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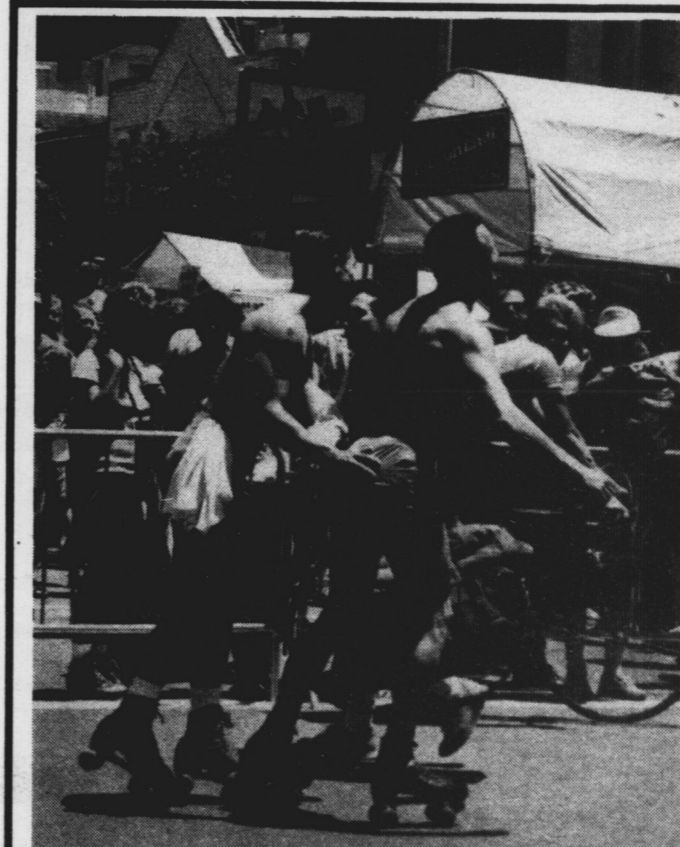
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It was a close 16-wheeler at last Sunday's Haight Street Fair. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

Hospice Service Faces Merger

AIDS, Other Funds Combined; Staff Protest Reorganization

by Jay Newquist

Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, parent organization for Hospice of San Francisco, which administers Coming Home Hospice, has announced that it plans to reorganize all hospice services this summer.

The move will, in effect, do away with special services and staff for AIDS care. Fears of a tailspin in the quality of AIDS hospice care and charges of homophobia and alleged neglect for AIDS patients have greeted the plan. (Continued on page 2)

Time of His Life

Granddad Finds New Family As a Single Man Once Again

by Dennis McMillan

For Joseph Briones, "These are the best years of my life." He's single, likes his job, says he's having lots of fun. And he's a granddad. For him, Father's Day means having the kids over and maybe later going out to the S.F. Eagle. This Father's Day, at age 53, he felt he wanted to tell his story as a gay father and grandfather.

After his divorce in 1970, Briones retained custody of his daughter Jocelyn, and two sons, Jeff and Keith. When they all moved out of the house to marry and start their own families in Southern California and Phoenix, Briones was left to face a situation any parent—gay or straight—must eventually cope with when the nest is finally empty.

He had postponed his own personal life to take on the dual roles of mother and father. "It took a long time for me to find a life for myself," he explained. "I had been putting all my time into my job and raising my children."

After his divorce, he discovered that he was gay. Then, shortly before the last child moved out, he found a way to get an early pension at age 50 from his career

Appeals Court Grants New Hearing in Suit On Gays in Military

Army Asks Judges to Reconsider Watkins Case

by Ray O'Loughlin

The 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals has granted the government's request for a rehearing in the case of Army Sgt. Perry Watkins. A panel of 11 judges will be selected at random to reconsider the case, it was announced June 9. The action nullifies the Feb. 10 ruling by a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit that had overturned the U.S. military's policy of expelling gay personnel.

The court gave no reason for its decision to rehear the case. Although requests for rehearings are routine, it is rare that the court grants them. No date has been set for the new trial, which will require attorneys to submit new briefs, as well as argue before the new panel.

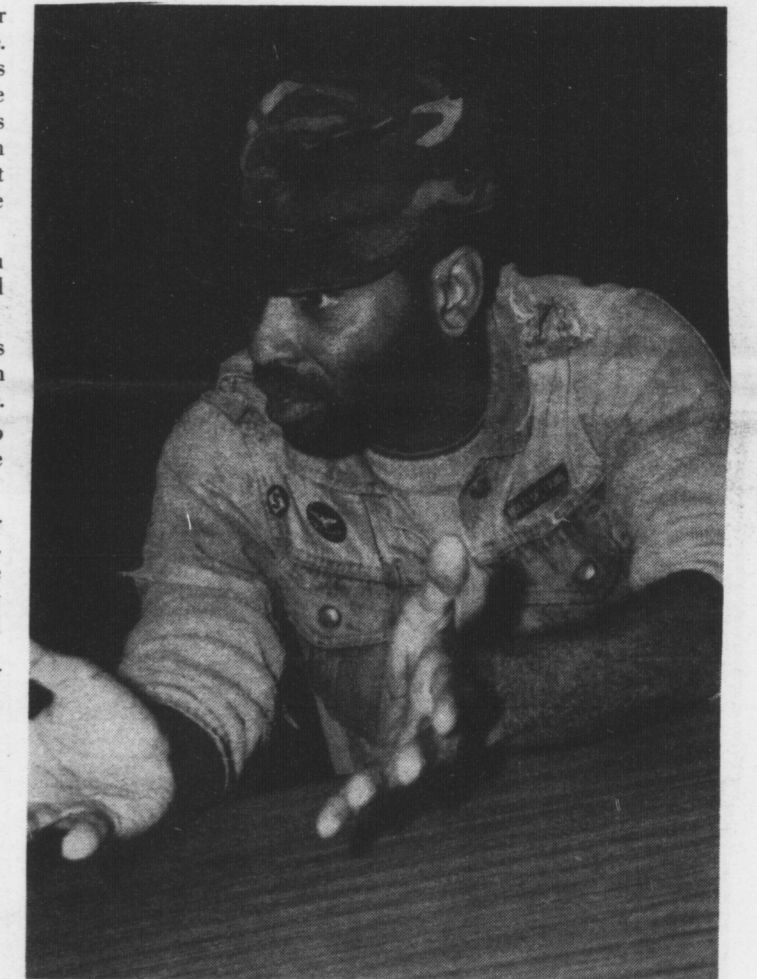
There is also no time limit on when the new panel can hear and rule on the matter.

"It didn't surprise me. I was expecting it," said Watkins from his Tacoma, Washington, home.

But, he said, "I'm going to keep fighting and hope for the best."

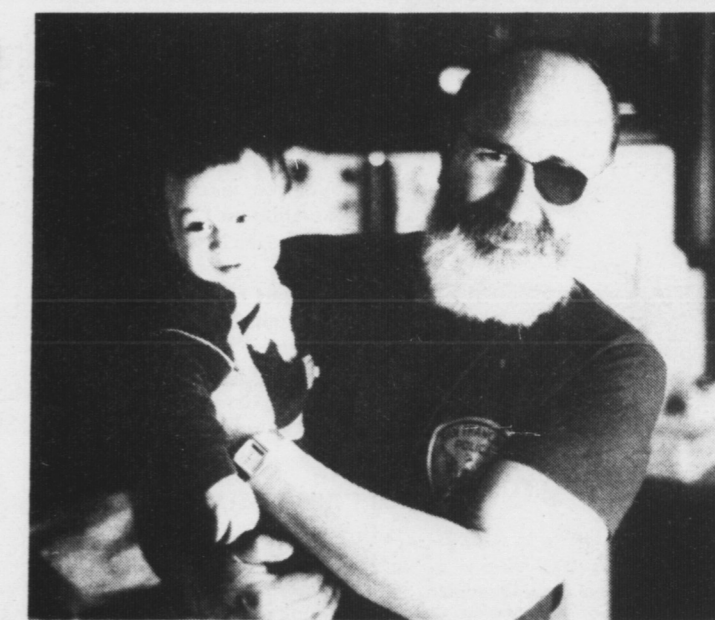
Jim Lobsenz, attorney for Watkins, vowed to carry on the fight. He said he would employ the same strategy before the new panel that he successfully used with the earlier panel of judges. "We'll convince the majority of the 11 the same we convinced a majority of the three," he said. "There won't be a big difference in the arguments presented."

The earlier decision was a landmark victory for the rights of gays and lesbians in the military. It was also the highest court ever to rule on a gay military case. The decision to have 11 judges reconsider the ruling means that "it is as though the decision from the



Perry Watkins

(Photo: Rink)



Joseph Briones and his grandson.

in retail marketing.

Being suddenly free of job and fatherly duties, he decided to explore a new lifestyle in totally new

surroundings. He broke away from the friends and associates he had made during his marriage, packed up and moved to

gay mecca, San Francisco. He became a single man again.

He has since taken on a career in a local office supply warehouse, where his desk clearly indicates his priorities. Along with pictures of his family, a photo of a handsome male model graces his desktop.

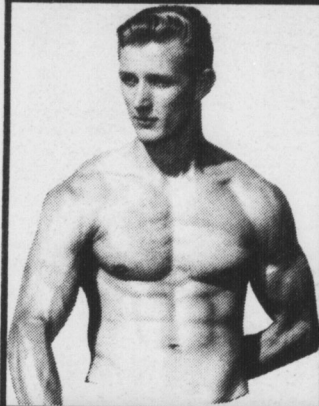
NEW FAMILY

"Right now I'm really enjoying my retirement from raising my children," he said. They visit their father frequently, bringing their children—Joey, 3 years old; Angelica, 2 years; and Trevor, soon to be one-year old. Briones' offspring enjoy checking out a lot of the gay night spots and restaurants along with dad.

Briones has no regrets about their having moved away and his move to the city. "Here in San Francisco I'm forming a different kind of family now," he said.

Being a typical proud grand- (Continued on page 18)

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Hospice

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The Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice of San Francisco are slated to combine their AIDS and traditional hospice care into one generic unit by the end of August. Funds for the two areas will also be combined into one administrative unit.

The entire AIDS team of nurses that provides at-home care would be abolished and joined to the existing team of oncological (cancer) nurses. No hospice care worker will be allowed to specialize completely in AIDS care and, instead, would have to learn traditional hospice care. Non-AIDS hospice workers would also be assigned AIDS cases.

Sources close to the administrative changes reported that hospice morale was low at all levels. "AIDS concerns about 97 percent gay men at this point," said staff members, who preferred to

remain anonymous. "It doesn't make sense to dismantle the AIDS team. What will the patients think? They'll think they're being dumped."

The result is a diluted focus on AIDS care, as some nurses are inexperienced with AIDS treatment or else uncomfortable or ill-equipped to do it, they charged.

Staff members said the idea of a "generic hospice" was abhorrent and carried latent homophobia. "A black man wouldn't dismantle an entire program that affected blacks," they further charged, blaming nongay bureaucrats who had no empathy nor compassion.

"Gay men don't get a fair break in hospitals in general, although it's better here than elsewhere."

The sources said PPMC simply didn't want to deal with the element of society that AIDS is beginning to hit hard: blacks and IV-drug users. "It's flatly elitist. They don't want to deal with addicts and the lower social classes."

INTEGRATED TRAINING

Jeanne Martin, director of the hospice, denied a shakeup was under way when contacted by the B.A.R. But she said this week that a reorganization was closer to actual fact.

The integration of two hospice teams, according to Martin, means every patient could be received by a special hospice team.

"All hospice staff have had integrated training for two years, and we'll be better meeting the needs of all patients by having more staff members available as referrals are made," she said.

Martin said she couldn't understand why the consolidation had hit such a raw nerve among some members of the hospice nursing staff. "It's unclear to me why this has happened. We will be expanding the AIDS case load, and the staff can still focus the majority of their time on AIDS cases, if they wish," according to Martin.



(Photo: S. Savage)

"The service is identical to the past. Some staff have a misconception there will be a different pattern of service delivery."

FUNDS COMBINED

Some say the decision to combine services by PPMC may create a certain distance from AIDS and the gay community. They further mention the possible dilemma that people who had contributed to Hospice of San Francisco solely for its AIDS services may no longer do so.

Martin disagreed with this assessment, stressing that donors may still earmark their contributions to AIDS services. She said the hospice would continue to separate dollars for AIDS.

One staff nurse nonetheless objected to the dilution of AIDS contributions, because diseases like cancer have huge organizations like the American Cancer Society to pump money into those coffers.

"Let me tell you, the success of the AIDS hospice was borne on the backs of gay men, thousands of hours of staff and volunteer time," said the nurse.

"Now they're tearing us apart like we never existed. This community deserves to have the best AIDS team in the world, and they probably do. They don't deserve to have the AIDS team dismantled. All of us are opposed to it, most bitterly opposed, but there's nothing we can do about it."

Watkins

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three-judge panel never existed," said Doug Warner, an attorney with the ACLU's Gay Rights Chapter.

Warner would not speculate on what the new panel would rule. "The 9th Circuit was liberal prior to Reagan," he said, "but Reagan has now appointed half the panel."

The entire 9th Circuit Court is made up of 25 judges and covers West Coast states and conservative inland western states.

Whatever the decision of the 11-judge panel, Warner said he believed the case would go to the Supreme Court. Whether or not the Supreme Court would agree to hear the case is another matter. "If the Army petitions the Supreme Court for a hearing, it is certain to be accepted," said Warner. "If Watkins petitions the court, only those who would oppose the Army would likely want it to be heard."

REBEL WITH A CAUSE

Perry Watkins is planning on going all the way to the high court. To prepare for that, he is taking his show on the road. Watkins is organizing a national speaking tour to start this September. It could start as early as July.

"We're getting a lot of support and pledges of money," said Wat-

kins. "Things are moving faster than we thought."

He is calling his tour "Rebel With a Cause."

Watkins advised other gays in the military to be very cautious. "Do not trust the system," he said, regardless of how relaxed the atmosphere may seem. "It will abuse you until you crack, and then put you out."

Watkins had been a personnel administrator in the Army until 1984. Now he is a \$5.77-per-hour temp worker. He said he never had a problem in all his years in the service, even though he was openly gay from the day he enlisted in 1967. His job performance reviews always gave him the highest marks.

Watkins disagreed with the Army's contention that allowing openly gay members would cause discipline problems. "If they would stop asking people if they're gay, they wouldn't have a problem," he said.

"People perpetuate this myth," he said. "It's the same as with race. But you obey the rank, not the person," he added. "If you don't, then you have a problem."

"That lie didn't work then [resisting racial integration], and it won't work now," said Watkins.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, Admiral William J. Crowe Jr., head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that the military would "abide by the law" if

the courts rule against them ultimately. But he said that the military would prefer not to have open gays.

Warner called that remark "outrageous."

"It really points out the arbitrariness of their policy," he said. "They're catering to private bias, just as the opinion said in the 9th Circuit's [earlier] ruling."

If they could live with it, he said, "What's all the fuss about?"

In its February ruling, the 9th Circuit overturned the Army's policy of discrimination against gays, on the grounds that it violated the equal protection clause of the Constitution. The court noted that Army regulations did not call for the expulsion of everyone found to have engaged in same-gender sex, but only of those who said they were gay even if never found engaging in gay sex.

"The regulations do not penalize soldiers for engaging in homosexual acts; they penalize soldiers who have engaged in homosexual acts only when the Army decides that these soldiers are actually gay," said the court's opinion.

Watkins said he has been in communication with a number of other gays in the military. He can be contacted through P.O. Box 860, Tacoma, WA 98401.

Peg's Place To Close

Popular Lesbian Bar Loses Its Lease

by Allen White

Peg's Place will close June 27. The popular lesbian bar that stood up to the San Francisco Police in 1979 has lost its lease.

"The owner didn't even let me know he didn't want to renew the lease," said owner Lynda Symaco. "Last week I got a paper saying it wouldn't be renewed."

The quiet bar located on Geary Street near 12th Avenue is a place to play pool for some. For others, Peg's Place brings back memories of one of the stormiest brawls in recent history, between Symaco and off-duty San Francisco police officers.

The incident took place on March 31, 1979. It had been only four months since Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone had been assassinated. "There was no control," said Symaco describing the cops. "At the time the police would come in and do what they wanted."

She remembers that police came into the bar, many of them drunk, and began to terrorize the employees and the staff. The result was injuries to the people in the bar and six years of legal battles.

Lynda Symaco and Peg's Place won their battle. The victory came in the statement by Superior Court Judge Edward Stern in his sentence to a San Francisco police officer.

The judge told the officer, "Mr. Marr, you know, we are entitled to live peaceful and quiet and dignified lives, and your behavior on that particular night, in the court's opinion, was an assault upon the rights of people who were doing nothing but trying to live a peaceful, quiet existence."

The judge continued, "Now, there are too many assaults in our community and the communities around the country upon peaceful, law-abiding, quiet citizens, and I think that what took place on that evening was in fact such an assault."

"It doesn't take a great deal of manhood to be a bully, Mr. Marr, and I think that you were a bully on the night in question. People have a right to live dignified lives. You can't degrade or demean them; you can't visit upon them physical violence. When you degrade and demean people you degrade and demean yourself; you have to understand that."

Looking back, the owner remembers, "I was one who got hurt. If the gay community had not united behind us, we would not have won. Those people who were in here stood up and were witnesses."

Today she describes her customers, saying, "The people that come in this bar are nice people. It is like a family. My family is in the Philippines. I don't have any

family here except a lover."

"The women, especially when they start coming out, being gay, being a lesbian—sometimes it is hard. We can be a support. They have no place to go, they come in here. We don't expect them to drink, because I don't drink myself. Women try to help each other."

The bar is comfortable and low key. There is a fire burning in the fireplace. The pool tables seem to be always in motion. The atmosphere is that of a nice neighborhood bar.

Now that she knows the bar is going to close, Lynda Symaco



Peg's Place owner Linda Symaco (l.) with bartenders Terrie Chan and Cindy Hart. (Photo: S. Savage)

said, "I feel a combination of things—sad, upset, and something I cannot explain because the bar seems to mean a lot."

She is still not sure if there will be a new bar. "I don't know if I am going to open a new bar. I want a few months to think it over

and to see if the women and the gay community would still like to support it. I'm not going to sell the license, I am going to wait and make sure."

Plans have been made to have several parties before the closing on June 27. The first party is this

Friday night. It will start at 9 p.m., and the cost is \$5.

The party on Saturday night will feature music of the last decade and the admission is \$5. There will also be parties on the following Friday and Saturday nights.



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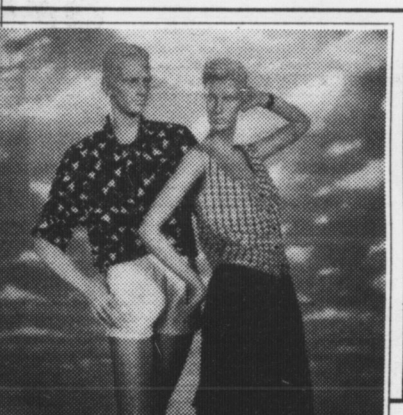
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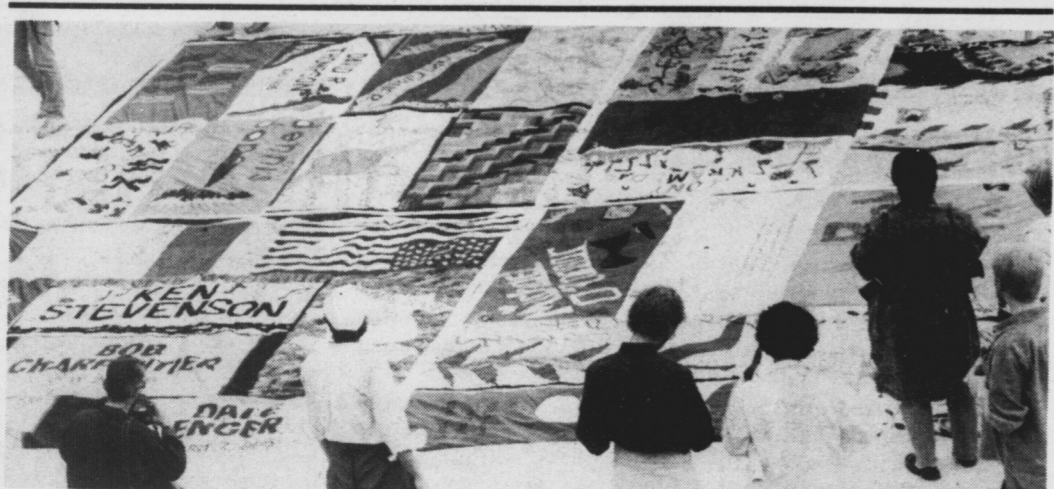
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No Plans Yet for World Tour Of Names Project Quilt

Announcement, Article Called 'Premature'; Negotiations Still Under Way With WHO

by Allen White

The Names Project quilt has no present plans for an international tour, despite reports to the contrary. As the national tour of the quilt arrived in Boston, local staff members were scrambling to correct a false story in Sunday's San Francisco Examiner which announced a world tour of the quilt.

Cleve Jones issued a statement Monday from Stockholm, saying, "The article in the San Francisco Examiner is premature." He said he is "currently negotiating with Dr. Jonathon Mann of the World Health Organization. We anticipate a formal relationship between the World Health Organization and the Names Project. It may or may not include an international tour of the quilt."

The incorrect announcement was made Saturday in Stockholm as over 7,000 people were gathering there for the Fourth International AIDS Conference. Jim Bunn, former KPIX reporter, had announced that the World Health Organization would sponsor a worldwide tour of the quilt.

Names Project director Cleve Jones is in Stockholm at the invitation of conference organizers who had requested portions of the quilt be shown. The result was ten 12 x 12 foot squares on display in the entrance to the hall where the conference is being conducted. Panels have now also been received from over a half a dozen nations.

The U.S. tour of the Names Project now moves to Boston, opening a display in the Park Plaza Castle today, June 16, through Sunday. Boston has the display longer than any other city in the tour. The reason, according to media coordinator Daniel Sauro, is that the facility is small and the Boston host committee has done one of the best jobs in the country.

In Sauro's San Francisco office he points to display cards. The posters are part of an extensive advertising campaign and are mounted inside transit vehicles in Boston. There is also a large public service campaign running on several radio stations in the area.

The tour has now brought the quilt to over a dozen cities across the United States. In every city the quilt has made an impact. Each city has a story of its own.

In Los Angeles, the opening was delayed a night by a power failure. Once open, the display attracted over 35,000 people and raised \$55,000.

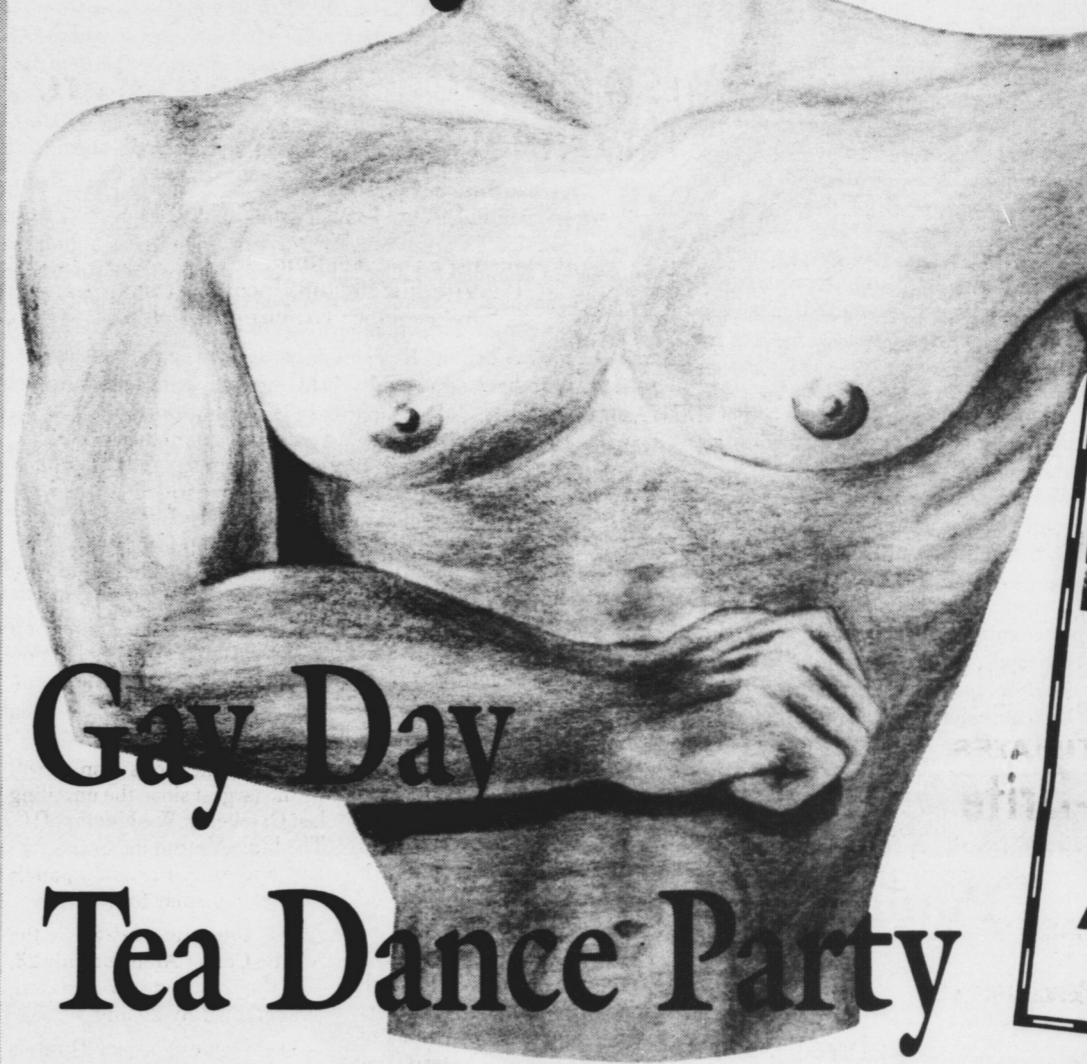
The money raised in every city is given back to AIDS service agencies in the area. Sauro explained that the money returned to the local area comes from ben-



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EDITORIAL & OPINION

It's About Time

Do you feel vindicated? You ought to. After over half a decade of struggle for significant federal action on AIDS, the message may be getting through. Our requests for attention to what has been called the health crisis of the century—and even of all history—plus our demands that civil rights be protected have broken through the official surface. Finally.

The two reports released two weeks ago—one by the head of Pres. Reagan's AIDS Commission, the other by the National Academy of Sciences—are to be welcomed by the gay and lesbian community and by all who feel touched by this epidemic. These documents put forth an agenda for the federal government that should have been acted on years ago.

Both call for greater expenditures by the federal government for research, treatment and support services. Both urge more vigorous education efforts that really speak to people about risk reduction in terms more candid than clinical reports.

Most significantly, both endorse the necessity to protect the civil rights of all with the disease or at risk of it as a means of protecting the public health. Contrary to the Right-wing hysteria that has so far had a free run, these reports repudiate the claim that civil rights can only be in conflict with good public health measures. Civil rights protections can only help the public health effort in combating this insidious epidemic.

Both of these reports also recognize that guaranteeing the confidentiality of medical records, especially HIV test results, is essential to fighting the epidemic. If you want to encourage people to be responsible, to seek voluntary testing and counseling, then confidentiality must be enforced.

Both documents oppose quarantine and widespread mandatory HIV testing. Admiral Watkins specifically even opposed mandatory testing of prisoners. Forced testing accomplishes no real public health goal in any circumstance. If it is behavior that must be changed, only voluntary testing and education can further that aim.

Watkins' recommendation that those who knowingly spread the AIDS virus be criminally prosecuted is a blot on an otherwise excellent report. Nothing would be achieved through such actions; such prosecution is legally dubious; and it would certainly contradict any attempt to encourage voluntary testing. The police have no role in this health crisis.

The specific recommendations, however, of Watkins' report—there are 579 of them—are less important than is its overall tone and direction. Clearly, Reagan lost this round. He appointed a commission designed to fail or at best to be no more than window dressing while maybe striking a few ideological blows for the Right-wing and against gay people. But the report of Admiral Watkins is testimony to what education can do. He came to most of the conclusions that any rational person would be in studying AIDS and its complex set of issues.

The Watkins report is a slap at Reagan from his own side. It is an indictment of the callous and cynical response by a federal government that has ignored the suffering of its people for years.

Presidential commissions don't have much of a track record in seeing their usually thoughtful recommendations put into practice. But the Watkins report and the NAS report provide us with ammunition to win over new allies in battles ahead. The first time Sen. Jesse Helms offered his ban on education funds he won almost unanimously. The second time, 18 senators had the courage to go against him. Next time, Watkins' support could chip away some more of Helms' support.

The Watkins report raises the national debate on AIDS to a higher level. Now, we are not alone in taking this epidemic seriously. ●

OPINION

Putting Lesbians in Power

by Laurie McBride

PLIP?
No, this is not a new group to rival Gladys Knight! Putting Lesbians in Power (PLIP) was a one-day conference that drew 150 lesbians from Northern and Southern California to the lush environs of the Irvine Hilton (just north of San Diego) for one power-packed day of workshops and brainstorming.

Keynote speakers were Karen Clark, the highest ranking elected official in this country who is an open lesbian (she is a Minnesota state representative), and Roberta Achtenberg, the first open lesbian to be a candidate for the California State Assembly.

One hundred and fifty high-energy, goal-oriented lesbians taking over a major hotel in Southern California is a dramatic experience indeed. Workshops covered the full range of topics including politics, media, education, race/ethnicity, spirituality, business, and social change.

We came together both to identify issues and to begin planning strategies that would put lesbians in power. All the workshops stressed the same basic goals:

(1) **Visibility:** Many lesbians are already in power—but not visible. Whether in the women's movement, the gay movement, the peace movement, etc., lesbian leaders need to be visible—which also implies that it must be safe for us to be visible.

(2) **Mentorship:** We agreed to begin developing programs, both formally and informally, that would train our future leaders. Sharing knowledge is the easiest path to greater power for all of us.

(3) **Consciousness-raising:** No, not more psychotherapy! More awareness among ourselves about how powerful we are, what competencies we have—how much we have to share.

(4) **Affirm our diversity:** Lesbians are not single-issue, and we do not all spring fully dressed in flannel shirts from the breast of Artemis. We are everywhere—in the corporate jungle, the halls of academia, welfare lines, in the unions, owning businesses, and just plain gadfly-ing about.

(5) **Valuing our own way of doing things:** No matter what issue or strategy was being discussed, we affirmed the value of sharing information and access with each other, of clearing the way for more women to be involved, of treating each other's choices with respect.



(Photo: S. Savage)

This fabulous conference was sponsored by ECCO, the political group in Orange County. Pat Callahan of ECCO spearheaded the effort to make PLIP a reality after countless brainstorming sessions with women statewide. It was a conference of leaders—a time to share where we are, to get to know each other, to affirm our various goals, and a time to begin to plan and work and dream together. We will meet again—hopefully in Northern California next year.

Through the conference, we put together a statewide directory of lesbians involved in just about everything.

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LETTERS

Erroneous

★ Concerning Allen White's article, "New GGBA Leaders" (June 2), I wish to correct his erroneous statement, "She [Krebs] has refused as a GGBA board member to elaborate on her pro-United States Olympic Committee stand."

First, as a GGBA board member, I advocated a neutral position on Prop. M.

Second, the GGBA membership voted to take a "no on M" stand. As an official representative of GGBA, I stand behind that position. My personal position on M is a private matter.

Third, I do not have a pro-United States Olympic Committee stand. I served as a friend of the court in the U.S. Supreme Court case on the side of Gay Games (*San Francisco Arts & Athletics v. United States Olympic Committee*).

I am a great supporter of the Gay Games. I participated as an athlete in '82 and '86. In 1986 I was the volunteer chairman of the opening and closing ceremonies committee. My company, as an outside contractor, was paid to produce those ceremonies. I am a paid-in-full member of the Vancouver Gay Games effort. I will go to Vancouver to again compete as an athlete in 1990.

White's efforts to portray me as somehow anti-gay and anti-Games was belated (Feb. 25 and June 2 editions). Please desist.

Katherine J. Krebs
San Francisco

Improper

★ We were once again very moved by the AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service. The feelings we shared renewed our true spirit of community.

However, many of us were quite disappointed to hear John Belskus give a partisan political speech. A large part of the audience felt that his political pitch was highly improper, given the solemn nature of the occasion.

I hope that this never happens again at an AIDS memorial.

Gail Herrick
Daly City

Give Us a Break

★ The AIDS Candlelight Memorial was inspiring, as usual. Most of the participants on the stage conducted themselves with appropriate dignity and sensitivity. The one glaring exception was John Belskus, who violated the spirit and meaning of the evening by forcing everyone to listen to his political bombast.

This is not the first time for Belskus. He has, for example, given a couple of speeches for political candidates after announcing himself as the "representative" of the ARC/AIDS Vigil. He is blatantly misrepresenting the Vigil. All of us who have helped the Vigil with our money and support did so with the confidence that the Vigil does not take partisan electoral political positions.

The real candidate in all of this seems to be Belskus himself, having crossed over the line from AIDS activism into his own political career. People are not blind—Belskus is on a political ego trip. He ought to give it a rest and give us a break.

Kevin Shea
San Francisco

Give It Another Try

★ I had to respond to your article on June 2 titled "New Generation Brings New Vision to Gay Life." Some of the attitudes expressed in this article really saddened me. I wonder if this is the same Castro I live in.

I wonder how many of these people have gone outside of the city or state. They should take a good look around. We have a lot of freedom. Freedom that we could lose if we're not careful. There are not a lot of places that I know of where you can walk hand-in-hand with someone you love. Maybe none of these people have any one special person in their lives—when they do, then maybe they'll understand. You don't simply grab your lover's hand and the dog's leash to go for a walk in the East Bay. But yet, in that special place called the Castro, you do.

I don't think age really has all that much to do with it. There is something for everyone. You have restaurants, bars, shops, and a movie theater. One guy in your article said, "It's sad. It's just a group of tired old homosexuals. I should say 'queens.' It is really not there for a person under 25 and out to have a good time." I have seen a lot of couples in their early 20s on Castro, and they seem to be having a great time. Maybe Mr. Lombardo was in a bad mood when he made that comment.

Martin F. Stow
San Francisco

Wally Taylor refers to all the promiscuity going on in the Castro and how AIDS has been ignored. Of course, we all know that this only happens here and nowhere else. Seems sort of judgmental on this individual's part—where does he think a lot of the staff live and work for the various AIDS groups? And why do medical professionals point to San Francisco and the Castro as a model for the nation to follow with this health crisis? The main issue is not how promiscuous people are, but being careful and taking the proper precautions. Yes, sex still can be fun!

I suggest that these people interviewed in this article give it another try. Bring your friends and give Castro another chance. No, it may not be "mecca," but it's a lot nicer than numerous other places.

Jack C. Long
San Francisco

One People

★ I enjoyed reading "New Generation Brings New Vision to Gay Life."

I wish there were an alternative to the bars and discos. I've been to Los Angeles and Long Beach, and they have a gay community center. It seems the gay mecca lacks one. I'd like to see a center like the YMCA on Golden Gate, a place where alcohol and drugs don't mix and guys and gals, straight and gay, are welcome. Sports and a gay library, job referral, and counseling, etc., should be offered.

I see a community united to raise the money and find a suitable building for the whole city to see and admire, not just gay men and lesbians, but all nationalities, races, young and old, straight and gay, as one people.

Darrin Boyd
San Francisco

Do It

★ To all persons considering becoming volunteers at Shanti Project, I would like to say: Do it! You will not be brainwashed. You will not be turned into a cult-worshipping zombie. Your self-will will not be altered. You will be allowed to formulate and express your own opinions without fear of harassment.

I became a practical support volunteer with Shanti seven months ago. As a volunteer, I am no more knowledgeable of the problems occurring in the staff and management at Shanti than is the public at large. My contact with the staff is limited to one volunteer coordinator, and our conversations are usually limited to client-related issues, not staff politics.

There has been a tremendous amount of negative press regarding Shanti recently. Regardless of the outcome of the various allegations being made, I cannot stress strongly enough the continuing need for volunteers. Over 1,100 clients are currently using Shanti services, and the need continues to grow. In the midst of this devastating AIDS epidemic, there is a constant demand for more volunteers. Please don't be afraid of Shanti.

Eric Tallman
San Francisco

Straight Symbols

★ The voters of the state rejected Prop. 69 by almost four to one, a victory for the gay community. The voters of San Francisco supported Prop. M by two to one, a defeat. We had better learn a lesson from this victory and defeat.

The voters voted for gays in our victory; they voted for themselves, not against gays, in our defeat. We failed to realize or didn't care that we were threatening a majority of straight men with our desire to block the Olympic Games in San Francisco. We are doing the same with our opposition to the homeporting of the Missouri.

We're not discussing political "fairness to the gays" or social "consciousness for peace"; we're talking about castration anxiety among straight men, with the sympathetic support of straight women.

Gay men are so used to reinforcing their identities through direct genital-to-genital relations with other men that they forget that straights most often do this symbolically. You take away those ships with the big phallic guns and those aggressive jock competitions, and you're going down to defeat in any election. A vote for the Missouri would have won in this election.

Gay men had better give some serious thought to the needs of our straight brothers, if we expect them to support us in really important issues, the most important of which is AIDS in this decade.

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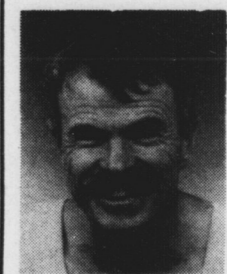
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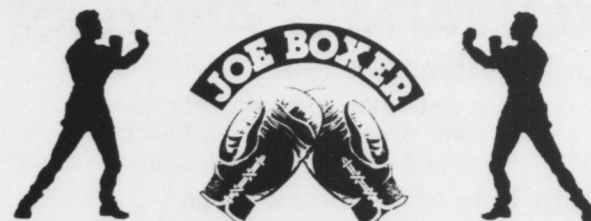
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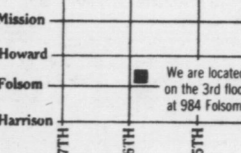
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LETTERS

Compassionate Volunteers

I have been a nurse at San Francisco General Hospital's Ward 5A for almost two years now and have worked closely with the Shanti counselors here. I would like to take this opportunity to say that I've found them all to be courageous, compassionate, hard-working people of great integrity and, above all, very much individuals with minds of their own.

Never have they given me the impression of being mindless followers of a "cult leader." Instead, each is unique and offers a gamut of gifts to the unit. Both the patients and I, as a nurse, have benefited greatly from their strength and stability. I know personally I could not have continued so long here on 5A without the love and nurturing stability of a very wise Shanti staff. I thank God for them daily.

Robin Kaiser, R.N. San Francisco

Vanilla Fluff

In the past I have enjoyed and appreciated Mike Hippler's insightful and goodhearted columns. As with any reporter, Mike has his limits. In writing about the International Mr. Leather contest, he seems to have run into them head-first. He should have taken his own advice, unfortunately at the end of his annoying piece: "Some things, perhaps, are best left unexplored, and International Mr. Leather is one of those."

While finding pride, inspiration, and joy in Mr. Marcus' accounts of the contest, Mike's column left me irritated. I was reading about a major event in my community, written from a "vanilla fluff" point of view. There was an important hint at the beginning of the column, "... he doesn't understand the leather scene. Neither do I... but I'll never let this get in my way." Fascinated naivete without objectivity and basic respect can result in an offensive and inaccurate portrayal.

As a longtime member of the leather community, I have no objection to naive people exploring leather and trying to understand. What I object to is the implicit dismissal of a strong and supportive group in the lesbian/gay community. By extension, Mike is also misrepresenting bi and heterosexual leather folks in the same manner.

After 15 years in San Francisco, I have known folks ranging from drag queens to "Pacific Heights sweater and stock-portfolio A-gays." I have yet to find a segment of the community more respect-worthy and caring about its members than leather folks.

Mike Hippler writing about a major event in the leather community seems like Julia Child writing about the Gay Games' weightlifting competition.

Drew Nicholas San Francisco

Continued His Work

So now John Anthony (Craciola) has died. When will it end?

I believe several of John Anthony's letters to the bureaucracy were printed in the pages of the B.A.R. They reflected his sadness and his outrage that his government and his country not only didn't care about him, but don't seem to realize the enormity of the AIDS crisis that is ours. It is redundant for me here to repeat the horrible statistics and the comparison to other national disasters. Your readers know them as well as or better than I do.

When John Anthony was with us, we knew how dangerously ill he was. But we couldn't imagine him without life nor life without him. Even his illness seemed an affirmation of life, not a threat of death.

I ask you, the readers, collectively, whether you knew John Anthony or not, to continue his life and his life's work. Rage against our government for its laziness, cowardice, apathy, or whatever it is you believe is causing this continued inertia. Mock and mimic what is frustrating, even in the face of death. Above all, laugh. John Anthony's pure glee kept many of us going even in some very dark moments.

Paul Sporer San Francisco

Bottom Line

We are writing to you as concerned practical support volunteers with the Shanti Project. We are concerned about the needs of our clients and the many other people who currently or in the future will depend upon our services as Shanti volunteers.

Within the past months, a series of charges have been made against Shanti by individuals currently or at one time associated with the project. Some of these charges are being investigated by the Human Rights Commission. We believe that the charges are serious and warrant complete investigation.

If some or all of these charges are substantiated, then we will hold Shanti accountable to making changes within the organization which will enable it to better serve the entire community of people with AIDS. At this point, we have no information other than what has been in the media about the various charges, and we have reached no conclusions about the validity of the charges.

Our present concern is with the people with AIDS who Shanti serves. While it is the responsibility of the press to objectively report the news, much of the reporting has seemed to us to be biased, reactionary, and inflammatory. A general feeling of mistrust and anger has developed throughout the Bay Area toward Shanti.

Although some of these feelings may prove to be warranted, we fear that the media response has helped to create a potentially disastrous situation for the clients served by Shanti. New volunteers are not signing up for the trainings in sufficient numbers to serve people with AIDS who are currently on the waiting lists, let alone the many others who will be added to these lists as the epidemic continues to grow.

Regardless of any wrongdoings within the Shanti Project, the relationships between clients and volunteers must continue. The services provided by the volunteers are absolutely essential and, at this time, largely irreplaceable. We call on members of both the gay and straight communities to continue to make the decision to volunteer as Shanti goes through this painful process. The people with AIDS in this city need your help. That is the bottom line.

Greg Kinsey Kathleen Maynard Peter Cataldo Elizabeth Bigelow Wayne Menger Blake Riley Michelle Roland Andrea Ring

Polyps

The existence of gay Republicans shows that straight people are not the only ones capable of vulgarity, greed, and total lack of concern for anyone other than their stockbroker. I would ask you to consider the following two questions:

- Where do gay Republicans come from?
- What do you think they did with the polyps removed from Ronald Reagan's colon?

Jeffri L. Hayward San Francisco

Looking Hard

I feel W.L. Garrison must have been looking very hard to find something to offend her so she wouldn't have to read the B.A.R. anymore. Now she can be just like her friends!

My cartoon showed a gay showing his new male plant to a lesbian. His lesbian friend has chosen not to date girls and is bold enough to wear a button saying so. Now I know why their blood doesn't run to their head.

Frisch St. Paul, MN

Strike Out

One could take George Heymont's libidinous effusions on Don Giovanni (June 2) a tad more seriously if he actually knew the opera over which he is jerking off. Giovanni's "big squirts" are not accompanied by anything but Heymont's heavy breathing. "In this particular opera," the poor fella strikes out on every seduction attempt! That, of course, is the (dare we say it?) point!

Tom Radditz & Mel Ziegler San Rafael

No Credibility

The following was sent to KRON, Channel 4, San Francisco:

I assume your station has standards regarding programs which blatantly insult the "niggers," "heimes," "gooks," "bimbo cunts," etc. in your audience. So why are you broadcasting a program which intentionally insults, degrades, demeans and incites physical violence against "queers" like myself?

What idiot decided it would be a good idea to broadcast The Morton Downey Show on your once-reputable station? How low in the gutter are you people willing to crawl to make a buck? I demand an immediate apology.

Or don't bother. No one at KRON has any credibility left with me.

Aaron Travis San Francisco

LETTERS

Take to Task

We, the undersigned, as former associates of the San Francisco-based, gay cable television show, Electric City, must take to task recent quotes about the show that have appeared in the Advocate, as well as several local publications.

Sande Mack and Mark Wang, the producers of the show, claim that 40 percent of the Electric City cast and crew have full-blown AIDS or ARC (Advocate, May 10). This claim was first made when many of us were still part of the group. At that time, not a single member of the company had displayed symptoms of full-blown AIDS.

In December 1987, on their Christmas show, Mack and Wang claimed on the air that three members of the Electric City company had died of AIDS—and named them. Of the three named, one had appeared on one show as a guest (Tommy Utah). The other two had never worked on the show in any capacity. Sadly, Electric City cast member Jose Corrales did die of AIDS recently. However, he was diagnosed in April 1988, four months after the Christmas show aired, and died two weeks later. There have been no other full-blown AIDS cases or AIDS-related deaths at Electric City.

Sande Mack has also told the press that Electric City is a collective, co-owned by the entire company, as reported in the Bay Area Reporter, the Sentinel, and Coming Up! in the spring of 1987. In truth, it is registered, exclusively in Mack's name as a for-profit business, with the City of San Francisco. Volunteers are generally treated like servants, with Mack and Wang often taking credit for work done by others. More than 30 people have walked out on their abusive treatment. They have since attempted to slander the reputations of each and every one of them. (As we can all attest to from personal experience.)

Viacom Cablevision never threatened to take Electric City off the air, as Mack told the Bay Area Reporter and the Sentinel in late fall of 1987. He lied. Viacom merely said that shots of men stroking their crotches was not appropriate for a basic cable channel. Viacom continues to support gay programming, contrary to the claims of Mack and Wang, by the recent debut of Community Action News and a series of programs upcoming that are being made in conjunction with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

Most astonishingly, Sande Mack has repeatedly tried to start rumors that noted PWA/AIDS activists Leonard Matlovich, Tom O'Connor, and several others do not have AIDS at all. Such a lack of respect for the accomplishments of these men is astounding and profoundly irresponsible to the lesbian and gay community.

Our grievances are more than an issue of "creative differences" concerning Electric City. We feel that Sande Mack and Mark Wang have been building their reputations on a base of lies and that the community has a right to know exactly what has been going on. How can we expect to gain the respect we deserve if someone such as Sande Mack is allowed to continue claiming to represent us in the media?

David Nahmod Tom O'Connor Rick J. Panero Philip Tuggle

Racist

I personally phoned Solters, Roskins and Friedman, Michael Jackson's personal PR firm, to check on Jeff Carillon's allegations. They were shocked and promised to inform me on any announcement even remotely resembling this.

This leads me to ask Mr. Carillon in print where he got the information. His suggesting a boycott based on what sounds like an "obscure announcement" (does anyone really think Michael Jackson could make such an announcement without it being front-page news? I don't think so!) is really a bit of witchhunting. He gives no information, but already suggests that DJs stop playing M.J.'s records immediately. I, for one, want to know the name of the publication that printed this.

Black artists have been supportive of AIDS; this announcement would fly in the face of recent efforts by Dionne Warwick, Stevie Wonder, and Gladys Knight's efforts on the "That's What Friends Are For" record, which gave its royalties to AIDS research. How soon some of you forget!

As a black man, I get pissed off by this. Granted, Michael Jackson is not part of this group; still, I think that if some people were to read some black-oriented magazine, they would find he has been a great benefactor for suffering people. But no, you couldn't be bothered to see him as anything other than what the media portrays him. Do you all think for yourselves?

More to the point, what is it about black superstars such as Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, and Prince that leads people to just spread the rumor that they are gay? I have yet to see this type of treatment for any white superstar in the past few years. If they are gay, fine. I think they are not. Feel free to disagree;

it is simply my point that the dynamic personalities of black performers are always being questioned, a subtle form of racism that, if you are white, you probably don't understand and with which you would disagree.

That leads me to Mr. Smith's letter, "Faggots." This is sad. My wife and I had to discourage our children, ages 3 to 20, from using this word by telling them about dear old Dad. They were horrified to find out that I could be a faggot, and they were truly sad about it. I doubt it will happen again. If there were to be an analogy to the gay movement, it would be one referring to the fact that, just as blacks were forced to "prove themselves," so will the gay population have to reach out to others to overcome these people's thoughtless use of terms that we all find insulting. Personally, "nigger" is far more hateful to me than "faggot," but that is because of the history of that word.

I know great pain as a black man in 1988, and a good deal of it comes from gay white men. Interestingly, white lesbians don't generate the looks of ugliness that come from the men. Have you any idea how difficult it is for me to teach my children to be unprejudiced against some of the same gay men that I have seen look at my kids as though they were not human? While I will certainly not teach my children prejudice, I sure would like to see the gay white man give the same respect to my children that he wants for himself.

I have withdrawn from gay organizations, because I sensed that they dealt with the part of me that was gay, but ignored the part of me that is black. Believe me, I've been black longer, and to see that part ignored is infuriating. I still refuse to be as bigoted as these people I've met, but I must, in all honesty, repeat that ugliness of the racial sort is a killer, too. I would suspect that these children have not met any gay people that they could like yet. Someone should change that fast.

Glen McLeod San Francisco

Unquestionably Homophobic

The following was sent to the Kellogg Corporation, Battle Creek, Michigan:

The members of the Victim Services Advisory Committee for the Department of Public Health in the City and County of San Francisco, strongly object to your current advertising campaign for Nut 'n' Honey cereal.

Specifically, it is our contention that the portion of your commercial which portrays a Western cook who has gins pulled to his head after saying, "nothin' honey," is unquestionably homophobic.

Our committee consists of more than 20 agencies serving victims of violence. We believe your commercial only serves to exacerbate intergroup tension especially in the gay and lesbian community.

We sincerely trust that it was not the intention of Kelloggs to create a commercial fostering homophobic violence. Irrespective of intentions, it is clear that your commercial is not only offensive to gay and lesbian persons, but it trivializes the very violence which gay and lesbian persons experience on a daily basis.

The Department of Justice and the California State Attorney General's office have recently issued reports indicating that gay and lesbian persons are increasingly being attacked because of their perceived orientation. Any programming which portrays violence couched with humor only legitimizes the hatred directed towards the gay and lesbian community.

We agree with the Chicago Tribune's columnist, Clarence Page, who has stated that "If history has taught us anything, it should have taught us the price we pay for winking at hate motivated violence. Hate crimes committed against one group tend to spread inevitably to others."

The San Francisco Department of Public Health—Victim Services Advisory Committee, has a range of expertise in the area of victimology. We are prepared to offer our services to Kellogg Corporation in order to evaluate how this kind of programming affects victims or encourages victimization of various segments of our population. We do not offer this expertise lightly.

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Election Afterthoughts

If there was one story out of last week's primary that was underplayed (save mention by one afternoon Ex columnist), it was the fact that, while losing in the rest of the state, **Jesse Jackson** carried the City and County of San Francisco.

Strangely, both the Chronicle and Examiner barely mentioned that the charismatic Jackson, who put together a coalition of blacks, Hispanics, gays, lesbians, and old-fashioned liberals, defeated **Michael Dukakis** in the city by a healthy 62,617-to-55,311 vote.

Though many think of Mayor **Art Agnos** as being a pretty good political analyst, His Honor came off looking a bit amateur on local television, early election night, "predicting" that his candidate, Dukakis, would "handily carry San Francisco."

One can understand Mayor Agnos being perhaps a bit embarrassed this his own city didn't go for his man, but, like other big-time politicians, the mayor will no doubt give up political forecasting.

Jesse Jackson's campaign people were quick to give much of the credit for their man's strong local showing to the gay and lesbian community, and some political operatives tell me that Jackson probably received up to 80 percent of the gay and lesbian Democratic vote.



Harry Britt heads out on the campaign trail next week to keep his supervisors' seat. (Photo: S. Savage)

What does Jackson now do with his strong showing around the country? Few people are now

asking, "What does Jesse want?" In a post-primary press conference in Los Angeles this past weekend, Jackson politely refused to actually concede the Democratic nomination, though he graciously congratulated Dukakis on the inevitable. He said he would fight on to the convention next month in Atlanta to try to win party rule changes, platform positions, and hinted that he would even fight for the vice-presidential nomination.

A few months ago, when it appeared that **George Bush** would probably win in November, many Jackson supporters assumed that their man would be happy with the promise of a cabinet position in the unlikely event the Democrats won the White House.

Things have changed, however, and with the polls showing Bush trailing Dukakis, Jackson now sees the vice-presidential nomination worth getting, and he wants it. Jackson showed no embarrassment last week, and well he shouldn't, at reminding Dukakis and Democratic Party leaders that he feels he has earned at least the courtesy of being offered the veep nomination.

The problem is, however, that **Dukakis, Paul Kirk**, and the party bosses know damned well that if such an offer is made, Jackson will grab it with both hands. That, in the opinion of Dukakis and Kirk, would spell trouble in the November election.

The result is that, while Jesse Jackson and his followers will arrive at the convention with a laundry list of demands, many of which will be awarded, the vice-presidential nomination is certainly not among them. So who does Dukakis choose? Look for a Dukakis-Glenn ticket to emerge from the Atlanta convention.

One of the brightest politicians around, San Mateo Sup. **Tom Nolan**, emerged from last week's election a double winner. The supervisor not only whipped his opponent in the District 4 contest by a 76-to-24 percent margin, Nolan also guided San Mateo County's \$400 million transportation bond to victory. Nolan is recognized as one of the state's transportation experts, and his lopsided win will certainly renew talk that he is headed for higher political office.

If on election night you thought there was more than one **Quentin Kopp** (he appeared on live TV at Channel 4 only minutes after being interviewed on an Oakland station, only to show up minutes later in City Hall for yet another interview), it was that helicopter his staff had for him that did the trick. And yes, I agree that the senator is a pro at working the media.

Roberta Achtenberg's impressive vote total in Assembly District 16—35 percent of the votes, though she had long ago dropped out as a candidate—certainly suggests that the woman has a political future in San Francisco.

Congrats to gay Republicans **Chris Bowman, Brian Mavrogeorge, Martin Keller, and Robert Bacci**, who won seats on the county GOP committee as part of a slate that kicked out chairperson **Terence Faulkner** and his gang.

The Democratic County Committee looks healthy, too, with gay and lesbian winners including **Carole Migden, Connie O'Connor, Simeon White, Steve Krefting, Greg Day, and Catherine Dodd**.

And while the party registration shows he has a hard battle ahead of him, **Mavrogeorge** also won his party's nomination to oppose Assemblyman **John Burton** in the 16th Assembly District.

So the California primary is

history. Proposition 69 and **Lyndon LaRouche** took a well-deserved trouncing. Michael Dukakis won the presidential nomination. Mayor Agnos won one and lost one. Jesse Jackson showed he's very popular among the sensible voters.

There were, of course, winners and losers, but the biggest loser was the system that allows for only 40 percent of San Francisco's registered voters bothering to vote. Those who voted, did good. To the other 60 percent, who didn't vote last Tuesday, keep quiet about the results. If you weren't part of the process, you certainly have no right to complain about the outcome.

One of the nicest ways to spend an afternoon is at the S.F. Eagle among friends, and this Sunday (June 19) the Eagle is having a beer bust to benefit two of the finest organizations in the city—the AIDS Emergency Fund and the Godfathers Service Fund; \$8 gets all the beer you can drink and a buffet; 3-6 p.m., and I'll see you there.

In Baltimore County (Maryland), 116 of 120 dentists responding to a health department survey said they won't treat AIDS-virus patients. They fear that other patients will find out and go elsewhere.

Over 7,000 AIDS experts are attending the Fourth International Conference on AIDS in Stockholm. While there is little to be encouraged about—no one will come close to announcing a cure at this conference—a report of a promising new treatment was among a number of new finds presented on the important opening day of the confab.

Imreg, Inc., a small biotechnology company from New Orleans, announced that one of its drugs had reduced the risk of developing the disease when administered in a clinical trial to patients already suffering from AIDS-related symptoms.

In a two-page report, the New Orleans company said that, in a six-month study, its drug Imreg-1 had "significantly diminished" the likelihood that a group of patients suffering from AIDS-related complex, a precursor of AIDS, would progress to symptoms of full-fledged AIDS. The company said the drug, which is derived from human blood cells, does not directly attack the AIDS virus, but instead improves the functioning of the immune system.

Hundreds of reporters attending the Stockholm conference

Excitement Building For 1988 Gay Freedom Day

More than 200 entrants are now predicted for the 1988 San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade. With the theme "Rightfully Proud," the parade will have a new route and a diversity of new entrants.

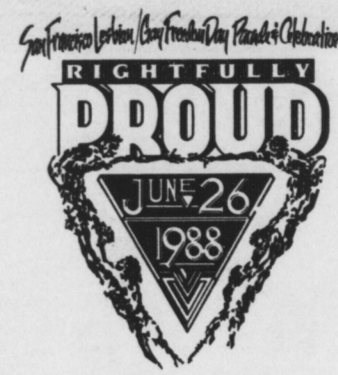
There will be the "Dykes and Their Dogs" contingent for the first time. A counterpart to the Dykes on Bikes, "Dykes on Trikes" is also in the parade. The Golden State Peace Officers Association will have their "Pigs in Paradise" contingent, while nearby will be the "Gays Against Golf" unit.

There is going to be plenty of entertainment in the parade this year. Riding with the AIDS Emergency Fund contingent will be Jeannie Tracy. Tracy will also perform later in the day at the traditional Gay Day Tea Dance at the Giftcenter. This year's Giftcenter event will be a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund.

One of the entertainment groups set to be near the front of the parade will be the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, which also is celebrating its tenth anniversary. The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Chorus also will march in the parade.

Appearing again this year in the parade will be the Keyboard Express and Greater Tuna. The Plush Room has also reserved space in the parade.

As they have for the past several years, the final float in the parade will be from the I-Beam. Appearing on the float will be Thelma Houston and, from England, Steve Bronski. Formerly with Bronski Beat, he currently has another huge success with his release of "Never Can Say Goodbye." Bronski appears later at the Boy's Club party, and Thelma Houston will be at the I-Beam.



The Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee also announced a special party to welcome the Gay Mardi Gras contingent from Sydney, Australia. The event takes place next Wednesday night, June 22, at 8:30 p.m. at the Calceon. There is no charge, and there will be entertainment from Sydney. Their Mardi Gras celebration is the Australian version of Gay Pride Day. Also appearing at the event will be Ilse Cornreich. She is the co-founder of the first lesbian organization in Argentina, the translated name being "the notebooks of lesbian existence."

Father's Day Auction

On June 19, Godfathers Tony Trevizo and Jason Ladd, along with Mr. Leather Daddy Zach Long, will be sponsoring the fifth annual auction and beerbust. This tradition will be held on the S.F. Eagle patio at 398 12th St. from 3 until 6 p.m.

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Parties wishing to donate auction items may telephone 621-4349 or 661-8290.

UCLA's Gay Greeks To Lead L.A. Parade

Delta Lambda Phi, the gay fraternity, and Lambda Delta Lambda, the lesbian sorority, both at UCLA, have been chosen as grand marshals for the 1988 Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade.

According to Gary Jonker of Christopher Street West, the parade's producer, the students were chosen as grand marshals in working to eliminate stereotypes and misconceptions about the gay and lesbian community.

Lambda Delta Lambda the first lesbian sorority in the nation, was officially recognized by UCLA in February. More than 30 women attended their initial meeting, and nine eventually became the founding members. They now have an additional 14 pledges.

According to Canon Price, house coordinator and pledge educator, they have received widespread support from UCLA's administration and faculty. The group's idea, said Canon, was "to go back to the original purpose of a sorority—sisterhood and community service. We wanted to tackle some of the areas the Greek system has not addressed so far, areas such as AIDS, gay counseling, and women's issues."

The fraternity, Delta Lambda Phi, was recognized by UCLA in March and is the Gamma chapter of the national fraternity. The chapter was founded by 10 men and now has 21 members. According to Jeff Stabile, fraternity secretary, his group has also received tremendous support from the administration and faculty at UCLA, but has received mixed reactions from the students.

Said Jeff, "We hope this will start a national trend. It's one more step in showing that we're just as human as anybody else."

Both groups report receiving inquiries from other schools, including Harvard and Stanford, about starting additional chapters. Lambda Delta Lambda has already started a Beta chapter at San Francisco State, and the fraternity's national organization is reviewing applications.

Jeff and Canon both expressed the feeling that the work they have done in starting the living groups is very validating. "It makes us feel more a part of the school," said Canon. And Jeff said that while Delta Lambda Phi is a gay fraternity, "sexuality shouldn't be the issue. We're trying to break down stereotypes." Both agreed, "We didn't think it would be such a big deal."

The 1988 Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade will be Sunday, June 26, starting at 12:30 p.m. on Santa Monica Boulevard at Crescent Heights. The festival will be June 25 and 26 in West Hollywood Park.

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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

Catholic U. OKs Gay Rights Group

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Catholic University of America has granted recognition to a group of gay and lesbian students. The university informed the group that it will "register" the organization, allowing it to receive full university privileges and services as any other student organization.

The university will require the group to adhere to two qualifications, however. The gay students will not be allowed to hold religious services on campus. And they will also have to specify on their literature that the Roman Catholic university does not endorse their views on homosexuality.

The university also requested that the group change its name from the originally proposed "Spectrum" to a title that includes the words "lesbian and gay."

The Organization for Lesbian and Gay Student Rights, as the group is now called, will be entitled to apply for student government funds and can use campus facilities for meetings and activities.

Already embroiled in a legal

dispute with fired theologian Charles Curran, gay organizers speculated that the university wanted to avoid a replay of the long and bitter dispute that happened at nearby Georgetown University when it denied recognition to gay groups. Georgetown lost that lawsuit and millions of dollars in publicly financed bonds when it ignored a Washington, D.C., human rights ordinance forbidding sexual orientation discrimination.

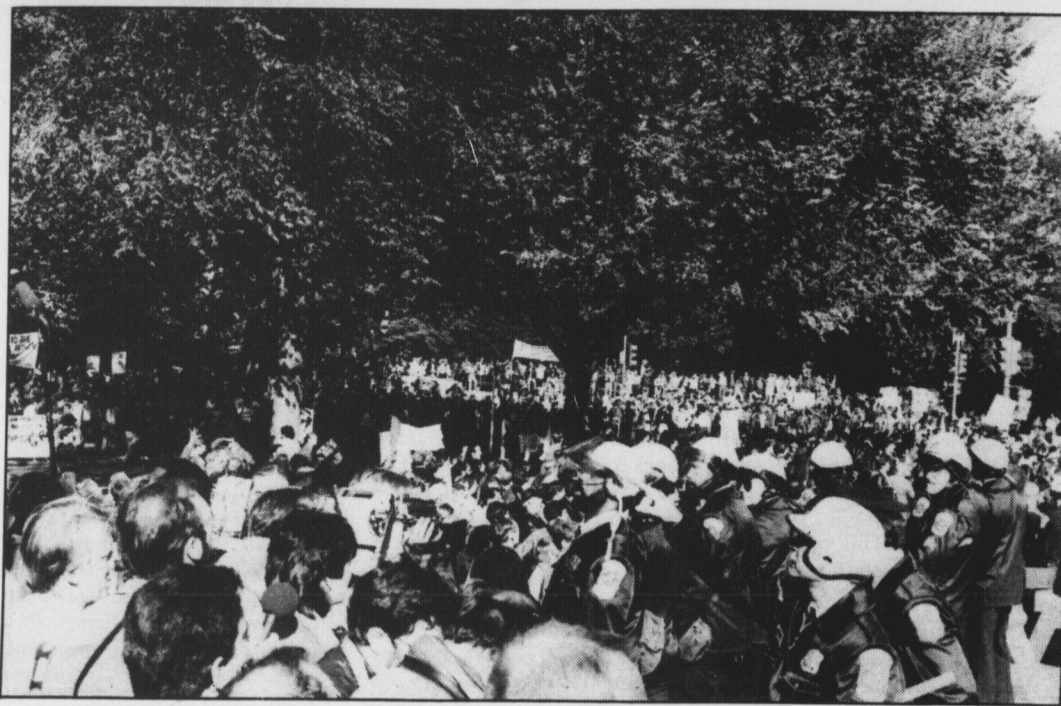
—Washington Blade

Prayer for Rights At Ohio Wedding

COLUMBUS, OH—Prayers for gay rights were included as part of the recent wedding service of Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste's son Eric. At a nontraditional mass at the Ohio State University Newman Center, prayers were offered for individual freedom, social justice, and minority rights, including gay rights. The ceremony was written by the couple.

Governor Celeste issued an executive order banning sexual orientation discrimination shortly after taking office in 1983 and was re-elected in 1986 despite efforts by conservatives to mount a backlash.

—The Advocate



Getting ready for civil disobedience at the Supreme Court. (Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

D.C. Protestor Gets Harsh Sentence

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Superior Court judge here has sentenced one of the Supreme Court protesters from last October's civil disobedience to one year of probation, 100 hours of community service, and a \$100 fine. But Alexander Willis said that, despite the unusually harsh sentence, he would do it again.

Willis and Michael McDonagh were found guilty of demonstrating without a permit and unlawful crossing of a police line as a result of actions protesting the Hardwick decision. They were among 800 arrested.

Leonard Graff, attorney for Willis from National Gay Rights Advocates, said he saw no "rhyme or reason" to singling out Willis for punishment. "The government simply decided they had to make an example of these people," said Graff.

"It is necessary to demon-

strate to the government and the authorities that we are a minority that will no longer accept second-class citizenship, and we are willing to make sacrifices to get that point across," said Willis.

—Gay Community News (Boston)

World Health Rips AIDS Discrimination

GENEVA—World Health Organization May 12 issued a call against discrimination in the global campaign to halt the spread of AIDS.

A resolution urged all 166 WHO member nations to "protect the human rights and dignity" of AIDS victims and AIDS virus carriers and "of members of population groups."

It also called for avoiding "discriminatory action against and stigmatization of them in the provision of service, employment, and travel."

The resolution urged confi-

dentiality of testing for the AIDS virus and confidential counseling and other support services for virus carriers and AIDS victims.

There were 88,081 cases of AIDS reported to WHO as of the end of last month. The number of registered cases for all of Asia was a mere 238.

Pharmacist Adds Retaliation Charge To Bias Action

NEW YORK—A formal complaint has been filed against Westchester County Medical Center in the New York State Division of Human Rights, alleging that the medical center retaliated against a pharmacist because he previously filed two AIDS-related discrimination complaints with the division.

In the prior complaints, the pharmacist, referred to as John Doe, had alleged that the medical center had discriminated against him by denying him employment because he was HIV-positive and by breaching the confidentiality of his patient records.

Pursuant to the pharmacist's original complaints against the medical center, on Oct. 23, 1987, the New York State Division of Human Rights found probable cause that the Westchester County Medical Center discriminated against the pharmacist by refusing to honor its commitment to hire him when it learned he had tested positive to antibodies to HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS.

The agency's determination represented the first instance in which a New York State agency had ruled against an employer on the ground that discrimination based on seropositivity violates the state's human rights law.

In 1985 the pharmacist voluntarily submitted to an HIV-antibody test at the infectious disease clinic of the medical center, with the express understanding that the results would be kept strictly confidential.

In 1986, after he had already been offered the pharmacist position, the offer was withdrawn when a staff nurse recognized Doe as a previous patient at the medical center. She obtained the pharmacist's confidential medical records at the infectious disease clinic and revealed the results of his positive HIV test to an attending physician at the employee health clinic. At no time did the pharmacist consent to the release of the test results.

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Melbostadt Named To Permit Board

by Allen White

Paul Melbostadt was appointed by Mayor Art Agnos to the prestigious Board of Permit Appeals and sworn in last Thursday. He now becomes the most powerful nonelected, gay, city government official.

The power of the Board of Permit Appeals is enormous. Melbostadt explained, "The reason it is called the most powerful board is that it has the power to overrule any city department with respect to permits. It's like a court of appeals over all the city departments that issue permits."

They range from demolition permits to building permits, permits for the Department of Public Works, zoning variances from the Department of City Planning, and even adult-theater permits from the police and fire departments.

"I was one of the few gay people who was active in the gay clubs and actively involved in environmental groups and affordable housing groups, and so I was a unique candidate for permit appeals," he said. Traditionally there has always been a gay person on the permit appeals board. Among those who have sat on the board have been Harvey Milk, before he was elected supervisor. Gay attorney Jerry Berg, a close associate of former Mayor Dianne Feinstein, also served on the board.

Politically, this may be construed as the payoff for the support of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club. "I believe Art is grateful to our club," Melbostadt commented. "We were the first club of any kind that endorsed him way back in the early days of the campaign, and he wants to put members of our club in positions of responsibility."

Melbostadt and the Milk Club take credit for helping to deliver the gay community for Agnos in last week's primary election. "I can say, and the mayor is aware of this," said Melbostadt, "that the gay community supported him in the last election really all down the line. The gay community did support Prop. K, and we opposed Prop. M. We supported Prop. A, the school bond issue. The Harvey Milk Club and I worked along with that effort to get that message out in the gay community. Maybe we could have done a better job, but we did a good enough job that the majority went along with us."

Melbostadt also received substantial support from tenants groups in the city. San Francisco Tomorrow, San Francisco Housing and Tenants Council, and the Affordable Housing Alliance all sent letters to Mayor Agnos in support of his appointment.

He also believes more gays are to be appointed to boards and commissions. He noted that Agnos has only appointed four commissions. On one, the Fire Commission, Sharon Bretz became the first lesbian to serve on that panel. "I am hopeful a gay person will be appointed to the rent board and the Police Commission. I expect that a large number of gays will be appointed to responsible positions."

Agnos announced eight appointments to the Residential Rent Stabilization Board June 14, including lesbian attorney Vivian Hammill. The board interprets the city's rent law and settles disputes between landlords and tenants. It is comprised of four landlords, four tenants, and four neutral members, usually homeowners who do not own rental property.



Paul Melbostadt

guarantee that the replacement housing could be affordable."

Also on the new board will be Esther Marks, co-chair of the Committee on Commissions, who will be chair; Ralph House, who has been active in groups to develop low-cost housing; architect Beverly Pryor, president of SPEAK, the Sunset, Parkside Education and Action Committee, which is a neighborhood group; and Victor Makras, vice-chair of the Board of Realtors.

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Proposed Hospice Sparks Concerns

Mother Teresa Plans Residence; Neighbors Question Facility Use

by Dennis McMillan

Mother Teresa's nuns are hoping to open a 15- to 20-bed AIDS hospice in the Fulton-Lyon neighborhood of San Francisco in the near future. But the plans are stirring up much controversy among neighbors, and there may possibly even be a backlash in the gay community.

Margaret Verges, safety committee chairperson of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, and several others say they are concerned primarily for the well-being of the prospective residents of the hospice. They worry whether or not the proper health and safety standards will be observed.

Apparently, the site at 1596 Fulton has a two-flat residence above a storefront with no yard and no fire escape and inadequate sewage facilities. The plan calls for housing more than 15 patients, plus the residing nuns who will staff the facility.

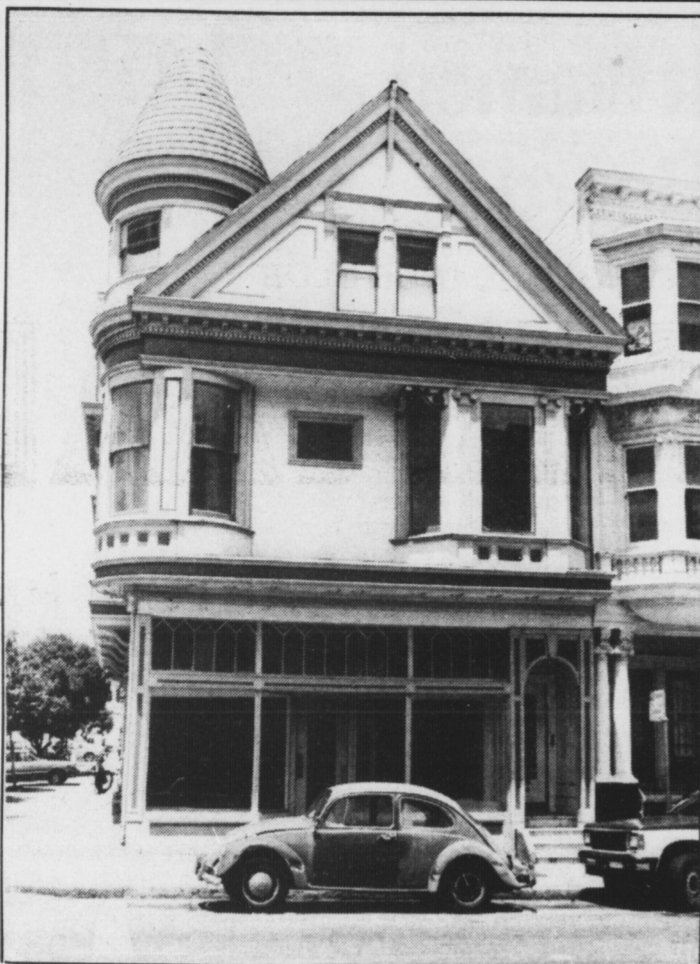
At a neighborhood meeting held May 31 at Booker T. Washington Community Center, citizens complained that the nuns of the prospective hospice would only answer "God will provide"

to the many questions neighbors had concerning the health and safety of residents and patients.

"The nuns didn't know what a backflow valve was, even though state law requires every institution have one to prevent contamination," Verges commented. She said that presently the sewers back up into the streets and into the house next door.

According to Verges, hospice workers at licensed facilities with whom she has talked were distressed at the nuns opening a hospice. They cited what they considered substandard conditions of Mother Teresa's New York and Washington facilities.

Several phone calls to Sup. Harry Britt's office have also mentioned the less than standard sanitary conditions in those institutions run by Mother Teresa's



Mother Teresa's proposed hospice at 1596 Fulton. (Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

nuns. Britt's staff has notified the appropriate bureaucrats. Rick Ruvolo, legislative aide to Britt, stated that it is not a city facility and no city money is being spent on it, so they are not in a position

to interfere. However, he said, they are closely monitoring the situation and welcome any additional information the public may have to offer.

Ruvolo said he received two phone calls claiming that dying AIDS patients in one of the nuns' hospices had been asked to renounce their homosexuality. He said he had no way to confirm this hearsay evidence.

Another source of distress to the Western Addition neighbors is the heavy crack and cocaine problem in the neighborhood and the possible harm that could

mean for the patients and the building.

The Fulton-Lyon Neighborhood Association is filing an appeal with the planning commission and may ultimately go to the board of supervisors. Connie Wilkinson of the association stated her concern "that in the name of Mother Teresa, they may be giving people with AIDS inadequate care." The group is especially worried about matters such as fire hazards.

Vincent Marsh of the city planning department stated that when the project was approved a month ago, there were restrictions placed on it demanding certain building and planning code requirements be met. They included sewage disposal improvement and proper licensing, if needed.

Marsh said there will be visiting nurses to help the sisters, and patients will be referred to San Francisco General Hospital for medical care. He was assured by the nuns that, in actuality, this would not be set up as a medical model hospice, but, rather, a group boarding home.

Bob Passmore, city zoning administrator, also reviewed the case and felt once the appropriate conditions are met, the project should be approved either as a group housing or residential care facility.

Sister Sylvia, regional superior and manager of the proposed facility, assured the Bay Area Reporter, concerning the alleged problems, that "everything will be taken care of, and we'll make sure the neighbors are all right."

She stressed that no medical care or medicine would be administered to the patients. "From the very beginning, we have told everybody that this is not a hospice, not a clinic, not a hospital, but a home," she said.

Gay Grads Organize At Colorado College

Inspired by the October 1987 march for gay and lesbian rights in Washington, D.C., Colorado College graduates are forming an association of gay and lesbian alumni. The organization is called the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Colorado College (GLACC).

While GLACC is primarily a

network for gay and lesbian alumni, the organization's membership is open to any alumni opposed to discrimination against gay persons.

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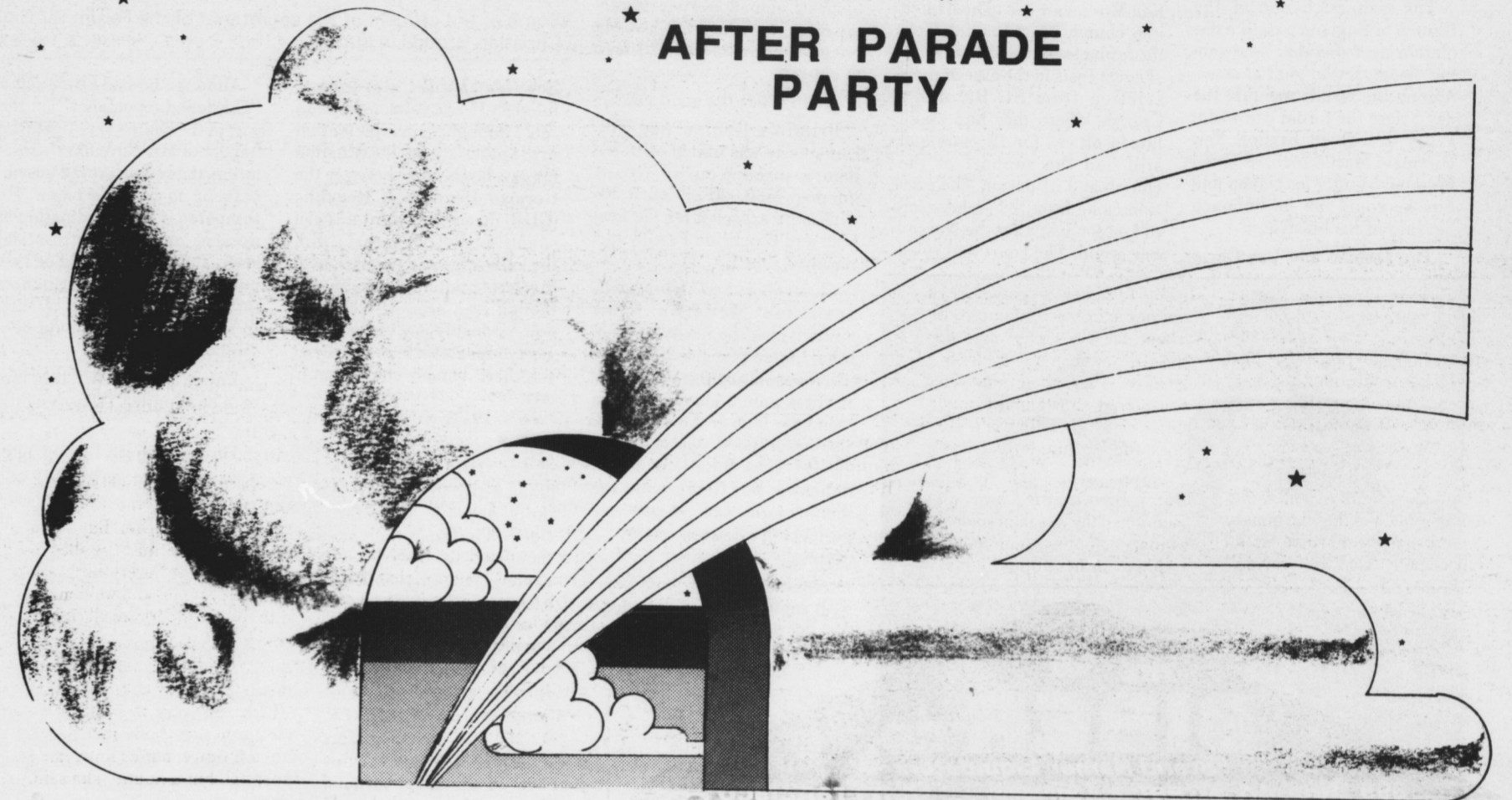
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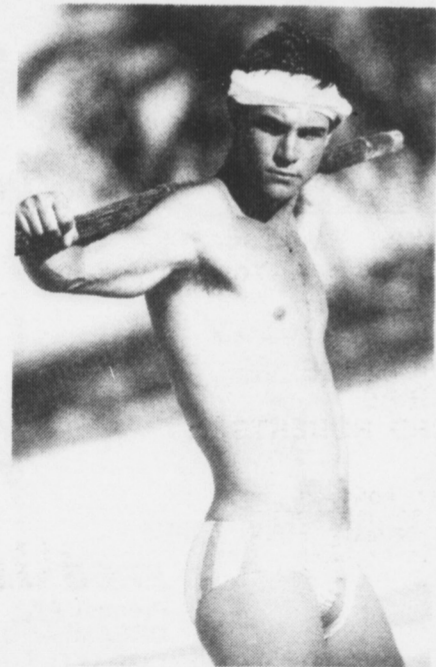
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European Gays Push At Churches on Acceptance

Climate of Hostility in U.K. After Clause 28; But Situation Is Opening Some Closet Doors

by Steve Warren

It was the best of times and the worst of times to be lesbian or gay in the United Kingdom, as the Forum for Gay Christian Groups in Europe held its sixth annual meeting in May at Brunel University in London. Clause 28, that infamous passage of the Local Government Bill that forbids "the promotion of homosexuality," was about to go into effect.

The General Synod of the Church of England passed a resolution last November condemning "homosexual genital acts." Among the results was that the day before the forum convened, a gay deacon in Bristol, Rev. Diarmaid MacCulloch, resigned his ministry after his bishop told him he could not be ordained because of his lifestyle.

The Lesbian and Gay Chris-

tian Movement was to be hauled into church court the day after the forum to resolve the question of court costs in the case of their eviction from St. Botolph's Church, where they had maintained offices for 12 years and still had the support of the church and its pastor. The eviction came from the archdeacon of London just after the November synod. The court had ruled

that each side should pay its own expenses, a victory for LGCM, but gave the archdeacon 28 days to appeal.

So what was the good news? Britain's lesbian and gay community was united as never before, turning out in record numbers—30,000 on April 30, with more expected for the Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Carnival June 25.

Closet doors were flying open. Actor Ian McKellen burst through his theatrically, and Sir John Gielgud, whose homosexuality was hardly a secret, made his first public statement as a proud gay man at the age of 83. Semi-declared pop stars like the Pet Shop Boys joined Tom Robinson, Boy George, and the Communards and nongay supporters at rallies and benefits.

In the midst of all this, an international group concerned with another kind of good news met for a weekend conference. About 35 organizations from 15 countries were represented by the record 75 registrants.

With about one-third of those attending being from England, and no pressing news coming from other countries, Britain's local problems occupied a large part of the agenda.

The presence for the first time of a delegate from East Germany,



Some of the officers of the secretariat of the Forum for Gay Christian Groups in Europe. (Photo: S. Warren)

Rev. Gunter Loske, also aroused interest. In one session, he indicated through an interpreter that in the past six years the situation for gays has become better in the German Democratic Republic (GDR) than it is in many western countries. He was present with the knowledge and permission of his government, he said. Although even army officers may now be openly gay in the GDR, gay groups are forbidden to meet anywhere but on church property.

The church, Loske said, is the only noncommunist organization in the GDR. There is no gay group within the Catholic church there, but the Lutheran and United Protestant churches have them and are both open to ordaining gay clergy on a case-by-case basis. The Lutheran Synod may discuss gay ordination at their next meeting, but Loske said he fears any policy statement that might emerge would be negative.

A LAME BISHOP

The highlight of the weekend was an address by Rt. Rev. John Yates, bishop of Gloucester since 1975. Bishop Yates was a substitute for Most Rev. Dr. John Habgood, archbishop of York, second in seniority only to the archbishop of Canterbury. Habgood was recovering from surgery, but sent his regrets in a letter that read:

"I originally accepted your invitation to speak because I wanted to demonstrate that official attitudes toward homosexuality in the Church of England are not as hard and negative as recent press publicity might indicate. Some months ago I wrote in my Diocesan News Letter, 'At least we owe it to Christian homosexuals to listen sympathetically to what they say about their own condition.' It is this willingness to listen and to learn from each other which is often so noticeably absent from public debate on these matters."

Bishop Yates described the political situation within the church with regard to homosexuality as "a hard left and a hard right with a soft center." Although he came openly in friendship and as a member of the House of Lords who had voted against Clause 28, his firm place in that soft center became more evident the longer he spoke.

"Celibacy and abstinence are perfectly honorable choices," Bishop Yates reminded the forum, but he seemed hard-pressed to come up with a third honorable choice for gay people.

He couldn't think of a situation in which he would ordain an openly gay person to the Anglican priesthood, even someone in a committed relationship of long standing. His excuse was that he couldn't place such a person because most parishes wouldn't accept him or her.

Although he said he expects a "chastened repentance" on the part of the church to mitigate the impact of last November's resolution, the bishop proved unsympathetic to LGCM's plight. He compared it to the ordination of women, another controversial issue, and said, "I would be very uncomfortable if campaigners for or against were to set up shop in a church, which should be a symbol of our unity."

Before anyone could beat him to it, he admitted, "That's a little lame."

On one subject, Bishop Yates was in relative agreement with Richard Kirker, who has been general secretary of LGCM almost since its inception. "The climate of opinion has changed enormously since [1979]," the bishop said, but he blamed "secular forces" for steering last November's debate on sexual morality from a study of "general laxness" to one specifically directed against homosexuality. He said there are "new attitudes" in England. "We are more aggressive, more pugilistic."

GENERAL HOSTILITY

Kirker, in remarks to the forum's opening reception, put it this way: "The lesbian and gay community in this country, and especially gay Christians, feels as if we are under siege. The mood, public and church opinion, has shifted dramatically toward a homophobic position."

Chris Smith, the only openly gay member of the British Parliament, said Clause 28 passed "because the government supported it, almost certainly at the prime ministerial level."

He wasn't surprised, he said. "I have feared for the last two or three years that some sort of repressive legislation would come. There is a general hostility toward minorities and nonconformists of all kinds, particularly the poor, at the moment."

Rev. David Gosling, who has been working for the World Council of Churches (WCC) in Geneva, said he can see the problem on a global scale there: "It's always the minorities and the weak that suffer most." He also announced that the WCC has fired him for being gay and is letting him work out one year's notice, as his contract stipulates.

The British Council of Churches was also represented at the forum. Assistant General Secretary Keith Jenkins cautioned the delegates that he couldn't welcome them in the name of all the member churches, but added, "There are those working to achieve justice for all people."

He recommended keeping up the pressure. "Churches and governments do respond to international pressure," he said. Next year the Conference of European

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Let's Dance

A Party With a Cause: To Help Emergency Fund

by Dennis McMillan

Make your festivities count this gay day by dancing up a storm at the tea dance at the Giftcenter Pavilion, Eighth and Brannan streets. Since all costs for the dance have been underwritten by various groups and individuals, all proceeds from the door will go to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. The Fund gives 95 cents of every dollar received directly to help a person with AIDS.

The tea dance will be held after the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade, on Sunday, June 26, from 4 p.m. until midnight.

Seven-time winner on Star Search and Megatone Records recording artist, Jeanie Tracy, will be performing the world premiere of her latest release, "Let's Dance."

Tracy will also be riding on the AEF float in the parade this year.

A special appearance of the cast of *Cats* will be featured as a preview to their upcoming benefit July 11 at Bimbo's, also raising funds for AEF. They will perform a number from their special, new cabaret show.

Recorded music will be provided, compliments of the Castro Station, by the expertise of Mark Watkins of Castro Station and The Endup.

The decorations will focus on rainbow flags and banners, keeping the spirit of the preceding parade alive and waving.

Food from the grill will be available for purchase.

A generous \$5,000 grant was given by Absolut Vodka to help underwrite expenses. Several other sponsors have contributed \$500 grants each: District Attor-



Jeanie Tracy

(Photo: R. Pruzan)

ney Arlo Smith, County Assessor Sam Duca, Headlines Stores, American Classic Dreamboats Limousines, American Savings, HIM Vitamins, and Soho Soda. The dance is presented by Bay Area Reporter.

The AIDS Emergency Fund provides direct financial assistance to people with AIDS and disabling ARC in the form of grants to help pay rent, utilities, food, and medicine—basic life support needs—at a time when they have exhausted their own personal resources.

In March last year, AEF gave approximately \$15,000 in grants. This year in March, the Fund granted \$53,000. The need has increased so dramatically because people with severe ARC are now receiving financial assistance from AEF.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at all three Headlines Stores for \$12, or at the door for \$15.

The Giftcenter is only a few blocks from the end of the parade. So if you marched in the parade, you'll be all warmed up to march to the dance and dance, dance, dance.

Euro-Gays

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Churches will meet in Basle, Switzerland, with the theme, "Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation."

Coming up more immediately is the Lambeth Conference of senior Anglican bishops from all over the world, which gathers in England every ten years at the personal invitation of the archbishop of Canterbury.

Barnaby Miln, the only openly gay member of the Anglican synod's House of Laity and founding chair of Christian Action on AIDS, said he "was amazed to be asked by the archbishop to prepare working papers on AIDS for the conference. At least the archbishop of Canterbury is prepared to have dialogue with at least one gay person."

While conference activities are private, Miln said he hopes to obtain permission to publish his AIDS paper. Because of fears of protest from African bishops, there will be no discussion of homosexuality *per se*, Miln said. "Like it or not, the archbishop is using AIDS as his way of discussing homosexuality."

Maintaining pressure on all fronts was the advice of other speakers. "We need pressure on British representatives abroad," Chris Smith said, "asking what the hell does Britain mean, passing a law like [Clause 28]."

Nigel Warner of the International Lesbian and Gay Association emphasized that international response must make it "very clear to the Thatcher government that they cannot now introduce more legislation of this sort without the whole word noticing."

Next year's forum will be held in Agape, near Turin, Italy. One of the hosts will be newly elected forum co-president (with Caroline Blanco of France), Piergianni Palminota, who told the group there are few gay organizations in his country. The conference will be held May 4-7 in an ecumenical Protestant retreat center where, he said, "They are very fond of homosexuals."

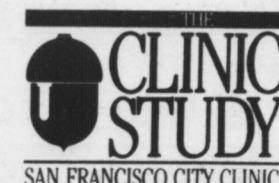
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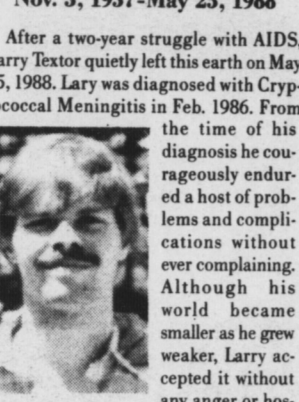
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Born in Hackensack, New Jersey, 30 years ago, Larry received an AA degree from County College of Morris in New Jersey. He then went on to Pratt Institute of Technology in New York for a short period. On a trip to San Francisco in the fall of 1982 Larry met Nicholas Sempeti, founder of the Fraternal Order of Gays (FOG). Shortly thereafter he moved to San Francisco to be with Nicholas, and they have been lovers since that time. Larry was employed by General Nutrition Center on Market Street, where was very well liked by colleagues and customers.

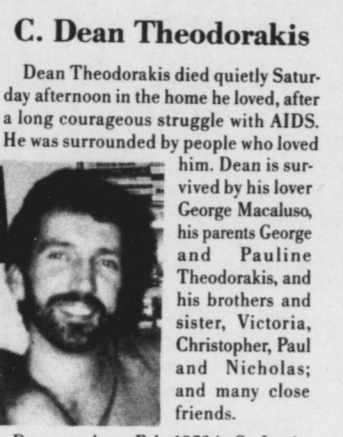
Larry loved the theater and had performed in a number of musicals on the East Coast. His warm, caring personality and good looks attracted many people to him.

Larry, I think you for touching my life and sharing with me over five years of love and happiness. I miss you terribly, along with your loving family and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St., San Francisco, on Saturday, June 18, at 2 p.m. After the service all are welcome to a reception at the FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr.

C. Dean Theodorakis

Dean Theodorakis died quietly Saturday afternoon in the home he loved, after a long courageous struggle with AIDS. He was surrounded by people who loved him. Dean is survived by his lover George Macaluso, his parents George and Pauline Theodorakis, and his brothers and sister, Victoria, Christopher, Paul and Nicholas; and many close friends.



Dean was born Feb. 1953 in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Washington University and received a B.A. in Dance. After college he moved to New York City and began dancing professionally. He met George while taking dance classes. Dean and George both danced with the Nancy Meehan Dance Co. in New York. Dean also taught dance classes at Mont Clair State College. After visiting San Francisco several times, they decided to move here permanently in 1979. Dean worked primarily in accounting, as well as doing promotional work for Dance Between the Lines.

Dean and George were together for 13½ years and loved each other deeply. Dean loved dance, music, travel, his home, and being with his many friends.

Dean's ashes will be scattered off the coast of the Marin Headlands on Saturday, June 18, after which friends are invited to join us at 4 p.m. at 154 Bocana Street.

We would like to thank Visiting Nurses Association, Hospice and Shanti for their support over the past year.

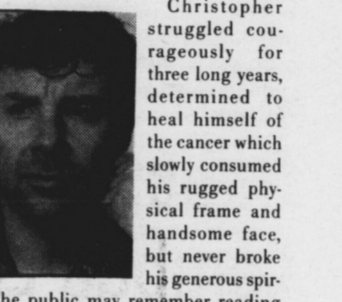
Christopher
Oct. 2, 1951-May 22, 1988

Christopher is at peace, having departed this world May 22, 1988. He will be sadly missed by his family and by his many friends and acquaintances.

For memorial service information, call Andrew at 255-0760 or Paul at 861-6238.

Christopher
Oct. 2, 1951-May 22, 1988

Christopher is at peace, having departed this world May 22, 1988. He will be sadly missed by his family and by his many friends and acquaintances.



Christopher struggled courageously for three long years, determined to heal himself of the cancer which slowly consumed his rugged physical frame and handsome face, but never broke his generous spirit. The public may remember reading about Christopher in a featured article, "Christopher's Courage," in the Sunday, July 12, 1987, San Francisco Chronicle; or remember him as "the person with AIDS" selling his original greeting cards and posters in the city streets. Others yet may remember him for being the ever-tentative and resourceful photographer.

He was, more than that, a rare and wonderful friend... adventurous, creative, studious, loyal, loving and frenzied... who taught us more than we could have ever envisioned about lessons in life, love and death. We love you, Christopher. Someday we shall all be together.

A memorial gathering and exhibit/slide show of Christopher's work will be held Sunday, June 19, 1988 at 4 p.m. at 541 Hayes St./Laguna in San Francisco. The public is invited to attend. Please call 863-8144 or 821-4002 for more information.

Dan White

Dan passed away peacefully at 5 p.m., June 7, 1988 with his parents Carol and John at his side.

The many friends who knew and loved Dan will long remember his warm smile, deep loyalty, and love of life that touched us all.

Gone now, but in our hearts forever.

John Gilbert Wood
Jan. 29, 1947-June 5, 1988

That bright Sunday morning, John died while sleeping peacefully. He left us many treasures, including a wonderful vision of the world through his photography, memories of hysterical laughter from his wit, and elation from exposure to his irrefragable energy.

His most cherished treasure is our new friend, his lover Thom Crunk. Through Thom we maintain a vibrant connection to our friend John. Through Thom we learn the meaning of love, strength, and giving.

John invited us to say goodbye to him from just outside the Golden Gate. To celebrate his life, he threw a party for us following his committal at sea.

John Menaglia
Jan. 19, 1933-June 6, 1988

Our loving friend John Menaglia died of AIDS-related illness at Kaiser Hospital in San Rafael, California.

They just did not come nicer than John, a quick, warm, and unfailingly generous man. So many lives have more because John was here.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he came to the Bay Area in the 1950s, graduating from Stanford with two degrees in Business, then serving as a U.S. Army officer.

John was briefly a stock broker, and then created his own chemical supplies company. He loved Asian art and antiques, and traveled in the Far East and Europe buying and learning. He had a

Pride Week On KQED-TV

KQED-TV 9 celebrates Gay Pride Week with special programming June 19-25.

Not All Parents Are Straight, at 10 p.m. on June 20, is a one-hour profile of six families in which children adjust to their parents being gay and/or lesbian. Focusing on the children's perspectives, the locally produced documentary illustrates the social and emotional issues these children face, as well as the joy and love they receive. (Repeated Thursday, June 23, at 11:30 p.m. on KQED-TV9.)

Choosing Children follows at 11 p.m., shifting the focus from parents who become lesbians to lesbians who become parents. Six families from across the nation share very personal experiences about donor insemination, co-parenting with gay men, non-biological motherhood, what happens to their sons and daughters at school, and much

more. (Repeated Saturday, June 25, at 9 p.m. on KQED-TV 32.)

Who Pays for AIDS?, a Frontline documentary on June 21, at 10 p.m., examines the health care crisis created by the AIDS epidemic and the struggle between local governments, city and state, and Washington, D.C. over who will pay the soaring cost of AIDS. (Repeated Saturday,

Granddad

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father, Briones wants to show off his wallet full of pictures of the kids and grandkids to his gay circle of friends. This can sometimes be a bit awkward, though.

One is liable to run into Briones at his party bar, the Castro Station, or the S.F. Eagle leather bar. But his favorite hangout is My Place, "where older guys go, or younger guys go because they like older guys," he said.

Having moved here just three years ago—the day he arrived in San Francisco was the first day the bathhouses were closed—he

is in the same situation as many others who are now experiencing the Castro in its less than prime state.

But unlike so many who can only complain about gay mecca and its downside, Briones said, "This is probably the most exciting place to be. There is a vortex of energy here that I'm sure is nowhere else in the world."

He emphasized, "These are the best years of my life!"

He had a reply to all the recent talk about the so-called down-fallen Castro: "Lighten up," he said, "and don't tell me I should have been here ten years ago. I'm here now, and I'm having fun."

Govt. Fund Cuts Threaten CUAV

Community United Against Violence (CUAV) says that funding cuts by the city and state threaten their anti-violence programs. Most at risk is the Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project, which provides counseling for gay men suffering from violence in their partner relationships.

The model program, which serves over 150 men annually and is the only program of its kind in the country, received \$32,720 from the state for fiscal year 1988. Funds expire at the end of June, and the program will be cut back at that time.

New client intake will be limited to a few hours a week, and free counseling will be eliminated, although counseling will continue to be available for a sliding-scale fee.



CUAV Director Beverly Mesch (Photo: Rink)

Also at risk are CUAV's prevention programs, including community education, criminal justice system advocacy, and the Lesbian/Gay Speakers Bureau, due to a \$25,000 drop in city funds.

"We're doing everything we can think of to find these funds elsewhere," said executive director Beverly Mesch. "We've sent out scores of inquiries to foundations and have submitted a num-

ber of proposals, but so far the response has not been particularly encouraging."

Mesch indicated that CUAV will turn to the lesbian and gay community for added financial support.

"We're planning a series of community fundraising events, which will be great fun, as well as money makers."

CUAV staff stressed the importance of prevention programs in their attempts to overcome anti-lesbian and anti-gay violence.

"Prevention work changes social attitudes and deals with the roots of prejudice," said Mesch. "We need to fix the causes of violence and not just fix the survivors. We absolutely resist a retreat to a bandaid approach to homophobic violence, which is what would happen if we have to

cut back our prevention efforts." According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, San Francisco reported more homophobic assaults in 1987 than any other city in the nation.

CUAV, which will celebrate its tenth anniversary next year, has provided victim counseling and advocacy to thousands of survivors of homophobic violence and has worked with the police, city, and state to develop policies that discourage anti-gay violence.

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution may send it to Community United Against Violence, 514 Castro St., San Francisco 94114.

Donations may be earmarked for the Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. Undesignated donations will be used for prevention programs.

Wednesday, Joe Tate did something about AIDS: he bought 2 heads of broccoli.

He was grocery shopping for Lucinda, a mother with AIDS who didn't have the strength to lug home groceries that day. As a practical support volunteer for Shanti Project, Joe does simple, everyday things like errands or laundry to help people with AIDS live with dignity and choice. Find out how simple it is to do something about AIDS. Volunteer for Shanti Project.

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Nutting Places Hopes On Future

by Jay Newquist

The first openly gay man to run for San Jose City Council earned 645 votes to finish last in a district election June 7. Spencer Nutting said he felt encouraged, however, that he was able to reach that many people despite his small organization and limited funding.

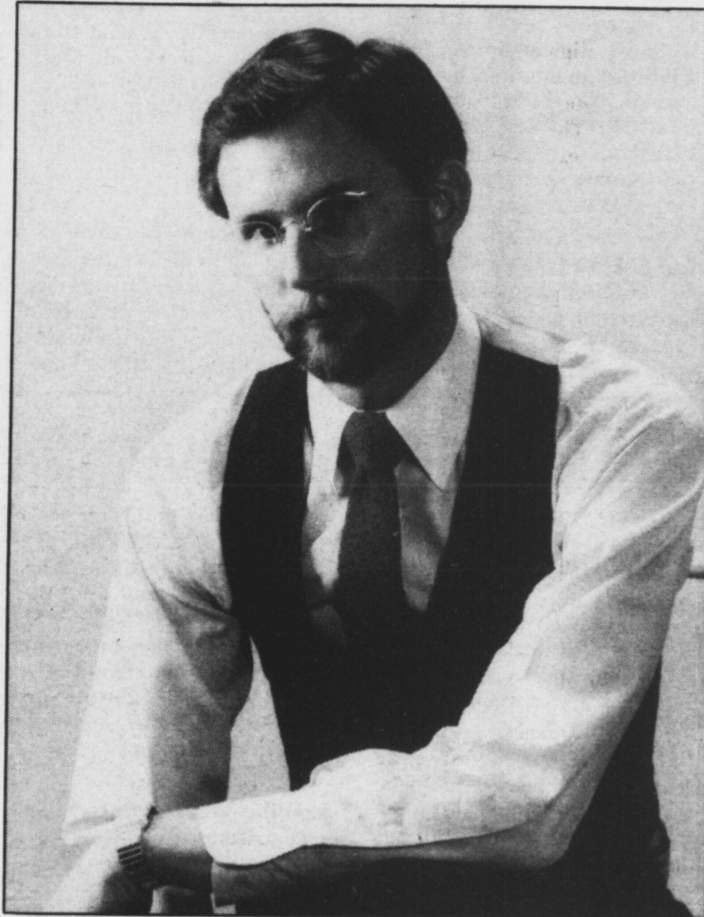
"I received most of my votes from three precincts where I spoke during the campaign," Nutting said last week. "If I had the manpower and the money, I believe I would have made a major impact."

A run-off election is scheduled Nov. 8 between Joe Head (who received 4,934 votes) and Dan Minutillo (4,430 votes). Nutting finished sixth in a field of six in District 10.

Nutting said he has already been approached for support by Head, and Nutting expects to have some input in his former rival's plans if Head wins.

Another alliance in the making is probable mayoral candidate Susan Hammer, a current council member. She has indicated that if elected in 1990 she will champion Nutting's concerns about the homeless.

—Nutting, who ran without the endorsement of BAYMEC, the



Spencer Nutting

local gay action group, spent less than \$1,000 on his campaign. He has already announced he will try again for a council seat in 1992. He expects to have a campaign organization in place in two years.

But he consoled himself, saying, "I got more votes to the dollar than anyone."

Nutting is reflective about his

Kight Elected Head Of L.A. Commission

The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations has unanimously elected Morris Kight as its president. This is the first time in Los Angeles County that an openly gay person has served as president of a major commission.

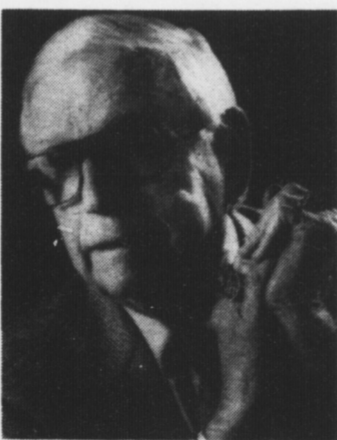
The May 16 vote recognized Kight's efforts to uphold the commission's charter to promote improved human relations, civic peace, intergroup understanding, and the full acceptance of all persons in every aspect of community life.

Reduction and eventual elimination of all racially and religiously motivated violence, intergroup tension and conflict, discrimination and prejudice based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any arbitrary factor are the commission's goals.

Kight was instrumental in the 1975 revision to this charter to include sexual orientation.

Appointed by Sup. Ed Edelman, Kight is currently serving his fourth term on the 15-member commission. He succeeded Rev. Troy Perry, who hailed Kight's election by stating, "I am proud of Morris and his hard work over the years to advocate the gay/lesbian agenda. His presidency is long overdue."

Morris Kight has been referred to as "the elder statesman of the gay community" by the Los



Morris Kight (Photo: D. Saban)

Angeles Times and other California media. Since 1937 he has championed a variety of causes, including the environment, arts, poverty, peace, and civil rights. He is a founder and past president of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Los Angeles.

Kight was also a founder of the Christopher Street West gay pride organization, the Van Ness Recovery House, Stonewall Democratic Club, and the McCadden Place Collection.

San Jose Kicks Off Gay Pride Weekend

by Wayne Herriford

The 13th annual San Jose Gay Pride Celebration will take place this Saturday, June 20, in the Family Fun Park at the Santa Clara County fairgrounds from noon to 8 p.m. The fairgrounds are located on Tully Road, east of Monterey Highway in San Jose. Admission to the Celebration is through Gate C, and will be \$3 per person. The gate collection is used to pay expenses associated with the celebration.

Headliner entertainment for the celebration will be No Cera whose hits include "Let's Go" and "Summertime, Summertime" and Lime whose hits include "Goldigger," "Your Love" and "Unexpected Lovers."

Other entertainers include the San Jose Spurs, Lucy Manhattan, the South Bay Stompers, Wildfire, the San Francisco Saddle Tramps, Marga Gomez and the San Jose Cloggers. Danny Williams will MC the Celebration.

Over 25 organizations, from San Francisco to San Jose have reserved booths, and will be presenting information on their activities and organizations, selling various items or sponsoring games and raffles. There will be a variety of different food available for sale, as well as a full bar, beer and wine, and soft drinks.

Two drawings for a one ounce gold coin will be held at 7:30. Tickets will be available for sale throughout the day. Celebration flags and pins will also be for sale throughout the day.

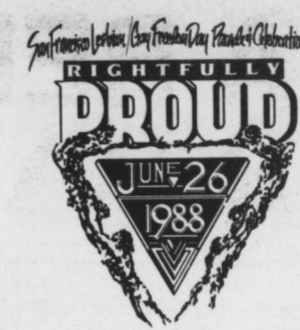
Volunteers are needed to help set up, blow up balloons, take admission money, sell drink tickets and staff the bar. Anyone who comes before 10 a.m. and helps with setup, will be admitted free!

If you can help, or want more information, please call Mary Ann Sullivan at (408) 297-5132 or the Celebration hotline at (408) 292-5809.

After the celebration, the DeFrank Community Center is sponsoring a dance at the Community Center from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. This will be an alcohol-free event, and will feature the band Wildfire for your dancing and listening pleasure.

The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus will also be having a concert following the celebration at the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Fifth and Santa Clara streets in San Jose, beginning at 8 p.m. This year's theme is You and Me, Together Again. Tickets are \$8 each or two for \$15 and may be obtained by calling Matthew at (415) 329-0865 or Larry at (408) 578-7715.

The DeFrank Center is also coordinating a South Bay contingent to march in the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 26. All Peninsula and South Bay organizations are invited to join. For more information, contact the Community Center at (408) 293-4525.



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Nez Pas

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GRIMALKIN'S GENEROSITY
(A 'Cat's Pajamas' Nose)

Not too long ago, I wrote about a proposed "Cats Who Care" AIDS benefit. It was to have been an evening of Broadway songs and dances presented by the cast of *Cats*. Half of the proceeds were to have gone to East Bay Assistance Fund, and half were to have gone to the charity of choice of the cast of *Cats*. If you remember, all kinds of obstacles were in the way, especially in the form of insurance, so the concept of this kind of charity on this side of the bay was abandoned.

"Every gray cloud has a silver lining," or so the old song goes. I have been informed that the same opportunity was presented to the AIDS Emergency Fund in San Francisco. They leaped at the offer and got the wheels a-turning. The cast of *Cats* will be doing both contemporary and Broadway musical numbers at Bimbo's (on Columbus Avenue in S.F.) Monday, July 11. Half the proceeds will go to that organization.

The cast of *Cats* has decided their half of the proceeds will go to East Bay Assistance Fund! Plaudits and kudos to each and every one of them for their decision.

Sponsoring tickets will be available for \$25, \$50, and \$75. All details are on the flyers, to be distributed in the East Bay next week. I can only hope there will be a tremendous showing from "our side" of the bay. But apathy does have a year-round residence over here.

CORDATES OF COMBUSTION
(Not an 'Ignicologist' Nose)

Perhaps the in-house advertising at Town & Country contained the correct premonition. On the sign board it stated, "A Chorus Line," showtime 8 p.m., followed by a big question mark! Emperor IX Carlos' all-male revue, introducing "Hearts of Fire," started one hour late.

On top of that, if one went to the revue expecting all males, one shouldn't be expected to look under skirts to determine the gender. I'm not criticizing the talents of Empress IX Tootsi or Jocelyn Jewels, but in an all-male revue, one should be able to spot, quickly, those "jewels"!

All in all, the show was entertaining pantomime. The hours of rehearsal and practice was evident and really paid off. Eddy, Carlos, Stan (the current Miss \$1.98), George (Raven), and Ted opened the evening's presentation. Little John donned his leathers for a couple of numbers.

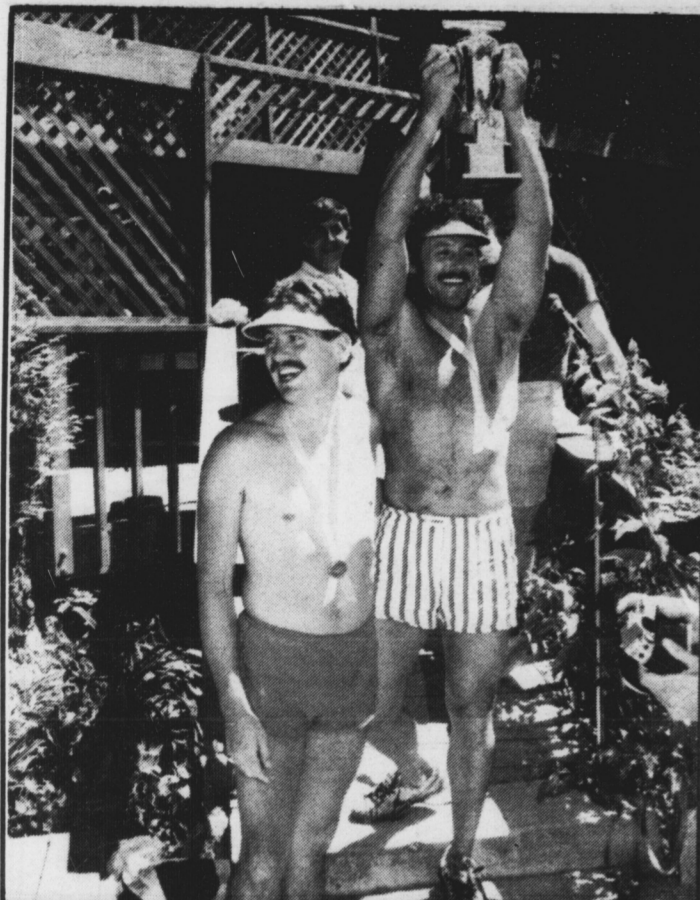
Mr. Cowboy of San Francisco, Saint, took center stage all too briefly. He had to leave all too soon for another commitment across the bridge. He was escorted (or is it he escorted—it's all so confusing!) San Francisco Emperor Steve Rascher.

There was some difficulty with the sound system at times, and T&C's manager, Steve V., said maybe it was the place that put a jinx on microphones and loudspeakers.

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The winners of the River's Cup boat race celebrated at the Village Inn in Monte Rio after the race June 12. (Photo: S. Savage)

Nez Pas

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Some bit of credit has to go to Manuel. He was strategically located so he could brace the stage during vigorous performances. Hmmmm? With his feet, dear reader, with his feet!

Talk about chagrin! Tootsi announced she would be doing a couple of "oldies but goodies." The selections she did I consider "new wave"! Age doesn't creep up; it charges and pounces!

A tip of Nez' nose to Sam for the rigatoni and salad buffet. The entire event was videotaped by Dowager Emperor Doug. Proceeds for the evening—not available at press time—were divided between Bay Area Sheppard House and East Bay Assistance Fund.

OMNIUM-GATHERUM (A Melange Nose)

What with Carlos' statement about the "look of things to come," a reference to "Hearts of Fire," and US#5's statement about things the county might have in store, could there be some more drastic changes in the current Court?

I don't know any of the details, but the latest sobriquet around town is "McMorgan McDonald"! Sex on a sesame-seed bun, hon?

Chalk up two more functions that didn't materialize: the Country/Western Hoedown and Barbecue and the Mr. and Miss Gay Alameda County and Foxy Lady Contest.

Yes, that's George driving Val's pickup. Well, actually, it's George's pickup. Val bought a new one and sold the old one to George—out of sympathy, perhaps, since George's station wagon burned up outside of Val's house!

Speaking of Val, her annual softball game will be held this year on Sunday, July 17, at Burkhalter Park at 1 p.m. The traditional barbecue will be held at the usual patio afterwards for \$5 a person. All proceeds will go to In Memory Fund.

The anniversary party at Bench & Bar a couple of Sundays ago was packed to the rafters! Depending on how you look at it, there was only one fly in the ointment. That was when a bartender

deftly removed a wig from a hippie drag queen and poured a drink over her head. All must have been forgiven, however, because they were seen chatting amiably a few days later.

If "hella" phones have been extra quiet this week, it's because Little Mother and John have been vacationing in Hawaii. No, she left Juan on the mainland! Said she, "You're just a trick. I'm taking my husband, to whom I'm always loyal!"

Check out Libby McLeren on the piano at D.J.'s in Walnut Creek Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. Also check out happy hours from 4 to 7 p.m. weekdays.

This Sunday, June 19, Spoiled Brat will present 1988's entertainer of the year, comedian Marga Gomez and, in the tradition of new vaudeville, film actor/comedian Wayne Dabo. Showtime is 7 p.m., and show tickets are only \$3. Advance tickets are a must if you partake of the prime steak dinner (show and dinner, only \$10).

David and Greg will move out of the area soon, "so we can be conveniently located between both our jobs."

My birthday was last Tuesday, and my spouse said I didn't have to cook a special dinner for the occasion. He said I could take him out to dinner! After 24-plus years together, what else could be expected?

Editor Will Snyder and entourage stopped by Town & Country for a quick drink Friday last. They had been to a classic movie being shown at the Paramount. Methinks he was as surprised to see me as I was to see him.

Foxtail is coming. Foxtail is coming!

There are far too many who want that wonderful feeling of accomplishment without having to accomplish anything. Right, Miss Lyceum? I can definitely smile at that!

—Love, Nez

Baltimore Passes Gay Rights Bill

Churches Try to Torpedo Bill; Rights Group Supported Effort

by John Ward

In the face of opposition from the Roman Catholic archbishop and Orthodox Jewish rabbis, the Baltimore City Council passed a gay rights bill by a 12-7 vote on May 23—just in time for the city's June 12 gay pride march. Baltimore is the first major American city to pass gay rights since New York City in 1986.

All seven black councilmembers and all six women councilmembers voted for the bill.

Supporters fought back last-minute amendments by Councilman Dominic DiPietro to exclude teachers, food handlers, and those who work with children under 18. The council chambers in ornate City Hall were packed with gays, who erupted into clapping and cheers when the bill passed. Afterwards, 500 gays at a local bar celebrated late into the night, cheering speeches by bill organizers.

Considered crucial to the victory was the behind-the-scenes lobbying by Mayor Kurt Schmoke and City Council Pres. Mary Pat Clarke. Both were elected last year with gay support, replacing people who did not push for gay rights. Schmoke, who signed a gay rights executive order while he was a state's attorney for Baltimore (equivalent to a district attorney), introduced the bill.

That was in sharp contrast to predecessor William Schaefer,

now governor, who officially took no stand on the bill, but who gays said worked against it.

The other major factor in the victory was the conversion of Councilmember Rochele Spector to support the bill. She tipped the number of pro-bill councilmembers to a majority.

This year Glassman had experts testify on gay rights to Spector during an 11-hour session in her chambers. He followed that up with visits by city Jewish leaders and a deluge of 180 letters by gays. Persuaded that gays were victims of discrimination, Spector became one of the most vocal supporters of the bill, speaking on its behalf on the floor. She even plans now to march in the gay pride parade.

The bill attracted a broad coalition of support, ranging from the NAACP to the city's two major newspapers. Gays also compiled a 43-page report on discrimination and violence. And a



Vegas Night at Julie's

Vegas Night at Julie's, a benefit put on for the AIDS Emergency Fund last Sunday, cashed in its chips and helped make some money for the worthy cause. It was truly a night of '50s stars: gangsters, high rollers, showgirls, chorus boys, and casino dealers. Julie's Supper Club, decked out in wild '50s decor, provided the perfect Las Vegas ambience. Over \$2,500 worth of prizes were raffled off, from dinners and artwork and housecleanings to the grand prize, a trip to (where else?) Las Vegas.

(Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

local psychologist surveyed 542 local gays and lesbians. He found that 40 percent had been threatened with violence, while 60 percent had concealed their gayness to avoid abuse.

Causing 11th-hour anxiety was the last-minute opposition by Catholic Archbishop William Borders, whose office had said he would continue his 1984 neutrality.

But following the death of gay Catholic activist Don Miller to

AIDS this year, Borders announced that although he did not support bias against gays, he opposed the bill because homosexuality is immoral. Miller had convinced Borders, who opposed the city's first bill in 1980, to stay neutral in 1984. Since over half the council is Catholic in this historically Catholic city, Borders' opposition could have had significant impact.

But his action was seen as underhanded by many. Classman said, and may have backfired. It

appears to have changed no votes.

Opposition to the bill was spearheaded by a handful of Orthodox Jewish rabbis, a potentially important force because of the city's large Orthodox population.

The vote came shortly after a committee of the Maryland Legislature nixed a repeal of the state's sodomy law. Gays in Maryland were previously protected from discrimination only in Montgomery and Howard counties.

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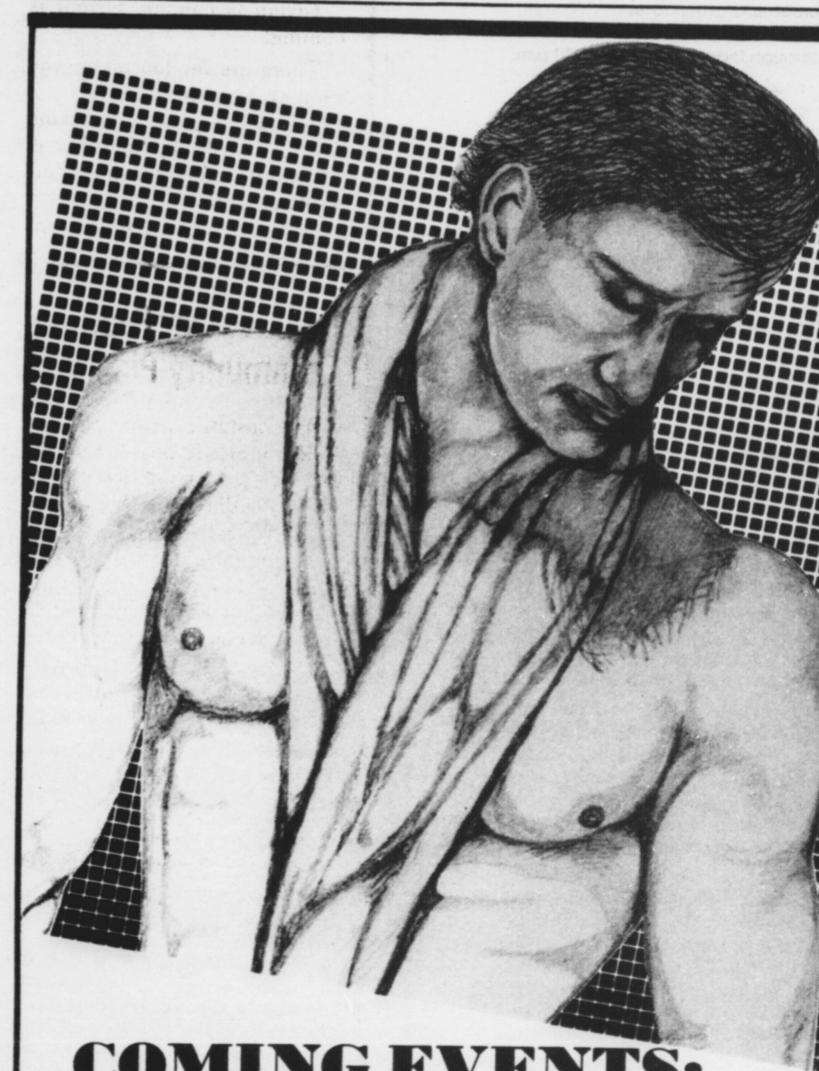
The East Bay Lesbian and Gay Celebration will be this Sunday, June 19, from noon to 6 p.m. in Martin Luther King Park in Berkeley. We invite all members of our community to attend. This year's event will be a community picnic. You are encouraged to bring your own picnic and music. Groups may set up booths at no charge.

This year's event has been scaled back for lack of funds. There will be no stage events this year.

If you are interested in organizing the 1989 event there will be a meeting Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at the West Berkeley Public Library. For more information, call Jim Wilson at 644-2168.

Volunteers Needed In Solano County

Solano AIDS Task Force will be scheduling a volunteer training program during the month of July. Your services are needed. Please contact the Task Force now to be included in the next training session. Help us to make a difference by calling 425-7786 nights or 553-5552 or 644-1458 days.



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• **S.F. International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival:** opening night reception, Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F., 6 p.m., \$25 includes screening of *Dark Habits* and *Alfalfa* at 7:30 p.m. (\$5 for screening only). Also, *Madchen in Uniform* and *Shell* will be screened at 10 p.m., \$5.

• **Asian/Pacific Fusion:** dance for women, Peg's Place, 4737 Geary Blvd., S.F., 9 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. Tickets at Peg's Place. To benefit Asian/Pacific Sisters.

• **The Truth Is Bad Enough:** one-man show with Michael Kearns, the Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m., \$8. The "happy hustler" faces alcoholism and sexual compulsion. Call 861-5079 for tickets.

• **In the Summer When It's Hot and Sticky:** stage performance, Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 8 p.m., \$12. A comic and unexpected circus of romance engulfs a young journalist when he spends an awakening summer at a seaside New Jersey resort; written by Doug Holsclaw and directed by Barbara Daoust. Call 861-5079 for tickets.

• **Puttin' on the Glitz:** featuring female impersonators and cabaret guys, Sutter's Mill, 77 Battery St., S.F., 9:30 p.m., \$10, two-drink minimum. Call 788-8379 for reservations.

• **Modern Music Friday:** with DJ Steve Masters, B Street, 236 B St., San Mateo, 9 p.m., cover.

• **Club Infra-Red:** dancing, Scooters, 22 4th St., S.F., 9 p.m.-2 a.m., cover. Sound by Randy Schiller. Call 777-0880 for more information.

• **Sing-Along:** with Frank Banks on the piano, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-8 p.m.

• **Dick Fregulia:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.

• **A Century of Gay Poetry:** hosted by Neeli Cherkovski, Room 295, Bldg. D, Fort Mason, S.F., 7:30 p.m., \$1. Walt Whitman, Gertrude Stein, W.H. Auden, Robert Duncan, Allen Ginsberg, Judy Grahn, Jean Cocteau, Cavafy, Frank O'Hara, Harold Norse, Rimbaud, and Adrienne Rich will be represented; open reading will follow.

• **Midsummer Women's Retreat:** with Zsuzanna Budapest, Diana Paxson, and Glenn Turner, Santa Cruz Mountains, through June 19. Call 444-7724 for more information.

• **Gay Basketball:** pickup games, 1525 Waller St., S.F., 6:30 p.m. Call 621-2710 for more information.

• **Tools for Healing:** approaching AIDS through Yoga, Integral Yoga Institute, 770 Dolores St., S.F., \$5. Call 821-1117 for more information.

• **Friday Night at the Movies:** comedies on video for persons living with AIDS/ARC and HIV+, Rest Stop Support Center, 134 Church St., S.F., 7 p.m., free. Call 621-REST for more information.

SATURDAY 18

• **Encore:** 10th anniversary celebration of the S.F. Band Foundation, First Congregation Church, Mason and Post streets, S.F., 8 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. With the S.F. Gay Freedom Day Marching Band & Twirling Corps, S.F. Gay Men's Chorus, David Kelsey, Scott Beach, S.F. Flag Corps, and members of L.A.'s Great American Yankee Freedom Band. Tickets at Headlines and All American Boy.

• **A Divine Tribute:** high tea and film retrospective with guest of honor John Waters. High tea is at a private home in Ashbury Heights, 4-6:30 p.m. (\$25-\$50 includes retrospective; call 928-7290 to RSVP); film retrospective is at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F., 9 p.m., \$6. Presented by the board of directors of Frameline.

• **S.F. International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival:** British shorts (*Alfalfa*, *Ostia*, *Before the Act*, and *Vivat Regina*) at noon, \$3; French shorts (*Bel Ragazzo*, *L'Liver Approche*, *Cavale*, and *Bertrand Disparu*) at 2 p.m., \$3; *Empire State* at 4 p.m., \$3; and *Because the Dawn and Dracula's Daughter* at 6:30 p.m., \$6 (benefit for Frameline Film Completion Fund). All at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F.

• **Lesbian/Gay Multicultural Explosion!** benefit for the Managua Center for the Study of Sexuality, with Francisco X. Alarcon, Betty Kaplowitz, Lisa Kellman, Lee Golan, Ilse Korreich, and Bosco y las Estrellas, Left Coast Cabaret, New College, 777 Valencia St., S.F., 8 p.m., \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Advance tickets available at Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St., and Enrique Mendoza Boutique, 438 Castro St.

• **June Millington Band:** dance party, Renee's Deja Vu, 702 15th St., S.F., 9 p.m.-1 a.m., \$7-\$12 sliding scale. To benefit Bay Area Lesbians of Color and Somos Hermanas.

• **Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus:** spring concert, First United Methodist Church, 5th and Santa Clara streets, San Jose, 8 p.m., \$15.



The S.F. Band Foundation celebrates its tenth anniversary with two gala events June 17 and 18. (Photo: Savage Photography)

• **Code Blue:** dancing, Metropolis, 1484 Market St., S.F., 9 p.m.-2 a.m., \$6. Call 979-5557 for more information.

• **Club Infra-Red:** dancing (see Friday listing for details).

• **In the Summer When It's Hot and Sticky:** stage performance, (see Friday listing for details).

• **The Truth Is Bad Enough:** one-man show with Michael Kearns (see Friday listing for details).

• **Puttin' on the Glitz:** featuring female impersonators and cabaret guys, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. (see Friday listing for details).

• **Wild Fire Band:** country/western music and dancing, Turf Club, 22517 Mission Blvd., Hayward, 9 p.m., no cover. Also Sunday at 6 p.m.

• **Mark Levine:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.

• **A Closer Look:** radio on KQED 88.5 FM, 1:30 p.m. David Lambie will present profiles on the emerging lesbian and gay parents movement.

• **Square Up:** learn to square dance night with Foggy City Dancers and Federal Lesbians and Gays, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7-10 p.m., free. Call 695-9174 for more information.

• **Penguin Carnival:** a benefit to send the Pilsner Penguins softball team to Canada Cup '88, Pilsner Inn, 225 Church St., S.F., noon-6 p.m. Fun, games, and prizes for all.

• **EastBay FrontRunners:** St. Mary's-Moraga run. Take Route 24 east to Orinda exit. Turn right on Moraga Way and continue five miles. Turn left at light in Moraga on Canyon Road. Turn immediately into first parking lot on left. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Call 939-3579 or 261-3246 for more information.

• **Finding the Right Man:** one-day workshop in S.F., \$25. Sponsored by the Partners' Institute. Call 343-8541 for more information.

• **Game Night:** for persons living with AIDS/ARC and HIV+, Rest Stop Support Center, 134 Church St., S.F., 7 p.m., free. Call 621-REST for more information.

• **Pool Tournament:** Overpass, 482A Hayes St., S.F., 4 p.m., \$4 includes well drink, beer, or wine. S.F. Pool Association rules apply. Call 864-6672 for more information.

SUNDAY 19

• **S.F. Intl. Lesbian & Gay Film Festival:** *Baba-It* and *Crows* at 1 p.m., \$3; *Displaced View* and *Ten Cents a Dance (Parallax)* at 3 p.m., \$3; *Kamikaze Hearts* at 5 p.m., \$5; *Venner for Altid* at 7 p.m., \$5; and *In the Night and Communication From Weber* at 9 p.m., \$5. All at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F.

• **East Bay Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day:** 15th year, Martin Luther King Jr. Park, Alston and Grove, Berkeley, noon-6 p.m. Entertainment, booths, and politics. Call 841-6224 for more information.

• **Society of Lesbian and Gay Composers:** gay pride week concert, Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, S.F., 4 p.m., \$7. Featuring Conrad Susa, Seth Montfort, Leslie Hassberg, Stephen Damonte, Louis Sacriste, Michael J. Fiordaliso, and R.H. Wagner. Call 641-8003 for more information.

• **In the Summer When It's Hot and Sticky:** stage performance (see Friday listing for details).

• **Puttin' on the Glitz:** featuring female impersonators and cabaret guys, 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 p.m. (see Friday listing for details).

• **An Evening With Noel and Cole:** featuring Katibelle Collins and Lauren Mayer, Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 8 p.m., \$8.

• **Townsend Eldredge and Philip Casey:** music, Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 5:30 p.m., \$5.

• **Robert Erickson and Guests:** music, Cafe Sn Marcos, 2367 Market St., S.F., 7:30 p.m., \$6.

• **Kotojo:** music, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 4-8 p.m., \$5. Afro-world beat.

• **Father's Day Casino and Show:** presented by Bay Area Shepherd House, Bench and Bar, 120 11th St., Oakland, casino 4 p.m., show 10 p.m.

• **Jones Street Follies:** female impersonation, Black Rose, 335 Jones St., S.F., shows 10 and 11 p.m., \$2.

• **5th Annual Father's Day Auction and Beer Bust:** to benefit the Godfather Service Fund and the AIDS Emergency Fund, S.F. Eagle, 398 12th St., S.F., 3-6 p.m., \$8.

• **Jill Posner:** will present a slide show and sign copies of her books of photographs, *Spray It Loud* and *Louder Than Words*, A Different Light, 489 Castro St., S.F., 7:30 p.m., free. Call 431-0891 for more information.

• **Rex Hill:** will perform works on piano by Mozart, Beethoven, Debussy, Liszt, and Chopin, 141 Albion, S.F., 5 p.m., donation. Presented by Skiers and Gay Athletes. Call 928-1736 for more information.

• **S.F. FrontRunners:** Crystal Springs Reservoir run. Meet at 9 a.m. under the sign at the Safeway on Market Street for carpooling. Otherwise, take the Black Mountain exit off I-280 and meet at the entrance of the reservoir at 10 a.m. Call 922-1435 or 821-3719 for more information.

• **Volleyball for All:** volleyball for beginners, Golden Gate Park, S.F., noon-5 p.m. Sponsored by X-TA-C Volleyball. Call 995-2736 for more information.

• **Tsunami Masters Swim Team:** practice, King Pool, 3rd and Carroll sts., S.F., 10 a.m. Call 285-5659 for more information.

• **Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders:** gathering for older lesbians (60+) and friends, Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St., S.F., 3-6 p.m., bring refreshments to share. Music, dancing, and games. Call 626-7000 for more information.

• **G40+:** summer party, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St., S.F., 2 p.m., bring food or drink to share.

• **Hortiphiles:** potluck lunch in S.F. Call 826-2515 or (408) 246-1117 for more information.

• **Men's Clinic:** free and confidential VD testing and treatment; counseling and referrals for men with AIDS/ARC concerns, Gay Men's Health Collective, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 6-8 p.m. Call 644-0425 for more information.

• **Sunday's Women:** with Karen Harvey, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

• **San Francisco MCC:** worship service, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m. Call 863-4434 for more information.

• **Diablo Valley MCC:** worship service, 2253 Concord Blvd., Concord, 10 a.m. Call 827-2960 for more information.

• **Radiant Light Ministries:** service, Swedish American Hall, 2174 Market St., S.F., 10 a.m. Call 861-1667 for more information.

• **New Life MCC:** worship service, 1823 9th St., Berkeley, 5 p.m. Call 843-9355 for more information.

• **Calvary MCC:** worship service, 2124 Brewster Ave., Redwood City, 5 p.m. Call 368-0188 for more information.

• **MCC of the Redwoods:** worship service, Olive and Throckmorton streets, Mill Valley, 10:45 a.m. Call 388-2315 for more information.

• **Golden Gate MCC:** worship service, 48 Belcher St., S.F., 12:30 and 7 p.m. Call 621-6300 for details.

MONDAY 20

• **S.F. International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival:** *Egymasra Neve* at 7 p.m., \$5; and *The Last Song* at 9 p.m., \$5. All at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F.

• **Lesbians of Color:** poets Andrea Caanan, Ariban, and others will read, Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St., S.F., 7:30 p.m., \$4-\$6 sliding scale.

• **S.F. Spikes:** soccer practice, West Sunset Soccer Fields, Sunset Blvd., Noriega and 39th streets, S.F., 6 p.m. Call 821-4248 for more information.

• **Country and Western Dance Lessons:** Turf Club, 22517 Mission Blvd., Hayward, 7:30-9:30 p.m., free. Also Tuesday and Thursday.

• **Battle Fatigue:** support group for primary-care givers based on principals of attitudinal healing, Rest Stop, 134 Church St., S.F., 5-7 p.m. Call 621-REST for more information.

TUESDAY 21

• **S.F. International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival:** *Is- Slottet and Sometimes...* A Poem at 7 p.m., \$5; and *The Last of England and Alfalfa* at 9 p.m., \$5. All at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F.

• **In the Spotlight:** show, B Street, 236 S. B St., San Mateo, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m. The bar provides musical backing tracks and words to all the songs, and you supply the voice to receive a free cassette recording of your performance.

• **Gus Gustavson:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.

• **Gay Roller Skating:** Club Saare, 15721 E. 14th St., San Leandro, 8 p.m.-midnight, cover. Call 278-2095 for more information.

• **Metaphysical Alliance:** meeting, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 6:45 p.m. Call 431-8708 for more information.

WEDNESDAY 22

• **S.F. International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival:** *The Everlasting Secret Family* and *Ken Gets Out of Jail* at 7 p.m., \$5; and *Dorian Gray in the Mirror of the Popular Press* and *Negative Man* at 9 p.m., \$5. All at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F.

• **Marga Gomez, David Scheuber, and Maureen Brownsey:** comedy, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 8-10 p.m., \$4 cover, one-drink minimum.

• **Flute for a Midsummer's Night:** with Margaret Cole, flute, and Allan Blasdale, piano, playing Bach, Schumann, Faure, and Mozart, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 8 p.m., \$7.

• **Puttin' on the Glitz:** featuring female impersonators and cabaret guys, 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. (see Friday listing for details).

• **Dick Fregulia:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.

• **Nancy Shands:** author of *AIDS: The Lonely Voice*, will speak and sign copies of her book, Medical Science Bldg., UCSF, 513 Parnassus, S.F., 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 23

• **S.F. International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival:** *Vingarne (The Wings) 1916* and *Stiller, Garbo and Me* at 7 p.m., \$5; and *Tiny and Ruby: Hell Divin' Women and International Sweethearts of Rhythm* at 9 p.m., \$6 (to benefit the Frameline Film Completion Fund). All at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F.

• **Feathers and Flesh:** show, N' Touch, 1548 Polk St., S.F., 9 p.m., cover.

• **In the Summer When It's Hot and Sticky:** stage performance, \$10 (see Friday listing for details).

• **Puttin' on the Glitz:** with female impersonators and cabaret guys, 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. (see Friday listing for details).

• **Nancy Shands:** will read from and sign copies of her book, *AIDS: The Lonely Voyage*, Codd's books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 8 p.m.

• **Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders:** older gay men's friendship group (60+), Friendship Room, 711 Eddy St., S.F., 2:45 p.m. Call 626-7000 for more information.

• **San Francisco FrontRunners:** run. Meet at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park at 6:30 p.m. Call 922-1435 or 821-3719 for more information.

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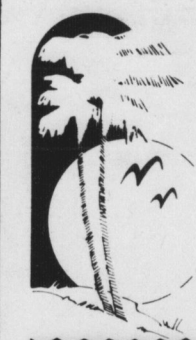
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How Do You Pronounce SFILGFF?

Gay Film Festival Combines Old and New, Long and Short

by Steve Warren

The 12th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (SFILGFF) gets underway tomorrow night at the Castro Theater. In ten days of films and videos, seminars and personal appearances, it will show that lesbian and gay filmmakers of yesterday and today were concerned with things other than just their sexuality.

Politics, heritage, music, spirituality, and just plain entertainment figure prominently in many of the works to be screened this year. The health crisis is addressed more directly in videos, which we'll preview next week.

In addition to bringing in as many new films from as many countries (15) as possible, the Festival has unearthed classics, some familiar and others relatively unseen.

The program of Richard Fontaine's "physique films" (6/25, 7 p.m.) made between 1949 and 1962 should draw a big crowd, even though it's on the same night as the live "Physique '88" at Mission High. There will be curiosity on the part of the young, nostalgia for the old, in seeing how artists expressed their homoerotic impulses in the days when it was forbidden; but mostly the crowd will be there to testify that good bodies never go out of style, and to laugh at the corny scripts that brought these hunks together in "innocent" ways.

The Festival's greatest coup is scoring the North American premiere of the restored version of Mauritz Stiller's 1916 silent



Divine in John Waters' *Pink Flamingos*.

film, *The Wings (Vingarne)* (6/23, 7 p.m.), thought to be the oldest gay film in existence. The 36-minute reconstruction uses stills for the lost prologue and epilogue and Swedish titles throughout, for which a live translation will be read. Bob Vaughn will play the Castro Wurlitzer, and a documentary about the (probably gay) director, *Stiller, Garbo and me*, will also be shown.

Speaking of oldies but goodies, one Festival attraction is even older and better than *The Wings*—James Broughton (6/25, 3 p.m.). Following a similar tribute by the San Francisco International Film Festival, the avant-garde Bay Area filmmaker

is again celebrating his 75th birthday. The actual day, when it comes, will be terribly anticlimactic for James, but the fact that both festivals have chosen to mark it attests to the broad acceptance his work has always found in the film community. With Broughton's appearance will be screenings of his *The Golden Positions* (1970), *Hermes Bird* (1979), and *Devotions* (1983), plus his lover, Joel Singer's new *Scattered Remains*, in which Broughton stars.

Another in-person guest will be John Waters (6/18, 9 p.m.), accepting the Frameline Award, given posthumously this year to Divine. Scenes from seven of Divine's features—for Alan Rudolph and Paul Bartel as well as Waters—will be shown to whet your appetite for the Castro's post-Festival tribute, "Simply Divine" (June 29-July 4).

As Waters has moved toward the mainstream with *Polyester* and especially *Hairspray*, other gay filmmakers are represented this year by films less gay in theme than others they are known for. Derek Jarman (*Caravaggio, Sebastiane*) and Ron Peck (*Nighthawks*) opened their respective new films, *The Last of England* and *Empire State*, in England last year and were as usual blasted by the Tories. This time, however, their politics upset people more than their sexuality. Both films criticize Thatcher's England. Jarman merely shows life as it is there today, as filtered through his lurid fantasies. Peck hones in on one issue, the controversial docklands reclamation project that ran roughshod over the poor to bring in more money for the rich, but sugar-coats his diatribe in a thriller format. A number of gay and bisexual characters are featured in the plots that converge on a busy Friday night in the club of the title.

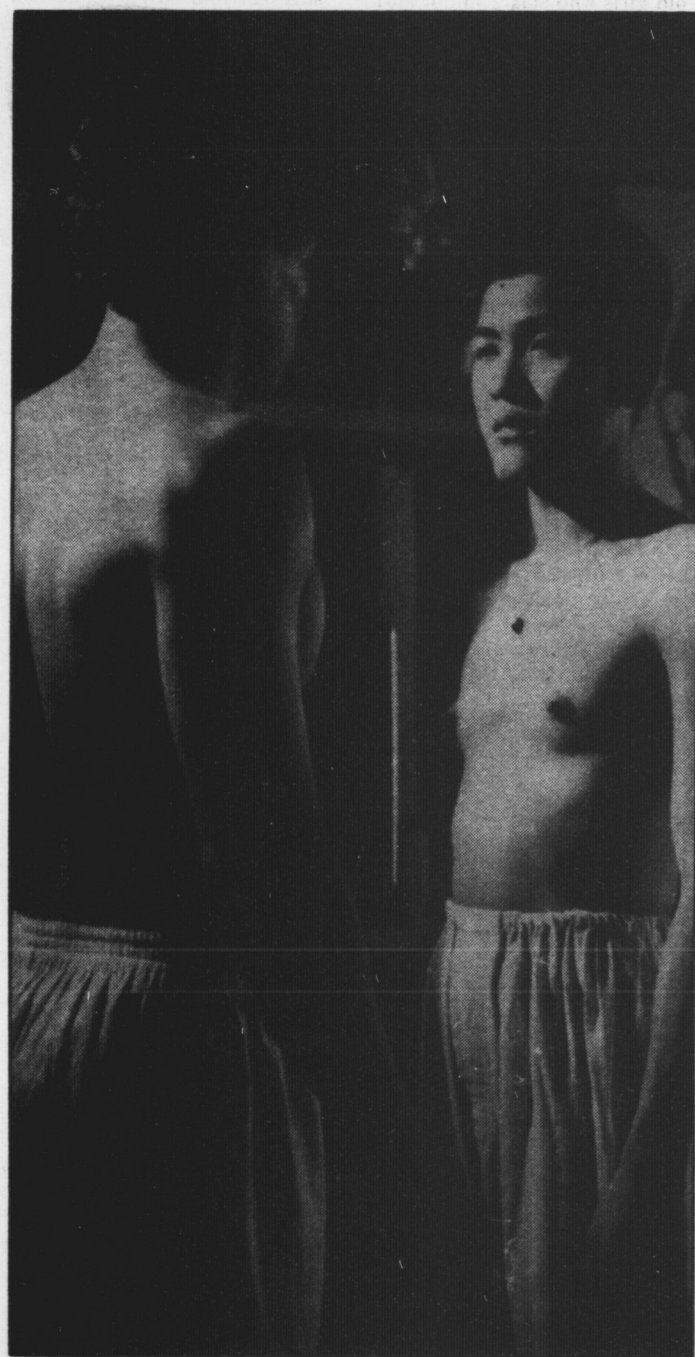
The opening-night feature, Pedro Almodovar's *Dark Habits* (6/17, 7:30 p.m.), was made in 1983, before *Law of Desire* and his other films that have had

about sex. Hardcore Catholics may be shocked at the sight of a nun shooting up, but otherwise *Dark Habits* looks pretty tame in a city where we've almost forgotten that nuns are supposed to be women.

At least two of this year's Festival offerings could be dangerous in the wrong hands. While *The Wings* is subtle about a middle-aged man's attraction to a youth (unless the translated titles reveal more than the visuals), Michael Thornhill's *The Everlasting Secret Family* (6/22, 7 p.m.), a new film from Australia, makes no bones about it. It's Anita Bryant's worst "recruitment" nightmare come true, as a senator (Arthur Dignam) arranges for a schoolboy (Mark Lee) to become his lover; and it gets worse from there. You won't be able to tear your eyes away, but if Lyndon LaRouche had had a copy to show at fundraisers he might have gotten Prop. 69 passed.

Another kind of threat is posed by *The Ice Palace* (6/21, 7 p.m.), a beautifully filmed con-

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Bin Bunluerit and Somying Daoria in Pisan Akaraserani's *Anguished Love*.

Ron Peck's 'Empire State' of Mind

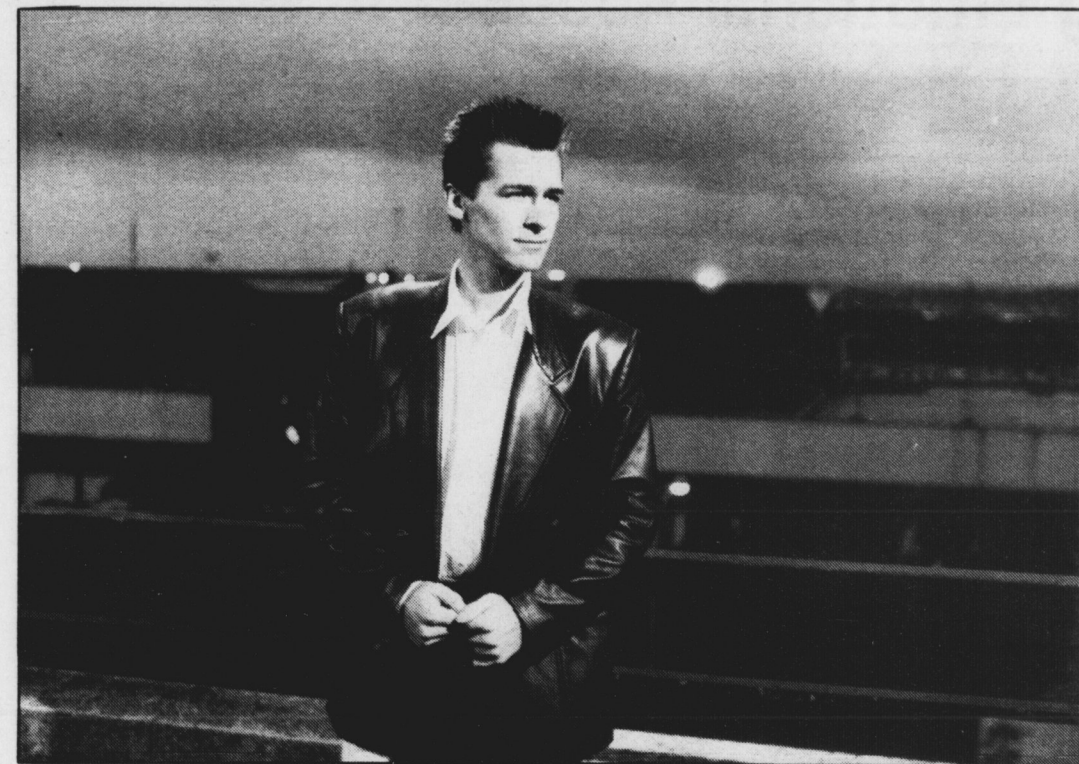
by Steve Warren

It's been nearly ten years between feature films for Ron Peck, who co-directed *Nighthawks* with Paul Hallam in 1978. The story of a gay schoolteacher, it concentrated on his nightly pub-crawling in search of one-night stands.

"It came across as more serious, sober, heavy than it was meant to be," Peck said in his London studio. "It was meant to be more about his meeting a variety of people."

Taxi Zum Klo sounds like the film he wanted to make, and Ron says *Taxi* maker Frank Ripploh told him when they met "that he'd remade *Nighthawks* to show another side."

Peck wasn't idle between *Nighthawks* and his latest, *Empire State*, which opened in London a year ago and is being shown in this year's San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (SFILGFF) this Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Castro Theatre. His only other completed projects have been a documentary, *Edward Hopper*, about the American artist, for British television, and the award-winning short, *What Can I Do With a Male Nude?* (SFILGFF 1986), a spoof of censorship.



Ron Peck's *Empire State*.

At one time, desperate for money, he worked as English assistant director and research assistant on *The Bostonians*, having begged James Ivory for work after hearing Ivory "had queued up several days running for *Nighthawks*."

Much of the intervening time has been spent on what Peck calls "the American project," which he still hopes to make one day. He describes it as a thriller about "a gay Englishman footloose in gay America, but he's under surveillance all the time." This film

would succeed where *Nighthawks* failed in showing the odd assortment of characters the gay man comes in contact with. "It doesn't make sense to the surveillance team that he's meeting a businessman one minute and a restaurant worker the next."

The project, Peck says, would have been "enormously expensive to make. I was crazy to attempt it without having done more middle-range stuff." Still, the financing almost came through at one point—with a big string attached: "I was told specifically it would be made if I changed the relationship from two men to a man and a woman."

And that was in England, where financing for gay projects has been relatively easy to come by—at least before last month, when Clause 28, prohibiting public funds for "the promotion of homosexuality," took effect. "I'm told by a number of people," Peck says, "that in the States a gay project is no go. Financing from here [in Britain] is more likely."

Ron made his first visit to San Francisco in 1978, when the only people he knew here were gay filmmakers Peter Adair and Robert Epstein, who had been involved in *Word Is Out*. He got caught up in the excitement of the "No on 6" campaign and extended his visit by three days to witness the results. When the notorious Briggs Amendment went down in

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SFILGFF

(Continued from previous page) temporary fairy tale by Norway's Per Blom. Only a dirty old man like me could see it as lebo kid-porn tease, just because the camera practically salivates over the naked bodies of the 11-year-old girls who star. I'm not anti-pornography, but I couldn't help thinking what could happen to the daughters, nieces, neighbors, etc. of even slightly unbalanced heterosexual men who see it.

Another *Way* (6/20, 7 p.m.) is a more overtly lesbian drama by Hungary's Karoly Makk, as concerned with politics as sex (although the sexual aspects are easier to understand, at least for non-Hungarians). A less-than-happily married woman discovers "another way" through a lesbian co-worker; but since it's set in the '50s the dyke has to die in the end.

There's also death at the end of both Thai melodramas, *The Last Song* (6/20, 9 p.m.) and its sequel, *Anguished Love* (6/24, 9:30 p.m.). These are set in the ultra-effeminate world of drag queens, and there's only one man in sight whose feet ever touch the ground; but when he comes out near the end of the second film he proves able to camp and swish with the best of them. Do you think they really paid for performance rights to Michael Jackson's "Thriller"? He needs the money, you know.

And that's not half the story. Andrea Weiss, who told us about lesbian vampires last year, will be back with a new presentation, "A Queer Feeling When I Look at You" (6/24, 7 p.m.), about the "strong" female characters of some films of the '30s. Lusty lesbians will be fighting campy queens over tickets to this one. Weiss will also be on hand the night before (6/23, 9 p.m.) with director Greta Schiller for an encore showing of their delightful *International Sweethearts of Rhythm* and the premiere of its sequel, *Tiny and Ruby: Hell Divin' Women*, which focuses on two female musicians of the '30s

and '40s who happened to be lovers.

West German director Monika Treut (*Seduction: The Cruel Woman*) will present a sneak preview of her latest, *The Virgin Machine* (6/25, 9:30 p.m.), much of which was filmed here. They won't let me in to watch this one, so it'll be your turn to tell me how it is.

I already know about Juliet Bashore's locally made *Kamikaze Hearts* (6/29, 5 p.m.). The less said about this look at lesbian junkies in the porno industry, the better.

The 1958 version of *Mädchen in Uniform* (6/17, 10 p.m.), is less celebrated than its 1931 predecessor, but should be of interest for its stars, Lilli Palmer as the teacher and Romy Schneider as the girl with a crush on her.

Something newer and wilder from Germany is Ulrike Ottinger's *Dorian Gray in the Mirror of the Popular Press* (6/22, 9 p.m.), a satire on journalism with actress Veruschka von Lehn-dorff as the young man turned into an instant celebrity by unscrupulous publisher Delphine Seyrig. The colorful two-and-one-half hour epic has its Fellini-esque moments in its parade of German performance artists.

Midi Onodera created a stir at the 1986 Festival when her omnisequal *Ten Cents a Dance (Parallax)* was included in a program of lesbian shorts. This time it's being shown (6/19, 3 p.m.) with a newer film, *The Displaced View*, in which Onodera explores her Japanese roots in a visit to her grandmother.

There are other features, some of which sound interesting, about

which we know nothing more than you'll find in the Festival program. There are also several programs of short films; and judging from past experience, these will be among the most interesting and least attended of all

the Festival offerings. By far the best of all the works I've previewed is *Alfalfa*, Richard Kwietniowski's six-minute gay alphabet. It's clever, witty, well made, and keeps some of our secrets while pretending to tell

all. It's showing with *Dark Habits* and *The Last of England*, besides leading off a package of British shorts (6/18, noon).

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A scene from *The Last of England*.

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Awakening Emotional Recall

by Steve Warren

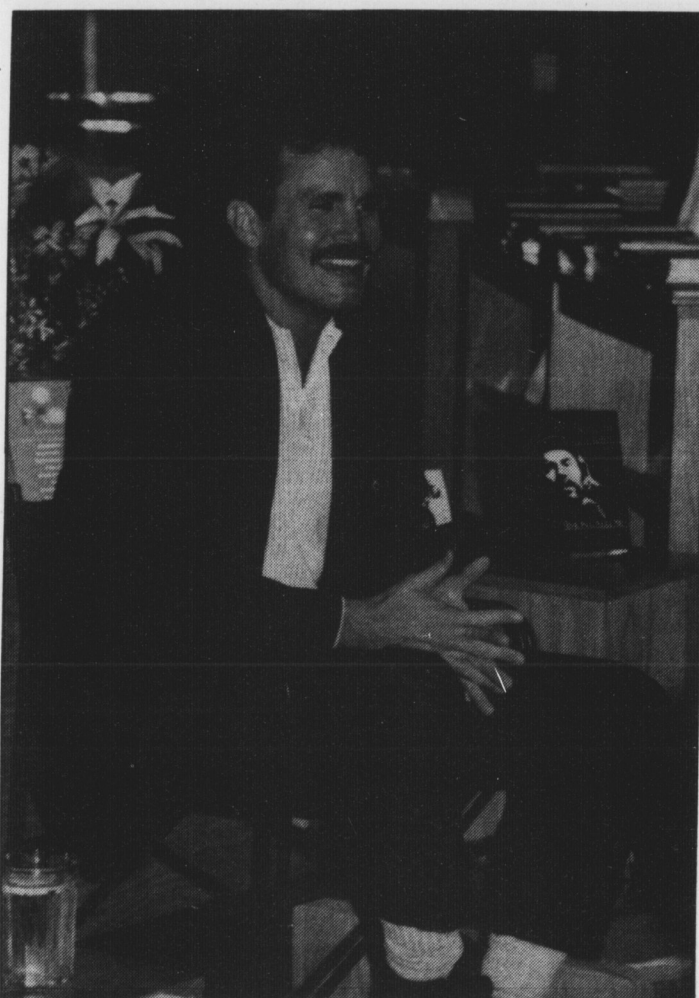
Only two things can compress 38 years into an hour—special effects or an actor. Michael Kearns is both.

He's also a gay man who bares his soul in an autobiographical display other gay men can relate to, at least in part. Those of us who have never been addicted to alcohol, drugs, and/or sex wouldn't fill the Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, where Kearns tells how he was addicted to all of the above in *The Truth Is Bad Enough*.

The subject matter suggests something preachy, a personal testimony from a 12 Step meeting; but Kearns is an entertainer first and foremost. If you get a message from his presentation, fine; but you're assured of getting a solid hour of theater.

Whether every word is true or not is beside the point. I mean, who can trust a man who built a career—and later a lifestyle—on posing as the "Happy Hustler"? If any elements aren't true for Kearns, they are for many of us. (He got \$5 for his first trick at the Y; I got a Chinese dinner. He conducted "secret rituals" with his best boyhood friend in his basement; for me, it was my friend's bedroom.)

The story begins 38 years ago with Kearns' birth in St. Louis and ends a few weeks ago with his testimony to the Presidential AIDS Commission about the toll the disease is taking on the arts.



Michael Kearns at A Different Light.

(Photo: Rink)

He wisely relates most of the story as himself—the emotional range makes it a tour de force. When he impersonates other characters from his life, they

come across as stereotypes—his family, for instance: father, mother, and brother; or, respectively, nut, slut, and juvenile delinquent.

Kearns became committed to an acting career at an early age, and some of his stories could be outtakes from *A Chorus Line*. The first man he spent the night with, at the age of 16, later ended the affair by moving to New York and sending Michael a letter. "He signed it, 'Fondly.' I have always since considered 'fondly' an avoidance to commit to love."

He moved to Chicago to study and met his lover, Thom, who would eventually write *The Happy Hustler* after they moved again—to Hollywood—and would ask Michael to pose for the cover, then to go on talk shows to pretend to be the subject of the fictional book. What the hell—CBS had killed off the character he played on *The Waltons*, and, besides, "Hollywood will know it's not the truth." (Sure, they don't believe anything until they see it in a movie.)

After playing the Happy Hustler, Kearns became the Happy

Hustler. Maybe he wasn't happy, but he was too fucked up to know it. He cleaned up his act in 1982, even before it became fashionable and practical to do so.

At this point, the show, like life, turns into grand opera, with most of the characters dying before the final curtain. Kearns doesn't go into all the AIDS benefits he's arranged and performed, but does show how he cared for an almost-lover and his AA sponsor, who died within a week of each other.

Michael Kearns speaks of sense memory and emotional recall as techniques actors use. Anyone watching *The Truth Is Bad Enough* can be an actor, because his story awakens sense memory and emotional recall in all of us.

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Dazzle and Daze

by David Perry

The Theatre X production of *A History of Sexuality*, currently at Life on the Water, may not help you understand the work of French philosopher Michel Foucault, around whose writings it revolves. However, it will leave you dazzled, dazed, and anxious to read him yourself.

At machine-gun pace, *Sexuality* rapes one of pretty inhibitions and leaves the audience naked before it. As theater, it is a visual assault of image, language, and sound, the likes of which continue to redefine our attitudes of stagecraft. Quite simply, you will do yourself a disservice by not experiencing it.

It has been said that we invented God, but Foucault didn't say it. He says we invented sex. Whereas the first grants us "power" over our divine salvation, the second grants us power over each other. One is, by its very nature, ethereal; the other, all too tangible.

With the onset of Christianity, things got more confused still. Using a three-century approach, Theatre X takes us on a tour—sexually speaking—of just how perverted we have made what used to be just good clean/dirty fun. Like a sexual constitution, the work calls for the separation of sex and just about everything else.

First we are treated to the depravities of a blasphemous Marquis de Sade just before he is swept away by the French Revolution. Next we play voyeur to a video rendering of Sigmund Freud tampering with a Victorian dream. And in the third tableau we witness a type-A group of underwear-clad marketing execs feverishly working on a PBS special called *Sex and Power in the 20th Century*. Although it isn't always apparent as we watch it, there is a thread that connects the original S&M master to the present-day boardroom.

The common element in each vignette is the video monitor, the quintessential vehicle for our concepts of every human experience—war, famine, plague, sex. The Marquis de Sade reads off of one. Sigmund Freud plays a

detective on one. The exposed limbs of our TV geniuses cavort around one like maenads around a Dionysian orgy. By the end of the board meeting, they are exhausted—having seemingly explored every sexual concept, every cliché, every orgasmic image. They even light up cigarettes.

Theatre X is well known throughout the country, and indeed the world as one of the preeminent experimental theater ensembles. As performers, they amaze us with their versatility and energy. As creators, they invigorate us with their insight.

Like everything they do, *A History of Sexuality* is a collaborative process. The piece was written by four members of the group (John Schneider, Julia Romanski, David Schweizer, and John Kishline) and developed for the stage by the entire ensemble. Schweizer serves as director.

Theatre X member John Schneider first brought the writings of Foucault to the group's attention and, as such, attacks the writer's theories with the greatest verve. At the end of the piece, it is Schneider who sits stage center and delivers a Foucaultian monologue in a hypnotic monotone. After 2½ hours of nonstop frenetics, we are reduced to the simplest of conventions—an actor, a platform, and a passion.

Michel Foucault died at age 57 of AIDS. *A History of Sexuality* is as proper a tribute to his life as any. In a world grasping for new sexual avenues, it makes a death from AIDS appear as a political act. *A History of Sexuality* is sometimes shocking. However, rather than fear, it calls for a continuation of exploration. In that, it is absolutely in the spirit of Michel Foucault.

A History of Sexuality
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Bette Puts Lily Out of Business

by Steve Warren

Big Business is another treat for fans of Bette Midler, the queen of Touchstone Pictures, but a let-down for fans of Lily Tomlin, who spends most of the film in Bette's wake. Since most of us adore both women, we are left with severe schizophrenia.

Bette and Lily play two sets of identical twins who were mixed up at birth in a hospital in Jupiter Hollow, a one-plant town where, we aren't say how many years later, that plant is in danger of being shut down, as the conglomerate that owns it plans to sell out to an Italian firm.

One Bette is Sadie, the ruthless person who heads that conglomerate (told that lab rats are having a bad reaction in drug tests, she snaps, "Get tougher rats!"), with one Lily, "a sniveling, hysterical, pre-periodic twit," as her sister describes her, wimpily following along. Lovers Edward Herrman and Daniel Gerroll are the office sycophants.

Back in Jupiter Hollow, the other twins are preparing to protest the sale of the plant. Here Lily takes the lead, planning to "raise some hell and kick some snooty New York ass," while Bette agrees to go along in hopes the city will agree with her more than country life has.

The script by Dori Pierson and Marc Rubel sets everything up precisely, and so much setup is required there's hardly time for laughs. Each woman has at least one man in her life, and they all wind up in New York's Plaza Hotel the day before the stockholders' meeting. While the pairs of sisters stay in adjacent suites, their duality goes unnoticed as long as possible.

Fred Ward, who makes a hunky and terrific straight man, gives the wrong Lily an engage-



Bette Midler and Lily Tomlin play two sets of twins in *Big Business*.

ment ring with a golf ball the size of a diamond—you read that right. Michel Placido, the older man in the gay classic *Ernesto*, who makes his American debut with a fair bid to become Hollywood's new Latin lover, romances one Bette, while her ex-husband, Barry Primus, falls in love with her all over again in the person of her twin.

Bette has all the lines and all the gags. It's probably worth the price of admission to see her milk a cow, yodel, and learn how to get a cab in New York. She also does a variation of Harpo Marx' old mirror routine in the film's funniest moment, as the confusion begins to unravel. "My God!" she screams at her other self, "it's me with a bad haircut!"

Lily, on the other hand, doesn't begin to hold her own, not even as well as Shelley Long did in *Outrageous Fortune*. Midler is obviously not a generous actress, and Tomlin appears unwilling to fight for the spotlight. It's sur-

prising, though, as well as she differentiates between characters in her one-woman stage show, that her two Roses are so much alike. On stage she plays subtle differences big, but on screen she minimizes larger ones.

The Herrmann-Gerroll pairing works well, rousing our suspicions gradually and finally confirming them in an amusing but not deprecating way. Some show of affection between them would have been a nice bonus, but, at least, when Fred Ward naively exposes them, it's he who's the odd man out. Also of gay interest is a cameo by Everett Quinton, of the Ridiculous Theatrical Company, as a window dresser.

My hopes were too high for *Big Business*. It isn't a big disappointment, but it could have been Liliere—if not Better.

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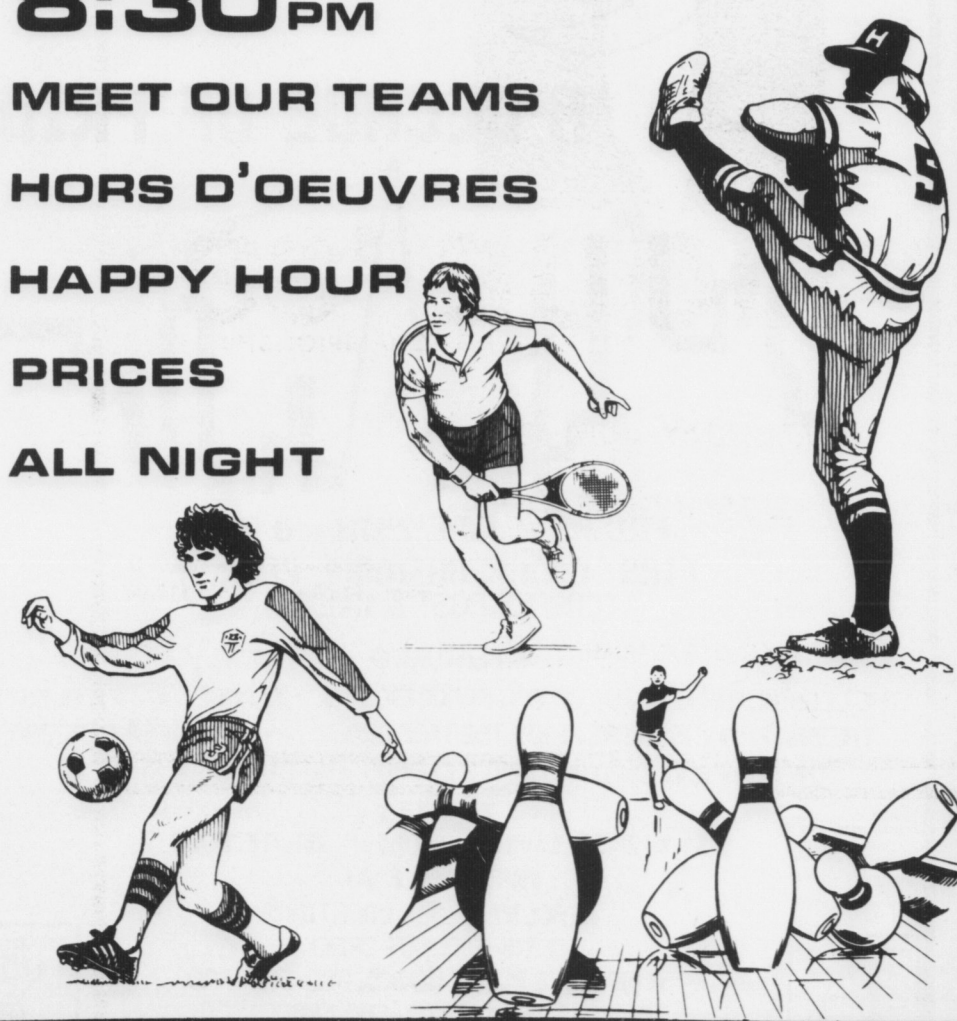
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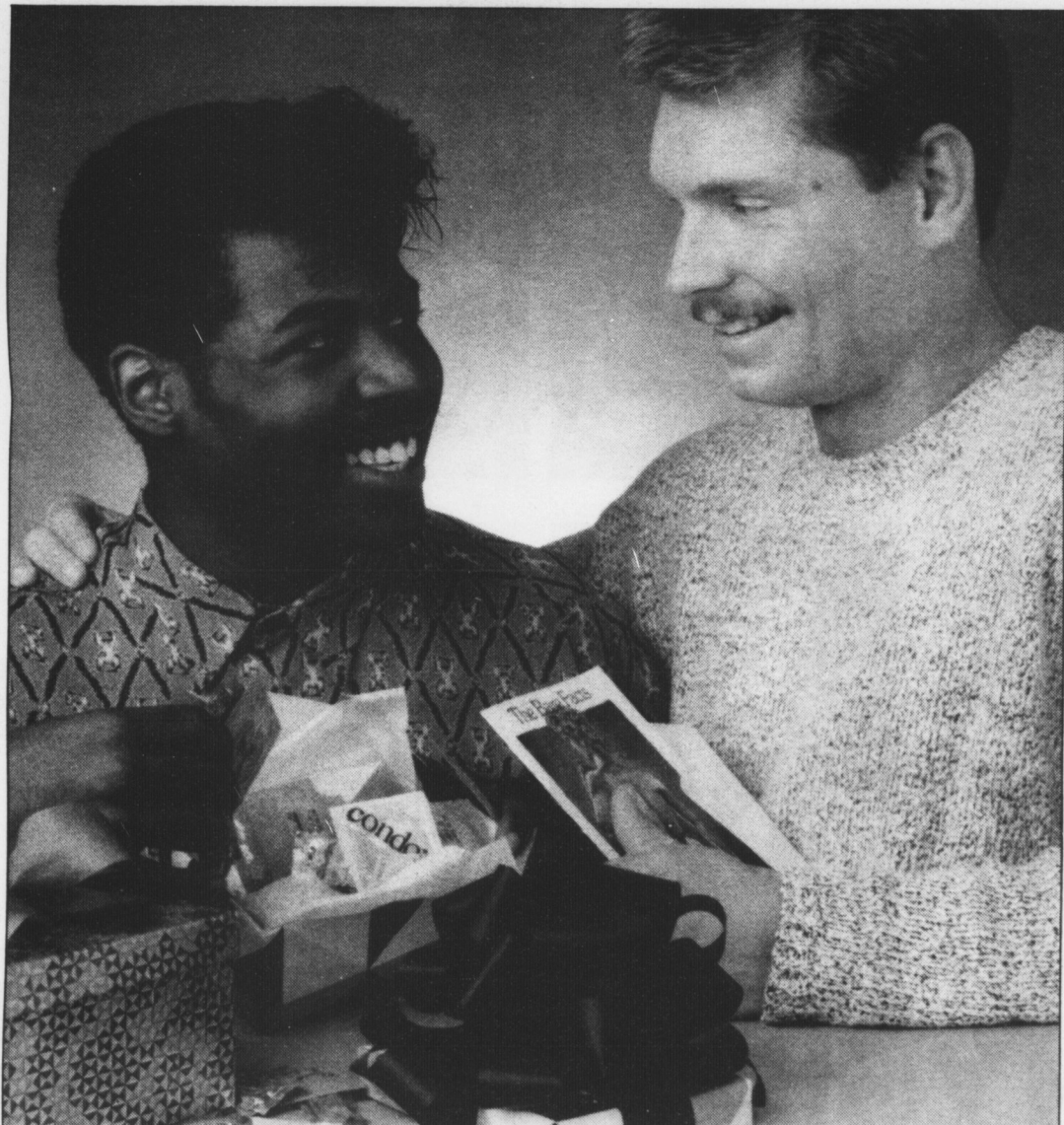
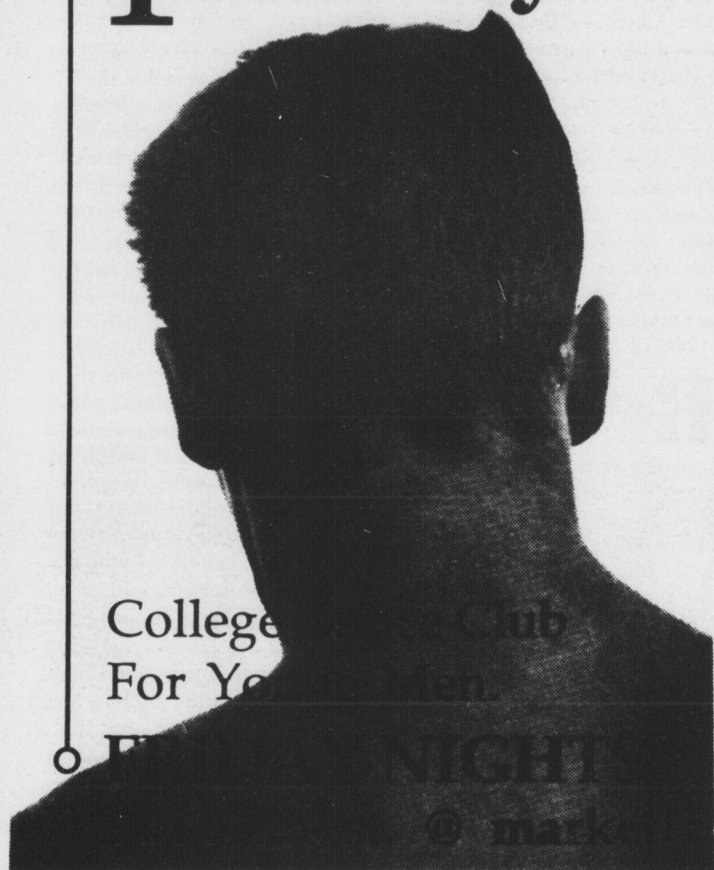
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Taking Title

Ever since 1983, when Lotfi Mansouri introduced Surtitles to the North American opera scene during the Canadian Opera Company's production of Richard Strauss' *Elektra*, the battle has raged on about just how much audiences benefit from the use of these projected, English-language translations. Most of the arguments against Surtitles (including James Levine's fatuous "over my dead body" approach to the subject) seem rather silly when one considers that, five years after their debut in Toronto, Surtitles have established a solid foothold in opera houses throughout North America, Israel, Great Britain, Australia, and many cities in Europe.

"We took surveys here at City Opera and listened very carefully to what our public was telling us," notes Beverly Sills, who introduced Surtitles to Lincoln Center. "When some man writes in, saying that he usually bought four seats, but, because of how



Tiny Tracy Dahl's spunky Zerbinetta was the highlight of the Canadian Opera Company's new production of *Ariadne auf Naxos*.

much he enjoys Surtitles, he has purchased 27 tickets to performances by the New York City Opera this season, you can rest assured that that man is going to get Surtitles up the wazoo! And when you receive a 37 percent overall increase in attendance, try multiplying that by the amount of money every percentage point means, and you'll understand why the New York City Opera is debt-free for the first time in its history."

Although some operatic stalwarts insist that these titles distract audiences from the singers, my own feeling is that, during many a stagnant moment and shoddy performance, they provide a welcome relief from what is happening onstage. Still others claim that Surtitles have led to sloppy diction on the part of many singers and lazy audiences who don't want to do their homework (as if today's operagoers had enough time in their lives for such careful study). Some go so far as to predict that Surtitles will bring about the fall of operatic civilization as we know it!

ENTERTAINMENT VALUE

They're absolutely full of shit. The tiny percentage of purists who claim that Surtitles undermine the appreciation of delicate nuances in character and music are severely outnumbered by the bulk of the audience (including many music critics), who have now embraced the concept that the aural, intellectual, and visual elements of any performance can and should be appreciated simultaneously. When that pervasively wonderful phenomenon occurs, average operagoers receive a much stronger return on their entertainment dollar and, with ticket prices being what they are, I think they're damned well entitled to it!

As a result, in cities ranging from Toronto to Tulsa and from Detroit to Denver, audiences are learning that opera can be an interactive theatrical experience. Those who attended Wagner's *Ring* in Seattle and San Francisco enjoyed astonishing levels of dramatic comprehension and theatrical cohesiveness in an otherwise convoluted and befuddling 18 hours of Norse mythology. In Los Angeles, the audience for *Tristan und Isolde* (which might otherwise have fled the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion during the first intermission of Wag-

ner's lengthy opera) remained in its seats for five solid hours. Thanks to Surtitles, Houston Grand Opera's production of *Così fan tutte* was transformed into an electrically charged piece of sexual comedy; even Bellini's *Norma* made sense to audiences in Texas.

If I continue to attack the Metropolitan Opera for its refusal to embrace Surtitles, it's because Met audiences (who pay increasingly steep prices for their tickets) are routinely being cheated out of a decent operatic experience by James Levine's pompous artistic policy (a point which was made blazingly clear earlier this spring).

LESS THAN THE BEST

On Saturday, March 12, the Met's production of *Ariadne auf Naxos* was televised live to Europe and the Soviet Union (viewers in the United States, Japan, Poland, Greece, Czechoslovakia, and the Netherlands watched a delayed telecast). The first time a cultural event had ever been broadcast live from the U.S.A. to the U.S.S.R. (where Soviet television officials estimated 180 million viewers), the Russian audience—when combined with viewers in Italy, West Germany, Great Britain, and Austria—helped comprise the largest audience ever assembled for opera.

Friends who watched the telecast in the United States raved about the production and how easy it was to understand the stage action (thanks to the titles on their TV screens), but, had they been seated in the Metropolitan Opera House, I fear their reactions might have been much less enthusiastic. Despite the presence of an all-star cast and James Levine's superb work in the pit, the audience at the performance of *Ariadne auf Naxos* I attended spent most of its evening in the dark. Regardless of some fine singing from Jessye Norman, Kathleen Battle, James King, and Tatiana Troyanos, that audience could not have followed Hugo von Hofmannsthal's libretto to save its life.

The irony is that, of all the operas which qualify as brilliant pieces of musical theater, *Ariadne auf Naxos* (with its constant asides, backstage chatter, and theatrical in-jokes) demands to be understood by its audience. What the Met delivered instead

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was some very respectable singing in a production that was as dramatically dull as dishwater. I'm sure I'm not the only member of its audience who felt cheated.

A TIP FROM TORONTO

Several weeks later, when I attended the opening night of the Canadian Opera Company's new

Peck

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flames, Peck says, "That night was the first and only time I've danced in the streets."

Empire State was "meant to be a picture of London as it is now," its director relates. It's not a gay film *per se*, although it's been criticized as such by some tight-assed English critics, but has "various currents running through it, some of them gay."

Working with writer and executive producer Mark Ayres, with whom he is partnered in Team Pictures, Peck "tried to include several lifestyles, including people who are gay and some who are possibly gay." In the latter category is filthy rich American businessman Martin Landau, who phones his wife in the U.S. between bouts with London hustler Lee Drysdale.

"It's quite a violent film. The feel of the film is violent," Peck warns. He and Ayres feel this violence is on the verge of erupting in England at the first sign that the current economic boom is ending. The *Empire State* of the title is an ultra-trendy East End nightclub that makes Heaven look like hell. There, plots involving crime, politics, finance, boxing, and of course sex come together in a bloody climax.

Conservatives have lumped Peck together with Derek Jarman, whose *The Last of England* is also in this year's festival. First it was because they made gay films which were being shown on television, and now because they're daring to suggest a downside to Mrs. Thatcher's utopia. Their work has been blasted in Parliament and on the front of the Sunday Times, giving them a notoriety Jarman, as is his wont, has capitalized on more than Peck.

Ayres has just completed a script commissioned by Britain's Channel 4, which Peck will direct next summer—in America, if the budget allows it. It's a two-character drama about Montgomery Clift and a middle-aged woman who was a fan of his. It won't shy away from Clift's homosexuality, being "about his life, the old Hollywood, and people's obsession with film stars."

Although his next scheduled project—if Clause 28 doesn't squelch it—is a short, gay film for Channel 4, Peck wants to do stories with more general themes, including a science fiction opus he's discussing with James Mackay, producer of *The Last of England*. He'd also like to do more experimentation with super-8, a trend Jarman started.

But Britain's gays are being oppressed again by the church and the government, and that brings out Peck's militancy. "When times start getting tough again," he says, "I want to do something more specifically gay."

Times are certainly tough for gays in Britain, so perhaps Peck will have another film in next year's festival.

production of *Ariadne auf Naxos* (with sets and costumes handsomely designed by Wolfram and Amrei Skalicki), it was hard to believe I was witnessing a performance of the same opera I had seen at the Met. If one were to compare the two productions for musicianship, audience appeal, and theatrical validity, the Met's *Ariadne* (despite its appeal to operatic starfuckers) would end up eating Toronto's dust. And with good reason.

But thanks to COC's Surtitles, the energy which the audience was able to send back across the

footlights (through its enthusiastic responses to each and every one of the opera's musical turns and dramatic twists) sparked the cast to achieve a new and enhanced level of performance communication. Indeed, the audience's reaction was so intensely on the mark that one would have thought the performance was a sharply honed production of a hit Broadway musical.

Soprano Elizabeth Connell was a regal Ariadne; tenor William Johns a steadfast Bacchus. Mezzo-soprano Judith Forst offered as impassioned a portrayal

of the Composer as one could ever hope to witness, while conductor Christian Badea maintained a tight balance between his instrumentalists and the tightly woven ensemble moving about the stage under Lotfi Mansouri's astute direction.

The major hit of the evening was soprano Tracy Dahl's first Zerbinetta—a phenomenal artistic triumph for this tiny young singer, who last season stole the San Francisco Opera's production of Offenbach's *Tales of Hoffmann* right out from under Plácido Domingo's feet. Dahl's

Zerbinetta was a naughty baby doll whose spicy cascades of coloratura never got in the way of a brilliant theatrical characterization; one of those landmark performances that will not only be treasured for years to come, but could easily make a major talent like Kathleen Battle look like a tired old has-been.

If Bruce Crawford and James Levine can stop playing ostrich long enough to take their heads out of the sand and face reality, there's a lesson to be learned here. Or am I dreaming the impossible dream?

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Jim Kahl Is Mr. Northern California Drummer

There were only three contestants this year for the Mr. Northern California Drummer contest at the SF-Eagle last Friday night, June 10. Gold's Gym maestro, Dick Ferris, proved he can be just as good with leathersmen as he can be with bodybuilders as the MC for this event.

The contestants were obliged to pay a \$25 entry fee and of the three, only one (Robert Ratliff) even bothered to display a fantasy. Bear in mind that the chief difference between the Drummer title and the Intl. Mr. Leather title is that the contestants must enact a fantasy with Drummer (even with good looks!).

Since I, Mr. Marcus, was chained to my bed in Ward 1-A at the Fort Miley V.A. Hospital that night, I have drained the brains of at least a dozen people who where there (all with different versions of the proceedings, of course), so if anyone has any disputes about this coverage, turn it over to Mike Hippler next year because he seems to have the knack to really knock anyone's efforts if it involves leather.

I can only tell you that tall, blond, and handsomely hung Jim Kahl will bear the banner of Mr. Northern California Drummer in the finals coming in December. Needless to say, the affair was on a Friday night, so a big crowd wasn't there until late.

The first runner-up was Robert Ratliff, formerly manager of Mister S Products and now on his own and making some fabulous leathers for the men around here and all over the U.S.

Since Robert Pruzan seems content to rest on his laurels as Photographer of the Year, (Cable Car Awards '86/'87) the photos of the contestants are brought to you by Scott Martin, also the official photographer for the AIDS Emergency Fund.

The night before, Danny



Jim Kahl, winner of the Mr. Northern California Drummer contest. (Photo: S. Martin)

Williams undertook to MC the Bare Chest Contest at the SF-Eagle, and from all reports, one of the contestants would have won if he hadn't had so much attitude. After all, if you're going to jump in the fray, go all the way!

Sunday, June 12, they pulled out all the stops for the Vegas Night party at Julie's Supper Club, a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund. For a paltry \$19.58 producer Mark Kliem furnished a flawless evening with casino games, door prizes, and a fabulous floor show. Although black tie was optional, there were

a few sprinkled among the crowd, and bravo to Mr. Kliem for his efforts as well as to everyone involved. Yep, we sure like success!

By now, you all know that La Kish Hayworth, formerly a resident of this town, has ascended to the thrown of the Empress of Sacramento. Drag queen or no, La Kish always knew that the hunting was good South of Market, and she has not forgotten her leather daddies and boys here at home. Which leads me to tell you that as part of her fundraising efforts during the next 12 months, La Kish and her court will hold



Ireen entertained the contestants for Mr. Northern California Drummer. (Photo: S. Martin)



Vegas Night at Julie's Supper Club was a huge success for the AIDS Emergency Fund. (Photo: S. Martin)

a Mr. Leather of Sacramento contest there. Hopefully that winner will make a better impression than the one two years ago, who was mercilessly lambasted on-stage at IML by the MC. Stay tuned for the details because if you don't score here with a ticket to Chicago, you can always go to Sacramento and try for it!

China Basin Way, and the action starts at 1600 hours (that's 4 p.m. to non-military dykes and queens). Hunter Davis will be there on the 26th with contemporary country rock. There's a cover for all this, but you can call 495-3099 if you must worry about it in advance.

Sunday also, at the SF-Eagle,

it's the 5th Annual Father's Day Godfather Fund Beer Bust (what a title!) beginning at 1500 and guzzling draft beer until 1800 for only \$8.

It is put on by the efforts of Tony Trevizo and Leather Daddy Zach Long. They've promised a "sultry meal" according to the

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This weekend also is the SF GDI's weekend run entitled Jail House Rock from June 17 through 19. The price after June 1 is \$85 and that includes a 71-hour bar, show, campsite, biking, non-biking events, and the ever-popular Ms. GDI Contest. If you're going, you better hurry. See Jim Leuer, or any GDI, but don't hesitate!

Saturday, June 18, the Pilsner Inn's softball team is having a shindig to raise money so they can send their softball team to play for the Canada Cup in Toronto (and to get some of that French Canadian Bacon, I'll bet), so they're offering a "kegger" (how very San Diego, Joe) which means draft beer in San Francisco-ese, entertainment, games of chance, 50/50 raffle, food, and (are you ready, Nancy?) an ASTROLOGER! New and used lovers will be available (Hi Russ Godwin) and of course, lots of indisputable gossip. Sounds real penguin-y if you ask me. Be there or Jerry Pepper will shave your whole body! Oops, I forgot to mention that they'll be auctioning off the team players' jock straps—dirty. That should get John Janesco right up in the front row!

On Sunday, On Site productions (that's my honey Loren Hewitt) presents The Sundogs performing "Swamp Beat" at Olive Oil's Bar and Grill. Where's Olive Oil's, you ask? Anyone can tell you it's at 295

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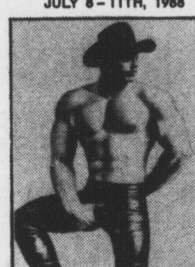
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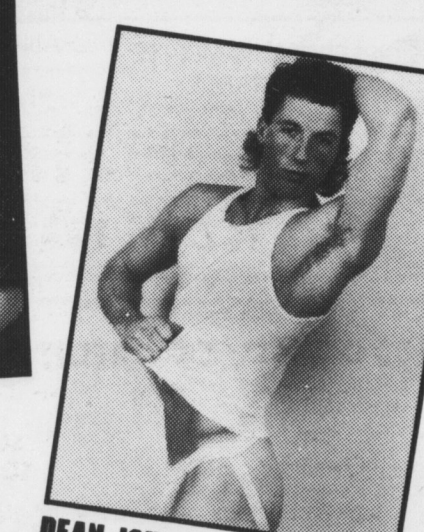
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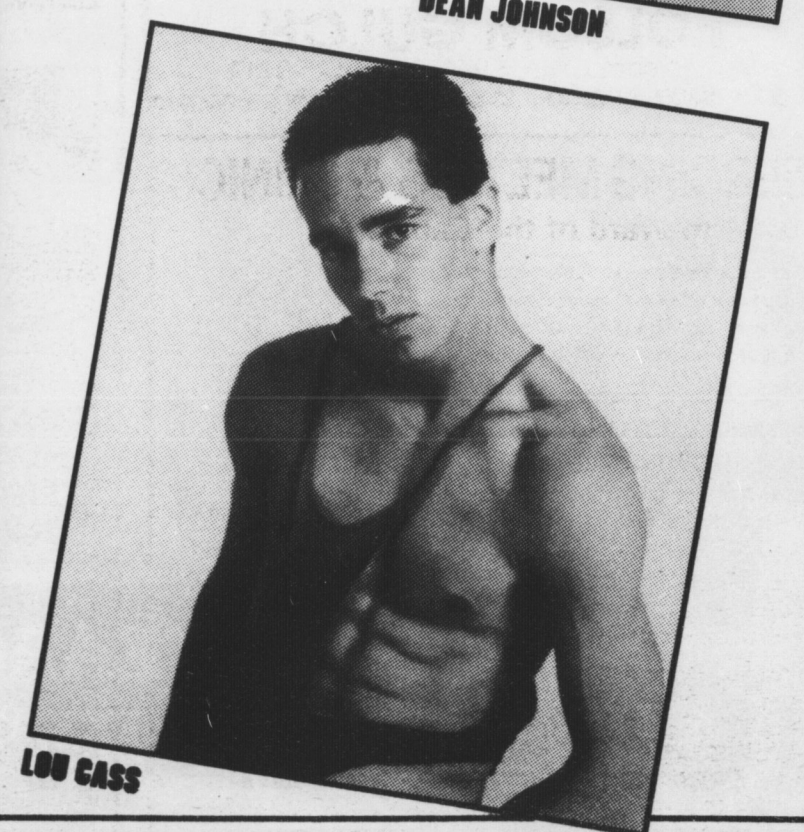
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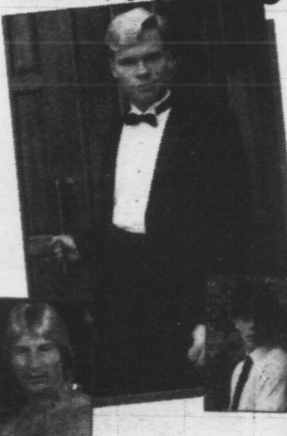
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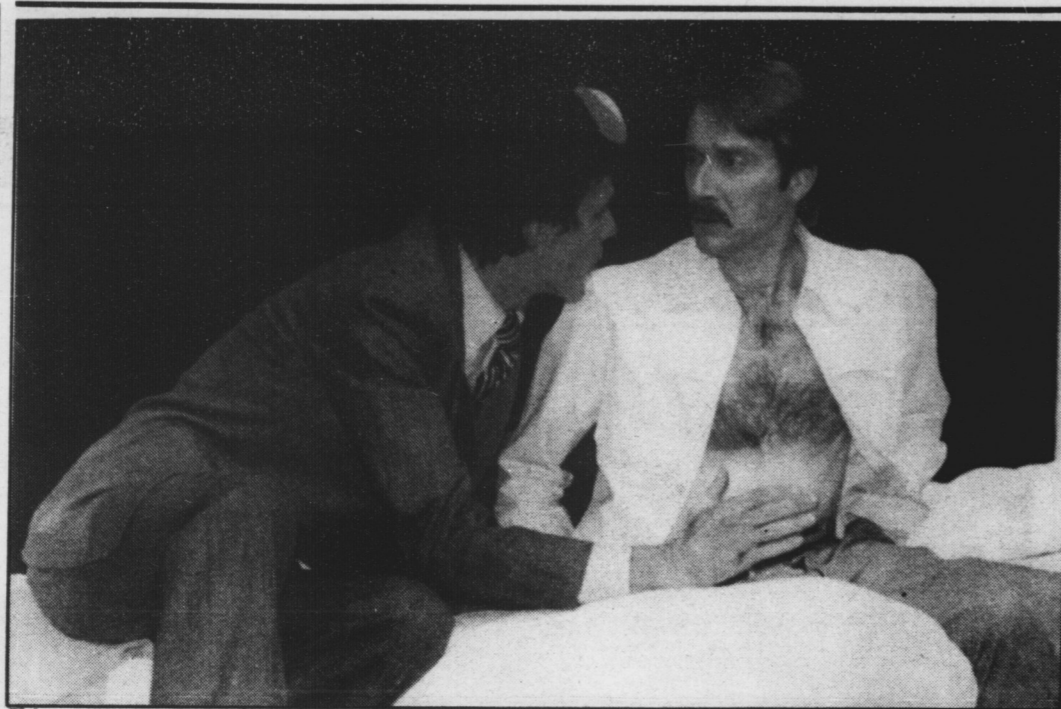


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A Night at the Blue Moon, a pre-AIDS play, will be presented on KQED Radio Playhouse June 18 at 11:30 p.m. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

Marcus

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flyers and there'll be entertainment. All the proceeds go both to the GF Fund and the AIDS Emergency Fund. Be there or get dishd to filth forever! Auctioning chores will be performed by Bob Ross and several others. If it all works out correctly, they should surpass their previous efforts, so jump on the duke and the daddy and make it a success.

Tuesday night at South of Market's most exotic restaurant, The Half Shell, Mr. Alan Selby will be honored by all of you who appreciate his efforts in raising money for the AIDS Emergency Fund over the past several years. The \$25 ducats will get you a great meal, in four courses mind you, and is worthy of your attendance, so be sure you reserve a spot now. It all begins at 1830 hours, so I'll see all your happy faces there, will I not? Call 661-8290 and don't be left out. All the leather daddies and the

leather daddy's boys will be there and we're trying to locate the Mr. South of Market winners—they were, after all, Alan Selby's chief moneymakers for the A.E.F.

Tom Ammiano, one of our best comedians, has been traipsing all around the U.S. doing his shtick for the queens in the provinces, but returns here on Sat., June 25, at the Victoria Theatre (home of *Men Behind Bars*) with Suzy Berger, Karen Ripley, Laurie Bushman, Doug Holsclaw, Kelly Kittell, and Jeanine Strobel in an extravaganza of comedy called "Can't Keep A Straight Face" at 2000 hours. It's only \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door, and tickets are available at all Headlines. Don't miss this one, boys and girls!

Next weekend the COITS are celebrating their 25th anniversary with lots of goings-on which I'll tell you all about next week. Lots of new horny videos out, but since I've been incarcerated at the VA Hosp, haven't reviewed them yet, but will do so very soon.

They frown on porno movies in the wards at Fort Miley, especially in Ward 1-A.

WHEN DISH TURNS TO MORE DISH, RUN

When Richard Locke read that I reported his marriage to a woman last week, he sent me a message via Zach Long and Gary Kenyon to the effect: "I finally succumbed to a person with floppy pees, but I'm happy"—love that Mr. Locke!

The Arcadia Bodybuilding Society is presenting Physique '88 at Mission High School on Saturday, June 25. This is just one more thing you'll just have to cram into your schedule on Gay Pride Weekend. There are so many things going on that weekend, you'll need an appointment secretary to keep up with it all.

Intl. Mr. Leather Iron Mike Pereyra will zoom into town to be in our parade, but exactly where he'll be is a mystery, at least at my deadline. According to reliable sources, the insurance fees for floats is monumental, and consequently, the SF-Eagle will not be represented. We'll find a place for Iron Mike, however. There will be a cocktail party and reception for him by invitation, however, for the IML Travel Fund, which was started by Patrick Toner. Stay tuned for the details. They will be forthcoming any day now.

Talk about dish, my dears. Did you know that Gov. Dukakis recently had a street named after him on the Greek isle of Pelopi? He was also named an honorary president of Pelopi, which just happens to be on the island of Lesbos! The new Michael Dukakis Street is 10 feet wide of concrete and dirt in some spots, and was formerly St. George Street. How do you like them bananas? Whether he wins the presidency or not, the entire town of some 614 Greeks will fly to Washington for the inauguration. It sounds like a very, very gay event.

Lots of wild tales emanating out of the trip to Portland last weekend for the Festival of Roses which saw a very huge group of San Franciscans in attendance. They're still buzzing about the Lips and Wayne Friday being so cozy on the train ride! The Knights of Malta of Portland celebrated their anniversary that weekend too with a big blast, and raised lots of money for their equivalent of the AIDS Food Bank.

Don't you love people who play God? June 8, the Grand Ducal Council here decided to hold an inquisition on two former titleholders, namely Deena Jones and Tony Trevizo where, according to a special notice received by

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Parade Around the Corner

This column will not be as exotic as I was originally hyping it to be because I decided to get it written before I left for the airport, thereby not having to drag my typewriter along. But I will certainly do my best to bring back some exotic tales of Miami.

Steven Rascher was trying to get this picture back, which was supplied by Grand Duke Tom Roller, but I convinced him that having his official "Empress of Tijuana" photo in my column would do wonders for his already wonderful image. Do Dukes and Emperors do this to each other often?

The Mother Lode, Post and Larkin, will celebrate its second anniversary starting tonight with an auction at 9 p.m. that will benefit Project Open Hand. Friday night they will feature a Sexy Underwear contest, also starting at 9 p.m. Make sure it's sexy. Saturday night they will present their anniversary night show. The curtain goes up on this one at 9 p.m., and the guest star line-up is staggering. Sunday afternoon will find a buffet and entertainment hosted by Mz P, with all the fun starting at 3 p.m. Many more anniversaries to the Mother Lode.

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Don't miss the 10th anniversary celebration of the Band Foundation, "Reflections," that is happening this Friday and Saturday. Friday night is the Mirrored Ball at the Crystal Ballroom of Marines Memorial that will spotlight the Fabulous Forties. The following evening will be Encore!, the anniversary celebration being held at First Congregational Church. Tickets are still available at Headlines, All American Boy, or by calling the Foundation office at 621-5619. The cast party for these events will be held Sunday afternoon, the 19th, at The Mint starting at 2 p.m.

On Saturday the Second Annual Women's Day Blood Drive will take place in front of Amelia's at 647 Valencia St. Last year more than 36 units of blood were donated to the Tavern Guild account at Irwin Memorial, an account which is available to the community. The Donormobile will be in front of Amelia's from noon 'til 5 p.m., and you can make an appointment or get more information by calling Amelia's between the hours of 3 and 8 p.m. at 552-7788.

Father's Day is this Sunday, and there will be some fundraisers that day that ought to be fun! The Eagle will be the scene for the annual Daddy's Day Beer Bust and Auction that will benefit the Godfather Service Fund and the AIDS Emergency Fund. They always have great items at this one.

Mr. Lee-Ona, proverbial committee member, and friends will host a brunch at the Kokpit this Sunday from 9 a.m. 'til noon to benefit the Godfather Service Fund. The cost for this one will only be \$1.19.

A report from Washington, D.C. and the recent bowling tournament which a few from our city attended: our glass house reporters, Dan Kiger and Dru, said Jerry Garvey of the Castro Station had the unique pleasure of enjoying himself immensely while he was there. Yes, Room 909, at a nameless hotel, was the scene of much frivolity when Mr. Garvey consorted with needles and pins, and other critters. I'm sure the complete story is always available at the Station.

With the parade just around the corner, there are several events happening that weekend I want to mention. The first is the COITS 25th anniversary being held Saturday the 25th. This party will be held at 240 Golden Gate Ave., and with the tremendous mailing list Stanley Boyd has compiled, it looks like it will be quite the party, and reunion! The doors open at 6:30 p.m., the dress is "California dressy," the entertainment will be by City Swing featuring vocalist Gail Wilson, additional music will be provided by J.D., and the tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets are now on sale at The Mint, Galleon, Mother Lode, Covered Wagon, Kimo's, Uncle Bert's, Kokpit, and the Men's Room.

The other event that weekend, besides the parade, will be presented by the San Francisco Tavern Guild as a fundraiser for the Godfather Service Fund and the AIDS Emergency Fund. Circus-Circus will also take place at 240 Golden Gate Ave. on the date of the parade. The doors will open at 9 a.m. and there will be food and gaming booths, and if you or your organization would like to have a booth at this event you can contact the Tavern Guild at 771-6133. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door and are now on sale at the Kokpit, Pendulum, Mint, Kimo's, Scandals, Galleon, Trax, Polk Gulch, Transfer, Castro Station, and Ginger's Too! They are also having a raffle for a trip for two to Palm Springs, or \$500 cash.

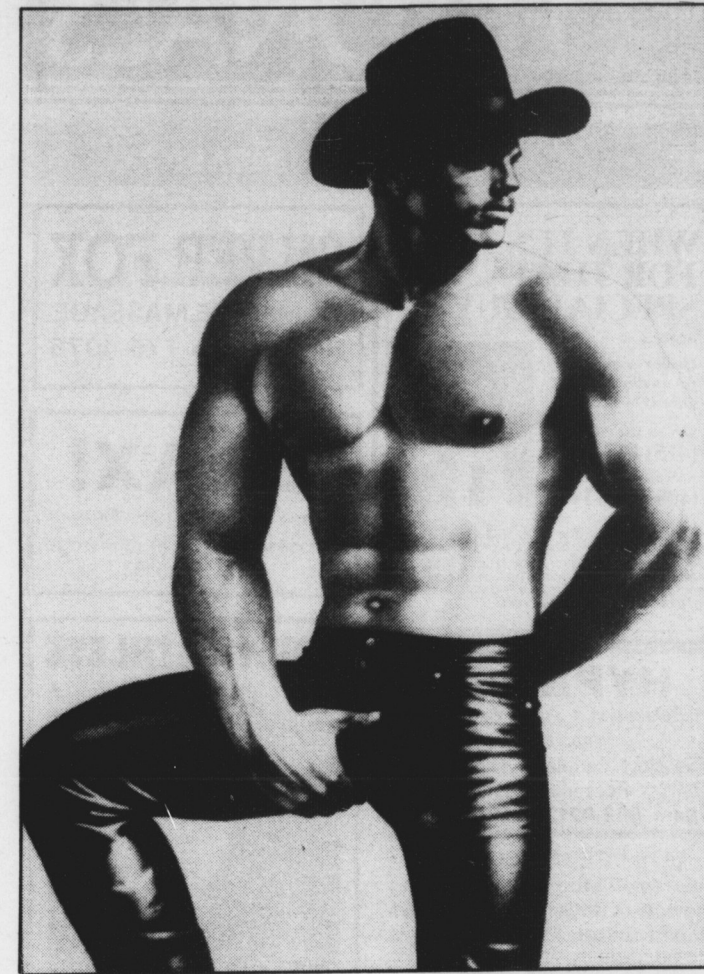
The Tavern Guild's next meeting will be held this Tuesday at Molly Brown's at the Russian River. There will be a bus leaving from the Kokpit at 11 a.m., and if you would like to be on it I highly recommend you call the Kokpit at 775-3260 and make your reservation now. These bus trips are always a lot of fun. Isn't that so Ronny Lynn?

Lenny Mollet has been quite busy as of late. He has redone his back room, and the results are very elegant. Put it on your list to check out for your next party. No, this is not a paid advertisement. However, I bet Uncle Lenny might spring for a cocktail next time I see him.

Get well wishes to Mr. Marcus and Jo Daly, who will no doubt both soon be in the pink, and out and around.

Florida calls, and so does an 8 a.m. flight. As the sun slowly sinks I will remind you that you're on your own for 12 days. ●

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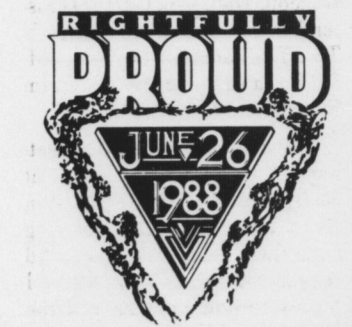
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Marcus

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me, both "shall no longer be recognized as Grand Duchess XIII or Grand Duke XII." There was no explanation given why this action took place, but personally, it sucks. Just remember, what goes around eventually comes around. If you're po'd about this, stand in line or take a number. Very tacky; very tacky indeed.

That's it for this week, boys and girls, dudes and dudettes, kings and queens, dukes and duchesses, cha-cha queens, Fag clubbers, Boy clubbers, jocks, and j.o.'s.

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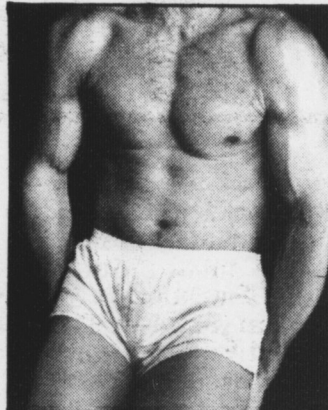
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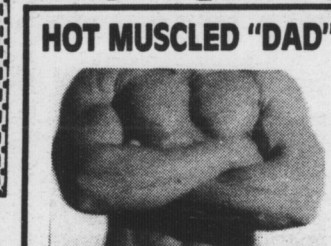
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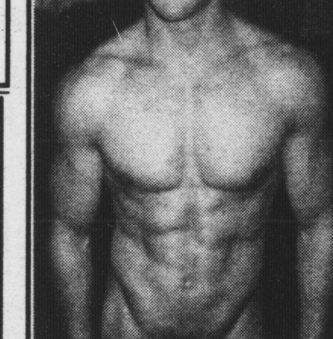
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SOFTBALL

Cafe Sn Marcos Stops Eagle, Leads Softball League Division



The Pendulum and the Endup go at it.

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by Hal Herkenhoff

In a Division #2 crucial, the defense of the Cafe Sn. Marcos held the S.F. Eagle's potent hitting attack for the final five innings to register an 11-4 win over the hot Eagle team. The Eagle had clobbered the Cafe last month, 15-5, in the first meeting of the two leaders of the Gay Softball League's Division #2. With the split of the regular season games, it looks as if the Cafe Sn. Marcos will be the favorite to take the title.

Facing an early 3-0 deficit, the Cafe brought in pitcher Sam Migliaccio to calm down the defense, and the hitting began to work on Eagle pitcher Ollie for a 6-4 lead going into the fourth inning. Helped by Andre Lalias' home run, the Cafe added five runs and set up the final score early in the game, forcing the Eagle to play catch up.

Lenny Broberg's clutch catches in right field spelled the end of the Eagle's chances, however, because there would be no more scoring in this high-spirited contest.

Division #1 action highlighted much of the day. The Pilsner Inn fought back behind Jerry Pepper's home run and led the Endup several times, but Julius Banks also had a home run to contribute, and the Endup came from behind in the fourth inning to take an 11-6 lead, and eventually won a 11-9 thriller.

The protest of the May 22 game between the Kokpit and the Pilsner has been upheld and will be replayed from the point of the protest. In that game, the Pilsner took a 7-5 lead into the seventh inning only to see the Kokpit, with a runner on second, hit a ground-rule double with two outs. The umpire ruled only one base for the man on second, and the next batter grounded out to end the game, apparently giving the Pilsner a 7-5 win.

According to Assistant GSL Commissioner Jerry Pepper, "The only time an umpire's call can be overruled is when the rules are incorrectly applied, but never on a judgment call. In this case the man should have been given two bases and the score should be 7-6. We will resume the game at that point, with two outs and Gary Belcher at bat, hopefully on July 24 when these two teams meet again."

Meanwhile, the Pendulum played the Kokpit close, 2-1, into the sixth before pulling out to a 6-4 win. Bob Viereck noted simply, "We were less flat than they were."

Uncle Bert's Place won its sixth straight, this time over Division #3's Rawhide Men. The Galleon got two needed wins to stop a five-game skid, first over the Phone Booth and later over the Rainbow Roos.

The Mint, behind Skip Schaefer's pitching, outdistanced The Bear to win its fourth in a row and move back into the Division #2 picture.

The women's teams matched up against each other, and the race for the Gay World Series berth continues to narrow down to Amelia's and the Superstar Video Beaches. Amelia's, behind Beth Levine's home run to right field, pulled away from the Rawhide Women, while the Beaches handed Julie Cassidy's club its second loss of the day. Earlier, Cassidy's was forced to forfeit its game to the Kokpit for lack of sufficient players at the field on time. League rules state that at least nine players are required at the field ten minutes after the scheduled starting time.

Next week's games are at Balboa Field (Ocean and San Jose Blvds.) when the Cafe Sn. Marcos will try for its first win over a Division #1 team against the Kokpit at 12:30, and the S.F.

Eagle will try to regroup against Uncle Bert's Place. Division #3 will pit The Bear v. Cassidy's at 3:30, right after the Rawhide Women go up against the Phone Booth Operators.

Come out to the field and watch your favorite team. There are only five weeks left in the regular season before the playoffs begin.

Our best get well wishes to GSL Commissioner Francis Medeiros and the Eagle's Grandpa.

STANDINGS

Division #1	W	L
Pendulum	10	1
Endup	8	3
Uncle Bert's	7	4
Pilsner Inn*	6	3
Kokpit*	6	3
Galleon	4	7
Division #2	W	L
Cafe Sn. Marcos	8	2
S.F. Eagle	7	4
Amelia's	6	5
Super Star Video	5	6
Rainbow Roos	5	6
The Mint	4	7
Division #3	W	L
Rawhide Men	4	6
Cassidy's	4	7
Phone Booth	3	7
The Bear	2	9
Rawhide Women	1	9

* includes disputed win by Pilsner Inn. Protest lodged by Kokpit—will be resolved by GSL board this week.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Amelia's 16/Rawhide Women 5
Galleon 23/Rainbow Roos 0
Endup 11/Pilsner Inn 9
The Mint 21/The Bear 1
Cafe Sn Marcos 11/S.F. Eagle 4
Galleon over Phone Booth (unavail.)
Kokpit forfeit over Cassidy's
Pendulum 6/Kokpit 4
Superstar 16/Cassidy's 3
Uncle Bert's 26/Rawhide Men 6

Tsunamis Need New Coach

San Francisco's gay/lesbian Tsunami Masters Swim Club is seeking a new coach. With the departure of current coach Maria Pease scheduled for this fall, the Tsunamis have begun a search to fill the position for this growing, national-caliber swim club.

A new coach will need to be able to work with novices as well as world-class swimmers for this salary-negotiable position. The search is being conducted by Maria Pease and team member Richard Chapman so that there will be a smooth transition this fall.

Current coach Maria Pease will be moving to Boston for medical school, leaving behind her a list of achievements that includes a Masters swimming world record and two Cable Car awards.

To apply for this paid position, please contact Maria at 392-7388 or Richard at 587-9143.

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POOL

Eleventh Hour Semifinal Thrillers in Pool Playoffs



Barry White goes for the eight ball at the Overpass. (Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

by Lauren Ward

The S.F. Pool Association's final four teams did battle twice last week, and the trail to the city championship is proving to be a cakewalk for none.

The White Swallow Wave and the Alamo Square Killer Beez were division rivals and played each other three times during the regular season. The first match was a blowout for the Wave. The second two matches ended in 8-8, kiss-your-sister ties.

During the playoffs, ties are broken by a brutal, sudden-death, single game between players of each team's choosing. The Wave and the Beez found themselves in

that situation Tuesday, having played to their third consecutive tie match.

Jim Russo won the city championship for Vanna White Swallow in just such a contest last season and was tagged to represent the Wave. Rod Cohan played for the Beez and defeated Russo for the win in the first contest.

"It was basically neck-and-neck all night," reported referee Mike Macri. "Cohan played well in the tie-breaker." Wave Captain Rick Mariani pointed out that Russo's miscue allowed Cohan the advantage.

Thursday night the Wave took

on tsunami-like proportions as they swamped the Beez, 9-4, tying the series and forcing the third match on Tuesday.

The DeLuxe Ducks and the Palace Be-Boppers were also division rivals and finished with the league's top two records. The Ducks had won the first two meetings of the teams during the season, but knew they'd be in for a tough match with the Boppers, whose players spend many hours in weekly practice at the Palace.

The Boppers jumped out to an early lead, but both teams were playing championship-quality pool. Runouts and table runs

were commonplace, with three in a row at mid-match and five overall, three for the Ducks and two for the Palace. E.Z. ended the evening in the 15th game for a 9-6 Ducks victory.

Thursday at the Palace, the Ducks seemed destined to sweep the series after winning the first four games and leading, 5-1, after six. The Boppers rebounded with wins by Gene Miller and Luby Pelletier, to go 3-5 at the half. After three quarters, it was 5-7, Ducks, and a fourth-quarter split would spell disaster for the hosts. Pelletier and Miller were joined by Jack Dunbar in a three-game run, and suddenly the Ducks were down, 7-8. E.Z. pulled out the last game to force the tie-breaker.

The match was into its fifth hour, and control of the 17th game went back and forth until Pelletier missed, but got a fortunate break when the cue ball rolled to an extremely disadvantageous position for E.Z., whose missed shot allowed Pelletier and the Palace their match-evening victory, 9-8.

The Ducks and the Wave host their respective opponents Tuesday. The two winners will face each other on Thursday, and the two losers will be crying in their beers during the consolation match, which decides third and fourth place. Either way, the Palace and DeLuxe will be hosting on Thursday, June 16.

Dial JOE-POOL for SFPA information.

Rising Stars Shine At Palace Billiards

by Lauren Ward

It was the rising stars' turn to shine as 16 of the league's up-and-coming players took to the tables at Palace Billiards for the last individual's competition of the S.F. Pool Association's spring season. Once again the Palace proved to be the consummate tournament facility. The four seven-foot tables provided for league contests were demanding, yet free of the idiosyncrasies of most tavern tables.

An eerie sense of prognostication has visited itself upon these pages of late, courtesy of the sports editor. In the column which preceded the All Star Tournament, he featured a picture of E.Z., who went on to win. The following week he went to the files and snagged a shot of Bill von Prillwitz, who also went on to win this edition of the Rising Star.

Bill started the afternoon with a 2-1 first-round victory over Ron Chevrette, the No. 1 seed. He followed that with a 2-0 dispensing of Robby Nath before his 1-2 defeat by John Shou. In the loser's bracket he eliminated Vince Galindo, 2-1; Toni Macante, 2-1; John Shou, 2-1; and went on to meet Karen Brandman in the final.

Brandman started with a 2-1

victory over Bill Boyles, a 2-0 dispatching of No. 3 seed Toni Macante, a 2-1 decision over the No. 2 seed Bobbie Kenney, and a 2-1 win over the No. 4 seed John Shou, which featured her taking him to four consecutive fouls in the match game.

Shou had scored 2-1 victories over Don Kruse, Royal Senn, and Bill von Prillwitz before his losses to Brandman and von Prillwitz. He finished third and had a 9-6 record.

Toni Macante, Palace's co-owner, began with a 2-1 win over Ann Young, before her first defeat by Brandman. She then eliminated Ron Chevrette, 2-1; Jim Dreer, 2-1; and Bobbie Kenney, 2-0, before self-destructing, 1-2, with an 8-ball scratch in her match with von Prillwitz. She scored 9-7 on the day in her fourth-place effort.

Brandman had been playing well all day, but offered little resistance to von Prillwitz in the final, with consecutive 0-2 match defeats. She won her first individual trophy, scoring 8-7 in her second-place finish.

Bill von Prillwitz won consecutive Rising Star contests in the spring and fall of '86. He scored 16-5 in his latest victory.

BOWLING

Lilly Beats Own Record High Score

by Richard McPherson

Only weeks after shooting a 754 series and taking over the all-time high record for a San Francisco bowling league, Dave Lilly connected up on the lanes again, beating his own record high by shooting a 763 series on Wednesday, June 1, at Park Bowl.

Bowling in the Wednesday Tavern Guild League for the Pendulum, Lilly, a 190 average, shot games of 264, 256, and 243. After his first two games, Lilly felt fairly certain he would shoot a 700 series, but he said he didn't think it would be so high.

While on the road to a series of this caliber, most bowlers would get very nervous during the last game. Not Dave. He says he doesn't get nervous when he's bowling well.

"I think I get more nervous when I'm not bowling well," he said.

For Lilly, good scoring comes when his "timing is on"; when he feels "in synch," high scoring comes easy.

"My timing is so erratic sometimes, though," he says. During those times, bowling well becomes more of a struggle.

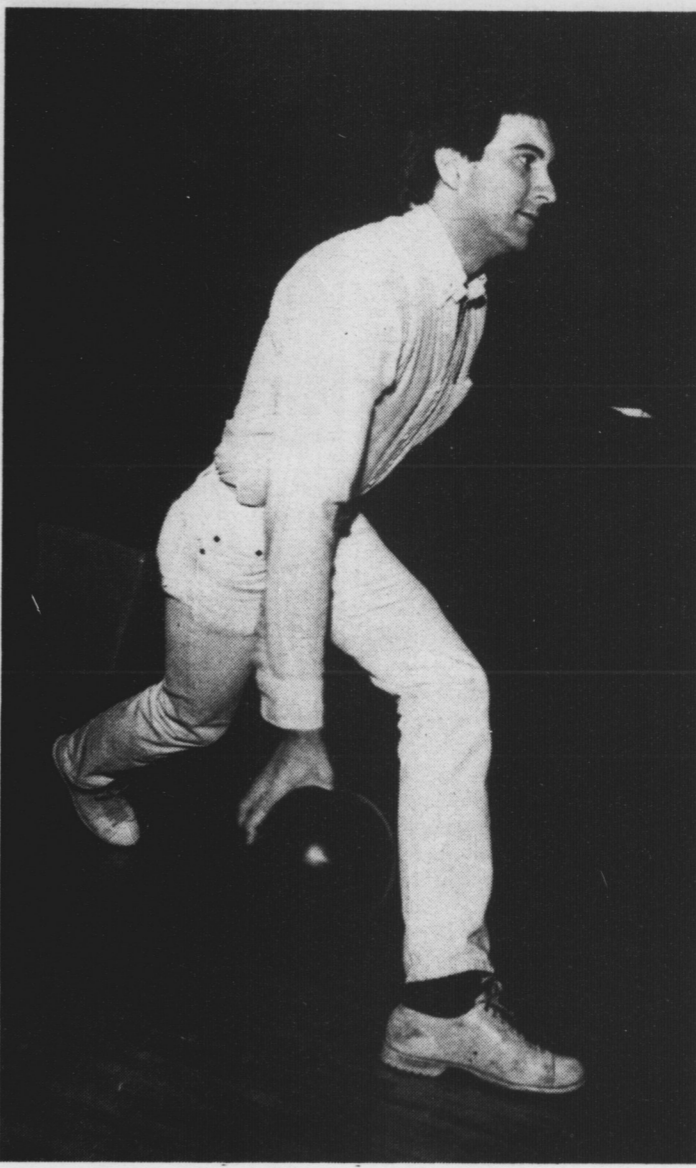
Reflecting on what it takes to do well consistently, Lilly says: "Bowling is a mental game. You just have to keep outside influences from affecting you."

Indeed, if a bowler is not totally focused on his/her game, it's easy to get distracted or "thrown off," and the game suffers.

Opponents be warned: When Lilly is on, you might as well just sit back and enjoy the bowling show.

Kevin Schwabe, a newcomer to the S.F. bowling scene, continues to pound out 600s week after week in the Wednesday TGL. Schwabe, currently averaging 208 (and that's no fluke), shot 240, 203, 221 for a 664 June 1.

For the leagues bowling on



Dave Lilly (Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

David Arnold is starting out the new summer season at Japantown Bowl with another 700 tease. On May 25, the first night of the Wednesday Community League, Arnold shot a 695 series on games of 257, 191, 247. This is David's fourth 690-plus series during the past year; he has yet to shoot a 700.

June 1, the second night of the league, Arnold, bowling for the AIDS Emergency Fund Maulers, shot 244, 194, 237 for a 675. Looks like another great season for David Arnold!

Wednesday Community was the only league bowling the first week of June. The Hawaii League

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This Week's Schedules

TENNIS
(Matches at Peizotto Playground, 15th St., two blocks west of Castro St.)
Saturday, June 18:
9:00 AM Hartford Properties v. Schmidt & Schmidt
11:30 AM Roto Rooter v. Leticia's
Sunday, June 19:
9:00 AM The Galleon v. White Swallow
11:30 AM Community Rentals v. Silver Fox

SOFTBALL
(This week's games at Balboa Field, Ocean and San Jose Aves.)
Sunday, June 19:
9:30 AM Superstar Video v. The Mint (Field 1)
Rainbow Roos v. Pilsner Inn (Field 2)
11:00 AM Amelia's v. The Mint (Field 1)
Kokpit v. Cafe Sn. Marcos (Field 2)
12:30 PM S.F. Eagle v. Uncle Bert's Place (Field 1)
Cafe Sn. Marcos v. Endup (Field 2)
2:00 PM Rawhide Women v. Phone Booth (Field 1)
Rawhide Men v. Pendulum (Field 2)
3:30 PM Cassidy's v. The Bear (Field 1)
The Galleon v. Kokpit (Field 2)

PARK BOWL TAVERN GUILD LEAGUES

Team Standings

WEDNESDAY TAVERN GUILD LEAGUE			THURSDAY TAVERN GUILD LEAGUE		
	W	L		W	L
1. Pilsner #1	22	10	1. Park Bowl	20 1/2	7 1/2
2. Pendulum	21	11	2. Bob, Ted, Carol, Alice	20	12
3. The Leftovers	20	12	3. Trax Trash	19	13
4. Rolo's	19	13	4. Pilsner 4 Play	18	14
5. Michael Brunos	19	13	5. Hit Your Mark	18	14
6. Park Bowl	18	14	6. S.F. Eagle	17 1/2	14 1/2
7. Bow-K	17	15	7. Trax	17	15
8. Pendulum Pandas	17	15	8. Play With It, Ltd	17	7
9. 9 Eyes Only	17	11	9. Inches	16	16
10. Play With It, Ltd	16	12	10. All Da Rite Stuff	15	17
11. Pilsner Pntless Sisters	15 1/2	12 1/2	11. Superstar Video	13 1/2	14 1/2
12. Schmidt & Schmidt	15	13	12. Styles & Staymens	12	20
13. Pilsner E-Z Pick Up	13	19	13. No Jackie	6 1/2	25 1/2
14. Pilsner Quackers	13	19	14. Is It Over Yet?	5	27
15. Revenge of Pilsners	12 1/2	19 1/2			
16. Gutter Girls	12	20			
17. Ram's Head Bar	12	20			
18. Rams and Ewe	11	21			
19. The Bear	11	21			
20. DK's Unmentables	11	21			

(It is the responsibility of the bowling establishment to supply the B.A.R. with league standing sheets.)

JAPANTOWN BOWL COMMUNITY LEAGUES BOWLING

Team Standings

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE			THURSDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE (Final)		
	W	L		W	L
1. Dead Yuppies	11	1	1. Old Ricks	37	19
2. AEF Maulers	7	5	2. Galleon	34	22
3. Lowest Lane	7	1	3. Hot 'n' Hunky	32	24
4. Play With It, Ltd.	7	1	4. Odd Balls	29	27
5. Pinheads	6	6	5. Liquor Express	26 1/2	29 1/2
6. Gutter Boys	6	6	6. Big Eddie's Girls	26	30
7. Men's Rm Monitors	4	8	7. S.F. Sentinel	25	31
8. 69ers	4	4	8. Pendulum Bombers	24 1/2	31 1/2
9. Tidy Bowls	3	9	9. Pendulum #1	23 1/2	32 1/2
10. Rumblers II	1	11	10. Wooden Horse	22 1/2	33 1/2

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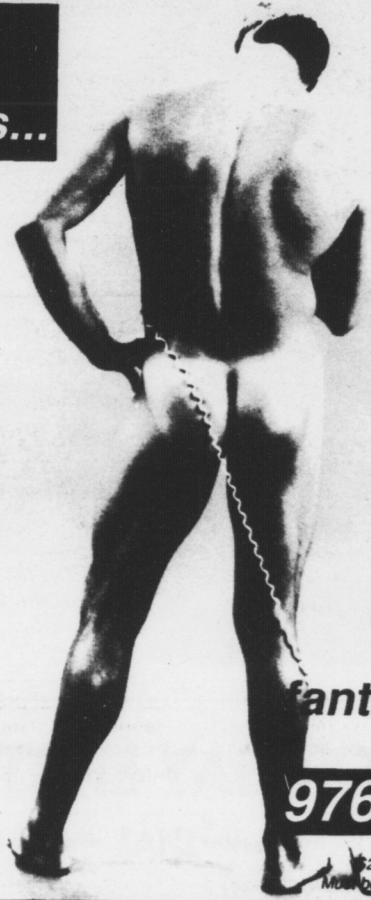


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TENNIS

Middle Pack in a Horse Race

by Les Balmain

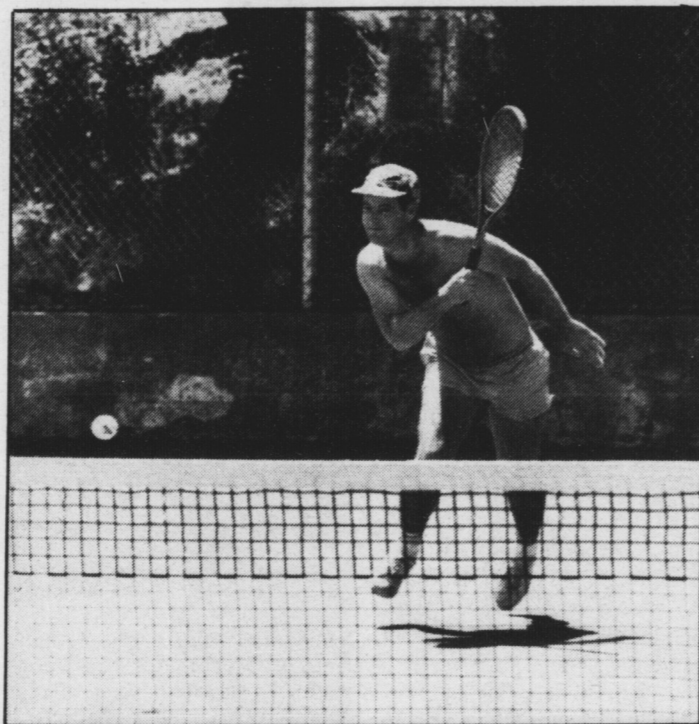
Round 5 of team tennis of the Gay Tennis Federation was completed on the June 4-5 weekend.

On Saturday, the four middle-placed teams, Roto Rooter (3), White Swallow (4), Silver Fox (5), and Community Rentals (6), fought it out almost to a draw. Roto Rooter narrowly beat the Silver Fox, 39-38, and the White Swallow squeaked by Community Rentals, 43-39.

On Sunday, the two leading teams, Leticia's (1) and the Galleon Bar & Restaurant (2), jumped all over the two cellar teams of Hartford Properties (7) and Schmidt & Schmidt Insurance (8). Leticia's blew the shingles off the roof of Hartford Properties by a score of 50-26, and the Galleon torpedoed Schmidt & Schmidt, 48-32.

When the games won/lost were tallied, there were no changes in the standings from top to bottom. With two rounds left to play in the regular season, Leticia's and the Galleon are assured of making the playoffs. But there's a horse race between the next four teams to capture the two remaining playoff spots. Only 18 games separate third-place Roto Rooter from Community Rentals, in sixth place.

The two teams in the cellar are so far behind that they are out of the race. Hartford Properties and Schmidt & Schmidt would have to win their last two matches by



A member of the White Swallow men's doubles team looks pleased with his shot. (Photo: S. Savage)

as much as 30 games each to have a chance at the fourth playoff spot, which is nearly impossible. They meet each other in round 6, which won't affect the other teams, but in round 7 they could play the spoilers for the White Swallow or Roto Rooter.

In this coming weekend, three important matches to watch will be Leticia's against Roto Rooter, the Galleon vs. the White Swallow, and Community Rentals vs. the Silver Fox. A big win for

either Community Rentals or the Silver Fox could put them into third or fourth place.

Round 5 team standings as of July 5:

1. Leticia's 239 172
2. Galleon 225 184
3. Roto Rooter 218 201
4. White Swallow 218 207
5. Silver Fox 203 205
6. Community Rentals 207 213
7. Hartford Properties 177 231
8. Schmidt & Schmidt 165 230

TRACK & FIELD

Sprint Duo Shines at Los Gatos

by Rick Thoman

The San Francisco Track & Field Club traveled to Los Gatos for its second meet of the year and recorded some outstanding marks for so early in the season.

The Athletic Congress' Pacific Association Championships were held last weekend, June 11, and the SFT&FC made a strong showing in the sprints, the relays, and the women's field events.

The dynamic sprinting duo of Earl Bryant and Frank Demby starred in the 100 and 200 meters. Bryant ran 11.9 seconds in the 100 meters, the team's first sub-12-second time of the year and an indication of the powerhouse Bryant has blossomed into this season. Bryant got off to a slow start, but a smooth, fluid drive down the last 50 meters helped him push past most of the field and take second place. Teammate Demby got a quick start and held on to run a season-best time of 12.2 for third place.

The duo traded places in the 200 meters. This time Demby faltered coming out of the starting blocks, but poured on a tremendous kick in the final 40 meters to finish second in 24.4 seconds, his best time of the season. Bryant was just a step behind Demby, at 24.6 seconds for third place.

Demby and Bryant also teamed up as the first half of the 4x100 relay and ran two outstanding legs, handing off to the second-half team of Jim Pasquali and Rick Thoman. The S.F. squad chased a strong Los Angeles Patriots team to the finish line and held off a challenge by St. George's Track Club of Stockton, finishing second with a season-best time of 47.6 seconds.

"We hope to get our time down to 45 seconds once we get our handoffs down," Bryant said after the race.

In the only other relay of the day, the 4x400 meters, Demby, Bryant, Thoman, and Danny O'Connell combined for a first place in the 30-39 age group. The relay was a true team effort. Each runner performed strongly and smoothly to bring the squad in at 3:55.6 for the gold medal.

Elsewhere on the track, Danny O'Connell ran his first 400-meter race of the season for a fourth-place, 55.4 clocking, showing his great potential. And Jim Pasquali ran a 12.9 in his age group in the 100 meters, a race he termed a "personal disappointment." Pasquali ran a 12.2, third-place mark in Irvine at a meet late last month, and he remarked after his finish in Los Gatos that he needs to "work on my concentration" before he'll be able to drop down to that mark again this season.

In the field events, it was another SFT&FC dynamic duo as Marjorie Larney and Barb Raisin combined for a one-two punch in the shot put and discus. National recordholder Larney led the way with a first in the shot put at 31'10 1/2", followed by Raisin, who scored a personal record with her second-place mark of 25'9 1/2".

In the discus, Larney had trouble with her technique and fouled on a majority of her throws, but she still managed to get off the winning toss at 93'9" for the gold medal. Raisin finished second to Larney with a fine throw of 63'10".

Larney went on to take a first

in javelin with a season-best mark of 88'11", showing her to be well on the way to nabbing a national record in that event, too.

The San Francisco Track & Field Club's next meet will be July 2 at Sacramento State University.

The club continues to hold weekly workout sessions at the S.F. State University track on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. All interested in participating in track and field are welcome to join the club at any workout session; or, for more information, call Rick at 641-1786.

Bowling

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continues one more week, and the other summer community leagues at J'Town are now getting under way. There is still time to join a league. Call Terry Kaplan at 921-6200 for information.

The final stats are in for the Thursday Community Spring League, and they show that Old Ricks is the winning team, with a 37-19 win-loss record. Congratulations to team members Cliff Russell (163 average), Tom Snyder (138), and Harvey Brauer (133). Individual league season highs: High series scratch: Pete Abinanti, 632; Peggy Forster, 476. High scratch game: David Williams, 246; Lita Byrd, 171. High handicap series: Ernest Wilson, 707; Betty Ryan, 616. High handicap game: William Andrews, 276.

Physique '88 Set for June 25

Although mixed-sex pairs competition is more than a decade old, the idea of a bodybuilding competition including same-sex pairs is a groundbreaking concept. On Saturday, June 25, the Physique '88 National Gay and Lesbian Bodybuilding Championships will be the first competition ever to include same-sex pairs. In addition, the contest will include mixed pairs.

For over ten years, pairs competition has been sporadically

included in national and international championships. Even with this long history, it has not become the norm to most contests. So, then, what is a pairs competition all about?

Ralph Countryman, the head judge for Physique '87 and '88, explained, "Pairs competition is not a posing demonstration or an exhibition. While it gives greater weight to posing than does individual competition, it is still a physique contest, with 60 percent

emphasis on physique and 40 percent on posing.

"In mixed pairs, women will be compared to other women in the contest and men to other men," Countryman added. "Optimally, in both same-sex and mixed pairs, the two athletes should be at or close to the same level of development."

So why isn't this contest more widely seen? According to Countryman, this contest takes a great deal of time and training. Most

competitors are also competing individually. In addition to training and setting their individual routines, a pair must get together and establish a joint look, find music, and work out yet another routine, usually three minutes in length.

The results, however, are very exciting. Not too unlike adagio dancing, pairs routines can include mirror, shadow, or sequence posing, as well as strength, gymnastics, lifts, and/

or support holds.

If you are interested in seeing either the preliminary judging or the final contest, Physique '88 will take place on Saturday, June 25, at Mission High School in San Francisco. Prejudging begins at 9 a.m., and finals begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at STBS on Union Square, the Women's Training Center, All American Boy, and at all BASS Ticketmaster outlets, including Headlines.

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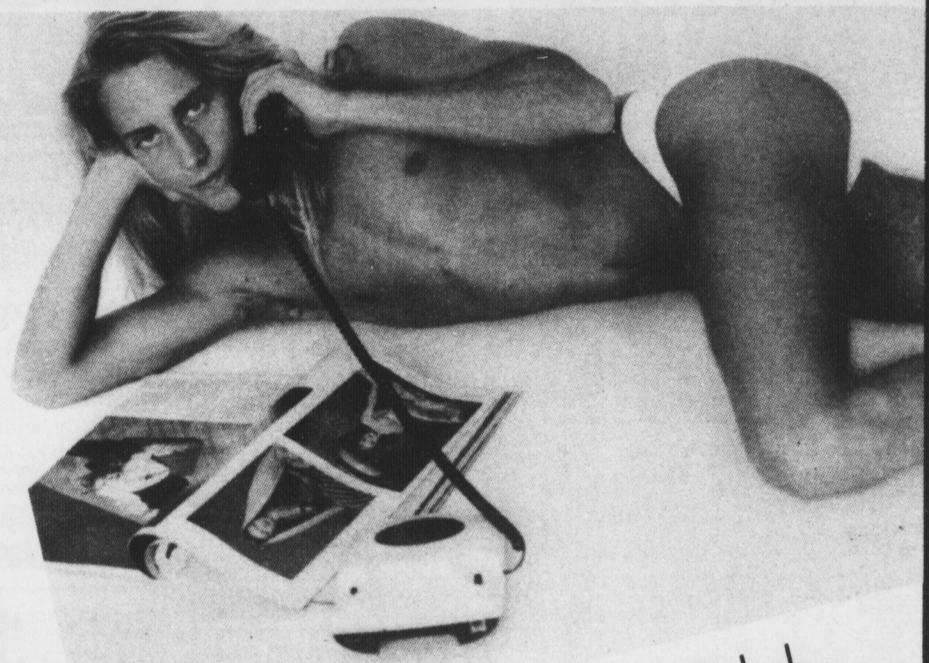
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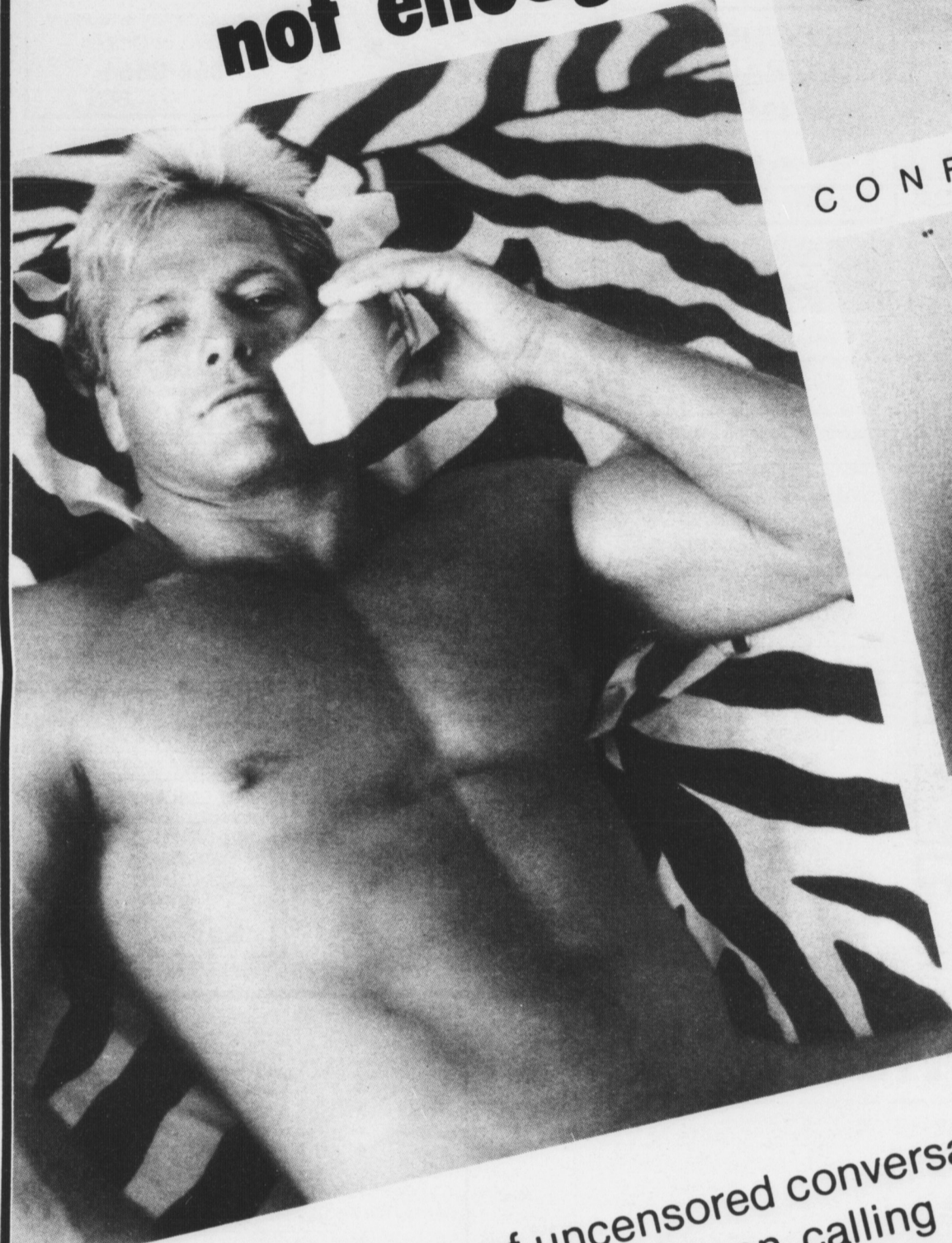
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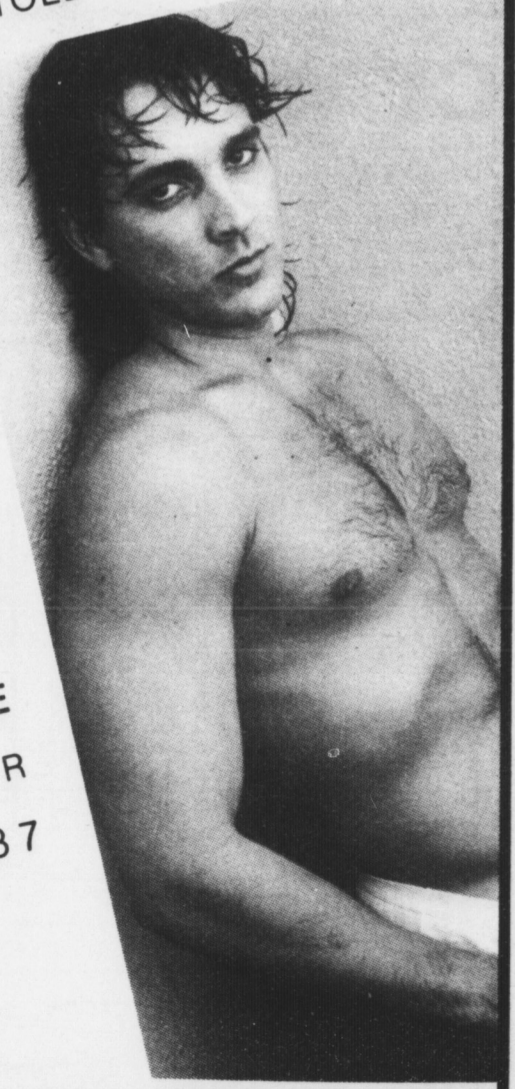
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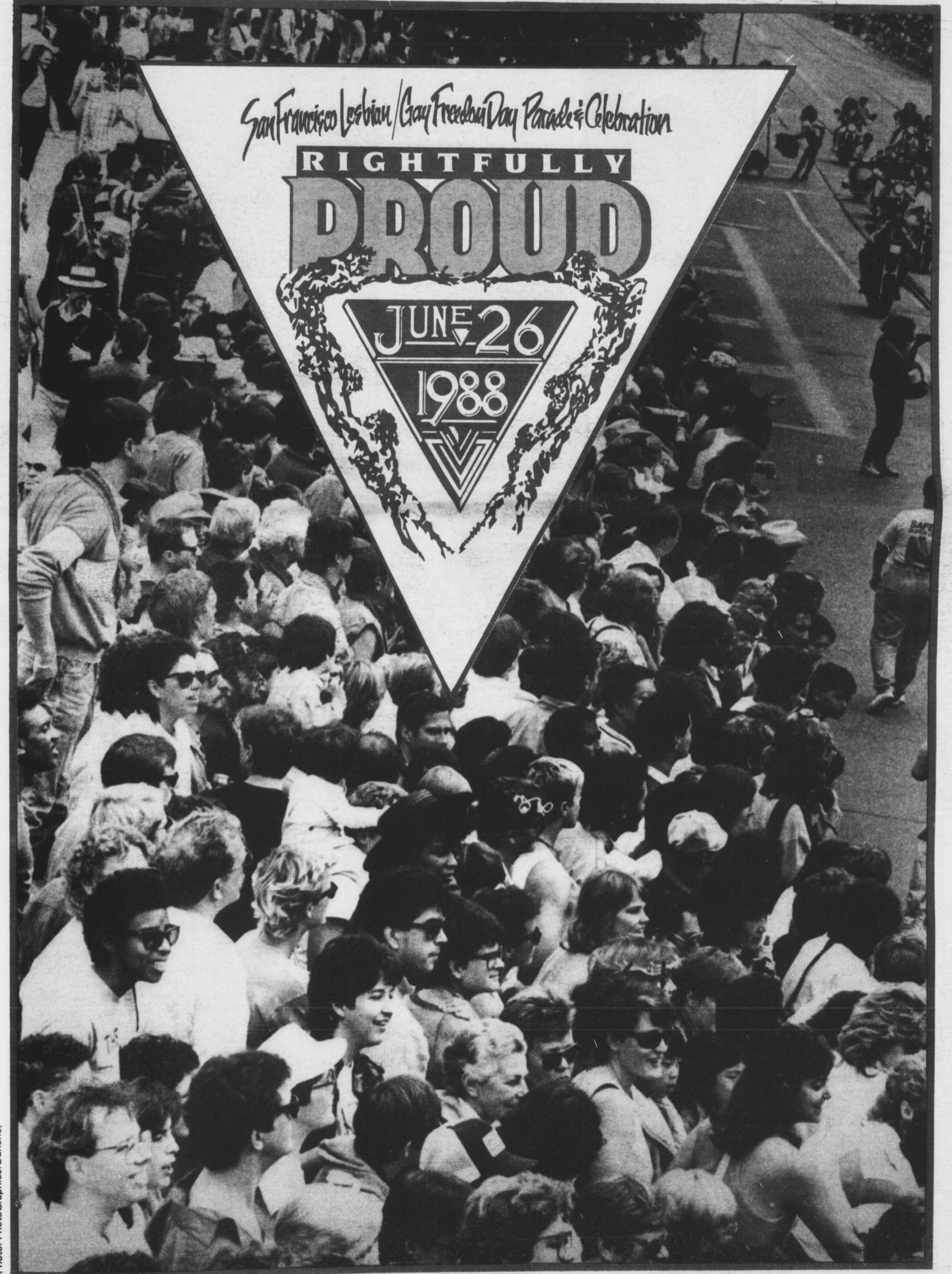
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