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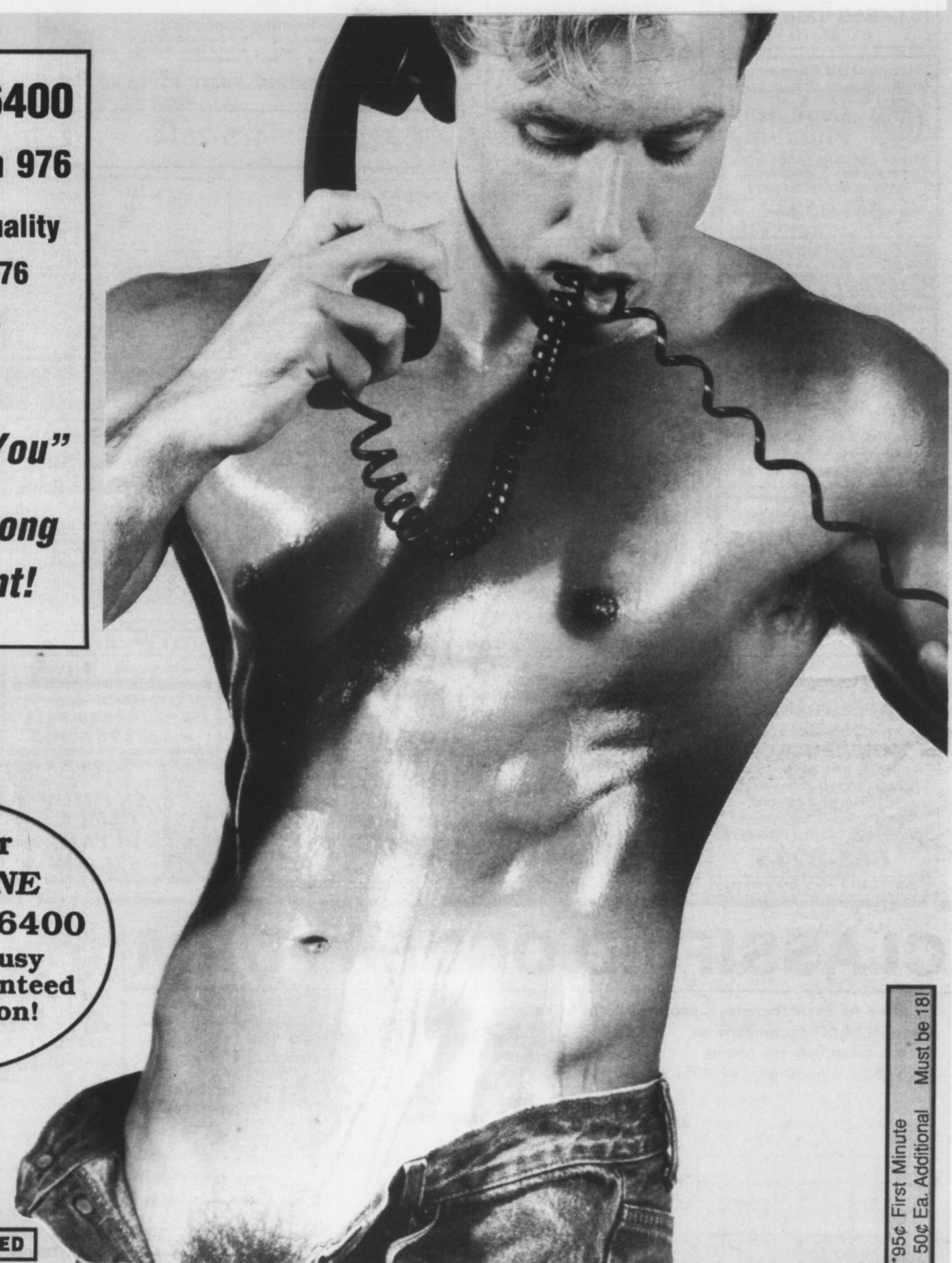
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Fund Drive Fears Gay Backlash

United Way Concerned About Donors After Yielding to Prejudiced Agencies

by Jay Newquist

In the midst of its \$51 million fall campaign, the United Way of the Bay Area is worried about a possible backlash from the gay community since the charity recently dropped recommendations for a policy that would have demanded member agencies hire gays and lesbians.

John Stafford, media relations director at UW, said the policy met a considerable homophobic reaction from its member agencies. The UW feared that would jeopardize many other contributions.

He reported that 400,000 donors in the Bay Area gave \$47 million in 1987. That was funneled to 287 local charities. The 1988 campaign kicked off Sept. 8 and runs through Dec. 8.

But what about the reaction of the gay community now that the affirmative action policy has been put back into the closet?

"We winced about the effect on gay and lesbian donors because we had to back away from

the hiring policy," Stafford said. "There was a degree of resistance (from agencies and donors) that took us by surprise. We felt we couldn't go on without harming the UW."

He said that UW would continue to fund gay services. "We're making a real effort to be more responsive to gay and lesbian needs with a growing base of resources, and we can do a lot more," he said.

Stafford indicated it was ironic that UW was reaching the gay community for the first time and then backed down on the jobs policy. He explained that an existing policy of prohibiting job

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The announcement that Gov. George Deukmejian supports Prop. 102 filled Castro Street. (Photo: Steve Savage)

Governor Blasted on Support For Dannemeyer Proposition

Polls Indicate Close Vote Expected on Prop. 102; Deukmejian's Move Could Boost Anti-102 Effort

by Allen White

Governor George Deukmejian's announcement that he was supporting Prop. 102, Rep. William Dannemeyer's sweeping AIDS initiative, stunned many. But opponents of Prop. 102 were quick to fire back a volley at the governor's move. And while some are saying Deukmejian's endorsement may backfire, campaign organizers said the closeness of the election pointed out the necessity for gay and lesbian voters to turn out at the polls next Tuesday.

The most recent California Poll showed a weakening of support for Prop. 102. But still more of the state's voters favored it (44 percent) than opposed it (32 percent). Opponents are hoping that

Deukmejian's endorsement will bring enough attention to the issue to educate voters on the proposition. Once informed, they say, voters tend to go against Dannemeyer's measure.

A hastily called press conference last Friday afternoon gave the opportunity for leading health and AIDS officials to soundly present the case in oppo-

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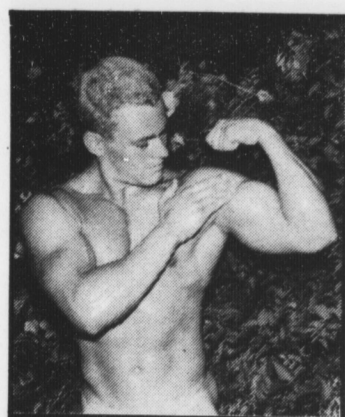
This person was ready for anything on Halloween. for more on the celebrations, see pages 32 and 33 and Mr. Marcus. (Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

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Dr. Mervyn Silverman (c.) spoke at a press conference after Gov. George Deukmejian announced his support of Prop. 102. (Photo: Steve Savage)

Prop. 102

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sition to Prop. 102. Further attention was given Friday night, when over 2,000 people marched through the streets of San Francisco to show their anger at the action of the governor.

Dana van Gorder, campaign coordinator for Californians Against Prop. 102, said the press across the state was not favorable for the governor. Deukmejian issued a four-paragraph statement, while opponents were able to quickly produce informed spokespeople who could speak to the issues.

In Sacramento, commentator Bob Cook took to the air during the evening news on Channel 40 to blast the governor. Cook said the reason the governor chose to endorse Prop. 102 was simply to appease his major right-wing fundamentalist contributors.

Cook pointed out that virtually all of the members of the governor's own AIDS advisory committee have urged a no-on-102 position. At least three members of that panel have resigned in protest.

Tim Wolfred, director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, said, "This is partisan politics at its worst. The people most affected by AIDS are people George Deukmejian doesn't like. Gay people, poor people, black people, brown people, needle users. So why not let more of them die, because that is what is going to happen if Prop. 102 passes. Obviously the governor doesn't care about the people who are going to die because of this measure."

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, head of AmFAR, the American Foundation for AIDS Research, commented, "If you read this proposition, you won't vote for it. It has no place in good public health practice, and every AIDS expert and researcher in the world I know of agrees with that. I hope the citizens of the state of California listen to that."

Of Deukmejian he said, "There is absolutely no question that the man is irresponsible. This move shows a lack of leadership and an absolute lack of compassion for everyone. It demonstrates that even though states elect people to their highest office, people can hold those seats who have no right to be there."

Dr. David Werdegard, director of San Francisco's Public Health Department, said Deukmejian took a stand against the LaRouche initiatives and stated that 102 was basically a rewrite of those measures. He also pointed out that 102 will repeal key pieces of legislation which were ap-

proved by the governor. Among those are the anonymous testing sites, which will be legislated out of existence by this measure.

Werdegard said, "I can't believe that he is doing this on medical advice, so I believe it says something of his perception of where votes lie. I question his sense of judgment, his sense of compassion. I wonder if he realizes the enormity of it. You know, most people don't realize that Prop. 102 is the most important proposition on the ballot. I can't believe he realizes how much damage he is doing."

It was pointed out that the California Medical Association is concerned at the alarming number of doctors who have discussed destroying medical records. If Prop. 102 passes, information about AIDS in medical records of every person in California would become available to employers and insurance companies.

With only a few days left until the election, the shift has turned to getting out the vote. Wolfred said, "Every vote is going to count. It is going to be a very close election. If you have an aunt or uncle in Orange County, whatever, you should make a call and make it clear to them that they have to vote against this."

Mervyn Silverman added that "Everyone has to get out and vote on this one. There can be no complacency. If it passes, it only has to pass by one vote to become the law of this state. A law which is going to have detrimental effects on what we are going to do."

Dr. Werdegard said that every vote "is absolutely critical. We believe that opposition to 102 has been gaining. I think that we want to do everything we can to sustain that and get people out to vote."

Friday night, over 2,000 people participated in a rally and a march through the streets of San Francisco in opposition to Prop. 102 and the governor's position. The angry marchers walked through the Castro, yelling, "Out of the bars and into the streets!" Hundreds left their drinks and joined the march.

Turning down Market Street, the marchers seized both sides of the street as they walked in the face of oncoming traffic. At Market, they turned up Van Ness and went to the Bush for President headquarters, where they were met by a wall of riot-duty police.

The group then moved over to Polk, went to the top of Nob Hill, and then down Powell Street to Union Square. They then proceeded through the Geary theater district and over to the governor's San Francisco office in the State Building. They then walked back up Market Street.

The march was joined at Church and Market by José Sarria. In full drag, José led the march to its conclusion at Castro Street.

The move by Gov. Deukmejian in favor of 102 has served to emphasize the position against the measure by Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis. Gay community leaders worked successfully to get Dukakis to take a stand against 102.

Governor Dukakis, speaking in San Francisco, said, "There has got to be strong presidential leadership on this issue... We've got to attack the problem very aggressively."

Kitty Dukakis, speaking at a national AIDS conference in San Francisco, said, "We need a president who will banish the ignorance that leads to Prop. 102—the dangerously misguided attempt by politicians to deal with the AIDS crisis."

"Proposition 102 won't cure AIDS. It won't stop the spread of the disease. It will only spread fear, suspicion, and panic. Isn't it time we declare a war on the virus and not on the people it has infected?" said Mrs. Dukakis.

The presidential election, too, said gay activists, underscores the need for the gay vote to turn out.

Dr. Koop Bashes Proposition 102

U.S. Surgeon Gen. C. Everett Koop told the San Francisco Examiner Tuesday that AIDS research will be stymied for up to five years if Prop. 102 is approved by California voters on Nov. 8.

"It would drive people who could participate in drug trials away from research and underground," Koop told the Examiner. "Everything we have done may step backwards five years."

"There's no one in public health who supports this measure," continued Koop. "It is contrary to every principle of public health I know."

Election Night Rally Planned for Castro

Castro Street in San Francisco will become the site of either celebration or angry reflection on election night. Organizers from ACT UP (the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) are calling on San Francisco's lesbian and gay community to "Stand out and shout," as the rally is billed.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 8 p.m. until midnight, there will be speeches and entertainment.

Coors Ads Stir Outcry, Threats

Union Boycott Ended in 1987; Brewer Gives Funds to Charities

by Jay Newquist

The recent appearance of advertisements for Coors Beer in the gay press, including the Advocate and Bay Area Reporter, has rekindled long-simmering hostilities about the brewing giant.

For years, Coors Beer has been the target of a boycott because of a bitter labor dispute in 1976 at its plant. That dispute involved complicated charges of union-busting, discrimination in hiring minorities and gays, and the notorious right-wing politics of William and Joseph Coors.

But new management at Coors has sought to change the company's practices and image. The AFL-CIO called off its boycott in August 1987, and the Teamsters are now organizing brewery workers.

The company has also become a regular contributor to gay events and charities. Nationally known Boston City Councilman David Scondras, one of the most progressive voices in gay politics, recently accepted a \$25,000 donation from Coors, through its New England distributor, for Boston-area gay and lesbian charities. Scondras said he was joining with organized labor "to announce settlement of the Coors boycott."

But not everyone is ready to accept that settlement. A group calling itself the Never Again Silent Army spray-painted the slogans "Coors=Fascism" and "Coors for Queers" on the side of B.A.R. offices two weeks ago.

This week, a broken bottle of Coors was left on the B.A.R.'s doorstep with an accompanying, threatening note.

The Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club also has asked the B.A.R. to refuse to accept Coors advertising and "not to break ranks now" in support of the Coors boycott.

"Although Coors may have settled some of its labor questions, the company has not in any way dealt with questions of racism and homophobia," read the Milk Club letter to the B.A.R.

This heated reaction came as a surprise to Richard Evans, a member of the board of directors for the Denver-based Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado. Evans has been working with Coors over the past few years.

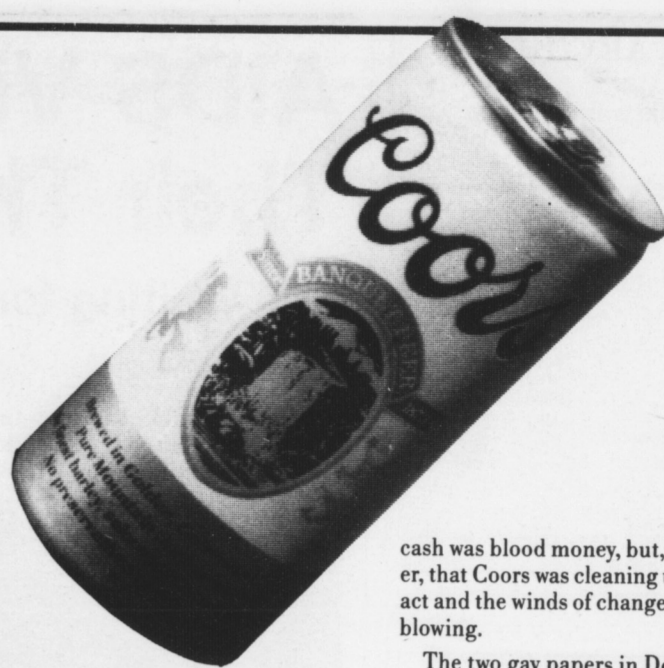
"There was once a bad feeling about the brewery here and what they represented politically. But in the last few years, Coors has made inroads in the gay and lesbian community," he said.

Evans reported that Coors had recently given \$10,000 to the All Walks of Life Walkathon in San Diego that raised \$250,000 to fight AIDS. He said Coors also gave \$10,000 to fund a B.B. King concert in Maine whose proceeds also went to fight AIDS.

The Gay Rodeo in Denver also accepted money from Coors, Evans said.

The helm of the Adolph Coors Co. has recently passed from William and Joseph Coors to their sons Peter and Jeff Coors, according to Evans. With the change in leadership has come a change of policy, away from right-wing and homophobic labels.

Evans did not underestimate the ugliness and rancor of the old Coors as a buster of the union, the Coors that used scab labor,



cash was blood money, but, rather, that Coors was cleaning up its act and the winds of change were blowing. The two gay papers in Denver—Quest and Out Front—both accept Coors advertising, Evans said. "Coors is here. Very few events happen in Colorado where Coors doesn't have a presence." Bay Area Reporter publisher Bob Ross said he would continue to accept Coors advertising because there was no longer an organized boycott and because Coors has become more responsive to the gay and lesbian community by giving money, especially to AIDS-related causes.

Evans didn't feel that Coors' "Writing letters is a more re-

sponsible way to voice dissent than trashing properties," said Ross. "The profits from Coors ads are pumped right back into the gay community."

John Meadows, director of corporate relations for the brewery, said Coors had made a concerted effort since 1982 to mend its fences.

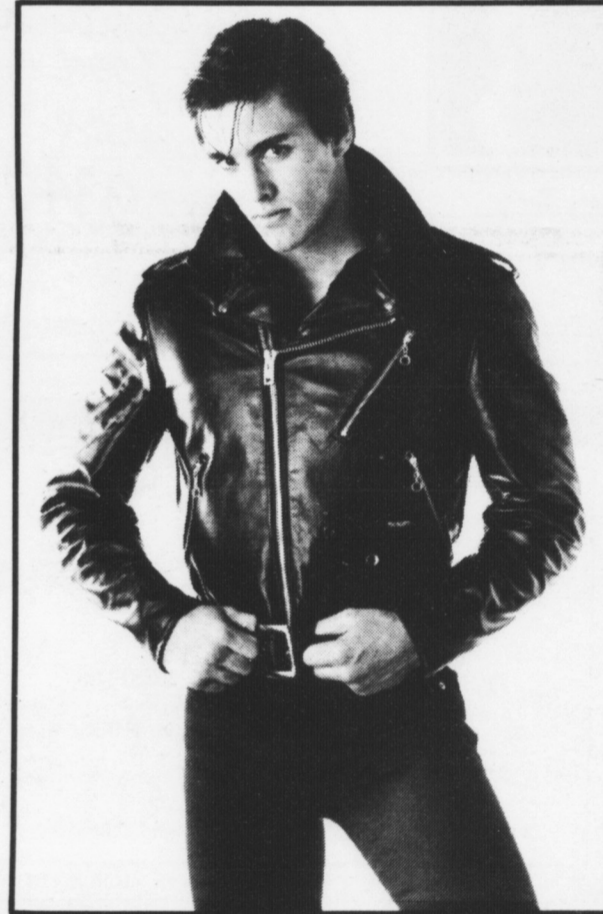
"Quite frankly, we've done a lot of things for the gay community in the last five years as they've come up, and most without incident," he said. "Some people are more inclined to let the past die," Meadows said, expressing regret about the backlash against the B.A.R. He added that bad word of mouth had been difficult to overcome, but that fortunes had reversed, and now Coors is sold in 29 of the 31 gay bars in Colorado. "The only real measure of success is sales, and we're quite competitive," he said. There has been no union boycott of Coors since August 1987, when a negotiated settlement was made with the AFL-CIO. Meadows reported that organizing efforts were under way by the National Labor Relations Board in connection with the Teamsters to unionize Coors brewery employees.

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AIDS Vigilers Celebrate Their Third Anniversary

Still Waiting for Federal Action on AIDS Crisis

by Dennis McMillan

The ARC/AIDS Vigil celebrated its third anniversary Thursday, Oct. 27, at the makeshift campsite on United Nations Plaza. Approximately 80 people wearing the familiar green ribbon and chain on their lapels braved the chilly October wind to commemorate the vigil.



Harry Britt spoke at the AIDS Vigil's third anniversary.

(Photo: Rink)

Handwritten signs either criticized the government or applauded the vigil supporters, saying, "1,095 days: time isn't the only thing the FDA is killing," and "Thank you for three years of support."

Freedom Song Network, eight people with acoustic guitars and an accordion, many of whom sang at the very first day of the vigil, offered various encouraging songs, assuring that "we shall not be moved."

Supervisor Harry Britt spoke out in support of the vigil and reminded the audience of the upcoming tenth anniversary of the murder of the community's first gay supervisor, Harvey Milk. "Harvey's message to us was that if we were just good little boys and girls, the world would learn to take care of us gay men and lesbians."

Britt commended the vigil for its Milk-inspired action three years ago in chaining themselves to the old Federal Building as an act of protest against federal inaction and neglect. He urged the community to draw even closer together and participate in whatever civil disobedience may be required to force the government to truly get involved with the epidemic.

Senator Milton Marks also put in an appearance to show his support of the vigil.

Dr. Kevin Grumbach, family practitioner at San Francisco General Hospital, discussed the concept of "family." He lamented that "the George Bushes of this world have cornered the market on the definition of family." He went on to define a family, in his opinion, as "people who are bonded together by a sense of love, trust, and commitment to each other's wishes."

In short, he applauded the gay community as a true family.

Grumbach criticized the U.S. as the only industrialized nation in the world, with the exception of South Africa, that does not have some form of universal health care for its citizens.

Ellen Shaffer of the Community Health Coalition sent a congratulatory letter, which was read by a charter member of the original AIDS Vigil, Steve Russell.

AIDS activist John Belskus gave a brief history of the vigil and its struggle to exist. "Compassion and determination is what the ARCAIDS Vigil is all about," he said.

Harvey Maurer, secretary of the vigil and member for almost all three years, documented the number of visitors staying overnight or longer at the vigil site as close to 5,000 people. "Over 200 now are dead, but not forgotten. They show us just how extensive our community really is," he said.

ACT UP member Terry Beswick offered solidarity from his group to the vigil members. Beswick anticipated the day when the vigil will be over and the work will have been accomplished.

Hank Tavera of the Third World AIDS Advisory Task Force and client services director at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation had just returned from an international symposium on AIDS education and communication in Mexico. He brought the symposium's wholehearted congratulations to the vigil as a "symbol of protest and hope to all in the battle trenches in the war against AIDS."

Garth, an original vigil member, told the B.A.R. that the site has served as an ARCAIDS information center to the tourists in the city. "People come by and see our literature where they may not have gotten it anywhere else," he said.

He assured any would-be critics of the vigil that the tents would remain until the ARC/AIDS Vigil's Four Moral Appeals were met by the government.

The weatherbeaten sign at the vigil campsite enumerated these appeals:

"1. Federal research funding of \$900,000,000 this year to find a cure for AIDS and ARC, to come from existing social programs. This amounts to one hour of government spending.

"2. Federal recognition of AIDS-related complex as a critical dimension of the AIDS crisis affecting vast numbers of Americans. We call for proper funding for medical care and support for people with ARC, including such services as Medicare, Medi-Cal, and Social Security disability insurance.

"3. The FDA must immediately allow American physicians to prescribe medicines and treatment for AIDS and ARC available to their colleagues in other countries.

"4. We appeal to Pres. Reagan and government officials at all levels to publicly condemn AIDS-related discrimination against current risk groups and to repudiate incitements, fear, and hatred which exploit this tragic epidemic."

Britt to Celebrate At Victory Party

The victory party for Sup. Harry Britt will be presented Tuesday night, Nov. 8, in the Grand Ballroom of the San Francisco Hotel. The free party will begin as the polls close at 8 p.m. and continue on through the evening.

Election returns for many issues on the ballot will be posted throughout the evening. The information will be obtained through a special office being set up in the hotel with direct communication to City Hall and other voter reporting sites. This will be supplemented by a series of television sets which will be installed for the event.

The event will be a celebration as many expect Britt to become the first openly gay person ever elected president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

The San Franciscan Hotel is located at the corner of 8th and Market Streets and is directly in front of Muni Metro and BART stations. Britt campaign officials stated the party is free and encouraged everyone to attend. ▼

Church Conf. Blesses Same-Sex Marriages

But No Change in Episcopal Doctrine

by Jay Newquist

A vote to support the blessing of gay and lesbian relationships by the Episcopal Church in Northern California was seen by some as a small step forward in social change. But there are giant steps left to take, they say.

At its annual diocesan convention that just concluded at Grace Cathedral, delegates in the Episcopal Diocese of California voted 189 to 147 to endorse liturgies that recognize support for same-sex unions.

The practice of such a policy would allow priests to bless gay and lesbian unions in the eyes of the church. The service would be similar to heterosexual marriages.

There are Episcopal priests in San Francisco who have been privately blessing gay couples who commit themselves to one another. But it has heretofore been forbidden by the public policy of the church to approve such unions.

What is the chance that the Diocese of California resolution to bless gay and lesbian unions will ever be placed into official practice?

Slim, at best. The Episcopal Church may be more liberal than others, but there are limits. The term "marriage" in the Episcopal sense still remains the heterosexual standard. Episcopalians in the U.S. remain in the vanguard of social change, but the American Church frowns on the sanctions of same-sex unions as do Anglicans as a whole.

Bishop William Swing has said many times that he will not go up against national church policy on this issue.

The diocesan resolution for same-sex unions typifies the struggle for gays and lesbians within the Episcopal Church who are warmly received into the faith, but who remain disenfranchised in this key area.

The pressure to bless gay and lesbian marriages in San Francisco is considerable, said Swing, who opposes the resolution. He stated that the church's blessing still must be withheld from same-sex couples.

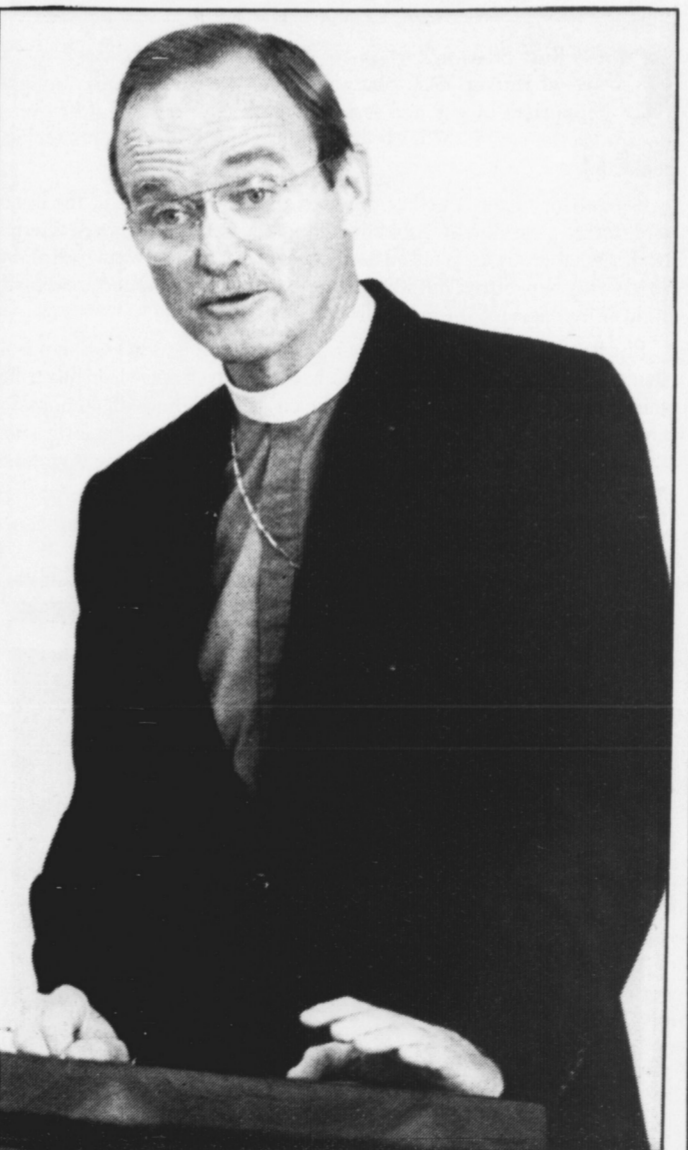
All Episcopal priests are obligated to tow the line and support church doctrine. There is every reason to believe such a policy will continue locally and worldwide until the movement reaches the church hierarchy.

Gay marriages may be more popular on a national scale than commonly assumed, according to Partners, the Seattle-based newsletter for lesbian and gay couples.

In preliminary results of 136 out of 700 questionnaires in a survey, Partners reported that 12 percent of respondents indicated they had formalized their relationship with a ceremony. Another four percent said they planned to do so.

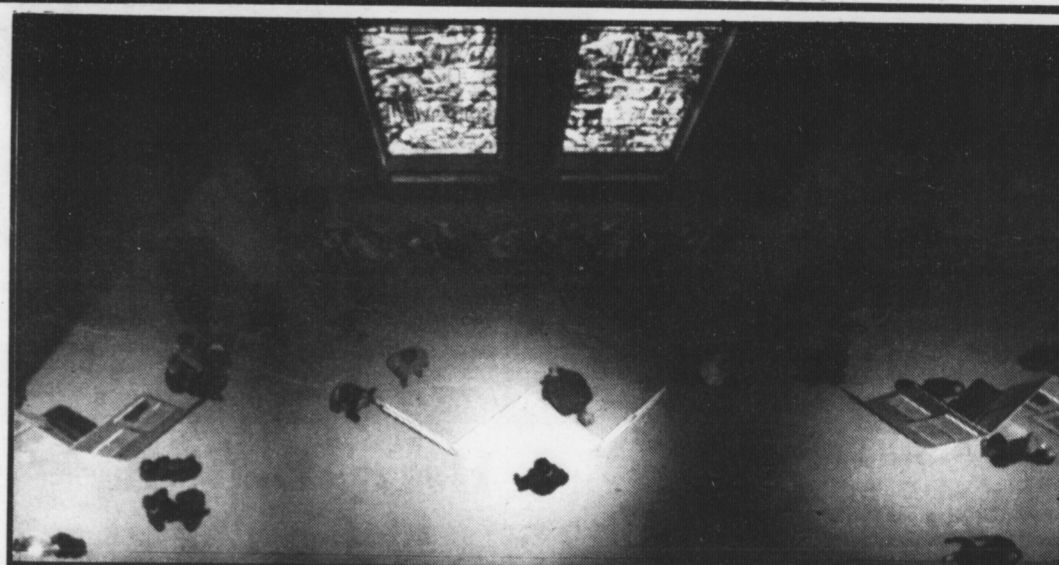
Another 12 percent celebrated anniversaries while 43 percent replied they wore rings or other symbols to symbolize their relationship.

"The data we collect and interpret will help social service providers and civil rights advocates to strengthen and support the families of lesbians and gay men," said the survey publisher. ▼



Bishop William Swing.

(Photo: Steve Savage)



Remembering

Grace Cathedral was the scene Saturday for the Day of Remembrance. Throughout the day, people gathered to recall friends and lovers who have died of AIDS. Photos and panels of the Names Quilt were displayed while music was performed, poetry read, and healing services conducted by a number of groups.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Harry Britt

Supervisor Harry Britt is practically a household name in this town. He has fought for many issues in many areas. Britt will undoubtedly be reelected because he speaks for many San Franciscans. But we urge you to be sure to vote for Harry, not just because he is one of ours, but because he stands a good chance of becoming president of the Board of Supervisors for the next two years.

It is now law that the top vote-getter is named to head the board, and Britt seems headed for that honor. That means he will be assigning other supervisors to committees and will have enormous influence over the agenda for the entire board. With a pro-gay mayor in office with whom Britt has an excellent working relationship, this could translate into legislative gains for the gay and lesbian community.

Harry Britt has worked hard for our community. He continues the tradition of Harvey Milk, who was appointed to succeed, of using political office as a means of instructing society at large about gay people and gay concerns. He has spearheaded the battle for civil rights and for funding this city's model AIDS care programs. He almost got to take our cause to Congress.

Harry has been at the cutting edge of issues from gay rights to environmental protections. He deserves your vote for supervisor.

Tom Hsieh



Tom Hsieh.

Tom Hsieh has made a couple of blunders as a freshman supervisor, but we believe he has learned from his mistakes. He has been working to help trim back city expenses while opposing cuts in essential services; *i.e.*, fire and police services. His main concern is to try to help small businesses to survive and is trying to show that the city is concerned about them. By encouraging new businesses, he is also encouraging new jobs.

His is an admirable success story. He emigrated to the U.S. from China in 1952 and learned English while working his way through the University of California. He has two degrees in architecture and runs his own successful business.

He served the city well as a police commissioner, as well as a public utilities commissioner. He was appointed to take Louise Renne's place on the board. We believe he should be given his own term and heartily endorse him.

Carol Ruth Silver

Carol Ruth Silver is a veteran of the Board of Supervisors from the days of Harvey Milk. She was one of the earliest and strongest supporters of gay and lesbian rights. She is now, after over a decade on the board, the most experienced of the incumbents seeking reelection.

Supervisor Silver is well acquainted with the workings of the board and of city government. And she knows our community well. She has been a reliable ally for years on issues of concern to us. We may not always agree with Sup. Silver, but we find her hard-working, honest, and forthright in her service on the board.

She has also served on other public boards, such as the Golden Gate Bridge District, where she has also been an ally. Supervisor Silver has said she hopes to continue to solve the city's problems with compassion and not conflict. She has demonstrated that over the years, ever since the night she stood on the City Hall steps and tried to prevent violence after Harvey Milk's assassin got off lightly.

For her experience and her demonstrated commitment to our cause, vote for Carol Ruth Silver for supervisor.

Bruce Lilienthal

Bruce Lilienthal is another candidate who has put a lot of credibility into the gay community. From the very beginning of his race, he has been actively campaigning in our community. He has several gay and lesbian members on his staff. He is an attorney who has law partners who are openly gay, and he works quite well with them.

Bruce has been very active for a number of years in the small business community. He is a former president of the Council of District Merchants. He was in the vanguard in the fight for a small business advisory commission and was its president until a few months ago. We believe he will continue to be concerned about small businesses and our neighborhoods. We urge a yes vote for Bruce Lilienthal.



Bruce Lilienthal.

(Photo: Rink)

I Love U

★ Please don't be deceived by the big, expensive billboards and newspaper ads paid for by greedy property owners denouncing Prop. U. They practice the art of deception well with the money they've ripped off from you over the years. You need U. We all need U.

Think about it logically. If Prop. U would raise rents, as these ads say, why would every established grassroots tenants association in San Francisco be supporting it? Better yet, why would landlords object to raising your rent? And if they could use so-called "pass-throughs" to cover the costs of improvements, don't you think they'd be doing so now?

Think about five years back. Rents have literally doubled in San Francisco. Many of our friends and neighbors have had to move elsewhere or join communal households out of financial necessity. Since property owners are limited to a 4 percent annual increase for occupied apartments, they have used the "vacancy loophole" to increase rents on empty units to all-time highs. The simple truth is that Prop. U is designed to extend existing rent control to vacant units. That's all. Read it. It's the shortest city proposition on the ballot.

The sponsors of Prop. U cannot afford full-page ads or big, flashy street signs, but they have worked diligently for fairness to this city's tenants for many years. By voting for this proposition, you can help ensure that San Francisco will not continue to become a city where only the wealthy can afford to live.

Please help stop the greed. Give U your vote.

Thomas M. Smith
San Francisco

Wasted Vote

★ Make your vote count! On election day, Nov. 8, send a message to the Democratic and Republican parties that you will not be taken for granted any longer. Vote for Lenora Fulani or some other independent or third-party candidate who speaks to the real issues facing us. We won't get what we want by continuing to vote for the lesser of two evils, because the lesser of evils is still evil.

Don't be afraid to vote for Dukakis and "let Bush win." It is already a given that "former" CIA director George Bush is going to be the next president of the United States. The CIA has not spent the last 40 years rigging elections all over the world for nothing!

At this time, it is more important to build a strong resistance movement to Bush and to develop leaders who truly speak for the majority of the people than to prop up some decaying dinosaur like the Democratic Party. In this election, the vote for Dukakis is the wasted vote.

Let's be different this election day. Vote for Lenora Fulani or the independent candidate of your choice. Vote for something you believe in instead of holding your nose (and your principles) to vote for some hypocrite who would be just as happy if you were dead.

Charlie Hinton
San Francisco

Save the Library

★ Please don't junk the San Francisco Public Library.

Although three decades of neglect and abuse have left the library building musty and murky, no study has yet been made of completing the original plans for the building to double its capacity by covering its full block. Since 1957, four background reports have presumed that a new building must be preferable to the old. That's all—no floor plans of the addition with calculations of square footage and cost, no drawings of the renovation with the various functional problems resolved. Just a couple of background sentences predicated on the assumption that the library "deserves" a modern structure on Marshall Square.

I've read all the library studies, and never do they actually design a basic spatial layout of the SFPL expanded to its full site. No one has tried to solve the architectural questions of how such an expansion might be carried out.

Meanwhile, however, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on consultants' reports on an entirely new structure and extensive architectural drawings of the existing library building gutted and converted into such disparate possibilities as a courthouse, a museum, a theater complex, an office building, and commercial space. Not a single drawing of how it might be used as a library of twice its present capacity, as its original architect intended.

Former San Francisco Chief Librarian John C. Frantz has written, "I believe a large, 'architecturally imposing,' new main library in Marshall Square is a serious step in the wrong direction. Restoration and maximum use of the present library, plus a modern addition wing using the entire present site, seems clearly the alternative in the best long-range interests of all San Franciscans who use their library."

I ask you to join me in voting no on Prop. A and reject the abandonment of our magnificent library. Let's hire the best architects to study the expansion plans of the Kelham building. It shocks me that such studies have never been done.

Roger J. Thompson
San Francisco

A Vote for Pat

★ Unfortunately, the mentality of middle America that elected Ronald Ray-Gun may very well give us another birdbrain for president, with a third bird just a heartbeat away. But here in San Francisco, we have the opportunity to send a message of hope to lesbians and gay brothers throughout the country and to make a statement to the rest of America.

The last time Pat Norman ran for supervisor, someone came up with the idea to vote *only* for her, which would ensure her election and also give her the chance to be board president, as well. Let the incumbents stand on their record and the lesser-known candidates take their chances for having remained safely in the background while Pat Norman was out in front, placing herself at risk to speak out against not only injustice to other lesbians and gays, women, and other minorities, but to mankind in general.

I'm proud to have met Pat Norman, and I'd be very happy to address her as "Sup. Pat," although "Pres. Pat" has a nicer ring to it. So save yourself some time in the voting booth and please join me in doing yourself and San Francisco a giant favor. Vote *only* for Pat Norman for S.F. Board of Supervisors!

David Ramsey
San Francisco

For Two-Term Limit

★ Proposition O, the two-term limit for the Board of Supervisors, is a much-needed reform whose time has come. If the two-term limit is appropriate for the president and the mayor, why, then, not for the Board of Supervisors? Anyone who favors fairness and openness in government should vote yes on O.

The two-term limit was placed on the ballot by 30,000 San Francisco voters who believe that the current Board of Supervisors has become insular, stale, and burned out. They recognize that without a two-term limit, the situation won't be remedied. It has become a fact of political life that, without term limitations, incumbents will almost always win reelection.

Proposition O would do the following:

1. Supervisorial elections would be moved to odd years. Currently it is very difficult for challengers to raise monies when they must compete with national and state races and state propositions. This gives an unfair advantage to incumbents. Furthermore, doesn't it make sense to elect our supervisors the same years that we elect our mayor, district attorney, city attorney, and treasurer?

2. The opponents of Prop. O have raised the spectre that odd-year elections militate against minorities because of lower turnout. The fact is that turnout during the 1971 mayoral/supervisorial election was only 10,000 less than the turnout in 1980 and roughly 20,000 greater than the turnout in 1982 and 1986.

3. Those incumbents who have been elected to two or more four-year terms would have to retire at the end of 1989. Under Prop. O, however, they are allowed to run as nonincumbents in 1995.

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LETTERS

Screaming In Print

★ This year I'm putting a lot of work into dealing with the volume of information presented by candidates for office and proponents and opponents of various issues. I've developed some suggestions on how to make voting decisions. They may, on first reading, sound frivolous, but thought through, they make a great deal of sense to me.

1. On ballot propositions at any level, if you don't understand it, vote no. Do not, not vote: it's important to let initiative proponents and legislators know that you actively disapprove of what they've presented, not that you don't care. If there's a good idea buried in all the words, let the writers prove it next time out, by writing it in simple English.

2. If you think you understand a proposition but aren't sure, see who's written the supporting and opposing arguments and decide whether those writers are apt to be on the same side of the question you are. If neither set of writers seems to be in your corner, vote no.

3. If the ballot arguments use a lot of capital letters, underlining, italics, consider this "screaming" in print. If you don't like being screamed at, vote no.

4. If you don't know that incumbents have been doing a good job, vote for challengers and throw the rascals out. If you like what incumbents have been doing, vote for them.

5. Vote. Too many people don't bother because they don't like any of the candidates or because they don't understand the issues. There's a school of thought that says voting only encourages politicians, but I haven't seen them disappear as fewer and fewer people vote.

What I think is happening is that less-qualified candidates have come to dominate the ballots. Ask a voting official how to do a write-in ballot and write in "none of the above" for any office where you consider no candidate qualified. It's more work, but it may eventually get the point across.

6. Next year, run for office, or support a movement to allow people who want to vote to accept proxies for people who don't want to be bothered. I'll be more than happy to vote on your behalf.

Joann Lee Berkeley

Turnout Critical

★ I wanted you to know that I very much appreciated B.A.R.'s endorsement of Mike Dukakis. I do detect some significant motion toward Dukakis. Only the coming days will tell whether it will be enough to make this a very close race where turnout will be critical. If the race becomes closer, I am convinced that the gay and lesbian turnout in California will be critical and may well elect the next President.

Vincent P. McCarthy Boston, MA

Not Municipalization

★ There is a major mis-statement in your Oct. 27 editorial endorsements list, concerning Prop. Z (Hetch-Hetchy Power Rights). Prop. Z emphatically does not imply municipalization of PG&E's distribution facilities.

Prop. Z directs City Hall to fully implement our right to Hetch-Hetchy electricity as provided for by the Raker Act (which authorized the dam). In 1940 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that "Congress clearly intended to require . . . sale and distribution of Hetch Hetchy power . . . directly to consumers, in the belief that consumers would be afforded power at cheap rates, in competition with private power companies."

The 1973 San Francisco civil grand jury concluded that the city was still violating the Raker Act requirement that cheap power be "sold by the city directly to its inhabitants" and that "The time has now come to bring our power home . . . This is not a case of the city acquiring power rights. We have had them for two generations. It is time that the citizens should realize the full benefits of this enormous resource of energy which we own."

Municipalization of PG&E, by the way, would not be such a bad idea. Your statement that it would result in higher rates defies reality. San Franciscans now pay the fifth-highest utility rate in the nation. Over 90 percent of the utility companies in the U.S. are publicly-owned, and, on the average, publicly-owned utilities charge about 30 percent less than privately-owned companies.

But there are some good arguments against municipalization. One is that Hetch-Hetchy doesn't produce nearly enough power for all the city's needs, so we would still end up buying most of our power, mostly from PG&E. Another is that monopoly produces inefficiency (whether publicly or privately-owned); even Russia now is realizing the benefits of competition. Third, it would cost a fortune, since PG&E's political influence assures that they would receive an inflated price.

Relations with every community organization are not going to go smooth, but I'm beginning to think that this kind of relationship with the mayor's office is becoming more of a trend than an isolated situation. We have lost representation in City Hall via Art's appointments, we have seen it take longer for Art to respond to our grass-roots organizations, his office was in support of an injunction against ACT UP! protesting Lorimar Studios depiction of a bisexual man who purposely spreads terror and the AIDS virus to his sex partners and he has refused to endorse one of our primary movement leaders, Pat Norman for Supervisor. Yet, he was willing to pay for a full page ad in the Sentinel for Terrance Hallinan who is probably Pat's primary competition for the open seat on the board.

Art's talk came out strong in support of our movement when he was campaigning and immediately after getting in office, but I'm not seeing that translate into reality, in fact it seems it is almost bordering on the opposite. For the first time I am rejecting and encouraging all of us to reject his advice and not vote for Terrance Hallinan. Every vote for one of Pat's contenders is a vote against her in a race that's as close as this one is.

Art told us once in an interview with our media that we must learn to play hard ball. Well Art, I agree with you and part of that hard ball game means no more blank checks of support for you. You earned our support and you can unearn it.

Pat Norman is needed on the Board of Supervisors not only for our community, but for the good of continuing the strong progressive leadership which San Francisco has always respected. We need leaders who will be there with us doing the work which needs to be done, not just those who have resources that they can lend to our campaigns.

No thank you Art, I'm not going to vote for Terrance Hallinan, he might be a viable candidate but unless we get enough votes for Pat Norman and Harry Britt—and only Pat and Harry—this community may end up with no representation in City Hall. We have serious threats ahead of us with Props. 102 and 96, and there will be more of the same yet to come. Remember Terrance Hallinan campaigned against Harvey Milk in the past and we have no assurances he's going to support us in the future.

Douglas Conrad
 Past Co-Chair, 1988 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Committee

Paul Kangas, San Franciscans for Hetch-Hetchy Power Rights

LETTERS

Health For Profit

★ The lesbian and gay community should vote yes on Prop. Q, the Community Health Care Planning Ordinance, placed on the ballot by initiative petition. A coalition of community, health, consumer and labor organizations is supporting this measure because it would bring important decisions about private-sector health-care services and delivery under public scrutiny. Now hospital MBAs wield an axe and eliminate critical health services based on their low profit return. When patients or the community protest, the bureaucrats' answer is: go to General Hospital. But as our community knows this city and county-owned facility is overwhelmed already.

Prop. Q would compel private San Francisco hospitals to give 90-day notice to the city Health Commission when a department, service or hospital is closed or merged. This three-month period would allow health care workers, patients and activists time to find ways to keep these health care services and facilities open and available to the public.

A case in point occurred recently at PPMC. In mid-June the hospital's Women's Health Clinic, serving moderate and low-income women (most of whom had no primary physician) was precipitously closed because it wasn't bringing enough profit to the already richly endowed hospital. It was not coincidence that this happened shortly after PPMC's lavishly appointed Birthing Center (complete with jacuzzi) opened.

PPMC is pursuing actively a program of shedding services catering to middle and low-income San Franciscans in favor of services that bring in private-paying or privately-insured patients. This policy has ominous implications for our community; Operation Concern and Visiting Nurses and Hospice are both controlled by PPMC.

This maximization of profit is true of almost all private hospitals in San Francisco with the exception of Chinese and St. Luke's. There is vicious competition among these hospitals for money to expand their medical empires in a classic survival-of-the-richest scenario. To the cutthroat financial managers making decisions in hospitals today, workers, services and patients are secondary—and even expendable—to their pursuit of high profits from our illness.

We already plan health care delivery in the public sector through the Department of Public Health and the Health Commission. Since health care is a right and a vital community concern, public oversight and co-ordination should be extended to all private health care facilities. We should be making health care policy—not uncaring hospitals. Vote yes on Prop. Q!

John Mehring San Francisco

Helps Demagogues

The following letter was sent to Gov. George Deukmejian:

★ As governor of the state of California, you were elected to lead this state in times of crisis. This is one such time, and you are leading the citizens of this state into ignorance and fear. In urging support of Prop. 102, an ill conceived proposition, you encourage people to believe they have something to fear from people with AIDS/ARC and HIV. You know better.

By supporting Prop. 102, you are urging people to fear people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Unsupported fear can only lead to discrimination aimed at these people, now apparently sanctioned by their elected leaders. People with AIDS/ARC/HIV are already literally fighting for their lives, every day of their lives. Now you aid single minded demagogues in causing these courageous men, women and children to fear even those they must trust most, their health care providers. How can you be so unfeeling and callous? How can any thinking person allow this to happen?

California leads this country in responsible AIDS legislation, allowing those at risk to seek anonymous, confidential testing, and then pursue treatment. AIDS education in the state is arguably the best in the nation as well. We are doing the best job in America in fighting this disease, treating with love and compassion those who are living with AIDS, and fighting with all they have.

By supporting Prop. 102, you know with certainty this care will end. No one with any concern for their job or health insurance will ever again use any test site, or any other AIDS community organization, much less seek medical assistance at the risk of forced registration as a carrier of AIDS. You will assist in destroying all these important organizations by your support of Prop. 102, and I appeal to your sense of human dignity to reverse your decision before Nov. 8.

Lead Californians in the foremost AIDS care in America, reverse your support of Prop. 102 which will surely destroy all we have accomplished in our war against AIDS. This is a war against AIDS, not a war against each other.

Kevin D. Bradford San Francisco

GOP Members Rap Gov.

The following was sent to Gov. George Deukmejian:

★ As Republican officeholders, candidates, party leaders, and major contributors from Bay Area counties severely affected by the AIDS epidemic and its human suffering and financial burdens, we strongly urge you to reverse your position on Prop. 102.

Prop. 2 is "Bad Medicine" and is opposed by the vast majority of your senior medical advisors, the California Medical Association, California Nurses Association, California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, Health Officers Association of California, American Red Cross, and Association for AIDS Research.

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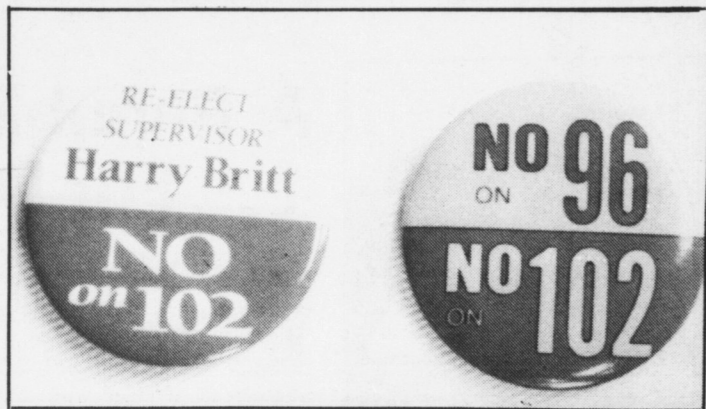
Prop. 102 in Trouble Despite Deukmejian Endorsement

For the first time since Orange County Rep. William Dannemeyer qualified Prop. 102, the repressive AIDS measure for the ballot, voter support for the scheme has dropped below 50 percent. The latest California Poll shows that voters for Prop. 102 fell to 44 percent in October, with 32 percent opposed and 24 percent undecided.

At one time earlier this year, before voters took a good look at the vicious plan, voter support for Prop. 102 was as high as 72 percent. The new poll gave renewed hope to those in the anti-102 campaign that we now have a fighting chance to defeat Prop. 102.

If passed, it would eliminate anonymous testing for the AIDS virus by requiring those who test positive to be reported to state health officials. It would also require contact-tracing, and anyone even suspected of carrying the virus would be reported.

Last week, Gov. George Deukmejian, apparently squeezed politically by the right wing of his party, buckled to the pressure of Dannemeyer and company and announced that he would vote for the repressive initiative despite the announced



(Photo: Rink)

opposition of the California Medical Association and even his own top health advisor, Dr. Kenneth Kizer.

While some say that the governor's support assists the passage of the Dannemeyer scheme, others point out that more attention has been brought to the measure, and once the voters take a second look, the "no" votes will offset the conservative governor's announcement.

Those running the No on 102 effort told me this week that the new poll is encouraging to them to work even harder. For the first time, they say, "We have a chance to defeat this dangerous plan."

for-President crowd when he mouthed off that Jesse's campaign was over long before the Demo convention, was at it again this week. Willie was once again shooting his mouth off in an interview Monday with the New York Times, saying that "by this late stage, people have given up on Dukakis." (Well, at least it sounds like Willie has.)

Brown continued trashing the Dukakis campaign by saying that "when you manage to go from a 17-point lead to an 11-point deficit in a matter of eight short weeks, they're not inclined to buy a lottery ticket from you, never mind electing you president."

Saying that Dukakis was "the wrong kind of candidate for California," Brown continued that the Democratic campaign is in trouble because "it's Dukakis' fault, you can't blame the staff or the advisors. It starts with the head guy. He has to read the situation and decide what tactics to follow."

Suggesting that Dukakis had done very little right in the campaign, Brown also asserted that Dukakis had hurt himself by his answer to the very first question of the second presidential debate: If his wife Kitty were raped and killed, would he favor the execution of the killer?

"It was a perfect setup," Brown said. "He should have answered, 'No, because I'd kill the S.O.B. myself first, and then the question would be whether you want capital punishment for homicide.' Boom. Home run." Don't look for Willie Brown in the cabinet, should Michael Dukakis win.

Friends of supe candidate Bruce Lilienthal are holding a beer bust for their man Saturday night, Nov. 5, at the Eagle, 12th and Harrison (\$10 per person, 7-10 p.m.), with the first \$500 taken at the door going to the No on Prop. 102 campaign. Hosts for the Lilienthal party include Sharon McNight, George Burgess, Ruth Brinker, Hank Cook, and Glenn Terrio.

The No on 102 effort needs money to purchase last-minute television time. Please do all that you possibly can to help. Send a check to Californians Against Prop. 102, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94102.

We can defeat this outrageous proposition. We must defeat it. Do all that you can—and urge anyone you know to vote Tuesday. Vote no! no! no! on Prop. 102!

Though most newspapers are lukewarm toward both Michael Dukakis and George Bush, Democrat Dukakis won the endorsement of the influential New York Times this week. The Times then endorsed Conn. Sen. Lowell Weicker, the most pro-gay Republican in the U.S. Senate, for reelection.

George Bush has gotten the endorsement of the S.F. Examiner, S.F. Chronicle, the Miami Herald, and the Denver Post.

Democrat Anna Eschoo, once thought to be losing to Republican Tom Campbell in the peninsula's 12th Congressional District, is now expected to defeat the Republican law professor from Stanford.

Presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis celebrates his 55th birthday today (Nov. 3).

The most expensive House race in the West is in central California's 19th District (Ronald Reagan's home district), where incumbent GOP Rep. Robert Lagomarsino is being challenged by Democrat State Sen. Gary Hart. Nearly \$5 million will be spent between the two.

The right-wing fundamentalists are still at it. Rev. Pat Robertson, campaigning for George Bush, last week asked for a \$20 monthly pledge from his flock to his political action committee, warning that if Bush is beaten, "America will have to endure a government bureaucracy filled with radical feminists, homosexuals, and other radical left fringe groups."

Meanwhile, Rev. Jerry Falwell, begging big bucks from his followers, warned them that "Gov. Dukakis believes that homosexuals have a right to be foster parents."

Singer Dionne Warwick's song, *That's What Friends Are For*, has raised more than \$1 million to fight AIDS. Warwick, America's "Ambassador of Health," in San Francisco last week on a nationwide tour to fight AIDS, said, "America is the most caring and compassionate nation in the world. In a crisis, we are a generous people and band together. I'm asking all Americans to join me in this struggle against AIDS."

Speaker Willie Brown, who got himself in the doghouse with the Jackson-

Supervisor Harry Britt will watch election returns with friends and supporters at a party at the San Franciscan Hotel, 8th and Market streets; tally boards, several large TV sets, entertainment, no-host bar, and all are invited. Many expect Harry Britt to become the first openly gay president of the board, so a large crowd is expected at the Britt party.

Michael Dukakis will end his presidential campaign in California, including a huge noon rally at Justin Herman Plaza at the Embarcadero in San Francisco on Monday, Nov. 7.

Election day is next Tuesday, and for those who have asked, here are my recommendations:

- President . . . Michael Dukakis
 - U.S. Senate McCarthy? Wilson? I don't like either of them.
 - U.S. Congress Barbara Boxer (6th District)
 - State Senate . . . Milton Marks (3rd District)
 - Assembly Tom Nolan (11th Assembly District), Willie Brown (17th AD), Jackie Speier (19th AD), William Filante (Marin)
 - BART Board Michael Bernick
 - Supervisor Harry Britt, Carol Ruth Silver, Jim Gonzalez, Tom Hsieh, Bruce Lilienthal, Angela Alioto
 - Community College Board Tim Wolfred, Julie Tang, Amos Brown, Chuck Ayala
 - Board of Education Tom Ammiano, JoAnne Miller, Libby Denebeim, Leland Yee
 - City Propositions . . . Yes on Props. C, D, H, I, L, Q, V; no on Props. O, U, W, Z
 - State Propositions . . . No on Props. 96 and 102; yes on Prop. 85 (library bonds)
- Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Vote as you please, but please vote!

Oregon Proposal Legalizes Bias

Ballot Measure to Kill Gov's Order

PORTLAND, OR—Oregon voters face a ballot measure Nov. 8 which would revoke a gubernatorial executive order prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Many also fear it would have national repercussions by encouraging such discrimination.

"What is most frightening about this initiative is that it not only revokes Gov. [Neil] Goldschmidt's executive order, but it also enacts new law inviting discrimination against lesbians and gay men," said Liz Kaufman, campaign manager for Oregonians for Fairness, the group formed to fight the initiative known as Oregon Ballot Measure 8.

Many believe that passage of Measure 8 will have national repercussions. Congressional Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), commenting on the issue, recently said, "We've been making progress here in Washington on federal gay rights legislation because we have been able to convince members of Congress that prejudice against gays has diminished among the electorate. Passage of

Measure 8 in a state like Oregon would be disastrous because of the message it would send to Congress."

The order issued by Goldschmidt in October 1987 bans discrimination in employment and in the provision of services in the executive branch of state government. It specifically excludes any affirmative action based on sexual orientation. It is one of ten such executive orders across the nation.

Goldschmidt's order incensed the extreme right wing of Oregon politics, which banded together in an organization called the Oregon Citizens Alliance and formed the "No Special Rights Committee." This committee collected

Proposition 102 Can Still Be Defeated

by Sup. Tom Nolan, Co-Chair, Californians Against Prop. 102

Each and every member of the lesbian and gay and AIDS activist community has a stake in the outcome of the vote on Prop. 102. It is therefore important to take a moment to review the things that have been done to win this critical race.

There is concern in the wake of Gov. George Deukmejian's endorsement of 102 that it may not be possible to win. But I would like to place this single endorsement in the perspective of a complete statewide campaign, of which the governor's announcement is only a part.

Californians Against Prop. 102 set out early to build a consensus among statewide opinion leaders that Dannemeyer's legislation is not a responsible approach to the AIDS epidemic. That consensus was nearly complete before Deukmejian's endorsement. A diverse group from Gerald Ford and Pete Wilson to Leo McCarthy, Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson displayed broad bipartisan opposition to 102.

The California Chamber of Commerce and 14 major corporations, the Catholic Conference of Bishops, League of Women Voters, P.F.A. and California Labor Federation were among a long list of groups providing depth of opposition that Dannemeyer could not begin to compete with. And the endorsements of the California Medical Association, American Red Cross and every major medical organization in the state backed Dannemeyer into a corner with only the support of California Physicians for a Logical AIDS Response, a near lunatic band of approximately 20 persons.

When Gov. Deukmejian announced his position on 102, the press portrayed him as isolated on the issue from virtually every credible statewide group. The press certainly made it clear that he had ignored the advice of his own medical advisers and staff.

To put the governor's position in perspective, it is important to know that when CAP 102 can-

ducted its first private polling, only 5 percent of voters said they would consider the governor a credible source of information about AIDS, while 62 percent said they would consider the CMA credible.

In the weekend following the governor's announcement, the campaign conducted polling which showed little impact from the governor's position, and statewide pollsters were arguing that the governor's position could backfire by giving opponents of 102 more opportunity to get out our message.

Still, the campaign and his own AIDS panel headed by Dr. Marcus Conant had put a great deal of energy into advising the governor and was shocked not to get his endorsement. His willingness to abandon state AIDS programs he had earlier approved and funded is clearly a problem for the future, whether 102 wins or loses.

By Monday of this week,

\$415,000 had been raised in San Francisco and \$230,000 by the Southern California office to defeat 102. The American Foundation for AIDS Research contributed another \$50,000 for a total of \$695,000. Fundraising will continue up to election day.

The campaign has been able to fund nearly \$300,000 of radio time in major media markets throughout the state for the last three weeks. And it has funded statewide slate card mailings that will reach 3.5 million Republican households this week recommending a NO vote on 102, and 7 million pieces of mail to Democratic households. This direct mail cost the campaign \$120,000. It is the campaign's expectation that, facing a long and complicated ballot, most voters will take these slate cards to the polls to make voting easier.

In addition to slate mailings, the campaign expects that voters will carry the endorsements of their newspapers to the polls.

CAP 102 has therefore met with or worked with every important paper in the state, and thus far, Dannemeyer has not secured the support of a single one.

Knowing that money for statewide advertising would be limited, CAP 102 has pursued an aggressive program to conduct press conferences and press events to keep visibility of our position as high as possible. Judging by the free media coverage of other statewide initiative campaigns, this effort has worked very well. It has certainly been largely responsible in the first months of the campaign for moving voters in our direction in polls.

In August, the first California Poll showed us losing 72 percent to 22 percent. By mid-October 43 percent of voters were prepared to vote yes, 33 percent no, and enough were undecided to swing the election in either direction. On Friday night after the governor's announcement, the cam-

paigned conducted private polling which showed a 44 percent yes vote and 41 percent no vote. Every poll which has presented voters with arguments in support and opposition to 102 has found that the Initiative loses by 52 to 65 percent.

We will be working on election day to get voters to the polls who are likely to help defeat 102. We must turn again to the community for help. Please, contact co-workers, family and friends throughout the state and let them know how important it is to you that they vote No on 102. Contact our headquarters at 621-4450 to sign up for our phone banks to get out the vote.

The community which has funded and volunteered in this campaign has a right to look to Californians Against Prop. 102 for accountability when the results of this important decision come in next Tuesday. We have worked our hardest to uphold our responsibility.



CHEERS to the beautiful Sixth Congressional District and to all of you who make it possible for me to serve you in Congress.

Barbara

BARBARA BOXER

Photo by Kent Reno, taken at the "Vote the Coast" rally. Paid for by the Committee to Re-elect Barbara Boxer to Congress, ID# 100030 Harold Silen, Treasurer.



This election could be a turning point for our community. Next Tuesday, critical questions will be answered about the future of lesbians and gay men:

- Will we end right-wing Republican rule in the White House—and elect a Democratic president who will finally craft an effective, compassionate federal AIDS policy?
- Will we defeat Propositions 96 and 102—and put a stop to Dannemeyer and others who use AIDS to foster fear and hate?
- Will we elect a progressive majority and president on the Board of Supervisors?
- Will we defeat Proposition O, the conservatives' attempt to turn back the clock on San Francisco politics?

These questions may well be decided by the narrowest of margins. Your vote will absolutely make a difference.

I've been honored to represent our community in City Hall during a decade when we have grown so strong and proud. I look forward to what I can do in the future with your support next Tuesday.

We will win if you vote!



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VOTE

Proposition 96 Is a Civil Rights Disaster

by Michael Hennessey, Sheriff, City and County of San Francisco

Imagine coming home to find your apartment ransacked and your TV and stereo stolen. A police officer arrives to take a report. He punches your name and social security number into a portable computer to make sure you have no outstanding arrest warrants. Strictly routine, he says. You're a little shook up by the burglary, but you know it's not likely the computer will turn up a warrant. You turn to the cop and jokingly say, "At least I have a clean record!"

The cop stands at a distance and says, "Yeah, but you have AIDS."

If you think that can't happen, you're wrong. It happened last May in Phoenix, and it will happen here in California if Prop. 96 passes.

Prop. 96 allows courts to order testing of persons charged with sexual assault and "interfering" with peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel. The test results must be reported to the state health department; to the person who requested the test; to the individual tested; and to the staff of the jail or prison facility if that person is incarcerated.

Prop. 96 also requires medical personnel in jails and prisons to report the identity of any arrestee they suspect has been exposed to the AIDS virus to the facility commander, who in turn is required to report that information to the correctional staff and anyone else who might come in



Go to jail, get tested?

(Photo: Steve Savage)

contact with the arrestee while in jail.

Proponents say Prop. 96 is simply a protective measure for crime victims and peace officers.

Don't believe it! Prop. 96 is a disaster for civil rights, for AIDS prevention and education, and for California's county jails.

Before you vote, consider the following:

Proposition 96 virtually guarantees the creation of AIDS lists. Think about it. There are more than 1.3 million county jail

bookings in California every year, and about 150 diseases considered "communicable" and therefore subject to Prop. 96 reporting.

How can facility commanders keep track of the medical status of everyone in custody? By computer.

How do law enforcement agencies communicate with their own employees and with other law enforcement agencies? By computer.

How will a peace officer fulfill

his new responsibility of knowing the HIV status of every prisoner he may encounter on his shift? By checking the computer as soon as he reports for duty every day.

But how can a whole work shift check the computer at the same time? Far more efficient to just print out a list, accurate or not, and distribute it to everyone who works in the area—peace officers, volunteers, social workers, court room staff and others—who may go near those on the list.

There are 63,000 peace officers in California, each of whom will be privy to confidential

medical information on hundreds of thousands of individuals. Do you really think they can keep matters confidential, or that they want to?

Prop. 96 will set AIDS education and prevention back 15 years. Now, more than ever, peace officers need credible information about reducing their on-the-job risk, but Prop. 96 would instead ignite unfounded fears.

Responsible medical experts know that AIDS can only be transmitted by sexual contact, sharing of needles and transfusion of contaminated blood. But Prop. 96 would create a state law that says AIDS is also transmitted by spitting, biting and scratching.

Prop. 96 is unnecessary. SB 1913 and SB 2643, while not perfect, were passed by the California legislature and became law in October of this year. While these laws provide for testing in sexual assault cases and other situations, they also mandate training for cops, counseling for victims and funding to support the law.

Prop. 96 locks California into an oppressive, expensive testing and reporting program. Because it is an initiative, Prop. 96, if approved, can only be changed by another initiative.

If you do nothing else this last weekend before Election Day, get on the phone and tell everyone you know to vote No! No! No! on this ill-conceived, ill-advised, destructive initiative. Prop. 96 must be defeated.



Sup. Harry Britt for President of the Board

by Paul Melbostad

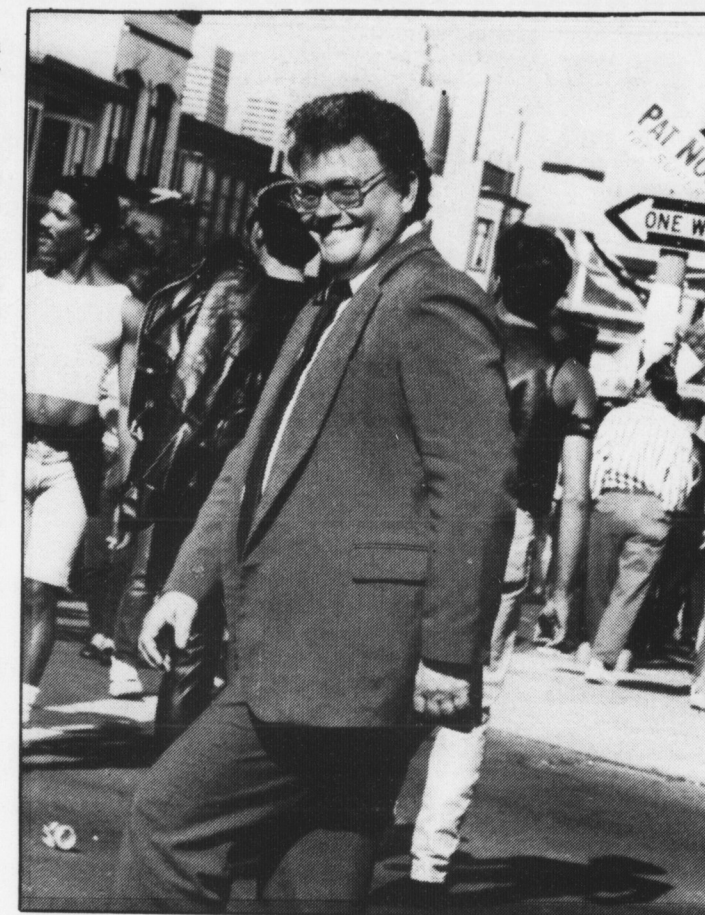
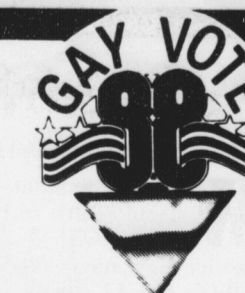
I strongly support Harry Britt for president of the Board of Supervisors, not only because he is the unparalleled leader on lesbian and gay issues, but he is also by far the leading advocate for the average citizen in San Francisco struggling to afford to live here. It speaks well of Harry Britt that long ago he shed the identification as merely "the gay supervisor" and became recognized throughout our city as the leader for affordable housing, neighborhood preservation, small businesses and for legal and economic justice for every disadvantaged group.

Unlike most of the other supervisors, Harry Britt has never succumbed to the temptation to vote for legislation backed by the Chamber of Commerce

or Board of Realtors to obtain large campaign donations or sweetheart deals on real estate. Harry has steadfastly fought for the interests of lower income San Franciscans, even though they cannot afford to give large contributions to campaigns.

Harry is the only supervisor who truly lives like an average San Franciscan on the meager \$23,000 salary a supervisor receives and, therefore, can relate to the average San Franciscan. He has often offered the only hope for persons with AIDS, senior citizens and others on limited incomes seeking to improve their quality of life.

Also unlike the other supervisors, Harry has not merely sought to protect his own seat on the board. He has consistently



Harry Britt.

(Photo: R. Pruzan)

During the dinner, I was stunned when he asked me "How is Harry Britt doing?" and said, "I was really pulling for him in his campaign for Congress." At the time I left North Carolina in 1981, no politician there would even admit to knowing, and certainly not supporting, a gay politician.

I urge every member of the lesbian and gay community to not only vote for Harry Britt, but urge all your friends to vote for him so that he will be reelected and become president of the board. Then, with the power to appoint committee chairs, and Mayor Art Agnos' support, he will be able to pass far-reaching domestic partners legislation and maximize city services for persons with AIDS/ARC.

By electing a gay man to the board with the highest number of votes citywide, San Francisco will send a strong message nationwide that the AIDS epidemic has not weakened, but rather strengthened the community's support for the lesbian and gay community. Harry would become even more of a national figure and have a much greater opportunity to tell the people of our country what lesbian and gay people are all about.

I urge everyone to do what they can to help Harry between now and Nov. 8.

Nolan Represents Entire Community

by Chuck Forester, National Co-Chair Human Rights Campaign Fund

I would like to express my support and admiration for Sup. Tom Nolan from San Mateo County. Tom Nolan has gained the respect of the people of San Mateo County as a gay officeholder and as an accomplished politician. Tom has actively brought our issues to the public in a productive and effective manner.

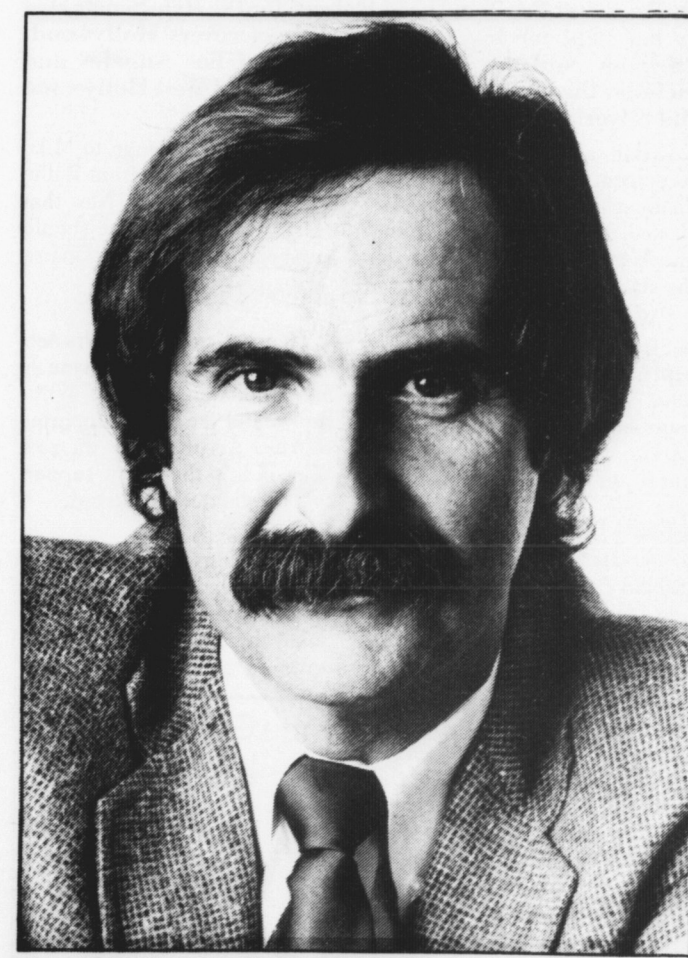
He has created what has been labeled "a model response to AIDS" through the San Mateo County AIDS Project. It was Tom's effort and persistence that initiated that program. He has emerged as a credible supervisor, and further, an outstanding representative of what we can be as openly gay people.

Tom is currently running his campaign for a seat in the state Senate for the 11th Senate District. I see Tom as an excellent candidate for this position, and an equally effective spokesman for issues concerning our community. He offers an opportunity for our interests to be

represented in the state legislature as a constant reminder that our community's presence is significant, valid, and an integral part of the population.

Tom continues to accomplish the steps we are all taking toward liberating our friends and families as openly gay. He has addressed the inclusion of sexual orientation in nondiscrimination policy in San Mateo County, helped the people of his county to address AIDS as an issue requiring a compassionate response, and above all, presented himself as a gay member of the Board of Supervisors to the general population.

I urge you to join me in support of Tom Nolan. This is an opportunity to take a large step in bringing us further out and into a position of visibility and respect. Tom's election to the state Senate will be of great benefit to our community, the residents of the 11th district and the residents of the State of California.



Tom Nolan.

(Photo: J. Wigger)

Proposition O Will Help Reactionary Candidates

by Sup. Nancy Walker

Suppose we had an election and only the bad guys came? I have this terrible fear that Nov. 8 may be like that. Prop. 102 for instance, or the horror of a Bush/Quayle victory, or my friend Harry Britt could fail to do extremely well! By now I trust you have decided to be good guys on these issues. However, while there are many additional important propositions and people to be voted upon the one that most worries me is Prop. O. Proposition O is the two-term recall dragged from under some rock by our old friend, the one and only (thank God!) John Barbagelata.

Surely you remember Barbagelata. He was a supervisor for years and years and to my knowledge during that time never voted for anything that was important to me or to the gay community or to (God forbid) the liberals. He is a reactionary and conservative Republican. Many of you remember the election of 1976 when Prop. T passed and we had won district elections, finally.

In a special election in August 1977, Mr. Barbagelata and friends caused there to be a special election to recall Mayor George Moscone and Sheriff Dick Hongisto, among others, and to repeal District elections even before the first vote for district elected supervisors in November 1977. He lost and "we" won.

I was elected to the board in December 1979 and began my term in January 1980. Determined to rid the board (and I suspect he hoped the city) of the likes of Nancy Walker and Harry Britt, Mr. Barbagelata went to work again. He caused there to be a special election in August 1980. He won this one and district elections was repealed. For the last decade John Barbagelata has been the source not of good government efforts but of mean-spirited, distorted and chaos-causing initiatives.

If Prop. O passes (and all the pros say it will), three obvious things will happen:

- Election of supervisors will be moved back to low-turnout odd numbered years, to the benefit historically of very conservative voters.
- The first supervisorial election under the new system will be in November 1989.
- Supervisors Britt, Kennedy, Maher, Nelder, Hongisto, Silver, Walker and Ward will be ineligible to run for re-election in that 1989 election.

On Nov. 8 you will elect six members of the Board of Supervisors to four year terms in office. If Barbagelata's recall passes, three of those six just elected supervisors will be thrown out of office. Vote No on Prop. O.

Vote For Supervisor Tom Hsieh

Experience... Independence...

- **Consistently Supports AIDS Education and Prevention Programs.**
- **Opposes Propositions 96 and 102.**
- **Fought Against Budget Cuts in Fire and Police Services.**
- **Authored Legislation to Improve Emergency Medical Services Including Ambulance Response Time.**
- **As a Police Commissioner, 1984-86, Enforced Disciplinary Action Against Officers Guilty of Misconduct and Harassment of Minorities and Gays.**
- **Earned Broad Support From the Asian Community.**

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Carol Ruth SILVER

Your Supervisor

Dear friend,

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to join me in supporting Carol Ruth Silver for re-election to the Board of Supervisors.

Carol Ruth has been one of the most consistent and outspoken advocates for human rights, standing at the forefront again and again on human rights issues. Those stands continue.

As Mayor I have been given the task of leading our City in a fair, humane and progressive manner. I need a Board of Supervisors that can work together to solve the serious problems we face. Carol Ruth Silver is that kind of Supervisor. I have been able to count on her time and time again -- on the Missouri, the Olympics, relying on her considerable knowledge and expertise on transportation issues and her ability to move important legislation through the Board process.

I need Carol Ruth Silver for the future -- I hope you'll help and give her your vote.

Sincerely,
Art Agnos
Art Agnos

ID #880083 Neil Eisenburg, Treasurer

Paid for by Committee to Re-Elect Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver

Sup. Carol Ruth Silver Has Earned Our Vote

by Ron Braithwaite, President, Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club

When you walk into Sup. Carol Ruth Silver's private office at City Hall, hanging prominently on the wall is a framed check—a 1976 campaign donation from Harvey Milk. That check is a constant reminder of her first and closest alliance on the Board of Supervisors, and the fact that she and Harvey, with opposition from Dan White, worked together to pass the first gay rights ordinance in the city's history. That was the start of a long and distinguished commitment to lesbian and gay rights and one of many reasons I am supporting Carol Ruth Silver for re-election.

To put it very simply, Carol Ruth has been there. In those early days when she was elected in District 6 (Mission/Duboce), she and Harvey formed a partnership on the board to speak for those people who had previously not had a voice at City Hall, including lesbians and gay men. In those days that was not a popular stand to take. It's hard to remember, now that we take the support of all our elected officials for granted—what a political liability it was at one time to support gay rights. But Carol Ruth was there even when it was hard and unfashionable.

After Harvey was killed, an event that deeply changed her life, Carol Ruth was even more determined in her concern about civil rights issues. On historic White Night, when our community got the horrible news about Dan White's revoltingly short



Carol Ruth Silver. (Photo: Steve Savage)

sentence and were hammering on the doors of City Hall, Carol Ruth Silver was the only one of San Francisco's public officials brave enough to come and speak to the crowd. She got a brick thrown in her face, and was injured, but still stayed on with gay community leaders and worked to try to restore order.

Many people in our community are new in the area, or are too young to remember these events. I bring them up now, because I think it's important to remember

those who have always been the friends of our community and who we can count on absolutely in the difficult battles yet to come. Carol Ruth is one of those people. Political winds change, hot issues come and go but Carol Ruth's commitment to the civil rights of lesbians and gay men has been and always will be 100 percent. For that reason, I believe our community needs to take the lead in electing her.

I remember all too well the event in 1982 which brought

Carol Ruth some of the most flack of her political career. The news hit that the Queen of England had fired one of her chief guards at Buckingham Palace for being gay. Carol Ruth, without thought to the political ramifications to herself fired off an official letter of indignation to the queen, protesting the firing. Well, the local press had a field day attacking Carol for taking on the queen and satirized her with editorial cartoons for days. (One of these cartoons, also framed, is proudly hanging on the office wall.) But I think this episode does point out the depth of Carol Ruth's commitment to our issues.

As president of the largest gay and lesbian political club in the country, it is my job to work with our elected officials. I do this every day in order to advocate and lobby for issues that are important to our community. We do not have slick professional lobbyists representing our interests and huge financial resources for campaign contributions, so working with elected officials is really a grass roots effort.

You get to know them pretty well if you do this for a while. Carol Ruth and her staff (several of whom over the years have been gay) have always been very supportive and accessible. I can always reach the supervisor and her staff and there has never been a time that they have not been able to answer any concerns I might have. That kind of access is important to our community. It means that we have a voice in shaping our city's policies as they relate to our lives.

As chair of the Human Services Committee, Carol Ruth Silver has had a hand in almost all the AIDS related legislation that comes before the city. Her leadership has been crucial in this process and we need her to

continue in that job. San Francisco's response to the AIDS Crisis has been a model across the country in spite of a criminally poor amount of federal participation. Carol Ruth has played no small part in that response.

In addition, it has been my pleasure to work closely with Carol Ruth Silver on some of the most controversial issues of the past year. She was there solidly and unquestionably for our community and I think it's time for us to pay that back with our uncompromising support.

Under enormous pressure to sell out our civil rights so that the city could make a bid for the Olympics, Carol Ruth stood firm. That pressure included withdrawal of support, loss of campaign funding, threats and harassment of staff. I know how bad it was because I saw it happening—but Carol Ruth stood firm because she believed it was the right thing to do.

Under even greater pressure to homeport the USS Misouri in San Francisco Bay, Carol Ruth again stands firm and has even taken time away from her own campaign to campaign against the Missouri—largely because of the Navy's discriminatory policy against gays and lesbians.

And when it came time to fight the battle against the Reagan Administration's attempts to appoint Vaughn Walker to the federal bench, Carol once again stood with the gay men and lesbians of San Francisco and said NO!

I hope you will all join me, Mayor Art Agnos, Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy and Bob Ross in supporting Carol Ruth Silver for re-election. I think she's earned it!



HOW HAS SUPERVISOR JIM GONZALEZ HELPED THE LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY?



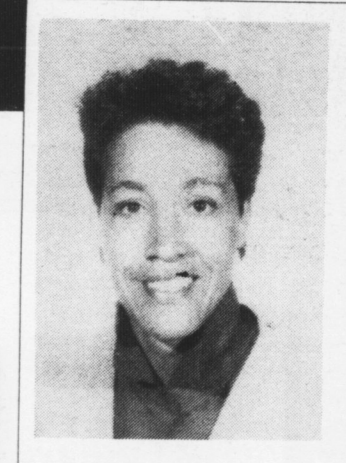
Jim Gonzalez has fought for our community's empowerment.

Wayne Friday, Political Columnist

"Over the years, Jim has consistently supported lesbian and gay candidates such as Harvey Milk, Pat Norman, Harry Britt and Paul Wotman, for public office. As a supervisor, he has worked to increase our representation on commissions and in City government."

Jim Gonzalez has been active in AIDS minority education programs

Dr. Juanita Owens, Administrator, San Francisco Community College District
"As a member of the multi-cultural AIDS Inquiry and Research Project, Jim actively supported and participated in AIDS education workshops that gathered information about AIDS in the minority communities. And, he has worked as a volunteer to help various AIDS organizations."



Jim Gonzalez found the resources for AIDS health service programs

Carmen Vazquez, Coordinator, Gay and Lesbian Health Services
"Statistics show that people of color are the 'second wave' of the AIDS epidemic. Jim was instrumental in raising the funds necessary to keep the Latino AIDS Training Center afloat."



Jim Gonzalez fights for the human rights of all people

Jane McKaskle Murphy, Former San Francisco Police Commissioner
"For over a decade, Jim has actively campaigned against homophobic candidates and state propositions like the Briggs and Dannemeyer Initiatives. And, he actively worked to support AB 1, the Gay Employment Rights Bill. He protects the human rights of all San Franciscans."



ENDORSERS

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On Tuesday, November 8, vote

NO on 102

Stop the Dannemeyer Plan to Wipe Out Years of Progress Against AIDS!

Gay Candidate Challenges Roberti

Gay Republican Tom Larkin is challenging California Senate President Pro-Tem David Roberti for the state Senate seat he has held for 16 years. The district covers Hollywood, Burbank, and the Wilshire district of Los Angeles and includes the heavily gay populated areas of West Hollywood and Silverlake.

Larkin said it is time "for our 10 percent of the population to finally achieve representation." If elected, Larkin will be the first openly gay state office holder in the state of California.

"We can no longer just rely on our friends. Our friends must accept us as whole individuals and allow us to sit at the table of representation with them," said Larkin. "Our state needs the input of an openly gay person to give our insight on the AIDS crisis, to fight for our rights, and to educate legislators on gay and lesbian causes and concerns."

Larkin won the June Republican Primary Election with 60 percent of the vote in a field of three candidates. He ran as an openly gay candidate in the primary. Larkin currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), and the Log Cabin Club of Los Angeles. He is a local activist in community affairs in the city of West Hollywood.

"In 1986, we saw Peter Scott, a gay candidate, quickly with-

draw from a challenge to Mike Roos, after pressure from Willie Brown and the party. Now that was a gay district that should have been ours," said Larkin in a campaign speech.

This year, we saw Roberta Achtenberg defeated by Burton in San Francisco, because Willie Brown and the party supported Burton. Another gay district. Why didn't the party support this candidate?" he asked.

"How long must we wait for the party leaders to finally decide to give us a voice? They are certainly there to get our money," he said.

You Can't Complain If You Don't
VOTE NOVEMBER 8

CALL YOUR MOTHER

FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS TO REMIND THEM TO VOTE NO ON 102 ON NOVEMBER 8!

THEN JOIN US AT OUR VICTORY PARTY!

November 8 beginning at 9:00 at the Trocadero Transfer 520-4th Street San Francisco

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Politicomics

by Donelan



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THESE GUYS IS THE CUTE ONE?



Prop. O: Finally, Help on Street Parking

by Supervisor Harry Britt

Just mentioning the topic of parking is enough to send a chill up the spine of the average San Franciscan. How long, we ask ourselves, till someone does something about parking, particularly in our neighborhoods? Well, finally, we're going to try and do something about this, one of the most confounding of the city's problems.

Working with the neighborhoods and the support of Mayor Art Agnos, I wrote Prop. D and succeeded in having it placed on this November's ballot. This initiative would consolidate and centralize the management of all traffic and parking into one, new department, which would at last be able to begin to get a handle on this problem.

The difficulty in the past has been that there is no common strategy to deal with this disarray. A study conducted by one of the country's leading traffic and parking consultants, Brophy and Associates, found that some 13 different city agencies all have a hand in parking and traffic management.

Now you and I both know that dealing with one bureaucracy can



be bad enough, but having to contend with 13 different bureaucracies is just plain ridiculous. San Francisco should respond better to problems like this, and by passing Prop. D, we can.

What would this new department mean?

Improved Parking: More efficient and coordinated enforcement means more parking space turnover and more parking space for everyone. Curbing double-parked trucks and easier procedures for implementing cost-effective solutions like diagonal parking and residential parking programs, will greatly ease the problem.

More Efficient Management: With all of the primary functions under one roof, a new Parking and Traffic Department

would much more effectively coordinate the wide variety of responsibilities currently spread throughout city government. It would also have parking and traffic as its number one priority, not at the bottom. A number of other cities, including Los Angeles, have recently reorganized their parking and traffic function in the same way with great results.

Increased Revenues: It has been projected that an additional \$11.4 million a year could be generated for the general fund through better enforcement, unified collection procedures



and improved productivity and staff morale. In budgetary times as tough as these, this revenue would help keep our taxes down and help maintain needed programs in other areas.

Better Citizen Response: The average San Franciscan would have a central place where they could provide their input and voice their concerns. The kind of bureaucratic duplication that causes so much frustration will finally begin to be overcome.

Transit First: Long the official policy of the city, the concept of Transit First will for the first time be embodied in the city charter. This policy, that public transportation should be the preferred means for moving people throughout the city, and other policy goals are included in the powers and duties section of the proposed amendment, and the Parking and Traffic Commission would be required to consider these policy objectives when making decisions.

What would the Parking and Traffic Department be responsible for? The major areas which would be consolidated include off-street parking, primarily city-owned garages and lots; on-street parking, such as parking meters, and colored curbs; parking and traffic enforcement, such as ticket enforcement, towing, and

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Prop. W Interrupts The Peace Process

by Carole Migden
Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party

It is important to defeat Prop. W. This measure asks us, as San Franciscans, to support a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. And while we all support autonomy for the Palestinians, we can only do a disservice to ourselves and the people of the world if we support Prop. W.

What the Middle East desperately needs is peace. We have seen much too much violence over the last 40 years. Only through a lasting—and just—peace can the people of the Middle East ever achieve a life without violence and suffering.

With that in mind, our greatest goal, as people not directly involved in the conflict, is to bring the parties together and make them work to agree to a peaceful settlement. I'm convinced that if we get the Palestinians and Israelis to sit down across from each other at the bargaining table, they will gain the peace they need.

Nine years ago, we saw that this was possible. Israel and Egypt, once bitter enemies, saw the goal of peace. Through a negotiated settlement, Egypt and Israel were able to end the state of war between their nations. The United States played an important role in bringing about this peaceful resolution. President Jimmy Carter brought the sides together, and for the first time, the President of Egypt and the Prime Minister of Israel worked face to face. The Camp David Accords show that through direct negotiations, people can make peace.

The problem with Prop. W is that it undermines this process. Negotiations can only be successful when both parties come together without preconditions. A peace to which both can agree must be their only goal.

While Prop. W may state what

may, in the end, become the solution for the Middle East conflict, it fails to account for the highly unstable situation in the Middle East. We've seen changes in the leadership on both sides, and clearly now, it is a time of change and great fluidity. We need to take advantage of these possible moderations by bringing the sides together, not by driving them away from the negotiating process.

Why should we attempt to dictate to the Palestinian or Israeli people what the particular terms of a settlement should be? Prop. W's specificity sets harmful preconditions on those striving to agree on a solution both can live with. With delicate negotiations in the balance, we cannot afford to meddle.

The frustrating thing is that we have tried to do this before. The United States has a record of meddling in the affairs of other countries: Vietnam, El Salvador, Lebanon, Nicaragua. The Lebanon experience is particularly unsettling because U.S. intervention led to the death of 242 Marines in the Middle East. We have intervened too many times. From 10,000 miles away it is condescending at best and foolishly dangerous at worst to believe that we know more about the conflict than those involved. It's time to stop our arrogance.

Our arrogance is not only improper, but could be harmful. In the Middle East, it will only drive the hardliners away from the negotiating table. Entrenched, they will not work towards peace.

Surely we can help bring about peace. We must work toward that goal. To do that we must bring the sides together. We must not step in and impose our solution.

Let's not make an already sad situation worse. Let's work for a serious peace process. To do that we must defeat Prop. W. ▼

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Homeporting Means Jobs for San Francisco

by Sup. John Molinari

Polls by proponents of Prop. S, the U.S.S. Missouri initiative, indicate that all groups of San Franciscans, the gay and lesbian community comprises the group least inclined to support the homeporting of the Missouri in San Francisco. An early poll done in August showed gays and lesbians less supportive of homeporting than the general population—33 percent in favor as compared to 55 percent citywide.

I am writing to ask those of you who oppose or are undecided on Prop. S—the homeporting of the Missouri—to take a second look and to vote yes on Prop. S and no on Prop. R. This year's budget difficulties have dramatized the need for San Francisco to expand its revenue base as a way to maintain necessary services.

Prop. S was placed on the ballot by a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors who want the city to fulfill its obligations with the Navy to homeport the Missouri in San Francisco and not let its benefits go to another city.

Prop. R was placed on the ballot by opponents of the Missouri. It places conditions on homeporting that prevent the Navy from homeporting in San Francisco and will send the Missouri fleet, its jobs and benefits to Honolulu or Long Beach.

Although the gay and Lesbian community seems least inclined to support the Missouri homeporting overall, polls do indicate



The U.S.S. Missouri.

(Photo: R. Lindel)

that there is considerable support for it among this group, if it does not cost the city money and it does not harm the environment.

Opposition was centered on concerns over costs to the city and the environment. These are legitimate concerns. However, if those who oppose the Missouri will take another look at the objective evidence I believe they will conclude that Prop. S will be good for all San Franciscans.

In his Oct. 3, State of the City address, Mayor Art Agnos emphasized the importance in San Francisco of improving our tax

revenue base and enhancing economic prosperity.

Mayor Agnos said that current projections show that without further action *San Francisco would have a deficit next year which would carry forward to future years.* He adds that "The answer cannot be just more layoffs, service cuts or business tax hikes." In this speech the mayor spoke almost exclusively about our need to broaden our tax base.

I agree with Mayor Agnos. Although, I do not believe AIDS services are at risk of being reduced, many other services im-

portant to gays, lesbians and all San Franciscans are vulnerable to reductions unless we broaden our tax base.

Every economic study done on the homeporting shows that homeporting will increase tax revenues to the city. A conclusion also apparently arrived at in a study independently commissioned by the mayor which may be released soon.

The benefits of bringing the Navy to San Francisco are worth the small investment we have offered the Navy for them to come here. In essence San Francisco will receive \$200 dollars for every \$2 we invest. Let them spend our tax money here, not in Long Beach or Honolulu.

Mayor Agnos understands the importance of the Navy to San Francisco and, to his credit, he welcomed them as official sponsor during Fleet Week. He was willing to make an investment of his own staff's time in organizing the events and in agreeing to participate indirectly committed city services, such as police, so that we might enjoy the economic benefits.

On a smaller and more tangible scale, the success of Fleet

Week gives all of us an idea of the potential economic value of the Navy to our tourist, hotel, restaurant, and retail industries. Add to that the economic benefits to our city's ailing ship repair industry or to the long-neglected residents of Bayview Hunters Point that would result from a permanent presence and it's hard to ignore the benefits of the Missouri to San Francisco.

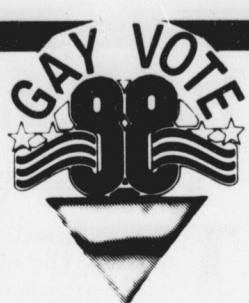
Two areas of concern have been frequently identified over the years by San Franciscans concerned about the environment, damage to the bay from dredging and toxics on the shipyard property.

Environmental concerns have been extensively reviewed and addressed to the satisfaction of all the necessary review agencies. Concerns about dredging have been resolved. At the Environmental Protection Agency's request the Navy has agreed to move the dredging site north of the original site to avoid stirring up potential toxic sediments in the Hunter's Point area.

Simply put the toxics problem is being resolved by removing them. The Navy as part of the homeporting plan has already started the clean-up of the toxic chemicals in the shipyard.

As a footnote, it is interesting that proponents of Prop. R don't even raise the environment as a concern. In fact their only conditions on homeporting are requiring jobs for San Franciscans and requiring the military to pay all costs.

Mayor Agnos says that since becoming mayor he has had "to put aside his own philosophical views and concentrate on government finance." Under other political circumstances Mayor Agnos might be willing to support Prop. S. We are not constrained by those political concerns, vote yes on Prop. S and No on Prop. R.



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Parking

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parking control officers; and the Residential Parking Permit Program.

Would this create another bureaucracy? On the contrary, by absorbing the Parking Authority into the new Commission, there is no additional agency created. Bureaucratic duplication will actually be reduced.

Would this have an effect on police operations? We are the only major city in America in which the Police Department still manages parking tickets and parking offense towing. With coordinated communications and heightened priorities, the new department would comple-

ment the police and free them up for what they do best: fighting crime.

The road to accomplishing this worthwhile change hasn't been easy. Those City Hall bureaucrats whose toes we're stepping on have been fighting us every step of the way, more concerned with protecting their turf than helping solve the problem. The majority, however, recognize that Prop. D is a true reform which will begin to create the kind of accountability the mayor and the board need to get the job done.

I urge you to join with me and Mayor Art Agnos, as well as all three lesbian and gay Democratic clubs in voting yes on Prop. D on Nov. 8.

Reform

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some college district constituencies. Opposition to our reforms and budget constraints prompted a City College faculty group to recruit a slate of three candidates to challenge our reelection.

But the challengers do not speak of a college in which you and I, maybe for the first time in

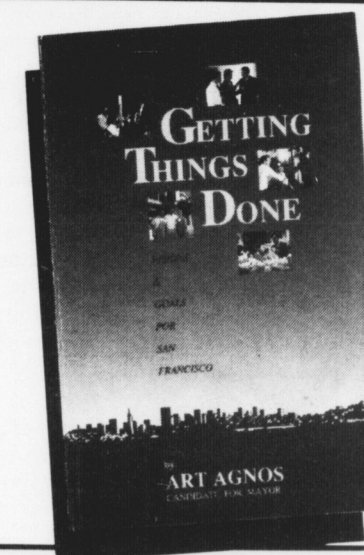
our lives, can go to school in an environment that celebrates our lifestyle for what it contributes to a richly diverse social fabric.

I do. My colleagues do. We've worked to empower all groups. And for this we are accused of fighting too strongly for "special interest groups!"

Please give us your votes on Nov. 8 so that we can keep up the good fight.

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Halloween

It Was a Time for Shuttle Buses, Gyrating Dancers, and José

by Allen White

Halloween was a time for parties all over the city. Most people in San Francisco's lesbian and gay community wanted to have fun and seemed to have chosen their party place with that in mind.

On Saturday night, thousands of people made their way to the Giftcenter for the "Journey to the Center of the Earth." Shuttle buses from several areas of the city provided convenience with more than a little bit of safety.

Bill Camillo, Bobby Moske, and Rod Roderick gave their audience a party that lasted until 4 a.m. For almost two hours, the many people in costume walked the runway. Many were involved in competition, while others were thrilled to show off their costumes.

Over at the Trocadero, the 11th annual "Black Party" was the scene of a major facelift. Lasers criss-crossed the floor while dancers stood fascinated at the new multiple video displays. The Black Party is the Halloween marathon dance event in San Francisco. The dancing contin-



A panorama of frenzied dancers at the Giftcenter.

(Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

ued nonstop for hours after sunrise. One dance devo from New York marveled that there were hundreds still on the dance floor at 7 a.m.

Jerry Coletti's Galleon celebrated the 25th anniversary of the closing of the Black Cat, a landmark gay bar in the North Beach area. On Saturday night, a busload of regal drag queens

On Turk Street, the Jerry's Girls group stopped at Scandals, and then made a surprise visit to the Ramshead. Coletti recreated the concept of the Halloween bus trip to provide a degree of nostalgia for those who remembered the bar tours in decades past. To the surprise of many, it served to provide a unity in the many bars where they travelled across town.

On the following night, Dreamland was jammed for its "Masks & Hoods" party. Jim Moore did an exotic strip, and high above the bar, a dancer with muscles from the gods gyrated to the high energy rhythm. Across town at the I-Beam, David Burrell, Mark Miller, and Deena Jones set the tone for the "Take It All Off" party. I-Beam management said the event was one of the largest Sunday night tea dances in the club's history.

NOSTALGIC JOSÉ

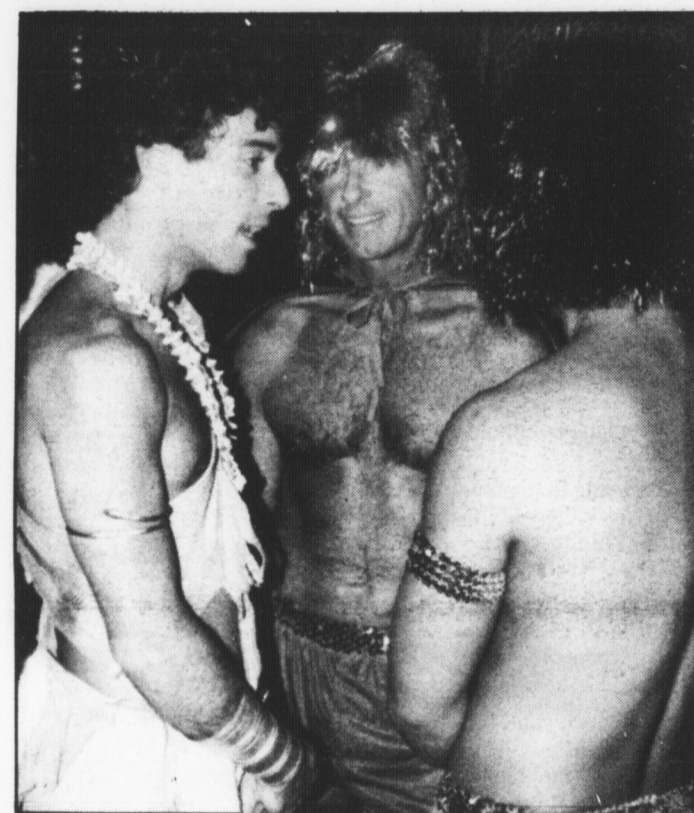
Monday night belonged to José Sarria at the Galleon and Sharon McNight at the Eagle. While tens of thousands worked their way through Castro Street, others chose to spend the evening at their favorite gay bar.

It was the annual "Leather and Feathers" night at the Eagle. McNight was the special entertainment, giving the huge crowd a solid dose of the McNight sound. The Eagle had its contest, which highlighted its own special kind of drag.

At the Galleon, Sarria and Hazel McGuiness recreated the days of the Black Cat. For most of the evening, the bar was jammed as the people marveled at the still zany routines of José. Over a quarter of a century ago, José used to perform bastardized versions of famous operas at the Black Cat. Last Monday he recreated those moments.

As he always did at the Black Cat, José went into the audience at the conclusion of his performance, hustling tips. Monday night he raked in several hundred dollars and turned it all over to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

At the close of the evening, José completed the nostalgic trip by doing something else he did in the old days. He led the crowd in the singing of "God Save Our Nelly Queens."



(Photo: Scott Martin)

became a part of "Jerry's Girls." The bus made its way to over a dozen bars throughout the night.

ride buses or any kind of public transportation, but this is wonderful."

"It brings fantasy back into our lives. It brings imagination back into our lives. Halloween is wonderful," said Ed Kimball as he marveled at the group arriving at Trax on Haight Street. Diamond John, one of the many on the bus, said, "I really don't

At Kimo's on Polk Street, they were greeted by Sup. Harry Britt. One of those arriving with the grand ladies of drag was Sup. Carol Ruth Silver. She made most of the journey and was given special acknowledgement at each place the bar stopped.



They danced their tails off at the Giftcenter.

(Photo: Scott Martin)

L-o-n-g Halloween Parties

Drag On and On and On

Not Quite So Much Imagination Visible This Year

by Dennis McMillan

Halloween dragged on forever this year, beginning with the Muscle System's pre-Halloween Drag Beauty Pageant on Oct. 22 and ending with last Tuesday morning's 3 a.m. trash collection of the very last beer can and broken string of beads in the deserted streets of the Castro. It was a time for everything from dressing outrageously to meditating somberly to reflecting historically.

On Saturday, a week before Halloween, Muscle System held its annual dragfest benefit, and at the stroke of 11 p.m. the Castro was inundated with literally hundreds of hunky, pumped-up men in every imaginable style of female attire. For many, it was the first time in heels—and it was obvious!

The following Friday, only a few brave souls ventured out in costume, most saving their energy for the L-o-n-g weekend ahead.

But Saturday night brought the girl out in many a boy as he donned his drag and dragged his buns all over the city to participate in the many costume-optional-but-recommended dance parties.

Earlier in the day, Grace Cathedral provided a more contemplative alternative in its Day of Remembrance. It was an opportunity to meditate on and personally process the grief of the AIDS epidemic in a variety of ways. Surely the most spectacular event of the day was the procession of Hispanic Day of the Dead ceremony for "los muertos de SIDA." A long line of participants marched, carrying candles and chrysanthemums to be placed on the altar, decorated with rainbow-colored skulls and Mexican artifacts of mourning.

Monday was the final night of marathon Halloweening. Apparently the community was rather fagged out (pun intended) by then, because there just wasn't an abundance of that fabulous creative spirit one saw in bygone years.

Late-night Castro was an estimated 80 percent noncostumed gawkers. Very few truly outstanding costumes graced the gay ghetto this year.

Certainly the most frequently seen attire was modelled after the smash musical play, *Phantom of the Opera*. It would seem that last year's popular ice-hockey mask that psychopathic Jason sported



Halloween on Castro Street.

(Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

("the night he came back home") has been cut in two to make way for this year's half-mask of the phantom. Is this possibly a symbol of our faltering economical status, and will next year cut down to only a quarter of a mask?

There was an unusual amount of costumed folk on stilts in the streets this year. And you thought it was a bitch to walk in those high heels of yours?

Of course, a sign of the times was clearly seen in the multitude of giant condoms walking the streets. Remember when a costume was considered safe be-

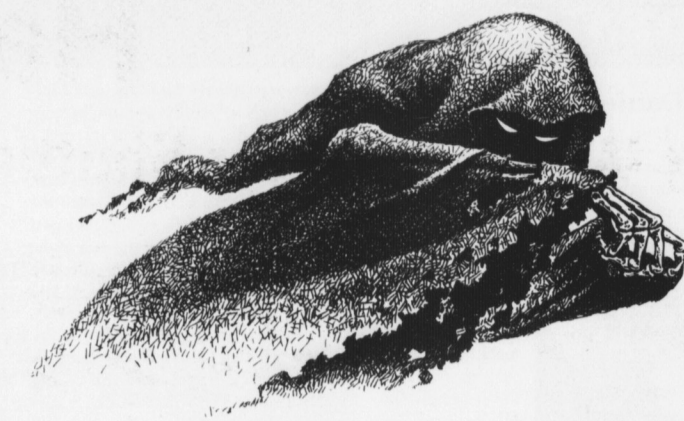
cause it was fire-retardant?

On a political note, a gigantic skeleton with a sign saying, "Kill 102," was carried by a team of grim reapers.



The No on 102 skeleton made an appearance on Castro Street Saturday night.

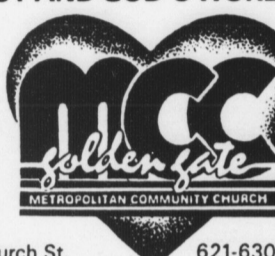
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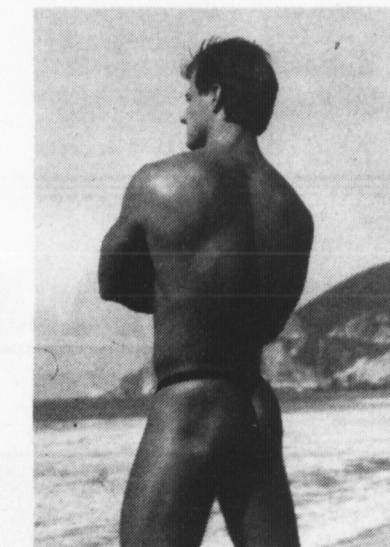
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'The Witches of EastOak' Was a Smash

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(A Totally Enthrall'd Nose)

All too often when a production starts way later than the advertised time, the audience—especially me—tends to judge each and every performance on a ratio of just how late the production started.

"The Witches of EastOak" (A Sienna Productions) at Bella Napoli last Saturday night, was an exception to this general rule. It was slated to begin at 9 p.m., but when that "earlier than bewitching hour" arrived, it was obvious that there were far too few in the audience to warrant the overture. The 15 or so of us waited patiently until something happened.

Gradually the show lounge/disco area of Bella Napoli began to fill up, and the impatient pacing of the performers (as observed through the windowed



Mistress of Ceremonies Brandy was neither bewitched, bothered, nor bewildered.

was doing, but also each performer proved that he/she had rehearsed, practiced, prepared, drilled, recapitulated, tautologized, and rehearsed again and again. They did indeed have, as Gallagher says, "S-T-Y-L-E."

Never before has lip-sync and pantomime and gesturing and acting and reacting been brought to such a fine point of entertaining. Many a "would-be performer" (some of whom are "on the boards" today) would truly benefit from exposure to such a fine group. Tiffany, Brandy, Ava, and CoCo were part of the original "Espree," so that might have something to do with the total professionalism of the truly fine evening of entertainment.

A very impressive total of \$700 was raised from door charges, entertainers' tips, and passing the empty Halloween pumpkin. However, this particular show

and its talent and genius, if you will, so impressed one spectator that he donated \$1,000 on the spot! (I don't know if Marv has told Sam yet, but he should have!) East Bay Assistance Fund is the grateful recipient of the \$1,700, and each member of its board and all those who are helped most sincerely thank Sienna Productions and all the Witches of EastOak.

The next time you see any advertisement promoting any creation from Sienna Productions, run, don't walk, to the nearest ticket counter and get your reservations in early... because, to me, SIENNA stands for:

- Sensational
- Indescribable
- Exciting
- Nonpareil
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- Astonishing

doors of the once-active kitchen) began to pay off. Around 10 p.m. the exordium began, and the next three-plus hours were filled with a cornucopia of exact, precise, and dedicated entertainment. The late beginning was totally forgotten, and a great part of the audience hated to see it end.

The cast of characters consisted of a female alumni list from Motown: Denise Williams, Sug Avery, Taylor Dane, Stephanie Mills, Anita Baker, The Supremes, Miss Valerie, Jean Carne, Whitney Houston, et al. Taking the honors for performing these famous women were Brandy, Tiffany, Honey Hush, Llari, Ava Ashley, CoCo, Natalie, and Noland, to name a few. From the opening number, the theme from *The Little Shop of Horrors*, to the standing-ovation finale, "Take It To The Streets," it was obvious that each and every one of the performers not only loved doing what he/she



Ava Ashley flew in from L.A. for a reunion with her sisters at Sienna Productions.

After all, a broom with a Mercedes emblem and a boiling witch's caldron are hallmarks in their own right, right? As was asked at the end of the show, "Does Sienna give good productions, or what?" Nobody asked, "Or what?!"

NETTLESOME MENOLOGY
(A 'That's The Way It Is' Nose)

Apologies to Messrs. February (Jim and Rick), March (Ted), April (Lane), May (David), June (Gilbert), July (Denny), August (Shayne), September (Kyle), October (Gary), November (Jimi), and December (Rick) 1988, and the staff and new management of Big Mama's.

No embarrassment or blame about monies not received was meant to any who were included in the calendar. Fingers should not be shaken at the bar, or any who posed for the calendar. And I thoroughly agree that, "... money could have been used to pay someone's rent or utilities who really needed it, and there are plenty of us around." I don't know the answer to, "Where did the money actually go?" But, I hope, this type of shenanigan should not deter another calendar next year. "The fault, dear Brutus, lies not in the stars..."

I sincerely appreciate your letter and concern, Mr. December, especially the part about "... I hope he has the money to have a Mai Tai on me."

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Flea Mart Raises \$10K For Sonoma Group

The Village Inn, in Monte Rio along the Russian River, was the site of a Fun Faire Flea Market Oct. 22 and 23, which drew over 1,000 people and brought in over \$10,000. The proceeds from the event went to Face to Face, the Sonoma County AIDS Network, which provides assistance to local people with AIDS.

Over 150 local merchants donated prizes, dinners, lodgings, gift certificates, and much more valued at over \$6,000. Some of the items were put up for silent auction and others were raffled or won on the Wheel of Fortune, which was very popular. Many of the silent auction items, which consisted of lodgings on the Russian River, went to people who came up for the event from San Francisco.

The grand auction item, a Kamasura Moped, was bought by a woman from San Francisco. The grand raffle item was also a Kamasura Moped, won by a lucky local. Both were kindly donated by Weavers and Dreamers of Duncans Mills.

One of the highlights of the benefit was the donation of a \$500 check by the exclusive Bohemian Club, which holds its summer encampments in Monte

Rio's Bohemian Grove. According to Face to Face volunteer Gary Wilt, Grove superintendent Jerry Dahl was approached with a request for a donation. Dahl conveyed the request to the club's directors.

"We did want to do something," said Bohemian volunteer coordinator Dick Arnold. "We didn't have anything appropriate to give so we donated cash."

The benefit was held as a memorial to the late Rev. Rick Dubois, who died Sept. 10. He received assistance from Face to Face until his death. His close friend, Gary Wilt, felt that this benefit would be a good way to help get over the grief of his loss and also help others. "I feel that others who have lost loved ones to this disease should organize and have more benefits for groups or agencies who support AIDS victims, and their loved ones," said



It was a flea market, all right.

Wilt.

Face to Face grew out of a strong and involved community spirit. In the summer of 1984, in recognition of a growing community need, a small group of individuals organized a weekly forum intended to provide support for people confronting AIDS.

In 1985, Face to Face was given nonprofit status and has grown into a widely recognized, charitable service organization.

In 1987, Face to Face was chosen to conduct a pilot research project for the state of California. This study expects to demonstrate that in-home health care is more effective than hospitalization in meeting the

health care needs of persons living with AIDS or ARC.

Face to Face must rely almost entirely on community support to provide the direct care needs of persons with AIDS/ARC and day to day operational expenses.

This event just shows what a small community can do when all people work together for the good of others.

Nez Pas

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HOTCHPOTCH
(A Ragout Nose)

It was really great to see the new Court of Fire & Ice so well represented at "The Witches Of EastOak." Me thinks that just perhaps it might be something this time.

I really don't know what it means, but I was asked to put in: Call 976-JUDY. I assume you'll get either Trampolina or Ms. Tortilla, but don't be surprised if you get charged for toll, 95 cents for the first minute, 50 cents per minute thereafter, plus taxes if any. However, it is good to see Greg and David back home, as it were. And yes, David, your red tennies do go with everything in your wardrobe—except, perhaps, your mauve G-string!

The word is "no!" Especially when asked of Tiffany, Brandy, Ava, and company. Their group is independent and will not be associated with any other group, incorporated or not.

Envy, spite, and resentment notwithstanding, jealousy is jealousy. Shame on those who expressed same about that \$1,000 donation going to an organization other than their own. Perhaps if they had the talent—and upfrontness—of Sienna Productions, who knows???

This Saturday is Monte Carlo Night at Bill's The Eagle. It is a benefit for Maranatha Hayward MCC and is from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$15, and further information may be obtained by calling 276-5540.

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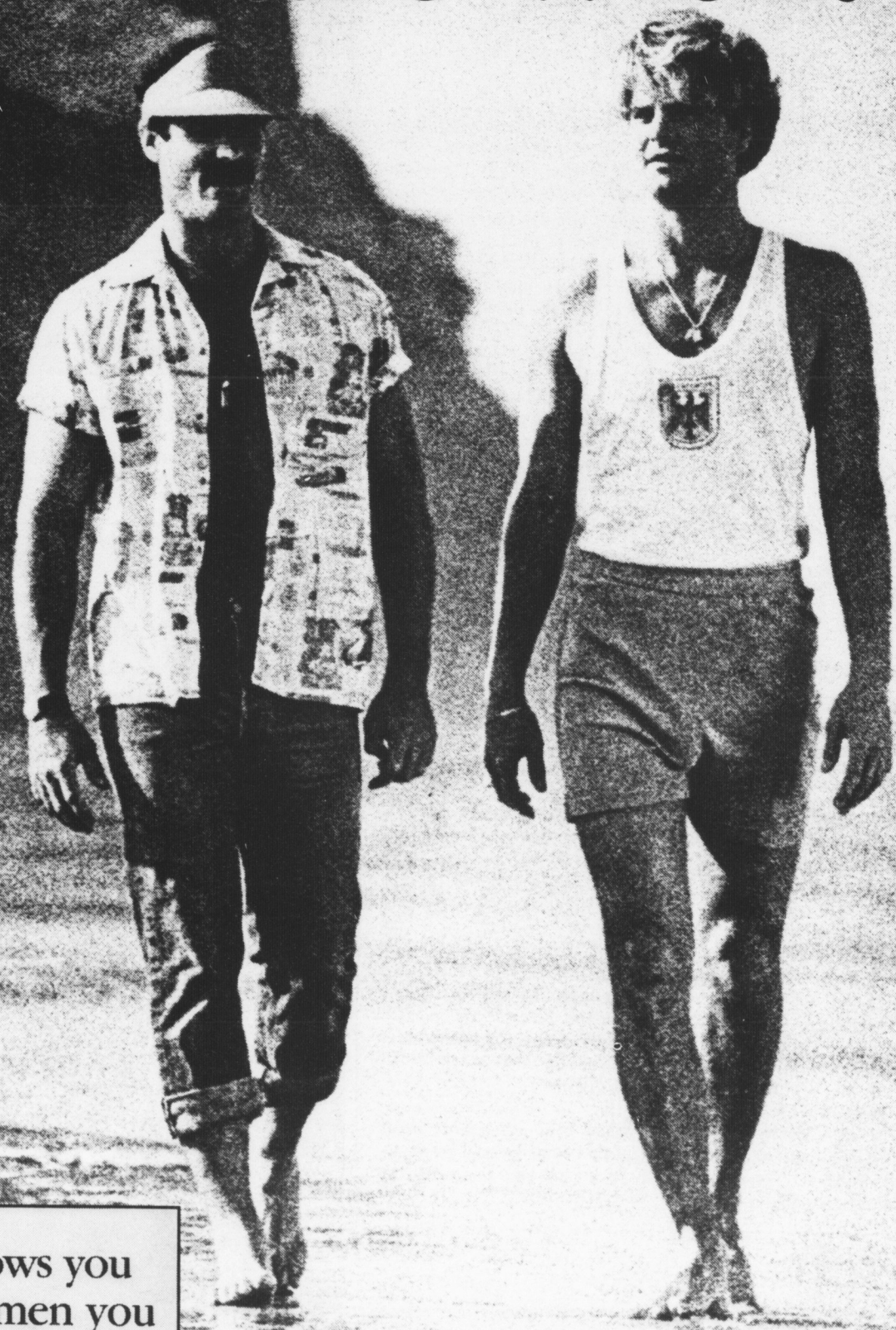


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MacTown Strip

S.F. Filmmaker Returns to Tennessee and Discovers a Community He Missed

by Matthew Ogden

Hey, there, what y'all doin' out here on the strip tonight?"

"Just driving around, trying to meet women."

"Trying to pick up guys."

"Do you know who you're talking to? We're lesbians."

"No, you're not."

"The hell we're not. Ain't we so lesbians?"

You might expect to here this dialogue outside Francine's or Code Blue or at the corner of Castro and Market. Yet it was spoken on the strip outside McMinnville, Tennessee, population 2,000.

Imagine it. You are a young, independent filmmaker, raised in a small Tennessee community, who lives in San Francisco but have returned to your home town armed with your video camera and an intense desire to capture the essence of that town: why you left it, why others stayed behind. Such was the scenario for Bill Smartt, a 25-year-old performance artist who—along with his lover/collaborator Mark Misrock—formed the team of MacTown Strip in 1984 in Atlanta.

The McMinnville Strip dialogue introduces one of the videotaped segments of *We're Not There Now*, a multimedia event which mixes live performance, live music, shadow imagery and overhead projection effects, video interviews, and sound sculptures in an effort to "explore our generation." When he speaks of "our generation," Mis-



Video artists Bill Smartt and Mark Misrock.

(Photo: Steve Savage)

rock specifically addresses those who have come of age since the turbulent 1960s: that generation of TV junkies, media-wise but politically apathetic, materialistic and living with the knowledge that we could all be annihilated at any minute, who both anger and evoke sympathy from Mark Misrock and Bill Smartt.

MacTown Strip's goal is to give its audience a different way to think about that theater known as life. At the same time, however, they consider themselves an "audience-oriented performance team." For every experimental, less-accessible piece, there is a piece which

is firmly rooted in reality and is readily accessible for the mainstream audience.

One such piece is the lesbian video interview already described. When planning this segment, Smartt had intended to try and capture the particularly American, small-town phenomenon of "cruising"—not the Castro or South of Market bar-scene version, but the version practiced by thousands of teenagers who are old enough to drive, vote, and be drafted, but are neither old enough to drink legally nor able—either for lack of money or simply a lack of better diversions—to pursue other leisure-time activities.

Instead, they spend their evenings "cruising the strip" of fast-food chains, 7-11s and gas stations which lie on the outskirts of town. What Smartt hadn't bargained on was meeting a carload of lesbians who were both gay and proud and living in McMinnville.

They are refreshingly eager and willing to talk about themselves ("I'm small but brave, 95 pounds that won't stand back for any motherfucker") and their oppression ("We get harassed, but we like what we do, so we don't care..."). In addition, they introduced Smartt to an aspect of his home town he'd never known existed the entire time he lived there.

Dubbed "Queer Corner" by the locals, it is that spot on the cruising strip across from the Firestone store where the gay men and lesbians park and socialize, drink, and philosophize. One woman describes the first time she realized that there were other lesbians in McMinnville and that they congregated at Queer Corner: "I figured homosexuals in McMinnville were like roaches: They only came out at night."

The "Queer Corner Girls," as this piece became known, is only one segment of *We're Not There Now*. Dialogue from children's records provides the basis for a live-performance segment aimed at forcing us to reexamine some of the seemingly harmless socialization tools used to mold children into adults. Top-40 tunes from the 1970s take on an oppressiveness in the face of seeming melody. A fast-food worker slips into hysteria as the day wears on. Such segments force the audience to think about the theater they are watching and not merely be passively entertained as if they were attending a road-show revival of *The King and I*.

We're Not There Now is a response to "living in a bubble," which is how Smartt describes the deceptively calm and accepting climate in which San Franciscans live. An earlier project, *The Class of '86: This Year's Crop*, burst that bubble once and for all. Smartt and Misrock were allowed to videotape an all-night "lock-in" for a

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Quality of Gay Videos Allows for a Message With an Impact

Gay Filmmaking in San Francisco

Part Two of a Three-Part Series

by Glenn Davis

Rob Epstein's office, which he shares with Richard Schmeiken, isn't like one you normally associate with a person who has won an Academy Award. It is large and airy and computer clean, but it is also sparse, unlike that of some Hollywood mogul.

Nevertheless, when the afternoon sun warms the office, it also allows Rob's Oscar, which he won for *The Times of Harvey Milk*, to glisten. The Oscar provides a certain warmth for the entire gay and lesbian community.

For some, Oscar represents a symbol of excellence in filmmaking. For Epstein, it represents a quick trip up the professional ladder of filmmaking. But Rob hasn't forgotten how he got to the first rung of the ladder.

"I started working with Peter Adair on *Word Is Out* as assistant editor while I was taking some film courses at S.F. State," said Epstein. "When I was working



Deborah Hoffman (l.) with Rob Epstein.

(Photo: Rink)

on *Word Is Out*, I thought it was something that would make a difference in the world. I haven't really considered any other path. I've been drawn to projects because of content, not any commercial stuff."

Epstein realizes that this line of thought isn't the way to gain fame and riches. "I pretty much live from hand to mouth," he says. "People haven't been knocking down our doors. We still have to generate projects."

Nevertheless, Epstein glows with satisfaction over one thing. "The Academy Award, the Oscar, gave us credibility, Richard Schmeiken, my partner, and Debbie Hoffman."

Credibility means quality, and some observers feel the gay and lesbian community has gained that credibility, and not just because of the Epstein/Schmeiken/Hoffman Oscar. Daniel Mangin, who teach-

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Video

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es a class in gay and lesbian film at City College, states, "Video is more of a microscope. In the 1988 Frameline (film) fest, we literally had a record of our lives. The audience has accepted video as a valid medium."

Apparently Frameline patrons aren't the only folks thinking of gay video as a valid medium. Rob Epstein recalls a reaction to *The Times of Harvey Milk*: "We got a letter from a young girl in Kansas who said she had just watched the film with her parents. After it was over, her father got up and made a phone call to her brother, who was gay and had been estranged from the family since he came out. And the father invited him home for Christmas with his lover. The young woman thanked us for bringing her family back together."

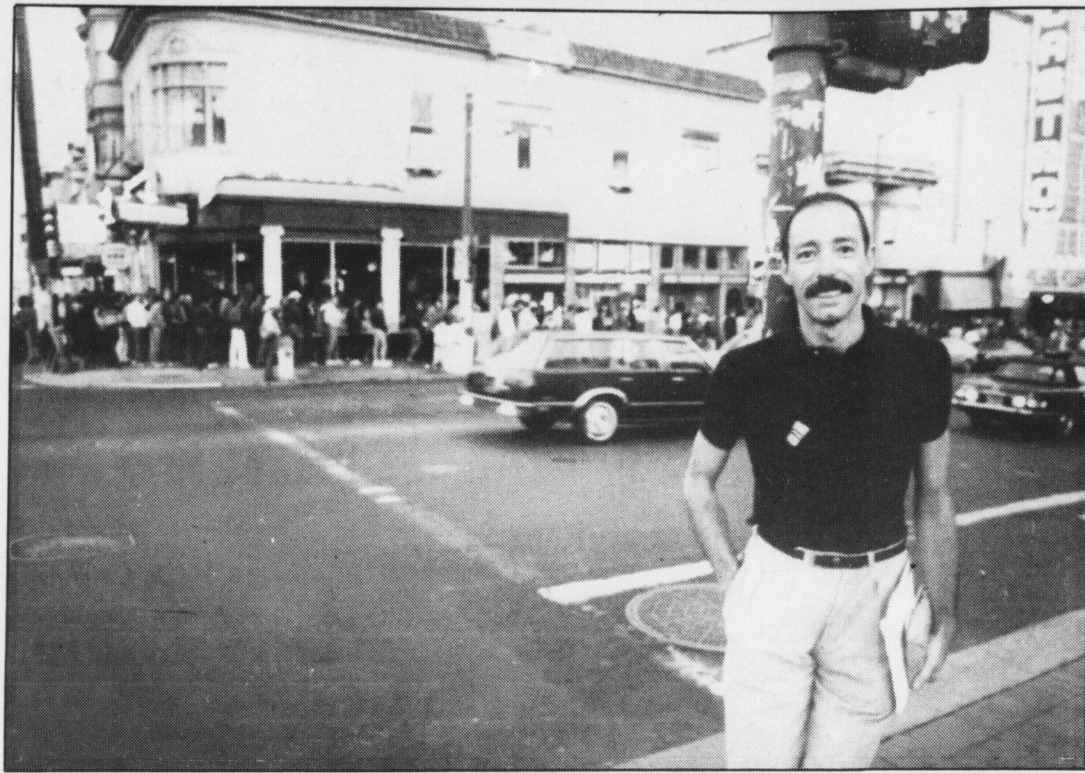
"And that," said Rob Epstein,

"is what Harvey Milk was all about."

That theme has personally carried over for Epstein. "I've worked on network TV and had no problems," he said. "When I went to interview with the executive producer on the series on the Constitution, *We the People* with Peter Jennings, she said that she saw the projects I worked on were gay and was she supposed to read something into that. But she dropped it, and I got the job."

When people like Rob Epstein win Oscars and work on shows with people like Peter Jennings, that means more respect for the gay and lesbian community. And it also allows for more messages to get out to the public.

"I'm doing a documentary saluting lesbians and what women have done for the gay man. It's called *Family Values*," said John Canalli, formerly of Frameline and Gay Cable Network. "It's to show that our family means as



Vito Russo.

(Photo: Rink)

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much to us as to them. We have both gay and straight families."

Canalli emphasized his point by adding that he had sold a documentary about AIDS agencies to Australian television last year. "It's called *Heroism: A Community Response*," he said. It's an overview of the nonprofit AIDS agencies that have sprung up to take care of people with AIDS and also to inform people of information they need to sustain their lives."

It is this beautiful dichotomy that carries life onward. As the great poet and handpressman, William "Brother Antoninus" Everson, would say, "The mystery is true: The mystery, in this case, is about being gay in a straight world."

Gay and lesbian video and film producers are doing their part to make it a little easier.

Next week:
The Future of Gay Filmmaking



Frameline's Michael Lumpkin.

(Photo: Rink)

Film

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group of McMinnville's graduating class of 1986 who wanted to drink and not drive. Their discussions on "queers and AIDS" (for most of them, queer = AIDS) is chillingly recorded and—though not included in *We're Not There Now*—should be required viewing for anyone who believes that straight America is becoming more liberal in its acceptance of homosexuality—or of diversity, for that matter.

Since moving from Atlanta to San Francisco in 1986, MacTown Strip has produced two audio tapes, *Mark and Bill's Greatest Hits* and *Hectafat*, in addition to their multimedia shows. While

they have no intention of leaving the Bay Area in the near future, they would like to be able to take their shows on the road and travel in search of still-wider audience acceptance and exposure. One thing is certain: If their excursions to McMinnville are any indication, their future travels should provide a wealth of material to equal their wide spectrum of sight and sound techniques.

We're Not There Now runs Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, Nov. 10-12 and 17-19, at Studio Eremos, 499 Alabama St. (at 17th), at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available by calling 621-8875. An eight-minute video taken from elements of the show will be screened as part of the fourth annual Film Arts Festival on Nov. 5 at the Roxie Cinema. ▼

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SULEIMAN THE MAGNIFICENT

Suleiman the Magnificent, ruler of the Ottoman Empire from 1520 to 1566, was born around 1495. He was quiet

and sensitive and loved poetry and music. He had a long, thin body which he carried gracefully, a delicate complexion, and long, thin hands.

In his adolescence, Suleiman's father gave him a Greek slave

named Ibrahim as a companion. Ibrahim was two years older than Suleiman and was tall, with dark, curly hair and a solid, muscular body. The two men shared many interests, often discussing religion and philosophy. Ibrahim never left the prince's side, and it was common knowledge that Ibrahim shared the prince's bed.

When Suleiman became the tenth sultan of the house of Osman, he made Ibrahim his grand vizir, or head of the imperial council. Later, Ibrahim was also named head of the army, making him second only to Suleiman, who had no real desire to rule. Ibrahim's new-found power corrupted his values, and he soon rejected some of Suleiman's most cherished ideas.

In 1534, hearing a rumor that Ibrahim was plotting to take over the empire, Suleiman summoned Ibrahim to dinner. After eating, the two went to the sultan's bedroom. The next morning, slaves found the walls streaked with blood and Ibrahim's naked body, which had been strangled with a bowstring, lying face down on the bed. Suleiman refused to allow the walls to be cleaned, and the stains remained until his death.

QUEEN ANNE

Born on Feb. 6, 1665, Anne grew up lonely and love-starved. In her portraits she appears to have been plain, large-boned, and overweight. Anne was fairly intelligent and politically astute, but the one great drive in her life seems to have been her need for affection.



In 1683, Anne married George, prince of Denmark. The royal couple produced 17 children, none of whom survived to adulthood. In the year she married, Anne found the love she had been looking for. She met Sarah Churchill, the future duchess of Marlborough, a woman of great beauty and a fiery temper.

When Anne became the ruler of England following the death of her brother-in-law William in 1702, she appointed Sarah officer of the stole. One of Sarah's duties was to attend the queen's bedchamber.

Sarah was ambitious and became involved in politics, often disagreeing with her lover. When Sarah grew tired of having her views ignored, she left the court. Anne was extremely upset by Sarah's departure and begged her to return, but Sarah stubbornly refused and vacated her apartment in St. James Palace, taking doorknobs and mantlepieces with her.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Thomas Edward Lawrence was born in England in 1888 and grew up during

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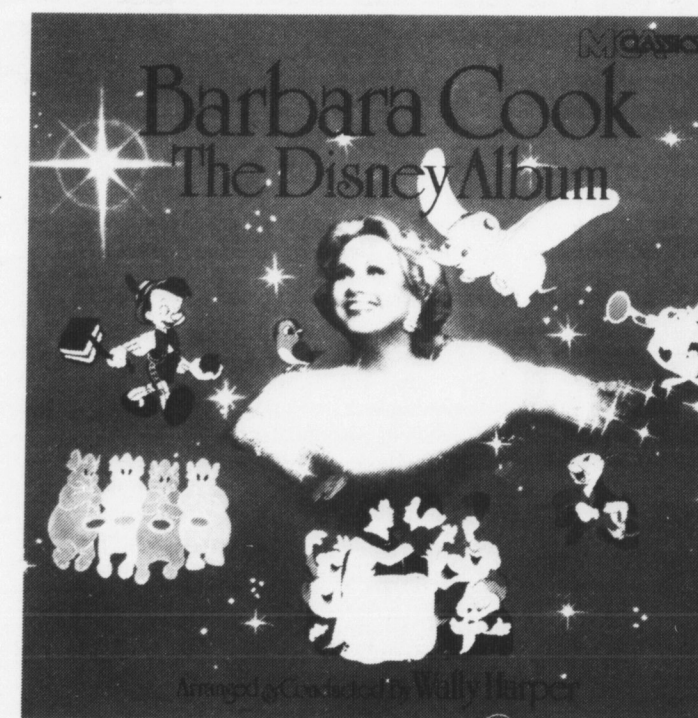
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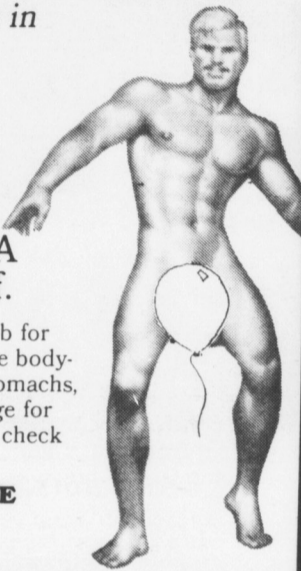
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A Splendiferous Halloween



The grand prize winners of the costume contest at the Giftcenter. (Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

The madness is over. Hal-
loween came and went and
in this town, the one-day
celebration was a five-day
marathon for more than a few. Actually,
last Thursday night, 27
Oct., the S.F. Eagle staged its an-
nual pumpkin carving contest.
The two categories (funniest and
scariest) were equally represented
by some 20 entries each.
There were a lot of talented
"carvers" on hand, and in lieu of
judges this year, manager Terry
Thompson let the big audience
decide. A young man visiting
here from London tied with the
Venezuelian Bombshell "Oly"
for the funniest, and a very serious
young man took the scariest
\$50 prize.

Sometime during the week,
the E.T. video came out, and

several queens deserted their
costume-making chores to stand
in lines to get a copy. Warren
Cave celebrated his birthday at
that German gourmet restaurant
on Market Street on Friday, and
on Saturday night with his lover
Jerry and Bobby Wong, they took
the overall grand prize at the
Giftcenter competition, and the
costumes were clever, gorgeous,
cute, with lots of cavemen, cave-
women, prehistoric creatures,
and even a Wizard of Oz group.
Sunday, the "mask" and
"hood" freaks turned out in
disappointing numbers at
Dreamland's grab at a piece of
the action—there were more cha-
cha types in attendance than
leather, masks, and hoods. Nice
turnout at Esta Noche Saturday
night for their competition, and
the Barbary Coasters' "Nee-
wollah" beer bust Sunday at the

S.F. Eagle got a huge crowd that
scarfed up the beer.

Monday was festive at the Troc,
and Castro was 75 percent
straight and 25 percent gay with
all the gawkers jamming the
street, which was closed off at
1600 hours. Monday night, the
big crowd was at the S.F. Eagle
for the annual Leather & Feath-
ers party. Ass't. Mgr. David Stoll
looked dashing in his Russian
Prince costume, while manager
Terry Thompson let Dorothy
Duster make him up in a really
great drag set-up. The entire
Eagle staff was in costume, and
Sharon McNight had the crowd
entranced, entertaining the
troops and joining Jim Anderson,
Dick Manley, and Jerry Vallaire
as judges. It was righteous camp
and circumstance throughout the
evening, with award-winning

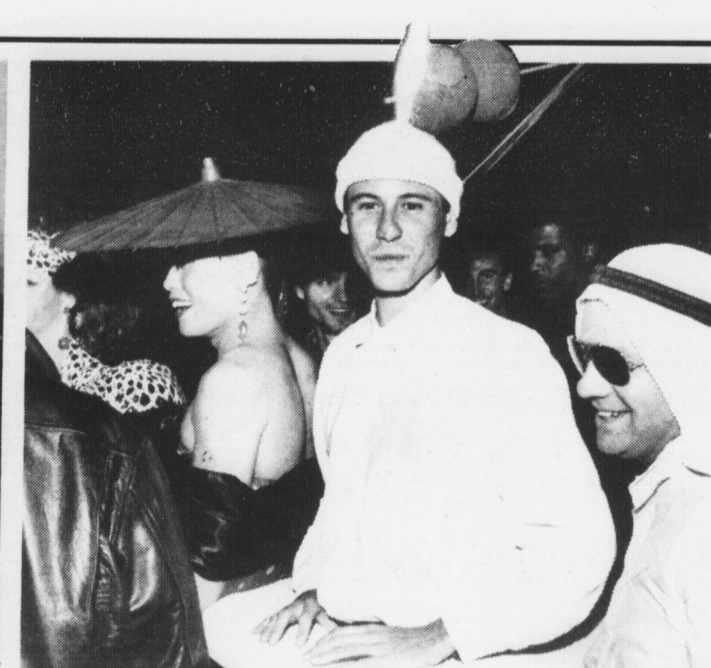


Danny Williams got however many whacks at his birthday party at the Eagle last weekend.
(Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)



The pumpkin-carving contest winners at the Eagle.

(Photo: Marcus)



(Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

Robert Pruzana-dana capturing
it all on film; actually all the
photographers were out during
the weekend, and they're all over
this issue.

You've got to hand it to all the
men and women who really went
all out in the costume depart-
ment this year. The Jerry's Girls
bus was a big hit all over, and the
Silver Strip costume party was
real fun from all reports. Sorry I
don't have enough room to name
the winners of all the competi-
tions, but the most notable ones
were the Wizard of Oz group at
the Giftcenter, and Warren
Cave's group with the peacock
feathers was absolutely flawless.
One of the Balloon Girls (Doug),
dressed as a boy, won for the best
in theme at the Eagle, with one
Ms. Ducaas winning for humor,
and the trio of cavemen winning
again for best group. After they
won, it was renamed the best
group of butts!

I heard no reports of violence
against the gays and lesbians, ex-
cept for the usual jealous lover
scenes. Why can't these people
go out and have fun instead of
fighting in public over stupid
jealousy

Actually, I was inundated with
press releases for this edition, but
putting this column out this week
is a chore in itself after MCing at
the Eagle on Monday night, and
here it is Tuesday morning. I will
tell you that there is a beer bust
at the S.F. Eagle on Saturday
night, Nov. 5, from 1900-2200 for
\$10 for Bruce Lilienthal (candi-
date for the Bd. of Supes). It will
be hosted by Dennis Collins, Alan
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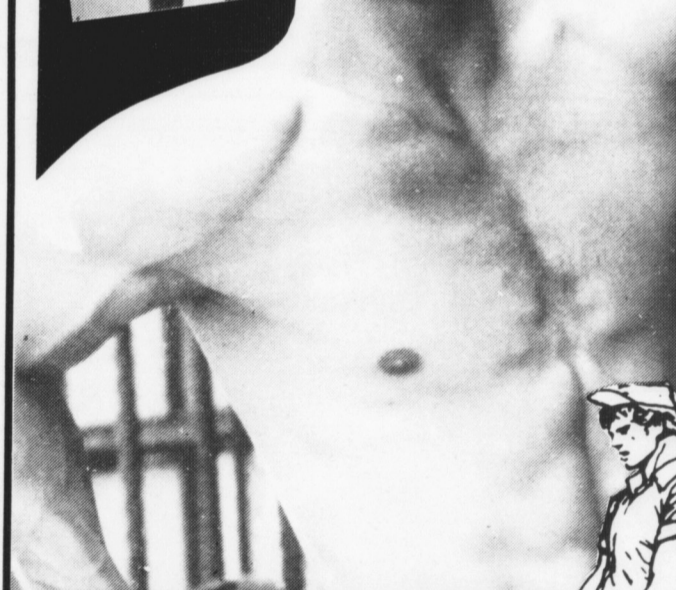
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The top prize winner in the Leather & Feathers contest at the Eagle. (Photo: R. Pruzan)



These cavemen won at both the Giftcenter and the Eagle. (Photo: Marcus)

Artificial Insemination and the Unmarried Woman

As single parenting and parenting in the gay community have increased, so has the popularity of artificial insemination. Yet the legal world has been slow to adapt to this phenomenon, and there is little definitive legal information available to women considering artificial insemination. Most literature previously available on this subject addresses married women, donor banks, and physician-supervised insemination. However, because most physicians will not inseminate single women, and because of the relatively simple nature of the procedure, many unmarried women are choosing to inseminate themselves. *Artificial*

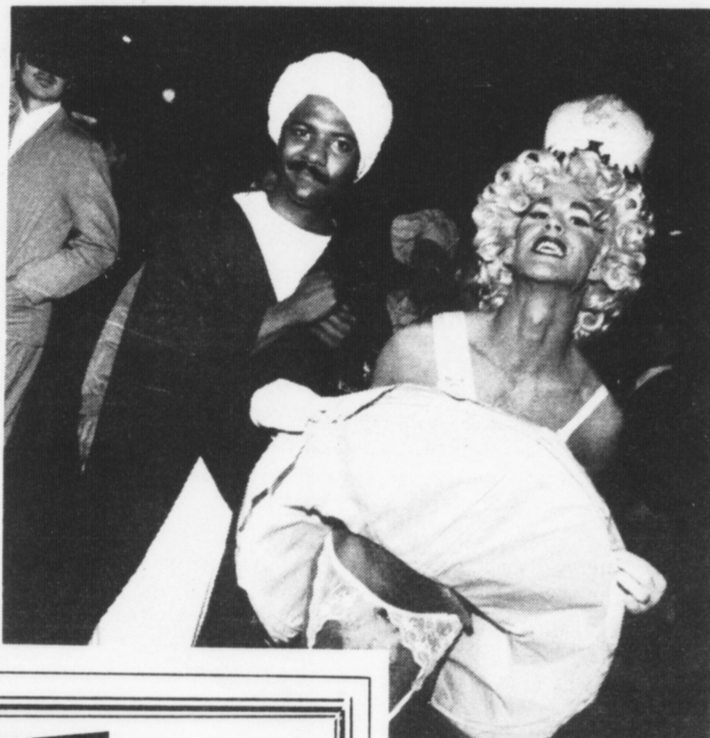
Insemination and the Unmarried Woman: Legal Rights and Responsibilities is a self-help guide addressing legal issues of concern to these women, and to males considering donating sperm.

Prepared by an attorney, this easy-to-read text discusses the legalities of do-it-yourself insemination, the pros and cons of the use of anonymous versus known donors, and paternity rights, such as custody, visitation, and child support. Guidance is given to women who wish to totally exclude the sperm donor from any involvement with the child's upbringing, those who wish to share joint custody of the child

with the sperm donor (or with him and his same-sex family), and those who wish the sperm donor to have only a carefully limited role in the child's life. The laws of all 50 states and the District of Columbia are addressed, and an appendix of sample legal forms and contracts is included.

This should be required reading for any woman about to make such a major life decision. (The Opportunity Press, P.O. Box 1821, Dept. 49, Aiken, South Carolina 29802. \$29.95)

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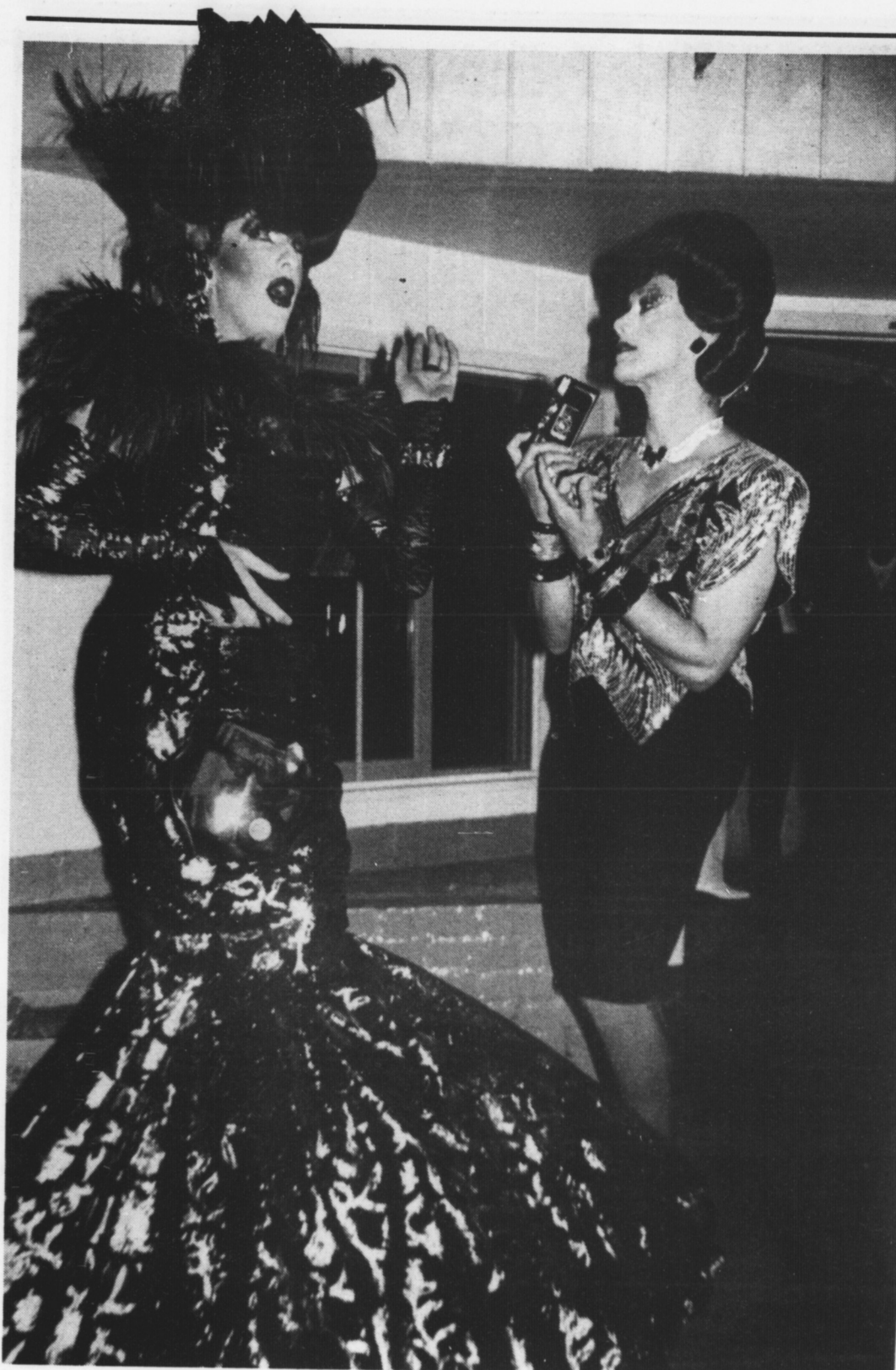
Marcus

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son. The first \$500 raised will go to No on Prop. 102 and the rest to Bruce. Hope to see you all there.

Just as they promised, Chuck and Richard of M.E.N. managed to finish the video tape of the 1988 Mister Drummer contest on Monday and it is on sale now for \$59.95 plus \$2 for postage and handling. Cal residents must add \$3.90 for tax. Again, M.E.N. has produced a classic masterpiece of this year's competition. The video is one minute short of an hour long; each contestant's fantasy, speech, and jock strap appearance is intact, with great sound and lighting.

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A couple of Jerry's Girls outside the Galleon. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

The premiere will be shown sometime next week at the S.F. Eagle, but with all the Halloween madness on Monday night, I couldn't get a confirmation date from Terry.

ford at around 2245 hours? If you dare, check him out at the bar or on Hartford. And yes, I almost forgot, no frisbees on Hartford, only in GG Park.

The lates of screeches of the crazed ones is that a group of about 10 hot men are working on 7th Street at just about Folsom. They started laying these sewer



(Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

pipes on Market Street about three weeks ago. I don't know how far South of Market they'll toil, but the queens in the vicinity are just ecstatic. Every one of the ten is "hot, hot, hot" according to several reports. One is a hunky German who's always in the ditch, just digging away, and when he comes up for air he is always pawing his considerable appendage. There are three blondes and seven brunettes, and they're something to behold.

Former Mr. Drummer Sonny Cline was in town on Monday night, and I didn't know he was into feathers. You would be too if you'd seen this "body by God" wandering around the Eagle

patio swathed in a beautiful American Indian costume that almost covered him. One very, very thin elastic band help up his "pouch" and he was so beautiful even one of the Walnettos (Walnut Creek) was enthralled. Hi Doc! Hi Jes! Hi Sonny!

It was a festive weekend all right; even the entire staff of the Border Cafe (8th and Folsom) was decked out in costumes Monday night. Like I've said before, thanks for the memories; it was beautiful; you were beautiful; our national holiday celebration was beautiful. See you all next week—my editor is screaming for this copy.

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Halloween Revelry



Marga Gomez dressed up as a cavewoman to announce the winners of the costume contest at the Giftcenter. (Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

by M.J. Murphy
Saturday night. Rounding the corner onto 18th Street, I was immediately stopped by a police barricade at the corner of Collingwood. It had been hastily erected to protect an impromptu crowd of Halloween revelers, roaming families, and out-of-neighborhood gawkers from auto traffic. Big deal.

But from the midst of this ruly group rose a big, big deal: a giant skeleton wafting in the wind to remind us to vote no on Prop. 102.

If Gov. Deukmejian had come to your door on Halloween, would you have pretended that there was no one at home? Of course not. You would have torn off his "I know what's best for you all" mask and shoved him out into the street with a resounding "No!"

According to Bruce Hilton's "AIDSweek" column in the Examiner, Deukmejian's endorsement of Prop. 102 comes in spite of recommendations to vote against it from "every major health organization, the business community, and most of the state's public health figures, including his own health director."

No on Prop. 102 justifies a trip to your polling place on Tuesday.

After the skeleton was removed from the street, the Femmes on Furlough, Petunia, Mr. Magic, various forms of vegetation, and Mary dragsters milled about before retreating to other livelier haunts. Mayor Art Agnos even stopped by the Twin Peaks to say hello.

The Bay Area Career Women held their annual Halloween dance at Bimbo's in North Beach Saturday night, too, a safe "costumes are optional" retreat.

The Halloween Ball for Operation Concern, Code Blue, the Western Roundup to benefit Living sober, and the Black Party at the Trocadero Transfer all happened over the party weekend, also.

But it was rib-shaking, bone-chattering, pore-sweating adventure on the Journey to the Center of the Earth at the Giftcenter that had it all. Heart-throbbing visuals and bombastic music by New York DJ Michael Fierman proved that State of the Art Pro-

ductions knows what state we all love to be in. Marga Gomez presented the prizes for the best costumes in her own cavewoman garb. With all the work Marga has done around our town, she deserves a prize for just being herself.

Yes, Saturday night led into a sleepy Sunday morning and a packed Cala later in the day, as partygoers took a rest before Monday night's official celebration.

Now that we've all caught our breath again, here are a few reminders for the coming week.

Tonight at Amelia's is the Mat-ing Game for women and their friends, "Where Dreams Come True," featuring Mistress Kathy. Doors open at 9 p.m.

Project Open Hand needs volunteers to help install and finish drywall in their new kitchen. Please call them at 771-6325 to donate time or dollars.

The Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade may seem like a long way off, but a group of women will be meeting at Amelia's on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. to plan a women's float for the parade. For more info, call 695-9526.

There is one last thing. Please feel free to send me announcements of upcoming events and/or your unsolicited comments in care of B.A.R., 1528 15th St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

Editor's note: M.J. Murphy's column will appear bimonthly in the Bay Area Reporter.

Couples Survey

Same-sex couples are being surveyed to determine what kinds of qualities they have in relationships.

The nonfunded survey is being conducted by Jim Smith, a nationally known astrologer, columnist, researcher, and speaker based in Portland, Oregon.

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A Visit With Yet Another Christopher Isherwood

The Wishing Tree:
Christopher Isherwood on Mystical Religion
 Edited by Robert Adjemian; Harper & Row; \$9.95

by Marv. Shaw

Our very own Chris, who gave the world some of the most memorable fiction of this century plus forthright biography, was also an ardent Vedantist. That is, from the late 1930s, when he was a recent immigrant to this country, through the rest of his life, Isherwood was an exponent of Vedanta, a Hindu religious philosophy whose development around the world in the 19th and 20th centuries sprang from the personality and teaching of Ramakrishna and, later, Vivekananda. Isherwood's own guru, Prabhavananda, was the master of the Los Angeles temple.

Alienated from the Christianity in which he was raised, Isherwood found in the monistic Hindu religion an alternative much more sensible, humane, and deeply spiritual than the dualistic Puritan religion of his native culture. The latter he had come to regard as an imprisoning slavery clamping the adherent into a negative concept of himself, a fear of what lay after death, and a pervading sense of guilt about his most natural human impulses.

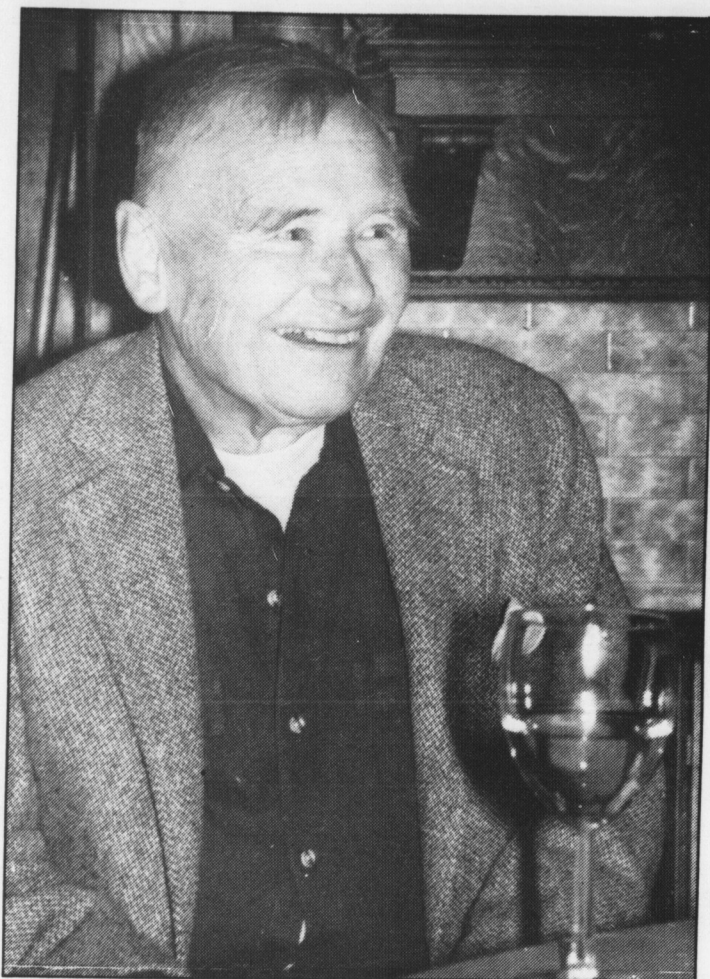
of virtue and sin, though the person's actions did influence the refinement of his soul—or its debasement. The only true purpose in life was a progress toward reunion with the Atman, the all. Only then did the soul escape the round of life and death we call reincarnation.

While Isherwood was to discover much more to this mystical faith than the above, the initial attraction, especially as expounded by Swami Prabhavananda in his penetrating but also playful way, was like a strong tonic. For someone like Isherwood, escaping a homophobic nation hurtling toward war, this enlightenment was a lovely key to a new life.

The *Wishing Tree* is a collection of Isherwood's writings on Vedanta from the early '40s through the '70s. The sequence was arranged by Robert Adjemian. Both Isherwood's style and Adjemian's order lead the reader carefully, clearly into and through Vedantism. Though the belief is mystical, the presentation is never arcane.

In Vedanta, Isherwood discovered a divinity whose all-encompassing nature accepted the acts of humankind as expected consequences deriving from that person's given nature and fate. There was no moral bookkeeping

But Isherwood doesn't avoid contradiction. Even though he—and many another religious philosopher—identifies Vedanta as monistic, there is no final avoidance of dualism. If each human has as his/her essence some part



Christopher Isherwood.

(Photo: R. Pruzan)

of the Atman and, while living, carried about flesh, there is a duality right there. Even though the flesh is characterized as temporary and illusory, it coexists with the spirit.

Additionally, Isherwood asserts that the came to accept Vedantic principles through reason, but the initial acceptance had to come about through the

personality of a particular guru. Again, a duality.

Most of these pieces were first published in that pre-liberation time when even some of the boldest of gay pioneers were not presenting themselves publicly as "queer," to use Isherwood's own favorite characterization of himself and other gay people. Consequently, there is no discussion of what Vedanta might mean to gay people particularly. Perhaps Isherwood thought such an application unnecessary because Vedanta is for all.

One of most telling acts as a Vedantist was to translate, with Prabhavananda's help, the *Bhagavad Gita*, the philosophical centerpiece of the immense epic *The Mahabharata*. In the *Gita*, Arjuna, the warrior prince and leader of his people, at first refuses to go into combat because he realizes that he would have to kill kinsmen and friends. In a long, detailed conversation, Krishna, who has temporarily taken human form and is acting as Arjuna's charioteer, convinces him that he must carry on with the war because it is a natural application of his character.

So it is central to Vedantic thought that one must accept one's own nature and act accordingly. Seen in that way, any human's homosexuality is not only personally acceptable, but a natural condition among all others. Maybe that was the primary appeal of this belief to our Chris.

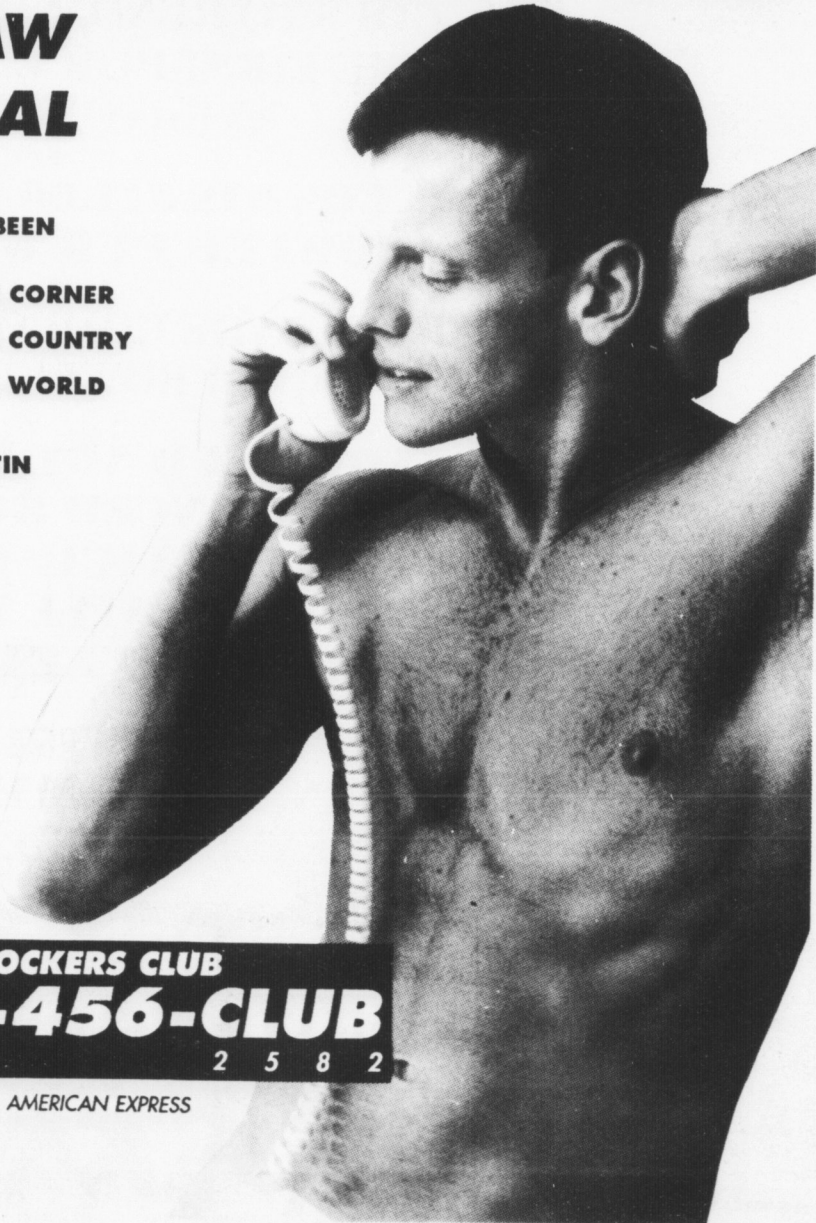
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Battle

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 gays so they would tell him all about their sexual experiences. (Closet case?)

Christians can reveal themselves as being just as unloving and petty as those outside the church. One delegate grabbed Glaser's seat and refused to give it back.

Several "ex-gays" testified. One admitted that he fell from grace on occasion and yielded to erotic temptation as recently as the night before, on the beach.

Glaser expounds on a number of ideas about religion and gays. Fundamentalists gays fight a con-

stant battle with themselves and their faith. They maintain logic-tight compartments where sex and church are never allowed to mix.

The opposition seems hung up on form over faith. They are obsessed with legal fine points, rather than faith. They are the classic Pharisees.

As Glaser expresses it, "Sexuality is a matter of fact; my Christianity is a matter of faith."

In the years since the emotional upheaval of the 1976 meeting, Glaser continues to reach out to gays wherever he finds them. He has ministered through the Lazarus Project, a special outreach for gays.

Heymont

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 lovers embrace *The Rake's Progress* wholeheartedly, I find this work to be a very tedious intellectual exercise; the kind of academic masturbation which might seem very impressive within certain closed circles but which sure as hell fails to get my blood pumping.

The basic problem is that there is absolutely nothing in this opera which makes an audience care about any of the characters onstage. Even after Tom Rakewell has gone insane, his pathetic babbling in the final scene at Bedlam is nothing more than babbling. It does not offer much in the way of art.

That being said, I salute the San Francisco Opera's revival (which was well-staged, well-produced and fared much better by being presented with English Supertitles and a stronger cast of singers than those heard in 1982). Although I personally might not like *The Rake's Progress*, many

others do—particularly those who are fans of David Hockney's sets and costumes—and, with all being fair in love, war and art, they are certainly entitled to their opinions.

Under John Cox's direction, baritone William Shimell scored strongly as Nick Shadow. Jonathan Green repeated his familiar, shtick-laden characterization of Sellem, the auctioneer. Victoria Vergara was a feisty Baba The Turk while Susan Patterson delivered an amiable Anne Truelove.

While John Mauceri did a nice job on the podium, the real star of the evening was tenor Jerry Hadley as Tom Rakewell. Making a long-overdue San Francisco Opera debut, Hadley not only sang like an angel, but he also displayed some of the finest diction to be heard in this opera house in years. Although his final mad scene was touchingly performed, I left the War Memorial Opera House hungry for music which was less astringent in nature as well as something of greater theatrical substance. ▼

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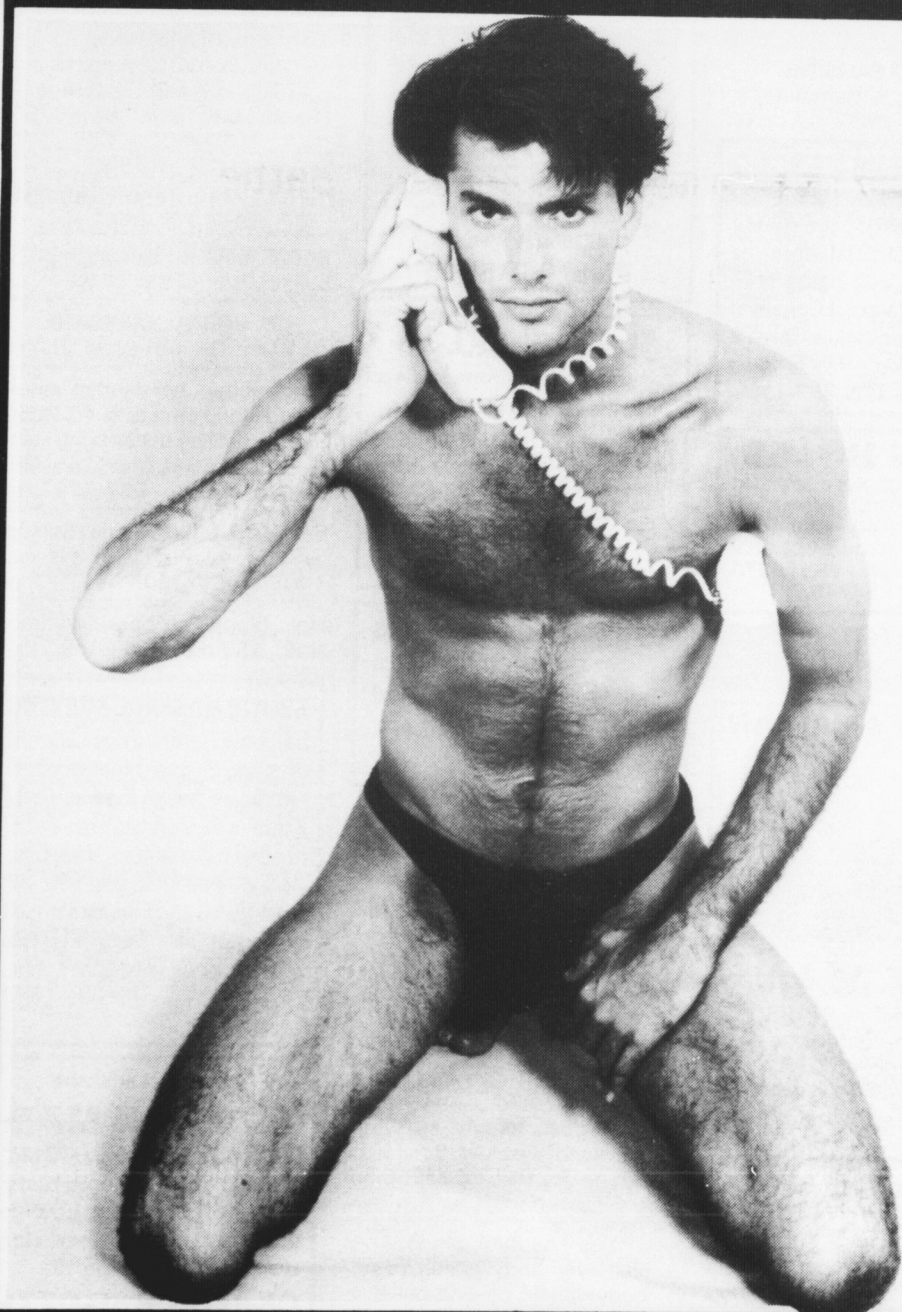
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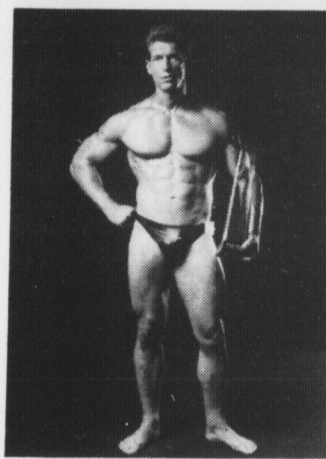
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A Long Haul for the Nine-Ball Champs



Jeffery Lilly lines one up at the Bear.

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The players who arrived at the Park Bowl Saturday morning for the S.F. Pool Association's annual Bud Light Nine Ball Championship had all tasted success in having won their way into the finals at one of the qualifying tournaments which had narrowed the large field of entrants to 16.

This is the league's richest tournament with cash prizes to all finalists and gleaming trophies to the top four, but the proud distinction of claiming the title of the league's 1988 9-ball champion was fueling the finalists' aspirations.

E.Z., who who has made a habit of winning every tournament he's played in lately, was on hand to defend his crown. He seemed on course to add another to his long list of titles as he zapped James Inglis, 5-0, in the first round. Pete Peterson next fell victim by a 5-1 margin.

David Lee was E.Z.'s next opponent. Lee had finished second in last year's contest and has played this season on a Park Bowl team, the Mo Rauders. Lee sent E.Z. to the losers' bracket with a 5-3 victory.

David had already won a 5-4 first round match against Joe Ankenbrandt followed by a 5-3 besting of Jerry Hoover. He would next face Chuck Numbers for control of the winners' bracket.

Numbers plays for the White Swallow Wave and had begun the day with a 5-3 success over David Ranch. He then squeaked by Lisa Duncan, 5-4, and stung Lauren Ward, 5-2. His match with David Lee was knotted at 4-all when Lee claimed the fifth game and sat alone in the winners' bracket.

In this do-or-die losers' battleground, Lisa Duncan eliminated James Inglis, 5-2, and Barry White, 5-3. She needed one more win to make the Final Four. It would pit her against her teammate, Lauren Ward.

Ward had survived a 5-4 first round cliffhanger against Jack Dunbar and then won, 5-3, over Barry White, before her first defeat by Chuck Numbers.

Duncan jumped out to a 3-1 lead before a four-game comeback sent Ward to the Final Four. Lisa finished fifth, with a respectable 24-16 tournament record.

Two DeLuxe Ducks remained in contention, but only one would advance beyond the next match. E.Z. would have to settle for fourth place after falling, 5-3. His overall record of 21-13 was the tournament's highest winning percentage.

Ward next had the opportunity of a rematch with Chuck Numbers. She jumped out to an early lead and left him in third place by a 5-3 margin. He scored 23-19 overall.

Now Ward would face the challenge of having to best the undefeated David Lee in two consecutive matches for the championship. The tournament was into its tenth hour and the fatigue

was showing in both players. As the match progressed the momentum was clearly Lauren's as she rolled on to victory, 5-2, 5-1, for a combined record of 37-24.

David Lee finished second for the second straight year with an overall total of 23-24.

Thanks to the dedicated oversight of tournament director Tim Chitwood and the cooperation of the Park Bowl staff, the 11-hour contest went smooth as silk.

Upcoming competitions include the MVP and the Women's West Coast Challenge Qualifier. Dial JOE-POOL for SFFA information.

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Maud's	55-121	.312	Phone Booth Dial Tones	49-127	.278

S.F. Club Dominates Its Wrestling Match

by Rick Thoman

San Francisco wound up dominating its own wrestling tournament last Saturday, Oct. 29. The Golden Gate Wrestling Club, host of the First Annual S.F. Invitational Wrestling Tournament, captured five gold, one silver, and one bronze medal. Sacramento took home one gold and one silver, and Los Angeles, which had been touted as a powerhouse team, mustered just two silvers and one bronze.

According to Golden Gate Wrestling Club president Gene

Dermody, the turnout for the meet was less than had been anticipated, due primarily to the Halloween weekend date.

"We had hoped to have the tournament earlier in the month," said Dermody. "But we ran into some logistical hassles with the city in getting permission to use Collingwood Gymnasium, in securing insurance for the tournament, and other things." As a result, some of the team members outside of San

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BOWLING

Four Aces Best Bob's Biggies

by Richard McPherson

While most leagues are well into their winter season of play, the Sunday Reno league at Japantown Bowl has just recently completed its summer season of play, and the Four Aces have emerged as the league winners. It was a close match right down to the wire, where the Aces and Bob's Biggies finished the season in a tie. The Four Aces came through in the end, leaving the Biggies in second place, followed by You Won't Forget in third. The winning team includes: Edgardo Rodriguez (130 average), Ron Driscoll (116), Del Oplinger (143), and Martial York (160). Bob's Biggies: Marvin Sloan (139), Geraldine Sloan (153), Dan Schick (132), and Bob Dean (156). You Won't Forget: Ray Padua (157), Garland Murphy (134), Larry Fuller (153), and Whirl Gray (174).

Whirl Gray won high scratch series honors with a 656 season high, with Shari Bradix emerging as the top woman scorer with a 550 effort. High Scratch Game: Steve Szasz 243, Geraldine Sloan

211; High Handicap Series: Donald Choy, Jr. 730, Joan Murphy 695; High Handicap Game: Peter Czech 288, Anne Bradix 245.

David Arnold (193 average) had the high series for the week of Oct. 18-23 at both Japantown and Park Bowls with a 647 series on games of 190, 227, 230 at JTown. Other bowlers at JTown shooting 210+ games were: Bruce Gresham (173) 235 and 222 (two different leagues), Richard Harry (162) 231, Doug Lucas (168) 221, Jesse Vargas (166) 219, Ken Gray (183) 218, Tim Kneis (164) 215, 204, Richard Cooper (167) 215, Brad Nemeth (159) 213, Jim Barnes (178) 213, Chuck Adkins (165) 211, 206, and Tim Kneis (169) 211.

Honorable Mention (160 average and under): Tom Guarini (155) 218, Jim Magdaleno (141) 210, Russell Willis (148) 209, Bill Barto (147) 207, David Heranney (157) 204, Rick Canguing (159) 202, Andy Dacanay (136) 202, John Blythe (132) 202, Mike Ermye (138) 201, and Gary Davis

(141) 200. Special congrats to Len Tumath, a 143 average in the Tuesday Community League who, after starting out with a 126 first game, came back in the second with a 222.

It was a light week of scoring in the Tavern Guild Leagues at Park Bowl with Dick Cavane, 181 average, shooting one of the two 600s for the week. Cavane shot a very consistent 612 series on games of 206, 196, and 210. Jeff Hettmansperger shot the other 600 with a 225/609 score, causing his 210 average to drop to 209—tough break, Jeff!

J.C. Halstead (199) had high game of the week with a 247 in the Thursday TGL, followed by Vince DiColla (161) with a 246 in the Wednesday TGL. In the same league Tom Sipple posted a 245.

Additional games over 215: Chuck Webster (173) 236, Jeff Hett (190) 234 (Monday Trios), Pat Conlon (172) 233, Vince DiColla (178) 230, Mark Platis (172) 221, Arne Prince (204) 219, Frank Rausch (157) 216, and Ed

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Wrestling

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Francisco failed to show up, L.A. being most noticeable. "I didn't realize how sacred the Halloween holiday was," Dermody added.

The most exciting match of the day was between two S.F. team members, Kriston Okuna and Peter Gomez. In what looked like a brutal exhibition, Okuna came out on top, with Gomez scoring in the gold, although both wrestlers looked even in style and speed.

Both Mickey Bailey and Carlis Sharpe showed off their amazing talent as they pinned all of their opponents in all of their matches. Leigh DeBose of Sacramento, who won the gold in his weight class at Gay Games II, barely edged newcomer George Ochoa, also of Sacramento, in the 126.5 lb. division. DeBose appeared surprised at the tenacity of Ochoa, whom he had never seen before this tournament, but hung on to take the match by one point.

Dermody was pleased with the results of the tournament, which included more than 20 matches and allowed most wrestlers an opportunity to wrestle two or three times. "It looks like this will be an annual event for us," he said. "L.A. will be holding a tournament in the spring, probably in April, and we'll continue to host a tournament in the fall, although not this close to Halloween anymore."

For those interested in joining the Golden Gate Wrestling Club, contact Gene Dermody at 821-2991.

Class	Name	Place
126.5 lbs	Leigh DeBose (Saeto)	1st
	George Ochoa (Saeto)	2nd
	Ron Ward (LA)	3rd
136.5 lbs	Kriston Okuna (SF)	1st
	Peter Gomez (SF)	2nd
149 lbs.	Gene Dermody (SF)	1st
163 lbs.	Mickey Bailey (SF)	1st
	Guy Will (LA)	2nd
180 lbs.	Carlis Sharpe (SF)	1st
	Mike Bishop (LA)	2nd
	Larry White (SF)	3rd
200 lbs.	Kevin Elizia (SF)	1st

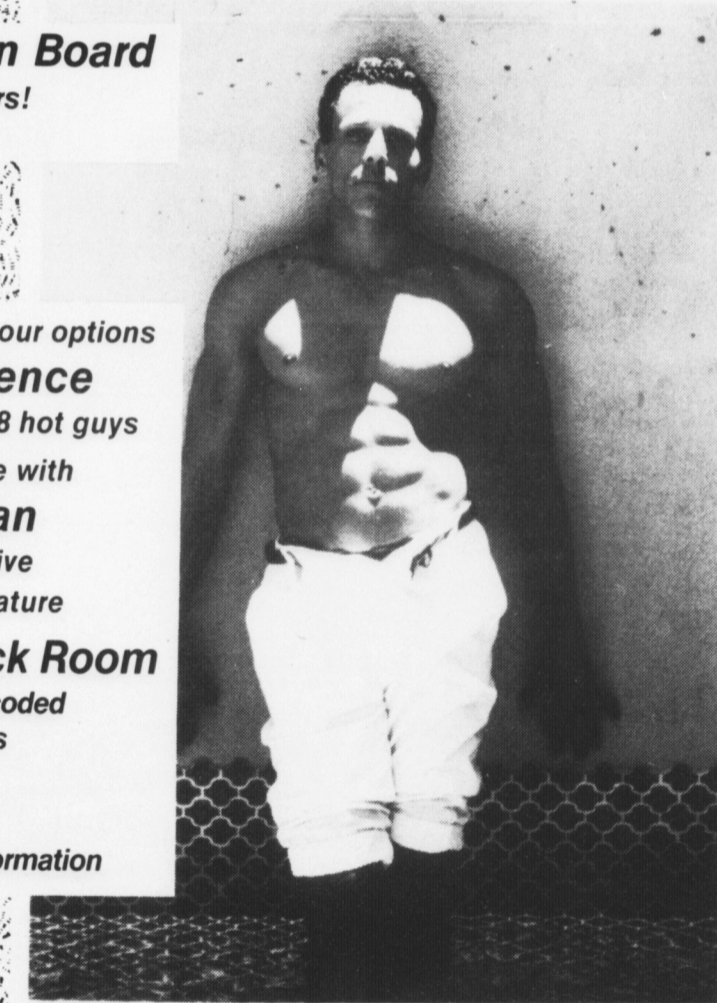
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9. Park Bowl 4 4
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13. Beck's Bed Bugs 4 4
14. Team #20 4 4
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16. 3 Blind Dykes 3 5
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Bowling

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Honorable Mention (160 and under average): Richard Elwart (146) 220, Dan Becker (145) 217, Rick Raggio (153) 212, J. Johnson (155) 206, Wayne Garnet (144) 206, Paul Ziegler (143) 204, F. Davis (147) 201, David Hird (146) 201, and Glenn Judd (158) 200.

In the S.F. Women's Business League Bernice Straub (184 avg.) shot the only 200 game of the week with a 208.

Welcome back to Randy Peterson, who was off the Park Bowl lanes for five weeks due to an arthritis attack (a bowler's worst nightmare). Yes, Randy's back and as fiery as ever!

The Bowl-A-Thon at Park Bowl this Saturday, Nov. 5, is the happening sports event of the week. Teams of five athletes each have been out collecting pledges the past couple of weeks to raise money for Team S.F. I don't know about you, but my team has signed up at least \$1,500 in pledges.

If you're not on a team yet, come to Park Bowl for either the 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. squads and bowl. You can sign up and collect pledges next week.

THURSDAY TAVERN GUILD

W L

1. Trax 13 3
2. Play With It Ltd. 12 4
3. Park Bowl 11 5
4. Bert's Screwballs 11 5
5. Mint Condition 10 06
6. Together Again 10 6
7. Polk Rendez. Ones 10 6
8. S.F. Eagle 9 7
9. Mi's Kids 9 7
10. 501 Blues 9 7
11. Hot Trax 8 8
12. Trixie's Tramps 8 8
13. Wild Balls 8 8
14. Sassy 7 9
15. Rendezvous Too 7 9
16. Inches 7 9
17. Bears Stars 5 11
18. Super Star Video 3 13
19. Stars & Strikes 2 14
20. Team #20 0 16

WEDNESDAY TAVERN GUILD

W L

1. Bow-K 19 1
2. S.F. Eagle 15 1/2 4 1/2
3. Pilsner I 14 6
4. Evans Pacific 14 6
5. Evans Pacific 14 6
6. Godfather Serv. Fund 14 6
7. Play With It Ltd 12 8
8. Pilsner Pick-Ups 12 8
9. Galleon Sharks 12 8
10. Leftovers 11 9
11. Play With It Again 11 9
12. Pilsner Men/Balls 11 9

THURSDAY HAWAII TAVERN GUILD

W L

1. Throw Mother/Lane 20 8
2. Hangin' Loose 18 10
3. Birds of Paradise 18 10
4. The Moo Moos 15 1/2 12 1/2
5. Gekko Girls 14 14
6. Castways 14 14
7. Roommates 10 1/2 17 1/2
8. Team #08 0 28

TUESDAY COMMUNITY

W L

1. Baby Dolls 17 3
2. Tender Vittles 14 6
3. Town & Country 14 6
4. Swaying Palms 13 7
5. Cuttersnipes 12 8
6. The Bowlerians 12 8
7. Juan's Deadwood 11 9
8. Men Behind Balls 10 10
9. Thundergutters 10 10
10. Bowling for Husbands 10 10
11. 976-BOWL 9 11
12. Island Snow 9 11
13. Serenity Sisters 9 11
14. Team #17 9 11
15. Gilmore's 8 12
16. SF Holy Bowlers 8 12
17. Beginner's Luck 8 12
18. Lois Lanes 2 8 12
19. Hot Rollers 5 15
20. Sleazy Pick-Ups 4 16

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY

W L

1. Unique Cust. Framers 16 4
2. Dead Yuppies 15 5
3. Team #11 14 6
4. 14-Karat Jewels 12 1/2 7 1/2
5. Your Worst Nightmare 12 8
6. Spare Me 12 8
7. AIDS Emerg. Fund 11 9
8. Hana N R Sisters 11 9
9. Rawhide Balls/Hand 10 10
10. Missing Persons 10 10
11. Kingpin Honeys 9 11
12. Ball Spinners 8 1/2 11 1/2
13. Bobby Rays Ribs 6 1/2 13 1/2
14. Split Sisters 6 1/2 13 1/2
15. Alvin's Bears 5 15
16. Shanti's Queens 0 20

THURSDAY COMMUNITY

W L

1. Gold Room 7 1
2. Cafe F 5 3
3. Team #09 4 1
4. Wooden Horse 3 1
5. Team #06 3 1
6. Team #02 1 7
7. Hob Nob 1 3
8. Hot 'N' Hunky 0 4
9. Pendulum 0 0
10. Team #10 0 4

HAWAII VACATION COMMUNITY

W L

1. The Eruptions 21 3
2. Hula Harlots 15 9
3. Hono Lulus 14 10
4. Hi Bound 13 7
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Dannemeyer Prop. Trounced

Loss of 102 Sends Signal To Pres.-Elect

by Jay Newquist

The defeat of Rep. William Dannemeyer's Prop. 102 was greeted with relief and giddiness Tuesday night at the Trocadero, where a vocal crowd cheered as the returns rolled in from across California.

"So far, so good. All indications are it's defeated," said Dana Van Gorder of the No on 102 campaign when the returns at 10:30 p.m. were running 55 to 45 percent against the initiative, with 12 percent of the vote tallied. The sweeping measure would have imposed mandatory reporting of HIV test results.

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Crowds gathered at Castro and Market.

(Photo: Steve Savage)

Britt Wins Supervisor Presidency

by Allen White

Supervisor Harry Britt this week became the first openly gay person to be elected president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. But the surprise of the night came when it became apparent that Sup. Carol Ruth Silver would not be returned for another term.

Angela Alioto and Terrance Hallinan will be the new faces on the board. The real surprise for Alioto and Hallinan came in their second- and third-place standings in the results. Supervisors Tom Hsieh, Willie Kennedy, and Jim Gonzalez were also reelected.

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Community worship at the MCC.

(Photo: Steve Savage)

Med Center Sued For Secret Testing Released HIV Results to Insurer

by Jay Newquist

A complaint was filed this month in San Francisco Superior Court on behalf of an unidentified gay man who has alleged that his doctor and Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center administered an AIDS test without the complainant's consent and released the results of the test to an insurance company.

The gay man is referred to as "John Doe" in the Nov. 3 complaint filed by attorneys John Lewis and Brad Seligman against the hospital and Dr. Charles F. Gould.

Lewis said the complaint alleges that Gould and the hospital illegally provided the results of the AIDS test to John Doe's insurance company, which refused him disability coverage because he tested HIV-positive.

The complaint calls for unspecified damages for emotional distress, as well as an injunction if evidence is found that such AIDS testing and disclosure of results are generally practiced at Pacific Presbyterian.

"I think it's important that people stand up for their rights through legal action," said Lewis. "They have to have the right to go to the hospital and see a doctor and not be tested against their wishes."

"One way to assure that right is to do something about it when an invasion of privacy occurs," Lewis said.

Lewis reported that John Doe checked into Pacific Presbyterian in the fall of 1986 for repair of a

surgical wound.

An AIDS antibody test was administered a few days later without the patient's knowledge, Lewis said.

Months later, Doe applied to his insurance carrier for disability coverage and authorized access to his medical records by the insurance company.

"When he was rejected for coverage, he asked for his records in response," Lewis said, "and he learned for the first time that he was not only tested, but that he had tested HIV-positive."

Lewis said his client had specifically told his doctor that he did not want to be tested for HIV. Dr. Gould tested him anyway because the doctor, Lewis said, perceived Doe to be gay.

The complaint targets the illegal HIV testing and the dissemination of the results, as well as stipulating a violation of Doe's civil rights as part of the Unruh Civil Rights Act.

Neither Pacific Presbyterian nor lawyers for Dr. Gould would comment on the suit.

Lewis gave no personal infor-

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'Make a Joyful Noise'

Gay, Straight Churches Join Hands in Worship

by Allen White

This is a story of nice people being nice to each other. When Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church and Trinity United Methodist Church decided to merge their flocks last month, congregation members thought they might make some waves. But so far the move has stirred virtually no controversy, and members say they are "happy" and "loving" the new experience.

The two churches meet each Sunday at 48 Belcher St., a small lane near Church and Market streets. The Methodists used to meet at 10:30, and the MCC at 12:30. With the arrival of a new Methodist pastor, Rev. Paul Dirdak, the idea emerged to join the two worship services.

Travis Springer, a board member at Golden Gate MCC, said, "I think the members of both churches were excited. The logistics of working out the service

was the main problem."

Muriel Thompson had been a member of Trinity Methodist for seven years. "I'm so happy, I could jump up and down, because the church is doing something it should have done 25 years ago," she said. "Trinity has always been an open church. Now we are showing everyone."

To bring together MCC, which is identified as a church serving the gay and lesbian community,

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