so than uppercrust eateries on K Street and posh Georgetown. Like our own SF-Eagle, Don Bruce's place served as a major bar for fundraising groups. The area in which the latest DC-Eagle is/was located is being razed for construction of Techworld, a giant high-tech trade center that will cover a four-square block area stretching to Chinatown.

Saturday, May 2, the furnishings and fixtures of the DC-Eagle were auctioned off with the proceeds going to Brother Help Thyself, and Sunday, after regular business hours, the DC-Eagle passed into history. Another example of redevelopment and Manhattanization has taken the DC-Eagle, but the good times, the bad times, and the heavenly times on the premises will live on in the memories of natives and visitors alike. After all, no decent leather man would visit Washington without visiting the DC-Eagle.

The Golden Gate Guards had a nice time at the New World and the Cal Eagles M/C garage sale was successful; the remainder of the goodies was donated to the Brown Bag Benefit and it amounted to almost a truck load.

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Rainbeau gets down at Atlantis during women's weekend at the River (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Marcus

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The Cheaters M/C Beer Bust at the Eagle Sunday was very well attended, and the party-goers consumed some nine kegs of beer! It was festive all over town.

Up at the RushRiv, there must have been a million lesbians on hand from all the surrounding counties, including hundreds from The City.

The great weather all weekend only added to the ambience in the Castro as shirts were shed and bare chests and legs were in abundance all over the place.

Tuesday evening at the War Memorial Green Room, the AIDS Emergency Fund held its annual wine and hors d'oeuvres soiree, the brainchild of Rick Booth, with a festive turnout. AIDS Fund President Hank Cook was on hand, tanned and relaxed after his mini-vacation in Mexico. Like I said earlier: Rick Booth sure knows how to throw a party!

It's Spring and if you're so bored you have to write nasty letters, who am I to dissuade dizzy queens (especially at 400 Duboce) from venting their frustrations?

Tonight, due to an error in scheduling, the Bare Chest Contest will take place at the SF Eagle beginning at 2200 hours; down the street a few blocks, the Endup will hold their Buns Calendar Contest too. It was not confirmed at my deadline, but quite possibly the Emperor de Motorcycling Gary Kenyon will MC the Bare Chest Contest.

Saturday, May 9, will be a busy day. They're having a beer bust at the Bear for Rita Rockett's Ward 5A Sunday dinners; the 1987 AIDS Bike-A-Thon takes place with some 1,000 bikers expected to participate. They hope to raise half a million \$\$ with this year's event, which is a benefit for virtually every AIDS charity in town. The short and easy 25-mile loop or the 60-mile tour of SF and Marin will take place, plus a 100-mile challenge ride through Marin.

There'll be a Piercing Clinic at Image Leather Saturday from 1400 to 2000 (by appointment) by Jim Ward, the expert from the LA Gauntlet, open to men and women. Sunday, same time, they're having a Mother's Day Party in a private South of Market home for men only at \$7 a ducat. There will be a photo exhibit by Mike Rosen, tattooing and permanent piercings by Jim Ward. Call Mark at 621-6294 for details and location.

Uniform mavens can gather at the Line-Up Saturday evening too for another of those monthly get-togethers at 1900 for cocktails and dinner at 2000. Call 543-0378 for details and/or reservations.

Sunday, May 10, the Constantines M/C will hold its annual Twelve-Incher Party. Check in at 1145 hrs at the Watering Hole. It'll cost you \$10 for events and the beer bust, and \$7 for just the beer bust (after the events) at the SF-Eagle. Rider, buddy, and people events will take place.

If you're into Nordic types (you know: big, blonde, hunky, silent, smooth, and horny), you must attend John Muir's 3rd annual Norwegian Independence Day party at the Pilsner Inn Thursday, May 14, beginning at 2030 hours. No cover, no minimum, but they'll pick Mr. Viking and have the Sonja Henie Look-A-Like contest and a Polka contest. Wear traditional dress(es) as there will be door prizes (no, Jim

Chitanich is not one of them!). John Muir gives good party, so don't miss this annual event.

If you're out and about in the mornings, check out Olin and Ron's Bloody Mary get-togethers early on weekends. A pair that will keep you in stitches!

Next Friday, May 15, the Shanti Project will show off their new offices at 525 Howard from 1700 to 2000, and that same night they're having a "Not So" Newly Wed Game at the SF-Eagle, a project put on by the emperor and empress. Gary Kenyon and Tina Tanner will host and MC, assisted by Alexander Buiel. This sounds like fun.

While all this is going on, the Rawhide II is celebrating its 4th anniversary which began this past Monday with a Chili Cook-off; Tuesday they had a Line Dance Contest and last night, Wednesday, they had an all-phases dance contest. Tonight, Thursday, it's a live band and buffet, and Friday, May 8, they'll be Eating the Worm. Saturday it's a beer chugging contest and buffet, and Sunday it's the Jane



Relaxing poolside at The Woods last weekend (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Gang Western Band, so get on down and sashay around. Congratulations to Ray Chalker and

the Rawhide staff, and best wishes for more success as you begin your fifth year!

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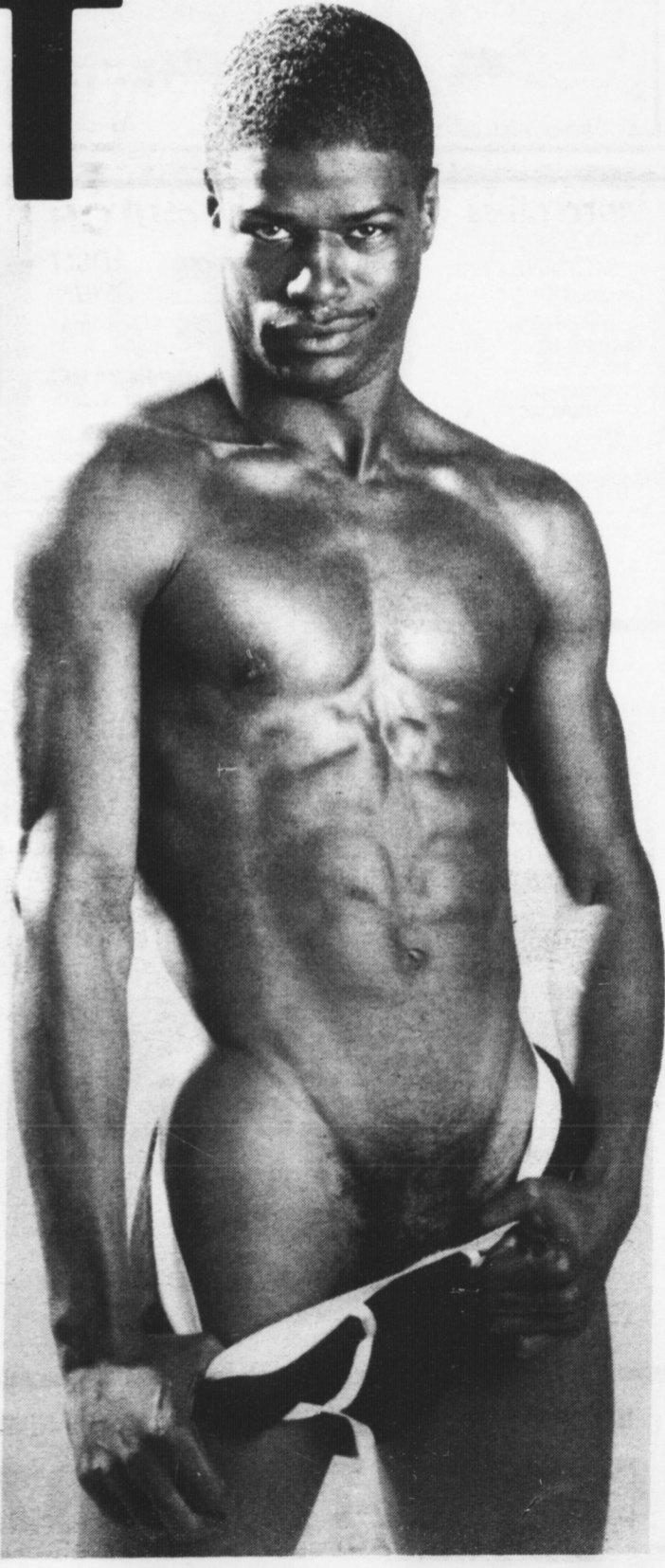
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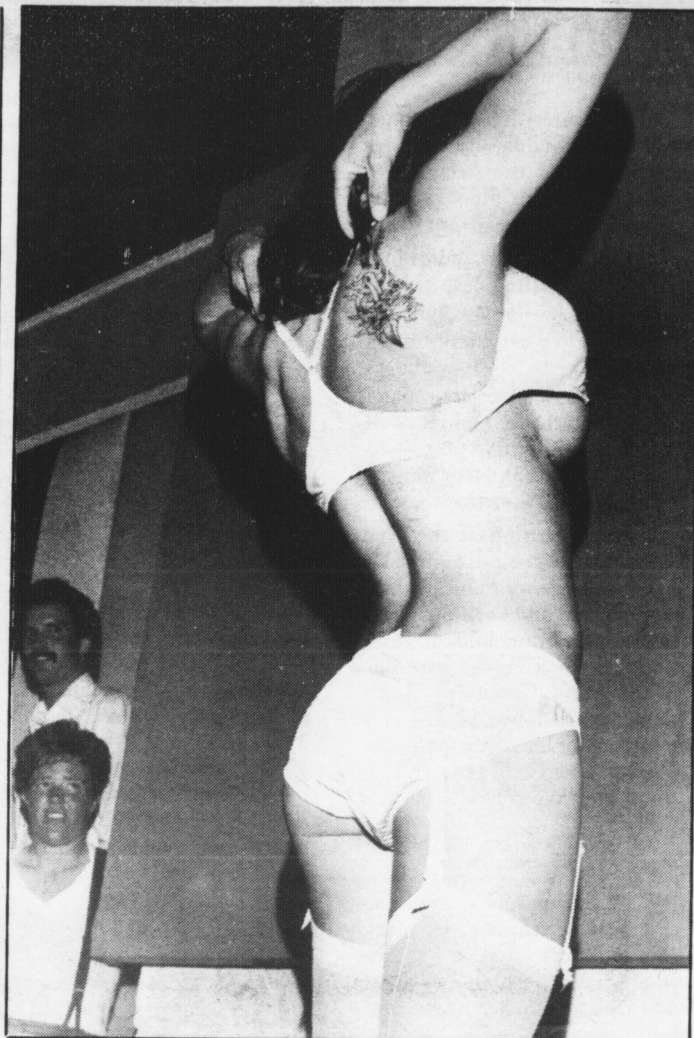
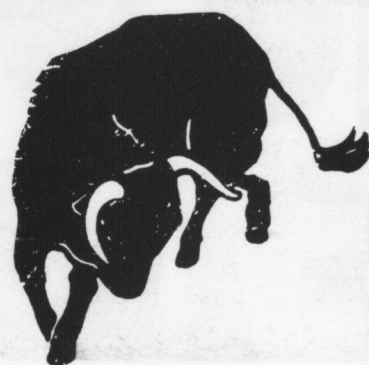
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Striptease at Atlantis (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

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This aging leather queen (me) has been cruising around town picking up bits and pieces of juice for all of you (except the prima queenas at 400 Duboce) so here goes. I guess they needed a blond burly type at the Bayou up at the RushRiv so they hired Glenn Terrio to work the bar weekends — which side was not specified as he turns 30 this very day (Thursday). Smirked one knowledgeable queen: "It's a good thing he don't work at the Badlands, my dear." When you reach 30 there, you are out the door and pronto! Glenn, with dark, dark hair, explains he got "bleached" out in the weekend sun — hahahahahahahahaha! Thanks, Ms. Austinetta.

Looks like the Sentinel is searching for a leather columnist because David Lowe, the editor, was in the Powerhouse last Saturday night but couldn't find Vern Stewart, who is trying oh so desperately to get a foot in a local paper — after all, who reads the Seattle Gay News around here on a permanent basis?

Sad to report that among us are people who write bad checks in the hundreds of \$\$\$ to AIDS charities. One guy got his name in the program for being an "Over \$200 donor" — the check has been put through three times and not honored yet. The same person made a dramatic statement in front of a packed Eagle beer bust crowd one Sunday last year stating that his company was donating \$10,000 to the AIDS

Emergency Fund. That money has never been seen. How pitiful it is that persons can grandstand so grandly at the expense of AIDS brothers, who need all the help they can get. It's pitiful, and quite surely pathetic.

Hear tell all around political circles in town that the Executive Committee of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club is planning to change the name of the once-venerable organization to the Art Agnos Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club. Loud guffaws both north and south of Market and east and west of Van Ness.

Stella and Sarah (David Stoll and John Miles) of the SF-Eagle are off to sunny Mexico for 10 days of fun and frolic while keeping an eye out for Montezuma, which has given more than one yanqui queen his Revenge. Puerto Vallarta and that infamous condo there will never be the same! Ay Jalisco!

And yes, that was Al Parker and his faithful Justin at that horrible horror movie at the Kabuki last Saturday, where afterward they had to have several cocktails at the Powerhouse to get re-adjusted. Can you imagine a super porno star like Al Parker coming to SFO to see one of the louisiest horror pics ever made?

Lonnice Lee will not represent SF at the Intl. Mr. Leather Contest in Chicago after all due to a "cash flow" problem at Kinky's since that big fire in the neighborhood a few months ago. Still no word on who the Powerhouse will send.

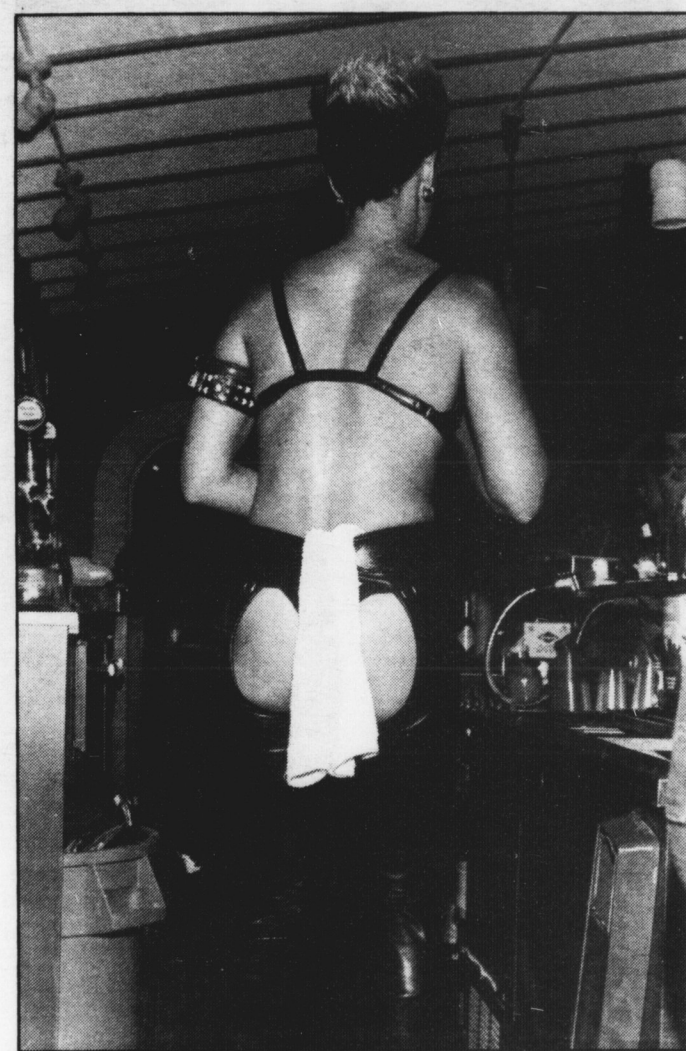
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Arm in arm at the river (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Mark Friese

SF Attitude St. Pete Style



Mistress Kathy tried her hand at bartending at Atlantis during women's week at the River (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Ever since I bought it a few months ago it has been my burning desire to use it on an airplane. It was such a desire that I paid \$27 for a rechargeable battery bar for it, only to find on the return flight that I had accidentally left it on, rendering it useless, unless I could find the proper batteries for it. Gadzooks! It seems luck was with me, and my itch could be scratched, as we had time enough on our layover in New Orleans to make a mad dash to the airport gift store to pay a king's ransom for four batteries, with another mad dash back to the plane.

Once settled back in the comfort of my L-1011 I pulled my device out of the overhead compartment, pulled off the battery cover, and gently inserted the batteries into my compact portable, proving that it doesn't take too much to make me happy.

Florida was Florida, and for the first couple of days I was put through what I classify as Advanced Frustration 1 and 2, as my parents, sister, nephew, and I toured some of the straight hot-spots, including Tarpon Springs, Fort DeSoto, the dog track, and Busch Gardens, all places where the "straight" boys know what they're doing when they get dressed in the morning, which is going out to frustrate the gay boys.

I can't say it was really that hard on the eyes to see those boys, but it was a relief to finally hit one of the three "hotspots" of St. Petersburg. As recommended by Stephanie Miller of the Men's Room, The Club was everything you would ever want in a Sun-coast gay bar, and more.

The Club had your mandatory pool table, dance floor, pinball and video games, and of course a unique and diversified crowd, along with a different goodlooking blond bartender on each of the nights I was there.

The first night I was there was with my sister, who promptly got into a misunderstanding with a dragqueen, in boy clothes, named Frankie, who felt compelled to show his fake breasts to her, something that didn't sit right with my sister, even though she's been around. So we left early, just as I was making some headway with Roger the bartender. Ah well, another night to come.

The next night was just as hectic at The Club as I was by myself and was getting the new-face-in-town treatment by all the wrong locals and eventually having to give a little San Francisco attitude lesson to this one little nerd. I thought I had ruined any social chances for the rest of the evening when all of a sudden shots of Southern Comfort, God forbid, started appearing from the bartender and other regulars of the bar. You see it seems what I perceived as a faux pas was exactly what everyone there had wanted to tell that person for a long time which made me into sort of a local hero for the evening. The others were fine, but Jim the bartender was finer, even though Stephanie Miller has some sort of gripe against him, which I will tell you if you ask me. But the late hour, and the unfamiliar drive home, prompted me to get a long and lingering smooch from the bartender and my ass home. Score: Libido satisfaction Zero, Mom and apple pie Two.

The rest of the vacation was all right, even though my sister and I had a fight Thursday that had her feeling so bad she burned the ribs for dinner that evening, prompting me to comment that she must think I'm a God, serving me burnt offerings, a comment that seemed to soothe over all the tensions of the day.

We flew back to spend one day at her apartment in La Habra, an apartment complex filled with more of those frustrating straight boys, and yes my Speedo was the

talk at the pool that afternoon. Sunday it was finally back to the City, where at least I have a fairly good grip on how to handle the insanity that makes it my home!

It was good to find lots of info in my mailbox when I arrived home, and you should be happy also because I could have gone on about the thrills of my vacation, and frankly there weren't too many more.

This Friday evening the Russian River Metropolitan Community Church will hold an Art Exhibition and Auction at the Unitarian Church, 3641 Stony Point Rd., Santa Rosa, and the exhibition will be from 7 'til 8 p.m.

with the auction at 8 p.m. They will have champagne and hors d'oeuvres with admission being free. For more info call (707) 869-0552.

Part of my typing on the plane dealt with the Great Tricycle Race to be held Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, and it will start out from the San Francisco Eagle at 2 p.m. that day and end at the Mint. For information on becoming a contestant or having a booth at the Mint after the race, contact either myself at 431-3470 or Stanley Boyd at the Mint at 626-4726. And yes, Stan was pleased that some of my airplane typing was for the race!

This Sunday the COITS will hold a plant auction at the New Bell Saloon from 2 'til 6 p.m., with the proceeds being split between the COITS and the AIDS Counseling Services of Operation Concern. There will be great auctioneers and lots of great plants to bid on.

The next Tavern Guild meeting will be held at the Twin Peaks Tavern this Tuesday at 1 p.m., I think!

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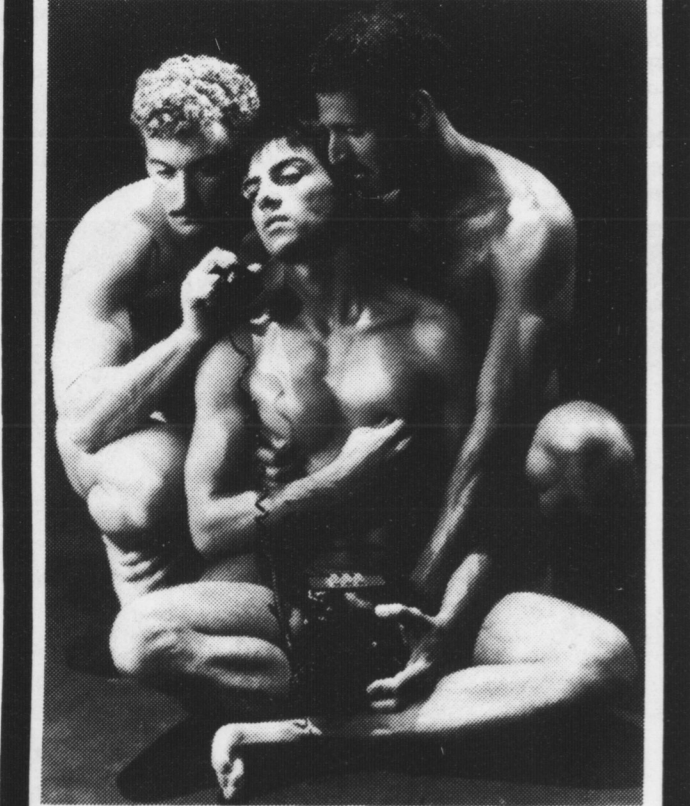
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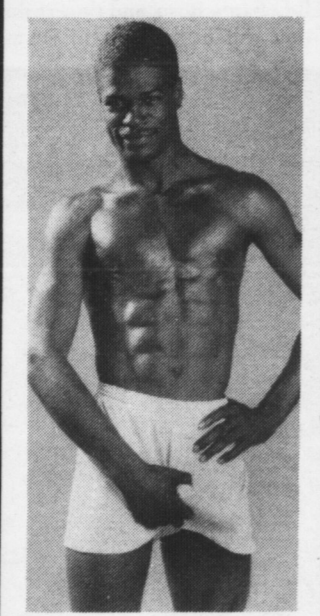
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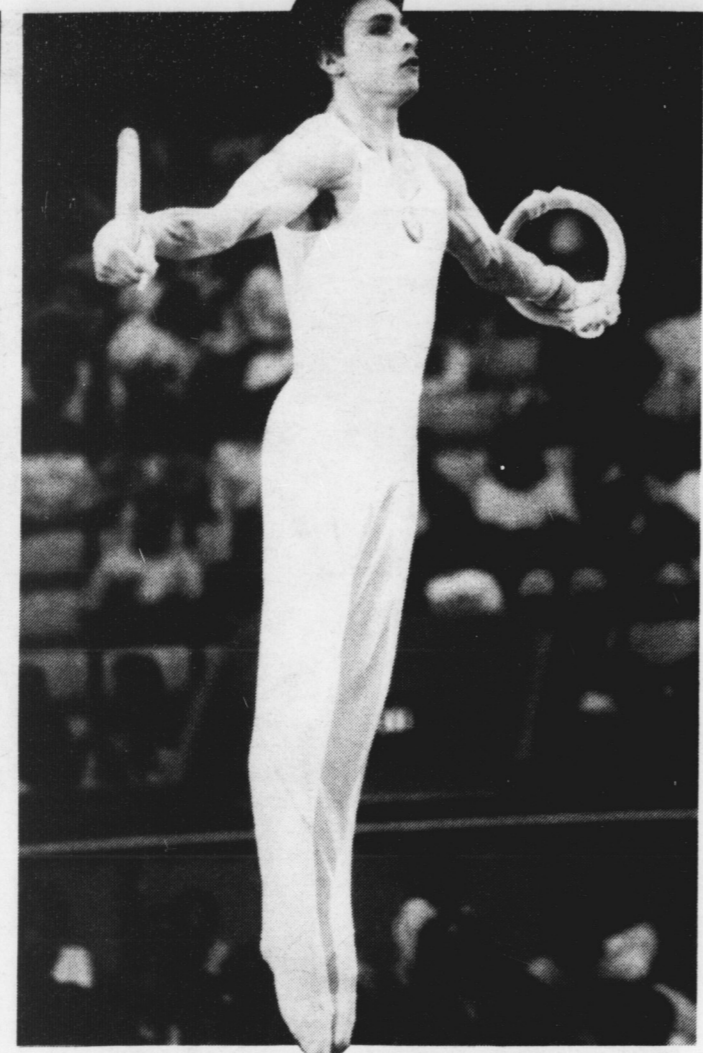
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Valentin Mogilny executes the Iron Cross in the Rings competition at the 1987 McDonald's Gymnastic Challenge and Goodwill Tour (Photo: James Dusch)

Marcus
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both the Bare Chest and Buns Calendar contests at the Eagle and Endup. Les Morgan, model photographer extraordinaire, is offering the winners a free portrait sitting (valued at \$150) in a studio setting in case they feel they are model material and need a starter kit for their portfolios, beginning with this week's contests at both places. You could get discovered, you know!

Nice tribute to Dr. Tom Waddell, the Daddy of the Gay Games, last Thursday on 20/20. Tom deserves a lot of credit for inspiring so many people to participate and support the Gay Games. I only hope the Vancouver people will do half as good. Nice going, Tom Waddell.

As for complaints about my belittling Los Angeles in this column, those of you who are bothered should get over it. I'm a native of Los Angeles and love that city. My snide comments and remarks about Los Angeles are

all in fun, and the people and places there know it. Why anyone can get serious about fun and camp is beyond anyone's comprehension. Los Angeles is a fun city with a lot of dedicated people both in and out of leather. Apparently those of you who take offense are definitely not in tune with the reality of what is actually taking place. Any knowledgeable Californian (from either Los Angeles or San Francisco) knows about the rivalry between the two cities. While some aspects of the Los Angeles of yesteryear may have been cause for disdain, ridicule, and mockery, the situation no longer exists. You have to be a native to understand the quasarivalry. Otherwise, don't even bother to get involved. You'll lose every time.

So folks (you baddies at 400 Duboce too), get your act together, donate to worthy charities, keep your legs crossed, and your halo polished. Keep those letters coming, you evil queens. Love you in spite of your evilness!

Karl's Calendar

THURSDAY 5/7
Auction For Larkin Youth Center, Kokpit, 8 p.m., hosts Collette Le Grande and Arthur.
Bare Chest Contest, S.F. Eagle, 10 p.m.

FRIDAY 5/8
Inter-Club Fund Annual Progressive Dinner, check-in 6-7 p.m. at Chez Mollet (end S.F. Eagle), \$1,000 in prizes, donation \$8.
Cabaret Night, Galleon, 9 p.m., guest singer Mikio Hirata, for reservations call 431-0253.

SATURDAY 5/9
Bloody Mary Party, Pilsner Inn, 6 a.m.-2 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday, \$2.50, hosts Ron and Olin.
Muff's Morning Movie, Men's Room, 10:30 a.m., host Ed Wilson.
Beer Bust Honoring Rita Rockett, The Bear, 5-8 p.m., \$5, show 7 p.m., benefit Ward 5A.

SUNDAY 5/10
Mother's Day Party, Trax, \$1 special drink, all day.
Constantines M/C 12-Incher Beer Bust, S.F. Eagle, 3-6 p.m., \$7.
Mother's Day Force 5 Hat Contest and Beer Bust, Whiskey Gulch (Palo Alto), 3-6 p.m., \$7, benefit ELLIPSE (San Mateo AIDS Foundation).

TUESDAY 5/12
Auction, Village, 8 p.m., benefit San Francisco Gay Softball League's 1987 World Series Fund, hosts Mr. Gay Don Tribur and Bruce Harrelson.

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Center For Attitudinal Healing

A program about the world-renowned Center for Attitudinal Healing in Tiburon will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Unitarian Meeting House, 2124 Brewster Ave., Redwood City. The program is sponsored by Calvary Metropolitan Community Church.

The center was founded in 1975 by Dr. Gerald Jampolsky to supplement traditional health care by providing an environment in which children and adults faced with a life-threatening illness can actively participate in the process of attitudinal healing. Dr. Jampolsky began working with children, but the center's resources now are available to people of all ages. Disease-specific groups, including AIDS,

also meet. The center provides one-on-one and group support for friends and families as well as those suffering from a disease.

The concept of attitudinal healing is based on the belief that it is possible to choose peace rather than conflict, love rather than fear. It is the process of letting go of painful, fearful attitudes. When one lets go of fear, then only love, the most important healing force in the world, remains. The center defines health as inner peace and healing as the process of letting go of fear. This is achieved in an atmosphere of loving, nonjudgmental attitudes.

Barbara Delaney, executive director, and Sharon Pair-Taylor, coordinator of adult programs, will represent the center. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the discussion. Persons affected by AIDS are especially encouraged to attend. There is no charge. Call 368-0188 for more information.

Erotic Lesbian Photo Contest

On Our Backs announces the Second Annual Erotic Lesbian Photography Contest. \$100 will be awarded to the Best Photo Series (5-10 photographs on a single theme or model(s)), and \$50 will be awarded to the Best Single Photograph. Honorable Mentions will be selected for a free subscription to On Our Backs. Deadline for entries is June 1. All the winners will have their work published in On Our Backs.

Any number of photos may be submitted, in either category. All work must be original black and white prints which have never been published before. Each photo must be identified with the photographer's name, address, and phone number. Work should be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. The contest is open to all except for the staff and families of Blush Productions/On Our Backs. Model releases must accompany all photos of recognizable models. All models must be 18 or over.

Lest year's first erotic lesbian photo contest sponsored by On Our Backs was a delightful mix of lesbian sexual imagery that brought submissions from Hawaii to Holland. "We're quite aware that this is a unique field for artists to express themselves in print, and a pioneering expression of lesbian life in general," says Susie Bright, editor of On Our Backs. "We look forward to hearing from even more photographers this year, both professional and amateur, who have caught a memorable erotic experience in their camera's eye."

Queen of the Orient

The Second Annual Queen of the Orient '87 pageant will be held on Saturday, May 30, at the

San Franciscan Hotel, 1231 Market St., at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 30 gay men from Asia have registered for this year's pageant and will compete for the title in national costume, evening gown, and swimsuit. Contestants will represent most of the countries of Asia, including Japan, China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, India, and Malaysia.

The evening's entertainment will also include the search for Mr. Asia-Pacific '87. Ten men will compete for audience votes in swimwear and formal attire.

Tickets for the event are available at Headlines (\$12) and at the door (\$15).

For additional information, call 753-3623.

Ward 5A Benefit

A benefit for San Francisco General Hospital's Ward 5A featuring Laurie Bushman, Nicolle Bilotti, John Caporale, Blanche Cliver, Susan Kay, Brad Sprankle, and Tim Thompson will take place May 9 from 5-8 p.m. at the Bear, 440 Castro St. The charge will be \$5 for a beer bust, comedy, and music. Call 864-5631 for more information.

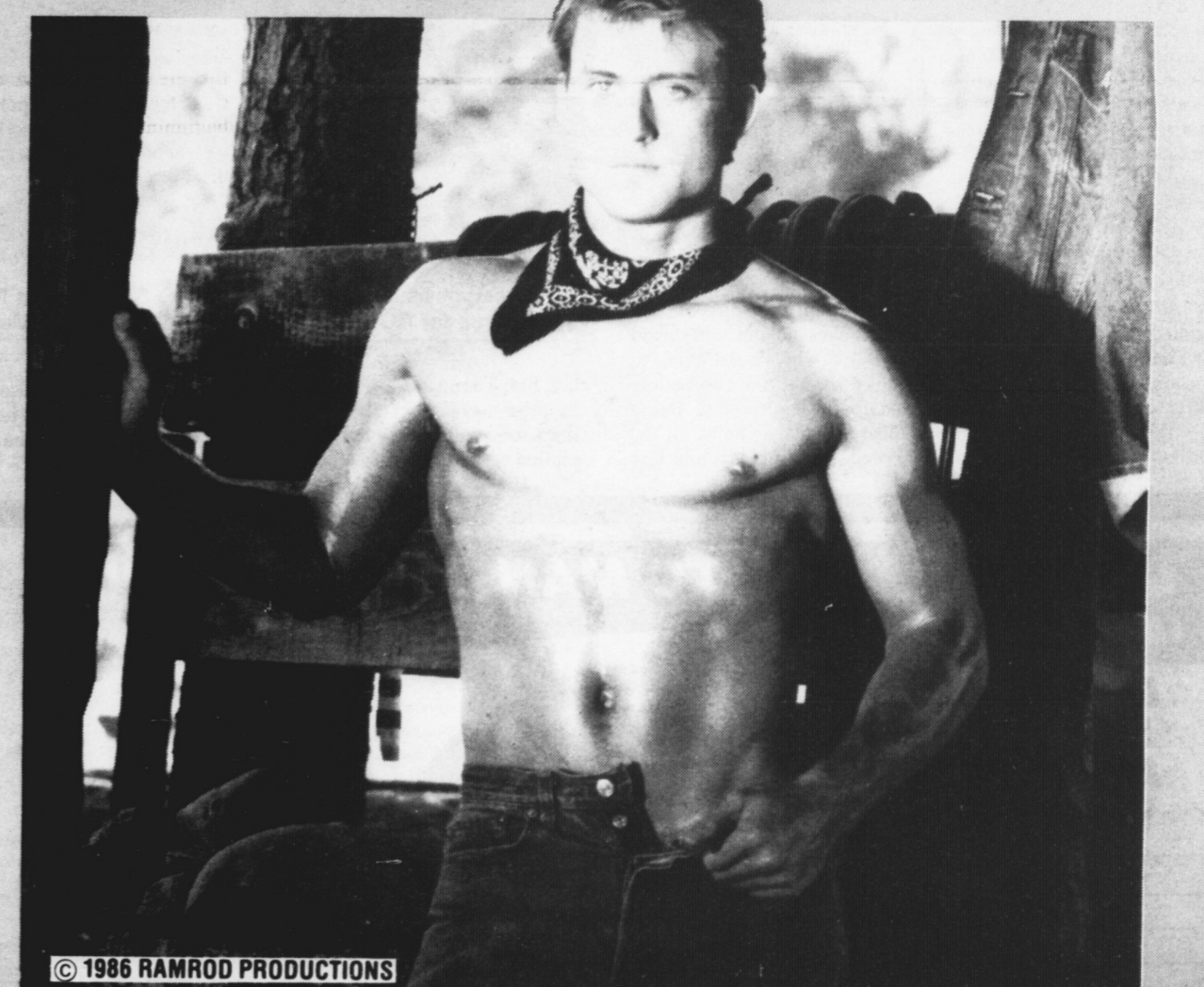
Frameline Presents

The May 7 edition of Frameline Presents will feature April's Lifestyle Update from Los Angeles with reports on the Southern California Gay Rodeo, the Los Angeles Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, and the award ceremonies of Southern California Women for Understanding and AGLA (Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Artists in the Entertainment Industry). Also featured will be three works by local video artist Dean Decent (*Busperson Exposed*, *Redhead*, and *I Was an Assistant Host*). The show will conclude with previews of several films and video tapes scheduled for Frameline's forthcoming 11th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, June 18-28.

Frameline continuously reviews video works for presentation on Frameline Presents, which airs every other Thursday on San Francisco cable channel 25 at 8 p.m. To submit a tape or for more information on Frameline or the upcoming festival contact Frameline at 861-5245.

Check-in for the Progressive Dinner is Friday, May 8, between 6 and 7 p.m. at the Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant St. Stops will include the Folsom New World, the Watering Hole, the Covered Wagon, and the SF Eagle. All for an \$8 donation.

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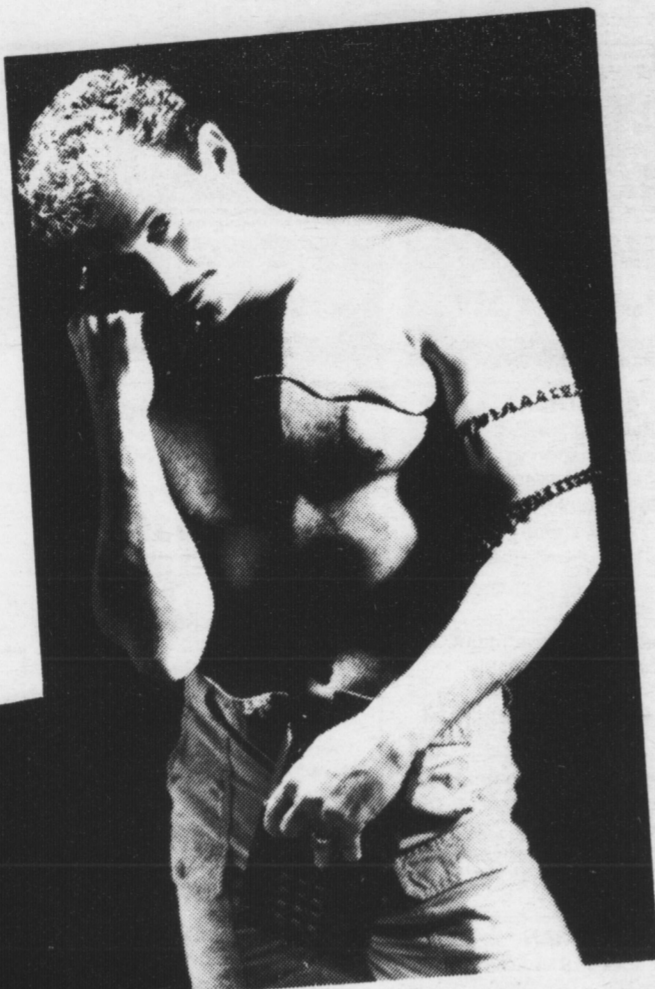
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1,050 Cyclists 'Make Something Special Happen'

by Jay Newquist

In a grassroots, all-volunteer fundraising drive that is unique in the U.S., 1,050 cyclists raised a staggering \$340,000 for AIDS charities last Saturday by riding in the 1987 AIDS Bike-A-Thon. It was clear when the first wave of 200 bicycles swept like a riptide up Castro St. at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9, that the Bike-A-Thon had achieved an emotional significance extraordinary for a pledge ride.

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And they're off. Bike-A-Thon enthusiasts (left) ride through the Castro as the great bicycle extravaganza begins. Above, 60-milers ride over the Golden Gate Bridge.

(Photos: Steve Savage)

City Gets Off Lightly In '85 Bashing Case

Kelleher Settles for \$15,000;
Suit Asked for \$2.5 Million

by Allen White

The case of Liam Kelleher, the man who was brutally beaten on a 24-Divisadero Muni bus two years ago, was settled last Monday. In the settlement Kelleher is to receive only \$15,000. The small award was attributed to the fact that his physical injury was not as much as originally believed. At the time of the attack it was believed that he had sustained substantial permanent head, leg and back injuries. There was also the possibility of a herniated disc.



Liam Kelleher
(Photo: James Dusch)

Kelleher was returning home early Sunday morning, June 25, 1985. He was riding on the 24-Divisadero bus. As the bus travelled through the Castro he was taunted by some passengers.

He was badly beaten and left laying on the floor of the bus. It was alleged in the lawsuit against the city that the Muni driver, Lonnie Moore, tried to force Kelleher off the bus so Moore could get off work.

It was also charged that the driver failed to use the several means at his disposal to notify his central terminal of an emergency

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Today

From the Gutter: Bowling, the sport of kings, queens — and Kows? — has caught on in SF's gay community. Will Snyder tells all, page 12.

Verboten: Rex displays his relentless exploration of erotic maleness and forbidden fantasies at The Studio. Mark I. Chester has details, page 26.

Memorial: Dedication of a national memorial to Harvey Milk is being planned as part of the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights this fall, page 4.

(Photo: PhotoGraphics Darlene)

Gays Passed Over Again For School Board Slot

Mayor Appoints Non-Gay Man to Board;
Critics Accuse Board of Foot-Dragging on Issues

by Charles Linebarger

Mayor Dianne Feinstein passed over a number of qualified gay candidates last week in order to appoint another straight businessman to the school board. Feinstein was apparently indifferent to the fact that the new school board member's own child attends private school. In addition, gay activists who have tried to help the school district surmount its "non-gay only" past charged the schools with foot-dragging on gay and lesbian issues this week.

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OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 25
Classified Deadline will be 5 p.m. Friday, May 22