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## **Congress Bans** Safe Sex Info

### **Helms Amendment Passes House; Prohibits Gay-Related Materials**

by Tim Taylor

The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday voted 368-47 to ban federal funds for gay-related safe sex education. The House action followed a 94-2 vote in the Senate last week, assuring that the ban on safe-sex information will become law. The measure, a budget amendment proposed by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N. Carolina), would deny federal funds for groups which publish materials, or engage in activities, that "promote, encourage or condone homosexual sexual activities."

SAFERSEXGOMIX#4

The highly charged—and ighly unusual—vote came the propriates \$946 million for AIDS highly unusual-vote came the week after more than a half million gays, lesbians and their supporters marched on the capital. Helms, leader of the New abortion and gay rights, waved a copy of a comic book depicting ondom use and declared:

The proviso was added to a spending bill for the depart-ments of Labor and Health and

Oct. 1. The bill is now headed to try to reconcile disagreements over a final spending plan.

The House vote was unusual because the House already had passed the budget. The Senate was finishing its action on the (Continued on page 16)

## Affinity groups sang and held hands while they waited for the police to act (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene) Go To Jail

## An Arresting Experience; A Capitol Crime

by Mike Hippler

hen the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Georgia's sodomy law in the Hardwick case last year, I was as disappointed as I have ever been with the American system of justice. Later, after the Gay "Olympics" decision, my frustration turned to rage, and I wanted to throw rocks at the Federal Building. Luckily, I found a better way to express myself. I flew to Washington to participate in "Out and Outraged," last week's nonviolent civil disobedience at the Supreme Court.

Doing this was extremely important to me. I had always counted on the Supreme Court and when they failed to recognize our rights, I felt we had no place left to turn. Like Thoreau, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King, Jr. before me, I took matters into my own hands and rebelled. I refused to accept an unjust situation.

Early on the morning of Oct. 13, therefore, I rode the subway with two dykes from L.A. wearing

"Screw the U.S. Supreme Court" sweatshirts to the park across the street from the Supreme Court building. There, thousands of demonstrators were assembling. I soon spotted my friend Jim, who had agreed to act as my support person and to keep track of my whereabouts from the outside throughout the day.

At an information table I tried to sign up with one of the organized "affinity groups," groups of people with shared goals who planned to be arrested together. When I admitted that I had undergone no civil disobedience training, however, I was asked not to participate.

"But I've counted on this for months," I protested. "I've talked with people who've had the training, and I know what to expect. Don't make me disobey the

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## **Mayor Seeks Mandatory AIDS Tests in City Jails**

**But Antibody Screening Violates State Law** 

by Brian Jones

Mayor Dianne Feinstein this week called for mandatory AIDS antibody testing of all inmates sentenced to city jails. But the mayor's proposal, detailed in a letter to the city Health Commission, would violate state law. And the mayor called for a new program which is, in fact, already underway: mandatory education of city jail inmates on AIDS prevention.

"San Francisco must show the same concerned and caring leadership in protecting the rights of the uninfected" as it has shown for people with AIDS, Feinstein wrote. Her comment echoed a standard statement used by State Sen. John Doolittle in promoting statewide, man-

In fact, Feinstein's jail proposal is nearly identical to SB-1005, one of the "Doolittle bills," which would require antibody testing of all state prison in-

Feinstein also called for encouraging-but not requiring -antibody testing among people applying for marriage litransmitted disease clinics, drug abusers using recovery agencies, and hospital patients needing

"As more and more people are affected" by AIDS, the mayor said, "I believe they will begin to ask why testing has not been

### **Today**

**DUMB DOCTORS:** Two studies find a group in need of AIDS education: physicians. But doctors are resisting such training. Tim Taylor examines the doctors on page 2.

SWEEPING THE MEN'S ROOM - Police, not janitors, were sweeping the men's room at UCSF, and dozens of cruisers were picked up. Page 3.

SIMON SAYS he'll support gay-rights bill. The Demo senator from Illinois, on the stump for president, breakfasts with the Alliance. Page 4.

OOPS, says the director of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. A fundraiser for the Olympics raised eyebrows of some members. Page 14.

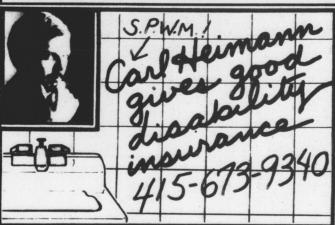
FIFE'S CLOSES and it may never reopen as a gay resort after plan for an AIDS hospice falls through. Page 20.



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## **Studies Say Doctors** 'Ignorant about AIDS'

### **Only 44 Percent Know Symptoms, Yet Many Refuse Education**

by Tim Taylor

Reserchers at UCLA have identified a new group which is in urgent need of immediate AIDS education: doctors. A random statewide survey of 1,000 California doctors found that many failed to recognize symptoms of HIV infection, failed to ask about a patient's sexual history or orientation, and were uncomfortable counseling patients who are gay.

take adequate histories.

disability," Lewis said.

**NATIONAL PROBLEM** 

Physicians with negative at-

titudes about gay patients

should become aware of their

In a related study by Dr. Jeffrey

Kelly of the University of Missis-

sippi, 500 doctors from three

mid-sized cities outside Califor-

nia were surveyed for their at-

titudes toward AIDS patients.

Kelly's findings were also pub-

lished in the July issue of the

American Journal of Public

Doctors were asked to read

profiles of two patients with simi-

lar backgrounds. One was a leu-

kemia patient and the other was

gay and diagnosed with AIDS.

There are many medical similar-

ities between the two diseases.

Kelly found, "Physicians con-

Moreover, in social interac-

tions, Kelly said, "Physicians

described themselves as less will-

ing to engage in a conversation

leukemia patient, less willing to

attend a party where he was pre-

sent or had prepared food, less

journal to opine in an editorial,

Both studies suggest that some

health care providers ... still

need to be convinced that AIDS

is caused by a virus and is not

The editorial continued, "The two articles conclude that some

health care providers hold pre-

judicial attitudes, lack counsel-

ing skills and are uninformed

about proper diagnostic ap-

proaches to AIDS and appropri-

ate patient-management pro-

**IGNORANT ABOUT AIDS** 

casually transmitted."

As a result, the survey's authors say, many patients across the state are not receiving adequate information about how to avoid AIDS.

The study on physician com-petence was conducted by a team of researchers led by Dr. Charles Lewis at the University of California, Los Angeles Department of Medicine and Sociology. The findings were published in the July, 1987 issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

The study was highlighted at a recent hearing conducted by the state Assembly Health Committee. Lawmakers were considering additional funds to educate medical professionals.

Lewis stated, "On a statewide basis a majority of those inter viewed lack the AIDS-related knowledge and skills required to carry out their roles in dealing with AIDS.

sidered the AIDS patient to be He said that 65 percent of the more responsible for his illness, physicians did not inquire about more deserving of what happenthe sexual orientation of patients, ed to him, to be experiencing thereby precluding identification more pain but less deserving of of those at risk for infection and sympathy and understanding, osing an opportunity to engage more dangerous to others, and in counseling for risk reduction more deserving of quarantine. activities. Only 44 percent of doc-The patient with AIDS elicited tors interviewed knew more than much harsher attitudes than the three symptoms of AIDS-related identically described patient said

#### **BARRIER TO CARE**

Moreover, Lewis said a "high degree of discomfort" by many physicians in treating gay patients "constitutes a major barrier to the provision of optimal

willing to continue a past friend-He concluded, "A significant ship, and less willing to allow proportion of primary care physiians throughout California, including those in its two largest The doctors surveyed resided metropolitan areas, cannot be exin Columbus, Ohio; Phoenix, pected to appropriately diagnose, Arizona; and Memphis, Tennescounsel or refer paitents at high see. Kelly said the cities were risk, or provide adequate advice selected because they are repreand reassurances to their pasentative of urban areas which tients who are not at risk but [who have moderate but increasing numbers of people with AIDS. are] simply alarmed about the prospect of acquiring AIDS." The reports by Lewis and Kel-

Lewis elaborated on his findngs in the August 1987 issue of the Western Journal of Medicine, in which he focused on counseling and the prevalence of sexualhistory taking by physicians.

He said, "Counseling about three rational and appropriate risk-reducing behaviorsavoiding anal intercourse, reducing the numbers of partners and using condoms - was not evenly distributed across the state."

Lewis added, "The counseling practices leave much to be desired, as it would appear that only 60 percent of the physicians with patients at risk could have provided appropriate counsel useful in reducing risks."

In testimony before the Assembly Health Committee, Dr. Charles Gessert noted that many Lewis said that "discomfort in physicians currently in practice dealing with gay men is a signifiwere educated before AIDS was cant determinant of sexual first identified, and their training history-taking practices." He does not equip them to respond noted that older physicians were to the epidemic. Gessert is afless likely to be thorough than younger physicians, and that men filiated with the California Area were less likely than women to Health Education Center System

cedures.



'The fact that physicians are not ready to take their role in fighting the epidemic should not be surprising," Gessert said. 'Physicians who feel uncomfortable dealing with homosexuals continue to be ignorant about

He added that care currently is provided by "a tiny minority of health care professionals" even in hard-hit areas such as San Francisco. He said a state-aided education campaign that fosters improved skills among physicians is required to treat the rising pa-

Even if the educational materials are provided, doubts exist about whether the physicians would take advantage of

Lewis said, "When physicians in the study group were provided, without cost, a variety of continuing education materials about AIDS, including videotapes, audiotapes and printed materials, only half of them utilized

And the public health journal editorial noted, "Many important messages are either not be ing received or acted on because time is limited for the practitioner to listen, absorb, and assimilate all the information available. More effective responses to the AIDS crisis must penetrate these barriers."

#### Decline in S.F. **Syphilis Cases**

with an AIDS patient than a was demonstrated in recent reports of the incidence of syphilis in California. While statewide cases of syphilis have increased substantially, the number of syphilis cases in San Francisco declined by 36 percent in the first half of 1987.

According to Dr. Gail Bolan director of Sexually Transmittee Disease Control for the San Franprimary and secondary syn ly prompted the public health cisco residents from January through June, 1987, down from 168 cases reported in the first six months of 1986.

Reduction in cases of syphilis and other sexually transm diseases over the past several years in San Francisco has been co's AIDS education programs are designed to foster behaviors that reduce or eliminate the risk of acquiring AIDS and other sex-ually transmitted diseases. The San Francisco Department of Public Health, along with several cluding the AIDS Health Project and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, has been in the forefront of this effort. The decline in syphilis and gonorrhea among homosexual men is evidence that San Francisco residents are adopting AIDS prevention strategies.

## 4 Arrested, 39 Cited At UCSF Men's Room

Investigation of a series of thefts led police at the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF) medical center to arrest four men for lewd conduct in a campus restroom. Another 39 people were stopped by police and given warnings for loitering in the area. Eight of them were held on other charges following identification checks.

Campus security officers staked out two restrooms in the Medical Sciences Building after a number of stolen wallets had been found dumped there. Instead of catching a thief, however, plainclothes officers observed sexual acts and much cruising, loitering, and solicitation, police

"We began to make arrests to give notice that this had to stop," said Joseph Cowan, UCSF assistant chancellor for legal affairs. He said that UCSF officials had known "this was going on for some time."

"Because of the complaints

and the openness of it, we had to step in," he said.

Cowan told Bay Area Reporter that he hoped the people arrested could be "worked with" to avoid criminal prosecutions.

David Goldberg, of the campus Gay Men's Support Group, was critical of the university for acting so suddenly. "That particular bathroom has been notorious for years," he said, 'but for the university to up and do something without fair warning is ridiculous."

He said his group has been meeting with university officials to solve the problem. "We're go-



New signs have gone up in Moffitt Hospital at UCSF

(Photo: S. Savage)

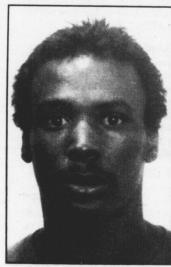
ing to do what we can to make sure it doesn't happen again," he

"We feel the university really

wants to work with us," said Goldberg. "They've agreed that if there is a problem in the future,

Goldberg had this advice for tpriate behavior. They should stop

### Police Seek Info On Murder Suspect



David Porter aka Robert Clay

The San Francisco Police Department is requesting community help in the investigation of gay-related murders. Police ask that anyone who recognizes David Porter (pictured here) to

On Sept. 14, Porter, also known as Robert Clay, was arrested by police in Concord and charged with the murder of a man in Providence, Rhode Island. Police believe that Porter was in San Francisco and active in the gay community between September 1986 and September 1987. Persons with information are asked to call Inspectors Ed Erdelatz or Jeff Brosch at the Homicide Detail, telephone (415) 553-1147 or 553-1148.

#### Feds to Study **Anti-Gay Violence**

Responding to lobbying by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ)—the research arm of the Justice Department—and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) have agreed to initiate efforts to study anti-gay violence.

The study is being conducted by Abt Associates, an independent research firm, and will review existing research on the scope, nature, and motivations of hate violence.



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## Simon Says He Backs Gay Job-Rights Bill

**Demo Presidential Candidate** Taking the Lead in Iowa

by Ray O'Loughlin

Presidential candidate Sen. Paul Simon (D-Illinois) pledged last week to support the gay employment-rights bill now before Congress. He joins the Rev. Jesse Jackson, among the major candidates for the White House, in supporting the bill to extend federal civil rights protections to gay and lesbian people. Though not now a sponsor of the legislation, Simon said he would consider signing onto the bill.

"I do support it and have in past years," Simon told a gathering of the Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance on Monday morning, Oct. 19. "I am willing to work with you and take a look at the bill," Simon said.

Relating that he came from southern Illinois, which he said is closer to Mississippi than to Chicago, "I've always opposed discrimination and always will," Simon said.

He called for a "crash program" to combat the AIDS epidemic. But Simon also urged protection for the civil rights of those affected by the disease. "We have to move in ways that do not impose a police state," said Simon. "Let's face our problems, move on our problems, but within a spirit respecting the civil liberties of our citizens."

He said that while there was consensus in Congress supporting increased funds for AIDS research, education was more controversial. But Simon backed public AIDS education because 'education pays off' and 'cuts down on unreasoning fear."

He said he didn't vote on Sen. Jesse Helms' amendment last week to cut \$20 million in federal funds from AIDS education that was denounced as pornographic. "I was out of town campaigning," said the Illinois Democrat.

Simon has joined Sens. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) in sponsoring legislation to expand voluntary testing programs for HIV.

Following the withdrawal of Gary Hart and Joseph Biden from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Simon has risen in popularity. One poll recently showed the first-term senator leading in Iowa, which will decide its favorite next February in caucus meet-

Will Simon's unabashed liberalism attract voters in the era of Reagan retrenchment? Simon said the response he's been getting indicates Americans are ready for a change. There is "a universal appeal of issues," he said, which leads voters in all regions to favor his stand for cutting defense spending in order to increase social services.

"We've wasted a lot of money and called it defense," said Simon in his blunt style.

Simon hopes his candor will impress voters. After miniscandals thinned the ranks of the Democrats, Simon hopes to capitalize on his reputation for intelligence and integrity. "With me there is no pretty package," he recently told the Los Angeles Times, "what you see is what you

In his second appearance this year before a San Francisco gay audience, Simon credited the gay vote with some clout. "This country can do much better," he told Alliance members, "the key is leadership and you're among those who will play a role in choosing that leadership."

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more extensively used when it can help prevent the spread and protect the uninfected and unsuspecting. We have a responsibility to test when knowing will help to protect others."

Feinstein supported her proposal by citing a rambling, sixpage, single-spaced letter signed only, "Louise Anonymous."

"Frankly, I think AIDS has been a political issue rather than a health one and our priorities are off center. The disease is spreading like wildfire," the letter said.

In fact, the rate of AIDS transmission in San Francisco during 1987 has been below one percent, according to the nation's largest federal study on AIDS transmission. A UC-Berkeley study charting AIDS in 19 San Francisco neighborhoods since 1984 has stated that transmission has dropped "to near zero."

#### A GREY PALL

The anonymous letter cited by Feinstein continues, "Why are we pretending this disease isn't insidiously infiltrating the city. Some of my friends don't even want to visit S.F. any more. They say a grey pall hangs over the city, as though the city is haunted."

"We are all at risk, and so are our children," the anonymous letter states.

The anonymous letter-writer represents being a divorced mother of three with many "dear gay friends" because she is in the arts. In another part of the letter, however, the author represents being "a crisis counselor for 7 and a half years."

The letter states, "I still think there are secret bathhouses in S.F. and they have to be discovered and closed." It urges, "Something has to be done that has more grit, more power. This waffling about in regards to a spreading fatal disease is too weak, too inadequate."

Feinstein, who released the anonymous letter with her proposal on Tuesday, said, "This letter says it all."

Nonsense, said Sup. Harry



Mayor Dianne Feinstein

(Photo: M. Hicks)

Britt. Mandatory testing of jail inmates or anyone else "Is simply a way of appearing to do something about AIDS without doing anything real at all," Britt said. "I don't know why Dianne is doing this, unless she is trying to create a record for her race for governor.'

#### PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

It seemed unlikely the proposal would succeed, although it could indirectly affect the wider atmosphere of public policy and

First, the proposal violates current state law. The AIDS Antibody Testing Confidentiality Act, passed in 1984, prohibits antibody testing without the express written consent of the person to be tested.

Sen. Doolittle (R-Folsom) and others have sought to weaken the law, but as the 1987 legislature adjourned, the confidentiality law remained in effect. Feinstein's proposal may support efforts to weaken or repeal the law

Larry Bush, aide to Assemblymember Art Agnos (D-S.F.), author of the confidentiality law, was asked if Feinstein's proposal were legal. "No," he said, without pausing.

Bush was incensed at Feinstein's call for "the same conple with AIDS.

"This is a phrase popularized by the New Right, and it promotes the underlying assumption that we have not been concerned about the rights of the larger public," Bush said. "That's just

"San Francisco and the state of California are acknowledged everywhere as being leaders in protecting the rights and the health of the uninfected-by educating the public how not to get AIDS," Bush said.

Another practical barrier to Feinstein's proposal is that all three city institutions which would be involved in implementing it are opposed to mandatory testing. Those institutions include the Health Commission, the Department of Public Health staff, and the Sheriff's office.

Said Dr. Tom Peters, associate director of health, "We are studying the recommendation very carefully, but we have substantial questions . . . we have talked to the sheriff, and Sheriff Hennessey has serious questions about the advisability of this pro-

Peters pointed out that mandatory education on AIDS prevention already is occurring at San Francisco jails. Inmates receive AIDS prevention material at booking, the jails are postered cerned and caring leadership in with AIDS prevention messages, protecting the rights of the and on release, inmates are given uninfected" as in protecting peo- an AIDS prevention kit including

## Sheriff Says He's Against **Mandatory Jail Testing**

Sheriff Michael Hennessey said Wednesday he was strongly opposed to "a quarantine of inmates identified as infected" with the AIDS virus. He said Mayor Feinstein's jail testing proposal raised "frightening questions."

"The effort to quarantine in-

possible, from a practical stand- Hennessey said, "What we point, to segregate antibody positive inmates. "At the Hall of and 30 single cells," he said. people."

City jails book 55,000 people them are sentenced inmates. The rest are people charged with, but not yet convicted of, a crime. Twoare released within 48 hours. any such lists."

mates identified as infected is and it is a frightening question," only an opening gambit for the Hennessey said. "Once informaeventual quarantining of other tion of HIV infection gets into citizens who are infected," Hen- the hands of law enforcement, nessey said. "I am very concern- there is neither any obligation ed about this whole idea." nor any incentive for that infor-Hennessey said it would be im- mation to remain confidential."

could end up with is the keeping of lists of people in the commu-Justice, I've got 900 prisoners nity identified as HIV positive

Hennessey said the Police Ofa year, but only about 10,000 of ficers' Association, the police union, had asked Hennessey for a list of antibody positive prisoners in city jails. But he thirds of those booked at city jails refused, saying, "I don't keep

## THE BROADEST COMMUNITY SUPPORT.



66 John Molinari respects our community's integrity. He seeks our opinions and listens to our concerns. Unlike others, Jack doesn't dictate what he thinks is best for us. He's someone we can work with to accomplish our goals. That's why he has such broad HARRY BRITT



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**66** John Molinari campaigned across the state and raised funds last year to defeat Prop 64, as he did against the Briggs Initiative in 1978. He's given valuable support to the fight against AIDS, mandatory testing and Doolittle Whenever we've needed him, John Molinari has been

**PAUL BONEBERG** Director, Mobilization Against AIDS\*



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Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party\*



66 John Molinari is the only candidate who has continually supported our community's political candidates, including Harry Britt for Congress. The other major candidate has repeatedly blocked gay empowerment even opposing Harvey Milk for Assemblyman and WAYNE FRIDAY

Political Editor, Bay Area Reporter



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PROPOSITION C-HEALTH FACILITIES BONDS-VOTE NO

PROPOSITION D - RECREATION AND PARK BONDS - VOTE NO

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This bond issue would authorize the city and the Parking Authority to build parking lots or garages in some of the more densely populated neighborhoods, such as the Castro, Chinatown, North Beach and the Upper Fillmore, to name a few. It is difficult to assess the cost, but the bonds would be paid by parking fees and leases.

We also believe this issue would help small businesses in those neighborhoods where it is difficult to park. This is a long-term project and deserves your support.

Vote YES on F.

#### PROPOSITION G - CITIZEN COMPLAINT AGENCY BUDGET

One of the greatest problems facing this agency is lack of funds. The Police Department has fought this agency ever since its inception. Its appropriation was fixed at 60 percent of the Police Department's Internal Affairs Bureau. A yes vote would eliminate the limitation on this agency, and funds would be appropriated through regular city budget

Let us move forward and get this agency functioning properly. It has a new director; let's give him the tools to do a proper job. Vote YES on G.

#### PROPOSITION H - DEPUTY SHERIFF PROBATION

This proposition would simply extend the probation period from 12 to 18 months, allowing the Sheriff's Department more time to evaluate each deputy. Each trainee spends approximately four or five months in school, and seven or eight months is not sufficient time to judge work

This proposition would also bring the Sheriff's training into the same criteria as the Police Department. Vote YES on H.

#### PROPOSITION I - DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT PAYMENTS

This proposition would bring the Sheriff's Department into line with those of Police and Firefighters. It would cap the PERS payment by department employees at 7.5 percent of their wages. It merits your vote. Vote YES on I.

#### PROPOSITION J-EMPLOYEE REPS. RETIREMENT

This would allow labor unions to contribute retirement monies to the city or PERS plans on behalf of persons on leave of absence to work as union representatives. The idea looks fine on paper but many union reps receive higher wages than if they were on the city's payroll. The unions would pay in at these higher wages, and the city would eventually pay higher retirement.

If the electorate were guaranteed that the same wage scale (if working on the job) was the basis for retirement pay-ins, then it would be equitable. This is not the case.

Vote NO on J.

#### PROPOSITION K-NURSES RETIREMENT EXEMPTION

This proposition would amend the City Charter to provide that fulltime nurses hired by the city after Jan. 1, 1988 get no additional retirement credit for extra hours worked on a day-by-day basis. Nurses who work those extra hours would have the option to have them count towards retirement and would have to contribute to the retirement fund. Vote YES on K.

#### PROPOSITION L-APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY CLERK

Would combine the positions of Executive Officer of the Superior Court and the County Clerk into one position. It would also remove the County Clerk from Civil Service status, and place this position under the presiding judge. It would streamline the court system and save money. Vote YES on L.

#### PROPOSITION N - CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

Would change the filing date for candidates for local office from 60 days to 88 days prior to the election dates. The extra days would insure the timely delivery of the Voters Handbook and cut overtime costs for printing and extra personnel.

Vote YES on N.

#### PROPOSITION O - HEALTH SERVICE BOARD ELECTION

While retired city employees pay into health services, they cannot vote for the three members elected by city employees. We find this to be discriminatory and should be changed.

Vote YES on O.

Vote NO on P.

PROPOSITION P-DISTRICT ELECTIONS

This would become a case where the tail would wag the dog. It has taken many years to streamline and modernize the San Francisco Fire Department. What the firefighters union is trying to do here is go back to the old boy/featherbedding policies of yesteryear. By proposing a charter amendment of this nature, they would insure themselves and not the mayor, Fire Commission or the Board of Supervisors would control the policies of the Fire Dept.

PROPOSITION Q-MINIMUM FIREFIGHTER STAFFING

There are still many inequities within the department and the bureaucracy moves slowly to correct them, but it is moving. To stop the changes at this time is incorrect. The cost to the city would be between \$15 and \$16 million annually, with an additional one million dollars a vear in salary increases.

They are also trying to remove the budget from review by the mayor and the Board of Supervisors. This proposition could set up a new bureaucracy with no controls.

Vote NO on P.

#### PROPOSITION R-UTILITY USER TAX REPEAL

We have always felt that this tax was one of the most equitable in the city. It is one where even large businesses pay their fair share. There are also lower rates for Lifeline users. This tax helps to pay for essential city services and the average taxpayer pays approximately \$50 per year. In these critical times with more money needed for the homeless, hungry and AIDS persons, don't cut off our noses to spite our faces. Vote NO on R.

#### PROPOSITION T-PUBLIC PROPERTY

Again we come to a small group of persons trying to dictate to the majority. We elect public officials to act on our behalf. If we feel that they have failed in their duties, then it is up to us to remove them from office. Don't further hamstring your elected officials.

Vote NO on T.

#### PROPOSITION U-NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

This is just another thinly disguised move to oppose the homeporting of the U.S.S. Missouri and nothing else.

#### PROPOSITION V - CONSUMER APARTHEID BOYCOTT

The City of San Francisco already has a strong policy regarding South African investments. To go further would be beyond the scope of local government to enforce. Vote NO on V.

#### PROPOSITION W-BASEBALL STADIUM

A controversial proposition that has to be enacted before it can be condemned. The pros certainly outweigh the cons and we could use a decent sports facility in the downtown area. To be built without city funds, it certainly merits your vote.

Vote YES on W.

**EXERCISE YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.** \* VOTE \* **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD** 

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#### **Documented**

\* After reading the article regarding the Republican use of AIDS as a scare tactic in their campaign in 1988 and if the article really can be documented and is able to be proved, without question, you should put it out on the wire service so the (straight) newspapers can pick it up and we can beat them at their own ignorant game

(Some of) the public would know ahead of time and recognize it for what it is and not listen to anyone who had the stupidity to use it against an appointment (or us) to get into office and spread unfounded ignorance and fear throughout an unenlightened

It would give "them" something to help build AIDS out of proportion. If the public (straights) accepts it when their children begin to die of AIDS, the funnymentalist, and Republicans, the Roman Catholic church and whoever, can use the death of their children as a reason to blame homosexuals as the cause, and then push for extermination camps and then it will be "our fault" not the fault of heterosexuals or Africans whence the disease came from. Their is no fault, but they will make one of it.

#### Vernon Link San Francisco

ED. NOTE: The article was "able to be proved" of course, or we would not have published it at the top of our front page. We're distressed that you suspect our veracity even though we published the text of the memo. KRON-TV followed up in its broadcasts the next day, citing our story. As for the wire services, we can't account for their news judgment-or lack thereof. Anyway, why should they believe us if some of our own readers don't? And does a story need to be printed in the straight press before it is

**Brian Jones** 

#### **Biased Polls**

\* I recently discovered that the Chronicle and the Examiner both commission their political polls from pollsters who have no qualms about producing deliberately biased survey results. I learned this while trying to check the validity of their recently published polls. I was suspicious because the polls were at odds with my own surveys, which show that Cesar Ascarrunz has 10 percent enthusiastic support.

It turns out that the Chronicle and Examiner polls both used "qualifying questions" to determine who could participate. Neither the newspapers nor the pollsters would tell me what the qualifying questions were. In fact, they refused to tell me what any of the

So, I called the pollsters and asked them to produce a poll showing Ascarrunz to be winning by 80 percent. They were both perfectly willing to comply (for a price, of course). One actually told me that he could use the qualifying questions to limit the survey to Ascarrunz supporters! Now these pollsters' surveys are in turn being used to limit the menu of "viable

Please do not be deceived. Cesar Ascarrunz is energetic, capable, and well worth considering when you make your choice in November.

> Eric Loeb, Campaign Aide (for) Cesar Ascarrunz

#### **America's Finest**

★ During the past week in Washington, D.C., I participated in the Names Project, the march itself and the civil disobedience. Having lived and worked in Washington from 1968 to 1985, I witnessed many demonstrations, but the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights was undoubtedly the most well organized, peaceful and effective I have ever

That the Washington Post gave us front page lead coverage on Monday and Wednesday and filled its pages with photos that were not sensationalistic, and that their news coverage was unbiased and did not seek to reinforce false stereotypes, attests to the fact that our movement has come of age and is being taken seriously.

For the first time in my memory the gay and lesbian community was unconditionally united and it was exciting and uplifting to be part of that family. More importantly, it was undeniably obvious that it is the lesbians in our community who are the courageous leaders in this movement. Women organized the march and were the real force behind the civil disobedience. Lesbians outnumbered men at the Supreme Court arrests by two to one.

While gay men are fighting to take care of themselves during the AIDS epidemic, our sisters are bravely and actively fighting to achieve and preserve our civil rights. In Washington there was a union of men and women that can only be described as loving, respectful and determined.

It seems that the Universe, in her ultimate. mysterious and painful wisdom, is weaving some sort of goodness into the fabric of our lives through the horror of AIDS: we are becoming sexually responsible, socially and politically mature, personally conscious of what it means to be human, and spiritually

If ever there was a time to be proud of being gay, it was last week in Washington, D.C. Our presence there, our behavior, our ability to put aside internal differences and personal prejudices and our natural inclination to love one another must have captured the attention of all America. We vented our justifiable outrage with directness, honesty, firmness and even, at times, with humor. What other group has ever done

I believe American history will record that during this age of divisiveness, hatred and fear, the lesbian and gay members of this society were America's

> **Krandall Kraus** San Francisco

#### Thanks, HBO

\* This letter was sent to HBO, Inc., 1100 6th Avenue,

I don't know where to begin. I have never written to a corporation before where I didn't have a major complaint. This is just the opposite. I just finished watching a movie presented by HBO, Inc. called Intimate Contact. It is a powerful film shown in two parts on consecutive days (the next showing is on Oct. 29, 30; part 1 is shown on one day, part 2 the following day).

Those of us active around the AIDS crisis know all too well that AIDS is everyone's problem and we are constantly trying to find ways to educate people to this reality and to bring people together in a caring and constructive way to deal with this terrifying disease. Most of us who are familiar with AIDS have seen the cruelty of uneducated people toward people with AIDS, the isolation that often occurs with family members and so-called friends, the pain and suffering of the disease itself, and still so many people who really need to care do not want to look for fear of being contaminated.

The film Intimate Contact is powerful in that it depicts every aspect of the despair, not only of those with AIDS themselves, but of their families and loved ones who care, who stand by them. People who often find themselves divided by their own misconceptions of the disease, or the shame, or the guilt of having someone they love identified as an AIDS "victim." This movie does not speak so much of "victims" or "patients" but of people with AIDS—drug abusers, children, hemophiliacs, gays, women-and those special people who love them and care and are there when they are most needed.

As person with AIDS, I was greatly touched by this film. More important, it is a film that must be shown everywhere. At a time when our Senate and Jesse Helms would penalize those organizations educating around AIDS, HBO is particularly to be commended.

I can only hope that you will continue this movie into your next month's selection as well. I would also hope that you are able to distribute copies of this film to be shown at high schools, at community centers, and hospitals.

**Richard Paul Bornstein** AIDS/ARC Support Group San Francisco

#### **Syphilis**

★ Is AIDS syphilis? Testing last year of frozen sera from 20 patients, all of whom died of CDC-defined AIDS, revealed that each patient also had active syphilis at the time of death though only five had shown syphilis in routine testing prior to death. The Journal of the American Medical Association editorialized last Jan. 16 that immune-compromised people may no longer test positive for syphilis even though they may have it.

In April a New York doctor began treating AIDS and ARC patients using anti-syphilis drugs only, and results dealing with the first 25 patients were revealed at a press conference in San Francisco Oct. 15. Every single patient showed signs of improvement, both in observable physical condition and blood work. Incidentally, only eight of the 25 had tested positive for syphilis.

A new book, AIDS and Syphilis: the Hidden Link, details the theory, suggesting that if you are AIDS or ARC-diagnosed you have syphilis-whether it shows or not. And on Nov. 2 from 9 to 4 p.m., the country's foremost expert will be offering a one-day workshop on "Syphilis and AIDS" at First Unitarian Church (TBM Associates, 2811 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94703; registration fee \$85). It's said that AIDS can't yet be cured; but syphilis can. I urge all health conscious people to attend.

Mike Smith

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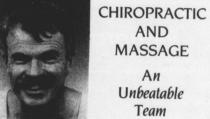
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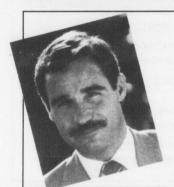
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\* I am disappointed that you printed sections of Family Pharmaceuticals press release on AZT by mail without checking their claims. The \$200 per hundred "below wholesale" price they offer is no better than the \$197.60 Walgreens (Castro & 18th)

San Francisco

#### Extreme

★ One of the biggest complaints gays have against the general press is that they only seem to publish photographs of the more unusual and extreme members of our community

Yet that is exactly what you have done on pages 16 and 17 of the Oct. 8 issue, and then again in many of your advertisements.

Isn't this some sort of double standard? How come the straight press gets criticized for publishing what

> **Dan Dooley** Los Angeles, CA

ED. NOTE: Nothing more "unusual and extreme" is pictured on the pages you note than people having fun at the street fair. Advertisements are paid for, so we can provide space to publish letters such as yours.

#### Haunting

★ The following letter was sent to Sen. Pete Wilson:

you publish routinely?

I suspect that your vote for Bork will come back to haunt you for a long time. Your vote adds to the impression that Republicans, in general, are in agreement with "Bork Values."

As a prominent Republican, do you agree with Bork on privacy issues, specifically, that gay men and lesbians have no rights under the Constitution, as stated by Bork during the recent Senate hearing? Do you think it was a "privilege" for women to

have the choice either to be sterilized or to be fired from their jobs, as Bork also stated? If the answer is "no" to either of the above ques-

tions, why did you vote for Bork? You speak as if the Pres. AIDS Commission is something to be taken seriously. It is an absolute farce and a fiasco. You don't put homophobes on a board to study AIDS when at least 73 percent of those

Do you favor putting Ku Klux Klan members on a board to study sickle cell anemia, resisting black representation on such a board?

The incredibly ignorant DeVos (President of Amway) of the commission, is opposed to having a PWA (a person with AIDS) on the commission because "he would be too emotional.'

One must not be too emotional about one's fatal

David P. Steward Mountain View, CA

\* There is nobody, aside from Nancy, who would be happier than I if Ronald Reagan went down in history as one of our greatest presidents. But even if Nancy gets her "arms agreement," in my estimation President Reagan will not earn this honorable place in history unless he acts generously and quickly upon

Never in my life has an administration been so closely identified with fundamentalist theology. Yet where is that fundamental love (that is Christ's boldest message) being shown toward people with AIDS? The good Samaritan took it upon himself to help the ailing, battered traveller. Though this victim was one "of them," the Samaritan showed a generosity that has amazed humankind for centuries.

With scores of your appointees under investigation, with your zestful supporter Rev. Jerry Falwell calling Jim Bakker "the greatest scab and cancer on the face of Christianity in 2,000 years," and with your humiliating AIDS panel that is a slap in the face to every American, I must puzzle whether you are a hypocrite or a very sheltered, out-of-touch man.

Your administration claims that out of respect for "the small town, midwestern elderly couple for whom the details of this deadly disease have no importance," clearly written brochures informing every American of precautionary measures to halt the spread of AIDS were not mailed.

I say shame to you all. If this disease continues at its present pace, even that secluded elderly couple cannot escape its destructive path. Eventually they,

too, will know someone - an acquaintance, a cousin a grandson-who has succumbed to a disease that has been permitted to wage an all out war on the American people.

We need a cure for AIDS to protect us-not Star Wars. And do you think so little of that elderly couple and other sensitive Americans that they will not indergo a bit of momentary discomfort as they scan this pamphlet so that a teenage boy or girl, deprived of the awareness that we San Franciscans are blessed with, might understand the concept and measures of safe sex and have a second chance for life? The reality of death disturbs the heart a millionfold more than the reality of the condom.

Shame on you Pres. Reagan, shame. But there is still time left in your presidency to earn that cherished spot alongside the legacies of our greats. Please God, you'll get it.

> **James Patrick Kennedy** San Francisco

#### Switch

\* The following was sent to CBS News, New York:

I am outraged! As a long-time viewer of the CBS Evening News, I tuned in your broadcast with Charles Osgood on Oct. 11, to learn about the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights held that day. After sitting through feature stories on such topics as communism in Albania and a new breed of milk cows, I finally saw a very short two-minute segment on the march which began sixteen minutes into the news program.

As a young junior high school student, not yet out as a gay man, I remember being moved while watching the extensive, live coverage you gave to the 1963 civil rights march on Washington. The media coverage of that event was a major impetus for the rights won by the 10 percent of our citizens who are black. Now, in 1987, the 10 percent of our citizens who are gay and lesbian who have not yet been given their civil rights marched on Washington in the hundreds of thousands, but you deemed it fit to give this event only two minutes in the last half of your news program.

Exactly what would it take for you to give prominence to the struggle for gay and lesbian rights? If several hundred thousand people marching in Washington on a slow news day, against the backdrop of a devastating disease which is killing thousands, is not enough to deserve major coverage, exactly what is required? How can gays and lesbians ever win rights or change the political climate which has so long ignored them if we are ignored by the media?

In the future, I plan to switch my national news viewing to ABC, which gave the march top coverage on its evening broadcast of Oct. 11, together with coverage on Good Morning America and Nightline the following day. I also plan to urge my friends in the gay and lesbian community to similarly boycott your news programs until you improve your coverage of gay and lesbian issues.

> Frank F. Davis San Francisco

#### **Brushed Aside**

★ Some time ago, I read an article on tattooing AIDS sufferers. Prepared, I think, by one of the Southern California polling corporations, it brought to mind a few other groups that should be included in this possible list of offenders-late bill-payers as they undermine the economy, jay walkers as they create traffic hazards and cost a fortune keeping otherwise useful people ill-employed. Politicians who have made or were remotely connected to any form of illegal activities. Anyone showing ignorance in regards to the current polls, herpes sufferers, hepatitis sufferers, those with depression, people with athlete's foot and welfare recipients, we don't want them to ruin our day, do we?

Of course, those who were even hinted at being exposed to the AIDS virus, for whatever reason, or however casually (they only stopped by for coffee), would most likely be considered guilty by association. There would be those reported by well-meaning neighbors and relatives; men, women, wives and children, priests, brothers, the friendly corner grocer, the mailman? All these people, regardless of how they were exposed, could be included in the whole. The list would be endless.

Finally, just think of all the fun to be had as the authorities searched to find these offenders and the many innocents that would get caught up in the insanity. Perfectly normal people like you and me and

Can we stand by and let our society brush us aside in a manner given no more thought or compassion than it takes in cleaning up a pile of dogshit? No, get out there and fight and be seen, we are here to stay!

San Francisco

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WE WANT THE BEST AIDS SERVICES IN THE WORLD... San Francisco, already the model for the world in its response to AIDS, faces an ever-increasing strain on its health-care delivery system. As more and more of our people are diagnosed with AIDS or ARC, and as more and more life-extending treatments become available, new funding solutions must be found. We want the new mayor to make AIDS the highest priority of the administration.

WE WANT A LESBIAN/GAY COMMUNITY CENTER... There is a growing need for a center dealing with the myriad of medical, social, cultural, and recreational needs of our community. We want in San Francisco what already exists in Fresno, Vancouver, Los Angeles and elsewhere. We want our own community center, and we want it soon.

WE WANT DOMESTIC PARTNERS LEGISLATION SIGNED INTO LAW... We want full recognition of our relationships. We want a vehicle to register our life commitment to each other, and we want benefits equal to those accorded to heterosexual spouses such as life and health insurance, bereavement leave, and visitation rights. Many California cities have already enacted similar legislation. It's time that San Francisco recognized the legitimacy of Lesbian and Gay relationships.

WE WANT AN END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST LESBIANS AND GAY MEN... There's no excuse for our people having to fear walking on the streets, riding on MUNI, or strolling in the parks. MUNI or the Police Force or both should be shaken up. The next mayor must make it happen.

WE WANT FULL EMPOWERMENT OF LESBIAN AND GAY PEOPLE... We want the new administration to have Lesbians and Gay Men fully integrated into the system at every level of government. We want equal access to the powers that run our city. We want a mayor who listens to us and who helps us achieve our goal, not one who dictates to us.

For many years our community has given its liberal friends the full extent of its support. In return, we must demand their support of us. And when we have a rare chance to elect one of our own to higher office, as in the recent Congressional race, we expect our friends to return the support. As Harvey Milk so often reminded us—we will not be liberated until we ourselves are in positions of power. When push came to shove, only one candidate for Mayor supported the hopes and dreams of Lesbian and Gay people in our effort to send one of our own to Congress.

Stonewall has been fighting for Lesbian and Gay Liberation for thirteen years. Nothing comes before that goal. We've never been dictated to by a party machine, a favored politician, or anyone. We don't make deals, we make demands.

In a completely open and democratic process, we evaluated the candidates and their track records. We kept our goals in mind and considered what we want from a mayor. Only one candidate passed the test. Supported by a majority of our Executive Board as well as every Club President since 1979, our members overwhelmingly decided that...

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race for supervisor and his near-

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claimed that he is indeed our

"friend," there is one level of

friendship that Agnos can't pre-

tend, and that is at the most

fundamental level of friend-

ship-on a personal level of

working with us and socializing

with us, day in and day out over

the years. Simply put, Agnos

hasn't been there, and on that

level we have to ask: is he really

effective advocate? A friend is

someone who is there all the

time-not just when he or she is

Jack Molinari has consistent-

ly been there. He's comfortable

the fact remains, Molinari has

been there and Agnos has not.

That is the reason Moliari has

the broadest cross-section of sup-

port from our community. He has

been endorsed by three gay polit-

ical organizations, ranging from

Democrats to Republicans to in-

dependents. In addition, Moli-

nari has twice received the major-

ity from the city's largest Demo-

cratic club, and has won the

endorsement of the city's two gay

weekly newspapers. Molinari's

endorsement list carries over 500

names in the gay and lesbian

spected lesbian/activists as

running for office.

a friend, or just a sometimes

John Molinari

his is an endorsement of John Molinari for Mayor. A man who has been a friend of our community for so long, Molinari has received the support of lesbians and gay men in many elections. It belabors the point to make the case for him again. In most elections, it wouldn't be necessary to state the case for John Molinari, but let me tell you about himand his major opponent, Art

Jack Molinari is in this mayoral race pitted against another candidate with gay support. Art Agnos has based his campaign in our community on the argument not only that he is the better man, but that John Molinari is somehow our enemy. Let's be clear: some in the Agnos camp have designed a calculated and cynical plan to gain the gay/lesbian vote for their candidate by attempting to portray

and welcome in our bars, he's Molinari as an ememy. been in many of our homes, he's Some of the very people who never too busy to help at our have previously endorsed Molifundraisers, and he's been to our nari with enthusiasm are now social events. We've been in his asking you to forget the past and office many times and we've been o renounce him. The way that in his home many times. Art the Agnos camp has conducted Agnos pokes fun at John and their campaign is only the latest Louise Molinari's frequent visits warning sign that something is to gay bars. But the fact is, Molinot quite right with the picture nari is comfortable with gay peo-Agnos has presented to us. ple wherever he goes and they are

Let me point out a couple of incomfortable with him. cidents that should never be In contrast, Art Agnos hasn't forgotten. Years ago when been there. Most members of our Harvey Milk had a good chance community could count on one at being the first gay man elected hand the number of times they to a state legislature, Art Agnos have ever laid eyes on Agnos. stepped in and used every weap-Those occasions were usually on of the Democratic Party estabaround election time. Agnos has lishment in this city to win that lived with his family in seat for himself. Later, when Milk Sacramento for the past ten years ran for supervisor, Agnos threw and only this summer moved his support and his money beback to the city after deciding to hind a different candidate, atrun for mayor. They can ridicule tempting to split the gay vote, John Molinari for his outreach to nearly causing Harvey's defeat. gays and lesbians if they like, but

I can't forget, either, Agnos' failure to endorse Harry Britt when he was struggling to win reelection to the seat on the Board of Supervisors. If ever there was a time for our true friends to stand by us to show that we had a right to an openly gay representative, that Britt election was certainly the time. But, once again, Agnos turned his back and threw his support to Terrence Hallinan, a member of the same good old boys' club that Agnos himself belongs to.

I recall, too, that Agnos turned his back on Harry Britt's ef- community, including that of fort this spring to win a seat in the U.S. Congress.

Sup. Harry Britt and such respected lesbian/activists as

Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, n contrast, John Molinari and Carole Migden, chair of has long been an ally of Harry Britt on the Board. the County Democratic Central He supported, campaigned, and raised funds for Harry both in his

In contrast, Agnos has been endorsed only by the Milk Democratic Club

The gay and lesbian community does not need an aloof, selfproclaimed hero as its mayor. In John Molinari, our community not only has a friend, but a friend whose election will allow us for once to be the heroes of our own cause. Join me in voting for John Molinari as mayor on Nov. 3.

residential candidate Paul Simon in town making a lot of new friends in our community this week. Unless Mario Cuomo gets in the race at the last minute, Simon looks to be a serious contender. Rep. Barbara Boxer endorsed the Illinois senator this week.

Meanwhile, the GOP's George Bush was in town this week to pick up the endorsement of a number of Republicans, including that of arts patron Louise M. Davies. With the Giants losing earlier

in the evening to the Cardinals, many viewers had seemingly had their fill of television. The viewer ratings of last week's television mayoral debate were at an alltime low (7 percent). Everyone has his/her own ideas of who, if anyone, won the debate. But more than a few I spoke with seemed to agree that the Bay Guardian's Tim Redmond was certainly out of place with the three professionals on the panel of reporters. Redmond made no secret of his dislike of Molinari. His loaded questions and his nervously flicking tongue reminded me of William F. Buckley in a pony-tail.

Jeane Kirkpatrick will reportedly announce her candidacy for the GOP presidential nomination this week, hoping to somehow secure the veep spot on the Republican ticket.

There are apparently no lesbians in Art Agnos' San Francisco. The candidate's "Look-howwonderful-I-am" book never once mentions the word "lesbian." Gavs fare somewhat better. however. He finally gets the word out (once) during a reference to his hated USS Missouri.

Former Gov. Jerry Brown said last week that he will endorse none of the Demo presidential candidates. He says he is too busy writing a book, practicing law, (Continued on page 12)

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

## Illinois Gov. Signs Quarantine Law

SPRINGFIELD, IL—Gov. James Thompson signed into law Sept. 21 some of the toughest AIDS legislation in the U.S. Included in a package of 17 bills were measures for public education, patient care, quarantine, and mandatory testing. Thompson vetoed compulsory contact tracing but signed bills providing quarantine; required HIV testing for marriage license applicants and those con victed of sex crimes; voluntary contact tracing; and limited AIDS education in public schools.

Illinois Senate Bill 651 authorizes the Illinois Department of Public Health to isolate persons and quarantine places suspected of spreading AIDS. A court order is required for health officials to act. Mandatory contact tracing was deleted from the final version of the bill. Rights leaders pointed out that the law could be used to close gay bars.

Thompson said that S.B. 651 "represents the foundation and centerpiece of the Illinois AIDS policy package."

The governor also signed a measure by Rep. Penny Pullen, a member of Pres. Reagan's AIDS commission, that requires marriage license applicants to be tested for HIV antibody. The bill also requires the testing of some prisoners. But Thompson vetoed sections making contact tracing mandatory and requiring health care workers who are HIV positive to identify themselves to their

WASHINGTON, D.C.-

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) has

called for withholding the entire

budget for the District of Colum-

bia for fiscal year 1988 unless the

city council repeals an ordinance

banning discrimination in in-

surance. Helms introduced his

measure Sept. 30 to get rid of the

local ordinance that prohibits in-

surers from testing for HIV as

part of life, health disability in-

surance applications. The ordi-

nance also prohibits insurers

from refusing policies to those

who have tested positive for HIV.

Although the amendment was

approved by voice vote, it is ex-

pected that the conference com-

nittee, to iron out differences be-

tween the House and Senate ver-

sions of legislation that Helms'

measure was attached to, will kill

MINNEAPOLIS, MN-

The Minnesota Human Rights

Department has charged 16 nur-

sing homes in that midwest state

with discriminating against peo-

ple with AIDS. The department

charged that in August of this

year, each of the nursing homes

had refused to accept an AIDS

patient referred by St. Mary's

"Virtually every nursing home

in Minnesota within 75 miles of

Duluth has refused to accept an

AIDS sufferer," said HRC

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Helms Tries To Kill D.C. Bias Ban

Pullen said she may try to override the vetoes on portions of her legislation.

Thompson also vetoed as too costly bills providing for education and prevention. One bill that he approved limits AIDS education to teaching that safe sex means abstinence until marriage.

A bill to abolish anonymous testing entirely was vetoed by the governor.

Al Wardell, of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said that his organization "will protest vigorously if the [health department] tries to implement this act," referring to the quarantine law. Illinois state Rep. Ellis Levin told Chicago

Outlines, "There is no commitment to people with AIDS" in any of the legislation approved. Levin had authored legislation to establish patient care programs cut out by the governor. Among the legislation signed by Thompson

were two bills that establish confidentiality for HIV test results. The laws require informed consent prior to testing individuals for HIV. The testing of all hospital patients for HIV was among the measures the governor vetoed.

-Chicago Outlines and Gay Community

Rights leaders had expected

that Helms would introduce his

amendment-he's tried twice

before-but they were disap-

pointed that the Democrat con-

trolled Senate did not defeat the

Since the law's enactment in

May 1986, most major insurance

firms have reportedly stopped of-fering life and health insurance

in Washington, D.C. Industry

representatives have said that

"local citizens" may push for a

ballot referendum on the ordi-

According to Washington gay

-Washington Blade

activists, the industry is only us-

ing that threat to gain conces-

law against discrimination on the

basis of physical disability,

Cooper told Equal Time, a Min-

Cooper said he may ask for an

injunction ordering the facilities

to admit people with AIDS. They

also could be liable to criminal

charges, civil lawsuits, and loss of

their state licenses. Federal funds

Nursing home administrators

have claimed that their staffs are

not trained to care for AIDS pa-

tients. They also have said that

state reimbursements for AIDS

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## **Protest**

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Fortunately, Jim and I located a friend of his, Reid, who was the support person for an affinity group from San Francisco called A More Perfect Union. Even though they had all undergone training and had previously agreed to be a closed group, they allowed me to join. The ten of us linked arms in solidarity.

At a nine o'clock rally, speakers stated our purpose and proclaimed, "Today we are sitting in at the lunch counters of the gay and lesbian civil rights movement." Then the first wave of protestors surged across the street to the cheers and cries of thousands.

Pressed by hundreds of spectators, photographers, and fellow protestors, only half our group managed to cross the police barricades on the steps of the court. The others were held back by the

Retracing our steps, we reunited and sat down just outside the barricades. There we chanted the words chiselled in stone above us-"Equal Rights Under Law"—and sang the songs, "We Shall Overcome," "America the Beautiful," and "We Are a Gentle, Loving People." Some protestors threw pink triangles like confetti into the air. Others waved banners reading "Civil Rights or Civil War" and "The Whole World is Watching."

or hours we sat, waiting our turn to pass through the opening to the other side of the barricades. Meanwhile, in the crowd we spotted Michael Hardwick, the man whose court battle was largely responsible for this demonstration. His presence was inspirational.

Nevertheless, the wait was tedious and the steps were cold. Finally, frustrated and tired, we followed a group called the United Fruit Company of Boston and marched around the building to the poorly defended north



Civil disobedience is no easier than it looks (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

entrance to the court. Shouting 'No violence' and "Don't run' to other protestors, we made our way to the steps and sat down.

Immediately the police arrived and told us to move. "We had an agreement with you people that you'd be arrested on the front steps," they said. We replied that this was an act of civil disobedience, not a tea party, and refused to budge.

The Fruit Company waved yellow gloves and matching purses, mimicking the police, who wore similar gloves to protect themselves from infection. Finally, after warning us twice to disperse, the police arrested us. Some of us chose to walk to the processing area. Others practiced passive resistance and were carried or dragged.

After being handcuffed (with plastic straps), photographed (by amateurs), and tagged (my number was 509651), we were led onto a nearby bus. Six of our group was placed on this bus. We lost

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track of the others, who were elsewhere. Once inside, I couldn't help noticing a sign above the door ordinarily intended for pickpockets and muggers: "This bus is under police surveillance." I was not the only one to appreciate the irony.

Because the city's holding facility was by this time full, the police had no idea where to take us. For over two hours, we sat on the bus. At first, we were a rowdy and boisterous bunch. Some of us protested that our handcuffs were too tight. "But you're prisoners," said the police, implying that we should act like it.

Others objected to the handling of two passengers, who were taken off the bus following two dramatic incidents. One person fell and inadvertently broke a window. Another, a deaf lesbian, fainted. Many on the bus insisted on viewing the police as the enemy and suspected every move. Others argued that this was not Chile and that the vast majority of police had been decent so far.

About two o'clock, our bus departed, the first of a convoy headed toward the Police Academy across the river in southwest D.C. There, temporary facilities were prepared to house and process us in the Academy gymnasium. As we pulled away behind a motorcycle escort, we heard cheers from the crowd still assembled in the park.

One of our group threw a message to a spectator. "Find our support person," we shouted. 'Tell him where we're going."

At the Academy, we were kept on the bus for another two hours. Fortunately, the police took pity

## Friday

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and investing his money-and planning an eventual political comeback. "I'm not permanently retired . . . I hope," he said.

Saying that "Agnos would be a disaster-his whole platform is for more spending and therefore promotes higher taxes," Jim Peron, chair of the San Francisco Libertarian Party announced this week that he is voting for John Molinari on election day.

So, the Giants didn't make it to the World Series. There's always next year, and yes, I am still voting for the Downtown Baseball Stadium (Prop W), and I hope you are too.



WASHINGTON

cuffs. They also led us, in groups of four, into the building for bathroom breaks. In the gym, we saw hundreds of other protestors, including the rest of our affinity group. They cheered each group of potty people.

eanwhile, on the bus, the mood of the protestors mellowed. Some of mellowed. Some of us, punchy for lack of food and rest. passed the time by making animal noises, playing condom toss, holding pull-up contests, giving massages, and exchanging recipes. Others took it upon themselves to educate our police guards by holding seminars in AIDS transmission and safe sex

By the time we were taken inside, various officials had explained the charges against us-"refusal to obey police orders and crossing police lines," both misdemeanors. We were also told that we had three choices-to offer and forfeit \$100 collateral; to post bail and agree to reappear at a later date; or to wait for arraignment within 24 hours. The first two choices would result in our release. The consequences of the third choice were unclear.

Most of our group decided to plead guilty at arraignment rather than to pay into the system by forfeiting collateral.

Some also refused to give their names, in order to disrupt the system as much as possible. Many men called themselves Harvey Milk or Michael Hardwick. Many women took the name Sharon Kowalski, after a disabled lesbian whose parents have refused her lover visitation rights.

With one other member of the group, I chose to forfeit \$100. I would rather have stayed with my friends and pleaded guilty, for I wanted to see this thing through to the end. But my sisters, who didn't want me to participate in the first place, were worried about me. Besides, I only had a limited amount of time to spend with my family in D.C.

Fortunately, my excuses were unnecessary, for the other members of the group supported each individual decision. Gratefully, I promised to keep track of them when I was released early Tuesday evening. Outside the gates of the Academy, support people offered food and supplied a ride to the nearest Metro station. After providing what information I could about the people still inside, I stumbled into bed, exhausted, at ten.

In all 840 protestors were arrested, the largest number of people ever arrested at the Supreme Court. Although the processing went on until 2:30 a.m. in order to arraign those who did not pay collateral or post bail, 111 people still spent the night in jail. Most who pleaded guilty were fined \$50 plus \$10 court costs. Others elected to serve jail time instead. Still others pleaded not guilty.

Many made brief statements before being sentenced. One man told the judge he was tired and hungry. When the judge said he could well understand it, the man replied, "I'm tired of being beaten on the streets and hungry for equal justice under the law."

This time, no one cheered, for this would have resulted in his or her explusion from court. But more than a few smiling faces expressed great pride. I returned to San Francisco

two days later with a pair of plastic handcuffs and a pink collateral receipt as souvenirs. I also returned with a sense of accom plishment and satisfaction. When friends at home questioned the demonstration's effectiveness, I replied that sometimes we have to do what we feel is right regardless of the consequences. In this case, our efforts were successful. Media coverage was extensive and, for the most part,

Besides, I continued, this was only one of the methods we chose

to promote our goals in Washington. We also lobbied, marchour passion and commitment. ed, and, above all, quilted. With And my own particular arrest, by the civil disobedience, we covered confirming my belief in nonviolent resistance, might prevent me from throwing rocks at gov-I have no illusions that the arrest of over 800 people on Oct. 13, ernment buildings in the near will bring immediate changes. future. For that, my sisters, the

These two men whiled away the time after they were handcuffed by kissing

But it might alert some people to D.C. police, and even myself, are

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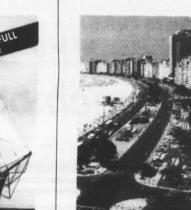
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## **Chamber Apologizes** For Olympic Promo

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce caught a case of jock itch recently. The chamber went to bat for the U.S. Olympic team. But some chamber members cried foul, and the chamber learned there were more players in the game than they thought. And not all of the players were on the team.

On Oct. 7, the local business group sent out a letter to Chamber of Commerce members soliciting contributions to send the U.S. Olympic Team to the summer games in Seoul, South Korea, in 1988. "It is only for very important purposes that the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce officially endorses a fundraising effort and gets behind it," said the letter.

After explaining that the U.S. team gets no government support and must solicit private donations to pay its way, the chamber's letter said, "we urge you to make a tax-deductible contribution to the 1988 Olympic Team yourself and encourage all of your associates to do the

The letter included a toll-free phone number to call to "make your pledge." The effort was part of a fund drive sponsored by Cellular One, an auto telephone service, and was to culminate in a "flight of seven colorful hot air balloons" on Oct. 13.

But the hot air started flying earlier. Some gay members of the Chamber of Commerce expressed displeasure at this support for the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC). The USOC, after all, had only recently tried to seize the home of the late Dr. Tom Waddell as part of its successful effort in preventing the Gay Games from being called the 'Gay Olympics.'

#### INSENSITIVITY'

The Chamber's director, John Jacobs, did a fast sprint backwards. "It was part of our insensitivity," Jacobs said. "We just didn't make the connection at

was not conducting a fund drive Visa.

for the USOC. The chamber had been asked for some help for this one event "and that's what we're doing," he said.

As for any further efforts on behalf of the USOC, Jacobs said, "You've seen our only effort." Any more in the future? "I don't think so," he said.

Jacobs was unreserved in his apologies to the gay and lesbian community. "We didn't mean to offend the gay community," he said. "We need the gay community to be members of the chamber. We're belatedly sensitive to the community.'

He complimented Tom Waddell for "helping his community join the mainstream where we all

The U.S. Supreme Court and the USOC both struck out with Jacobs. The court decision denying use of the word "Olympics" by Gay Games was "not very bright. It was foolish. The denial of the Gay Olympics seems discriminatory in the extreme," said

Meanwhile, Visa continued to feel the full court press of wrathful gays and lesbians as hundreds cut up their cards in protest of the credit card company's pledge of monetary support for the USOC.

Boston publisher Sasha Alyson reported this week that he had collected more than 200 Visa card pieces which he has made into a pro-Gay Games mosaic.

"Every day three or four more cards come in," said Alyson. "It's been a steady stream. It shows no sign of letting up."

Anyone wishing to join Alyson's protest should send half of their card to Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston MA Jacobs said that the chamber 02118. Send the other half to

## KPIX's 'AIDS Lifeline' Will Air Nationwide

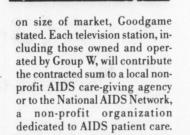
**Proceeds To Be Donated To Charity** 

Channel 5's "AIDS Lifeline" campaign will be syndicated nationwide, with all production and distribution costs borne by Westinghouse Broadcasting parent corporation of KPIX. Tom Goodgame, president of Group W Television, announcdonated to AIDS caregiving organizations. He predicted that monies eventually generated by the national effort would top \$1 million.

The "AIDS Lifeline" project was originated in 1983 at Group W station KPIX in San Francisco, and was the first ongoing local television effort in the country to educate the public about the disease and means of prevention.

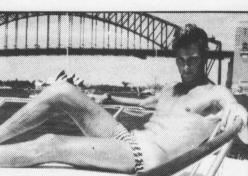
Since its inception, KPIX's 'AIDS Lifeline' has been honored with a 1986 Peabody Award, the 1986 National Emmy Award for Community Services and numerous local awards. In . 1985, the "AIDS Lifeline" project was extended to the Company's Boston station, WBZ-TV, where a similarly intensive effort was initiated, and is still under-

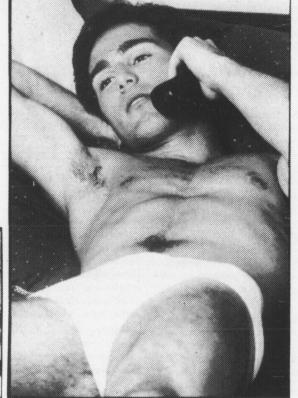
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budget last week when it added the Helms amendment.

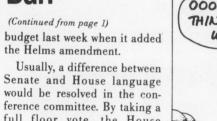
would be resolved in the confull floor vote, the House underscored its intention to attack gay-related safe sex informa-

The House amendment was proposed by Rep. William Dannemeier (R-Orange County), considered by many to be the most right-wing-and anti-gaymember of the House.

The congressional action came on the heels of a resolution passed by the California Republican Party calling for the criminal prosecution of group such as the San Francisco AIDS Foundation which have published explicit education materials on safe

The congressional vote came despite mounting evidence that explicit AIDS education material is successful in stopping the spread of the epidemic.

Last week, a University of Chicago study was released which shows the rate of new infection was below one percent for



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gay and bisexual men.

Those findings mirror an ongoing survey by the University of California at Berkeley which traces the health status of 1,100 gay, bisexual and straight men in San Francisco. The UC Berkeley survey shows virtually identical results-a transmission rate below one percent for gay and bi-

Both studies credit the wide use of explicit education materials for contributing to these breakthroughs.

#### PROVISO IS 'TRASH'

But in the Senate debate, charged with inflammatory rhe-

toric and questionable science, Helms said safe sex education materials "perpetuate the AIDS

Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.), who cast one of the two dissenting votes, called the Helms amendment "trash." Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.), also opposed the amendment.

Voting for the Helms measure were California Sens. Alan Cranston, a Democrat, and Republican Pete Wilson

Helms took the Senate floor waving comics produced by the New York-based Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). The comics graphically depict safe sex be-

tween two men and promote con-**PERVERTS** 

"We have got to establish some priorities," Helms said. "I Declaring he's no "goody goody two-shoes," Helms nonetheless said, "the subject am old-fashioned enough to say, moral priorities. We have got to call a spade a spade and a matter is so obscene, so revolting, perverted human being a perit is difficult for me to stand here verted human being, not in anger and talk about it. I may throw but in realism. Every AIDS case can be traced back to a homosex-Said Helms, "Many of the ex-

Helms said that educational perts, self-proclaimed, tell us that the source of the AIDS epidemmaterials should only emphasize ic is the AIDS virus. That is like 'abstinence outside of a sexualsaving that the source of a fire set ly monogamous marriage . by an arsonist was the match the and discourage the types of arsonist used, rather than the arbehavior which brought on the sonist who struck the match and AIDS epidemic in the first place." To do otherwise, he said, would be "adding fuel to a raging fire."

> The GMHC comics were not paid for with federal funds, Helms acknowledged. But the North Carolina Republican said other GMHC-safe sex programs did get federal support.

Speaking against the amendment, Weicker said, "We are confronted with an epidemic, the likes of which the world has never seen, and we do not have time to get into philosophical, academic or moralistic debates."

"We better do exactly what we have been told to do by those of science and medicine, which is, No. 1, put our money into research and, No. 2., put our money into education," Weicker

"This is what we have done traditionally. Whatever the ailment or the hurt was, we did not ask how you got it. If you hurt, if you are down, if you are sick, this nation has traditionally gone to your side without asking any questions."

### **Health Officials** Condemn Ban On Sex Info

Spokespeople for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the city Department of Public Health reacted critically Tuesday to the congressional ban on gay-related safe sex publications.

"This action is in blatant disregard of public health knowledge and science. In order to save lives, we must talk about sex in direct language," said Holly Smith of the AIDS Foundation.

"It's not a matter of 'condoning' anything—it's a matter of saving lives," Smith said. "Apparently, they are not interested

The associate director of health for the city, Dr. Tom Peters, said, "This health department strongly contends that language should be explicit enough. That's the language we need to use. It's got to be blunt. We can't be using Latin derivatives. We have to speak in the language of the people we try

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Said Weicker, "This education process has been monkeyed around with long enough by this administration. Every single fact was part of a "legislative histoshould be out there on the table now, and education, indeed, is the most effective weapon we have against the spread of this

"I am not equipped to pass moral judgment on my neighbors," Weicker said. "I go by a very simple criterion: If somebody is ill, then they deserve the help of their government. Period, over and out.

#### A GIMMICK?

The safe sex comics were strongly defended by officials of GMHC. Deputy Director Tim Sweeney said, "Senator Helms and his colleagues seem willing to put lives in danger to protect

Sweeney quoted an admonition of Surgeon General C. Everett Koop that "delicate feelings must give way to public health imperatives.

According to Laurie Behrman, a GMHC spokeswoman, the comic book format was exploited by Helms as a public relations gimmick. She said that all explicit safe sex materials are under attack and are in jeopardy of being

Overshadowing the congressional debate was the spectre of 1988 election-year politics. The Senate, now controlled by Democrats, has switched hands twice since 1980. With the memories of diminshed power still fresh in the memories of Democrats, they are anxious not to revert to minority status.

Both Helms and Weicker

alluded to the upcoming partisan fights during the debates. Helms said the vote on his amendment ry" which presumably could be Weicker observed, "I know the

temptation of an amendment such as this. The tempation is to duck. We do not want to be accused of supporting materials that are referred to in this comic

"The comic book has nothing to do with the issue at hand. Nobody is defending that material and yet that can be the implication when a year from now people see a dry voting record," Weicker said.

#### WILSON AND CRANSTON

One of those who ducked was Sen. Pete Wilson, who may face a strong challenge next year in the primary or general election.

According to Wilson press secretary Bill Livingston, the Senate was swayed both by the use of the comic book format and the graphic nature of the illustrations, which Livingston calls 'pornographic.'

'There are certain ways you can talk clinically about ideas that are not perceived to be in poor taste," Livingston said. There are certain aspects of a diagram that are not acceptable. We don't need the explicitness of the material."

Cranston defended his vote, saying, "federal funding should not be used to advocate sexual activity of any kind, homosexual or heterosexual, or a particular lifestyle. In my view, the federal government should be neutral on the issue of lifestyle.'



Cartoonist Donelan was in San Francisco recently with his poster for the Names Project



Murray Flander, Cranston's press secretary, elaborated that Helms had helped to create a volatile political climate which made the amendment "difficult for any Senator to vote on."

The ambiguity of the measure poses hazards. One of Helms' goals is the eventual defunding of GMHC and similar groups. He pointedly noted that claims the comics were not funded with federal grants were, in his view,

Helms said that bank accounts were "juggled" artificially so that it was impossible to determine "which dollars went for what purpose. It is a shell game,'

Ultimately, the amendment would be implemented by officials of the Reagan administration, most of whom are on record opposing the publication of safe sex materials. Any group using such material could find all of its

Steve Morin, an openly gay aide to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-S.F.), noted that federal grant-makers "would have a hard time making a grant to many agencies that currently receive funds." Pelosi opposed the Helms amendment, Morin said.

federal grants shut off.

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#### DIMARKS

### Wayne Douglas Quinn

Jan. 31, 1941 - Oct. 2, 1987 There will be a memorial retrospective n October for Wayne Douglas Quinn rom 2-5 p.m. at 91 Henry Street in San

#### **David Sutton**

Some will remember David as having been elected Mr. and Mrs. Gay San Francisco in 1976, both at the same time.

Many others will remember David as Daramis, the very first "Mr. Boot Camp."

and died a very slow painful death with

nore courage than I have ever seen. He

Thanks to everyone at 5A. There will

Maurice Ouellette, Canadian creation

who hit Boston frustrations yet found his

heart in San Francisco, met his fate in a first time AIDS experiment in Canada on

At 34, born Jan. 15, 1953, he left his

laughs about life, his dreams, friendships

graphically controlled, yet emotionally

"Why the pink belt?" with pouted

A spark, "Touched" a lot of people, 4

for what he

already gave up.

Always "cat-

As Maurice

would say: legs

tightly folded, left

ot swinging

hand — gayly

placed with ciga

ike" and landing

on his feet.

nuns, a sad caricature, a mush mouse,

rette, head slightly cocked, "Well, there

Creating lines of emotion, Mrs. Beasley,

Peanut butter on toast, bananas

(potassium fix), the pyramid of many

Thanks, Maurice for being here and be-

Compiled on Oct. 14, the day Karen,

Alan and Shiela should have picked you

up at the airport, coming home to San

Francisco. We know your spirit is here.

Thanks to the AIDS Foundation, Shan-

ti, AIDS Emergency Fund and affiliated

Johnny Campbell

The struggle with AIDS ended for

ers who had died

Johnny is sur-

vived by his

mother, his sister,

his two remaining

brothers and

many nieces and

nephews who will

avorite uncle.

born and spent

his youth in Rich-

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Johnny was

Johnny Campbell on the morning of Oct.

before him, Dwayne in 1985 and Jim in

1987, all of AIDS. Peace, however, came

earlier for Johnny, when his sister,

Frances, came to bring her loving support

Johnny struggled courageously

throughout his illness. He maintained his

dignity at all times and his playful sense

of fun through all but the bleakest hours.

mond, Indiana. He first came to San

Francisco 20 years ago. It was his prin-

d briefly in Indianapolis.

facilitating his sister's visit.

cipal home from then on, although he liv-

His family and friends wish to thank

the entire staff of Ward 5A in San Fran-

cisco General Hospital for all that they

did in caring for Johnny and in

in the hour of his ultimate need.

ing part of our lives. We will miss your

quiet understanding.

lower lip, "smack."



David (born Feb. 2, 1950), moved to San Francisco 15 years ago and has every diverse ommunity here ever since.

I will rememcampaign, and to strengthen city fire codes. For many years, Richard ber David as Diane, but all volunteered his time working at St. An-

thony's dining room, particularly on mawho remember David will remember the wonderful person he was in every In Boston, he attended Newman Preparatory School and took extension David suffered for a year with AIDS,

courses at Harvard University.

In 1968, Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson per nally presented Richard with the Award of Excellence for his work with the National Aeronautics and Space Administra-

Richard John

Loughran, Jr.

Richard, 45, expired in ward 5-A at San

Francisco General Hospital where he

received extraordinary treatment. He is

survived by his sister Peggy Lyons-

Zeltzerman and his brother, John, who

came from Maine to be with Richard in

his last moments. He is also survived by

Richard arriv-

ed in San Francis-

co in 1978 and

adored the city se

much that he

became very ac-

tive in civic af-

fairs doing volun

teer work for

voter registration,

senior citizen

projects, the Har-

vey Milk election

his father and sister Mildred.

One of Richard's last wishes was to extend many thanks to Bea Blum, Gail Golden, and Dr. Ian Barlow from Shanti and to the Most Holy Redeemer support group, Father Anthony McGuire, Bill Reese, Russell Schuchardt, and Dr. Fox

Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free!

#### Toby Birch

Toby Birch (6/27/52-10/3/87), a long time resident of San Francisco, succumb ed to AIDS-related complications after courageously living with AIDS for eighteen months. Toby moved to San Francisco in the early 1970s after attending Indiana University. He became a wellknown and much loved member of the Toby left San



Francisco in 1985 o study in Phoenix and moved to Los Angeles after graduating from the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute. He developed AIDS immediately after arriving in Los spent the next year helping other PWA's

through the Shanti Foundation and Northern Lights Alternatives, the AIDS

He was constantly loved and cared for in his last months by his mother, Norma Birch, and his lover, Jon Giloy. He passed away in Jon's arms on Oct. 3. Any con tributions in Toby's memory should be directed to either the Shanti Foundation or Northern Lights Alternatives.

### **Thomas Hoogs**

Thomas Hoogs passed away peacefully Oct. 11 after two weeks of hospitalization for lymphoma.

He is survived by his lover Mike Wagner and older brother Woody Hoogs He leaves behind from his 52 years mostly in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

Tom was an avid supporter of Jon Sims and the San Francisco Band Founda

tion. He was a regular marcher in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade. A remembrance of Tom will be held or

Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2:30 p.m. at 1220 Ellis St. #4, San Francisco, CA 94109. Call 563-3799 for further information.

#### Thomas Frederick Polka

The horticultural world has experience ed a great loss with the death Oct. 1 of Tom Polka from AIDS related nia. He follows his lover of many years, Virgil Muggli, who also died of AIDS complications the year before despite Tom's untiring devotion and care.

Tom and Virgil moved to San Francisco from Minneapolis in 1978. Tom had a B.A. in landscape architecture from the University of Minnesota. He was for



years one of San Francisco's leading plastic sign fabricators at Bromfield Sign ould indulge his passion for neon A past president of the local Gesneriad Society, he and Virgil contr buted much to

Tom's friends will miss him for his bubbly personality, his willingness to lend a hand for his incredible knowledge of plants (who will Jon Dixon talk gesneriads with now?), for his kindness and generosi y. We have lost a master grower, a fine craftsman and a good friend. A memorial service was held for him Oct. 15 at the Columbarium in San Francisco.

that organization as well as being active

in Cal Hort, the African Violet,

He is survived by his parents, Colleen and Frederick, and brothers and sister neil, Bob and Cheryl, and many friends.

#### **Peter Hawkins**

Peter Hawkins, born March 23, 1937, passed away Sept. 29 after his brave strug gle with AIDS for over one year. He wil always be remem



seven years, General, and all of his friends, especially Keith and Mark, for their help and sup

Peter was cremated and no memoria services were planned as requested by Peter during his final days. Any donations should be made to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

#### Michael R. O'Connor

Michael O'Connor died Oct. 5, at the age of 37 after a six month battle with AIDS. He is survived by his loving parents James and Norma O'Connor of Pacifica, is sister and brother-in-law Michael and Janice Linstedt of



Alameda, his aunts Agnes O'Connor and his lover and pro vears, Joseph Mendez, and many friends who

Michael, having been born in San Francisco and raised in Pacifica touch ed many lives in the Bay Area. All who knew him will tell you of his honesty, com mitment, and love of life. He will be missed by many. There will be a celebration of Michael's life on Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. Please call Joe (864-5711) or Larry (861-0661) for details. Donations to Open Hand, 1668 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

#### AIDS Support **Group at UCSF**

A special AIDS/ARC support group has started at the University of California Medical Center at Moffitt Hospital. This group is for persons recently diagnosed with AIDS or ARC who are either presently in hospital for treatment of related illness or under outpatient care at UCSF.

The primary purpose of this group is to allow persons with AIDS/ARC to discuss their problems and to raise questions and to build basic support for one

If you have any questions or are interested in participating or know of someone who might be interested, please call Richard "Ric" Bornstein at (415) 929-7865 during the daytime hours only (not after 9:30 p.m.).

## WhoWhatWhenWhereWhyWhoWhatWhenWhereWhyWhoWhatWhenWhere

### **Hairy Problem:** Who's Buried In Milk's Tomb?

Who's buried in Harvey Milk's tomb? That question arose last week after a service at the Congressional Cemetery. The service honored the assassinated supervisor, part of the weeklong series of events surrounding the March on Washington.

An urn said to contain "remains" of the 48-year-old Milk, assassinated in his City Hall office on Nov. 27, 1978, was at the center of the ceremony.

This was a shock to some of the

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combination of street party and

According to the Lions Club

event chairman, Bill Rowe, there

will be a large selection of in-

teresting "costume" clothing for

shoppers who may be preparing

for Halloween. A refreshment

stand will be set up to help make

the day a truly one-stop shopping

event. And, of course, there will

be the traditional assortment of

new, used and unusual merchan-

Lions Club president Gardner

Pond reports that the club has

designated the Coming Home

Hospice Endowment Fund as the

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The Shanti Project, San Fran-

cisco, has begun to build a tape

library for their new facility

in San Francisco with a large

donation from Mary Richards,

"People are beginning to look

founder of Master Your Mind.

other places for answers as they

discover that traditional medi-

cine's techniques are not the only

way to assist those with AIDS,"

said Terry Davidson, Shanti's in-

formation and referral specialist.

"Mary Richards' donation of

over 48 titles will be made avail-

able to staff and patients in the

Among the tapes that the

Shanti Project received are

"Making the Transition," "Re-

lease Discomfort," "Music for

Forgiveness," and "Opting for

Vibrant Health in This Age of

Mary Richards is nationally

known for her relaxation and self-

renewal tapes. Her library con-

sists of over 140 programs which

Richards developed during the

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tured extensively and has a pri-

vate practice in Walnut Creek in

which she uses deep relaxation to

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potential and achievement posi-

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Shanti Project.'

dise available for sale, as well.

toes, including a gay-rights button and a photo. recipient of all monies raised at

the Indian Summer. Outdoor

Garage Sale event.

50 people who scattered Milk's

remains off the Golden Gate in

early December, 1978. They in-

sisted that all of Harvey Milk's re-

mains were scattered in the water

Leonard Matlovich, the gay

Vietnam vet who organized the

congressional cemetery event.

solved the mystery of Harvey's

resurrection. "It was a lock of

hair saved by his lover, Scott

Smith," Matlovich said. Also in-

cluded in the urn were memen-

Donations of merchandise for the sale are being solicited. All donations to the Castro Lions Club for this event qualify as tax deductible contributions. Merchandise donors should phone Gardner Pond at (415) 626-9081 to arrange for pickup or for further information.

#### **Blood Drive Set** For Saturday At **Eureka Rec Center**

The AIDS Blood Co-op, in conjunction with The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the Eureka Valley Recreation Center, are asking for help from lesbians and other women. The two organizations will hold a blood drive called "Arms Against AIDS" on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Center's Collingwood and 18th St. location. The drive will last from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Blood drive officials said they would need volunteer help from gay men. Volunteers are needed to help a few hours with donor registration, canteen work, traffic control, set-up and breakdown. Some medical experience is also needed for volunteers to do donor site prepping and bag. For more information on volunteer work, please call on Thursday or Friday and ask for either Penni at 863-9730 or Lee at 621-2069.

The first 200 donors will receive free two ounces of Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee



More blood is always needed

(Photo: Rink)

courtesy of Java Road, an AIDS Blood Co-op founder. There will also be other prize drawings for five massages, videotapes from Metro Video, a hand-made quilt and more.

#### Ms Leather Sets **Board Meeting**

International Ms Leather, Inc., a California nonprofit corpora-

tion, will hold its annual board of directors meeting on Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at 4046 26th Street, San Fran-

Board vacancies will be filled and directors will be elected.

For further information please contact Sky Renfro at (415) 863-1386 or write to P.O. Box 146504, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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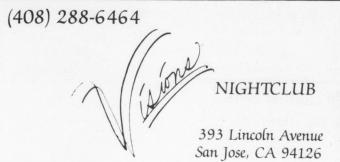
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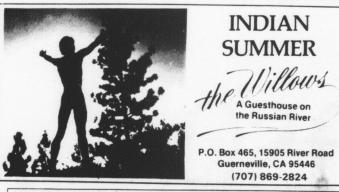
#### **New Hours For Men's Clinic**

The Men's Clinic, sponsored by the Gay Men's Health Collective in Berkeley, is now open every Sunday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. The new hours are designed to be more convenient for men visiting the clinic from all parts of the Bay Area.

The clinic actively promotes safer sex and AIDS education. A continuous informational video program is presented in the waiting room along with educational materials and free condoms. Counseling and referrals are also provided to men with AIDS and ARC concerns. Testing and treatment is provided for the more routine sexually transmitted diseases such as gonnorrhea, syphilis, NGU, lice, scabies, and veneral warts. All services are provided free of charge.

The clinic is located in Berkeley at 2339 Durant Avenue. For additional information please call 644-0425.







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## Fife's Closes — Maybe for Good As Deal for Hospice Falls Through

Fife's resort at the Russian River has closed, perhaps for the last time as a gay business. A \$1.7 million sale of the resort, a compound of bungalows and campsites in Guerneville, fell through earlier this month. And a proposal to turn what had been the River's largest gay resort into an AIDS hospice has fizzled over logistic concerns.



Peter Pender, owner and creator of the gay resort—the first major gay resort in the River area—has had Fife's on the market for \$2.3 million.

Fife's will be no more

Pender and Canadian Steve Collins agreed to a \$1.7 million sale which would have closed Oct. 21, but the sale was called off when Collins failed to secure front-money to finance the deal. Collins discussed with community business leaders in Sonoma County and San Francisco the idea of transforming Fife's into a non-profit AIDS Hospice and research center.

That plan touched off controversy in Guerneville, with critics citing practical problems to siting a para-medical facility at the resort

One problem: The nearest hospitals are both more than 20 miles away, 22 miles to the Sebastopol hospital and 25 miles to the nearest Santa Rosa hospital

Another concern was the resorts's location in the flood plain of the Russian River. Fife's was swamped during the Russian River floods of 1986.

#### San Jose

## Forum Set On Hospice

As reported two weeks ago, there is considerable controversy over the organization which was formed to raise money for an AIDS hospice in Santa Clara County.

At the community meeting held late in September it was agreed to look for a caretaker for funds which had already been raised. A committee of three people was formed to undertake this task.

The committee has called a community meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the

DeFrank Center to discuss "organizational strategies for residential services for pwARC/AIDS in Santa Clara County." More information is available in care of Phone Sitters, (408) 288-9111.

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n. eminence; repute; mark of honor bestowed for merit. See: B.A.R.

### DeFrank Dance On Saturday

The DeFrank Center is planning a dance this Saturday, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is \$2 per person or \$3 per couple. The Community Center is located at 1040 Park Avenue, in San Jose. For more information call the Center at 408-293-4525.

Halloween is fast approaching and I'll be back next week with information on all the parties and events planned for the Peninsula and South Bay. Till then, STAY PROUD!



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#### Nez Pas

## A Slap In The Face

SESQUIPEDALIAN CONFERRAL (A "Could you speak louder?" Nose)

When all else fails, call on a friend. David Besold wanted information printed about some upcoming event in Reno. He used to be a waiter at a restaurant in Hayward, and knew Ed Paulson quite well. He phoned Ed, got a phone number, and called yours truly so I could "put the poop" in the paper, and here it is.

Mr. Gay Reno, Keven Ryan, is sponsoring a Shuttle Night on Friday, Nov. 27, in Reno. There will be a 45-passenger bus visiting all eight bars, from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. The bus will rotate among the bars at two-hour intervals, and the passport to board the bus is only \$5. Proceeds from the excursion will go to the Reno Gay Hospice. I believe the whole event is in conjunction with the Reno coronation.

David told me that there would be a bartender from each establishment "doing his thing!" No elaboration was extended, so your guess is as good as mine as to just what that actually means. Might be worth a trip up there just to find out.

### APICAL CONTEMN! (An ''Askance'' Nose)

At a recent Tavern Guild meeting, held at Big Mama's, one of the speakers was a representative from Fairmont Hospital. During the presentation, some eyes widened noticeably, and mouths fell open in disbelief.

The oratory consisted of plaudits and kudos to Tavern Guild for all the help, assistance, donations, and contributions for the AIDS ward from that organization. A profusion of extolments and laudations was heaped upon Tavern Guild for the telephones, televisions, microwave ovens, embellishments in the wards, and patio flora and furniture.

I sort of understand how Bonnie Mager, from the hospital, could have been misinformed. I also kind of understand the reasoning behind the pacifying and mollifying of Ed Paulson and T&C Sam (as in "let's not make a scene, we'll clear it up later").

But what really disconcerts and dumbfounds me is that Tavern Guild made no move to correct Bonnie, and graciously accepted all the felicitations and eulogizing for all that we (of, by and for) in the East Bay have worked so hard to accomplish. Hell, the first microwave oven was donated by my spouse and me—as individuals. I don't recall Tavern Guild paying for the servicing, picking up and delivering.

To me, it's a slap in the face to Mama Chuckles, Ed Paulson, Little Mother, the barbecue committee, East Bay Assistance Fund, A.C.I.E., I.S.E., and all the individuals in Alameda County who dreamed, worked, and contributed to make Fairmont Hospital AIDS wards what they are today.

Would that there were a special line to Starr and Jim Harrigan. Maybe they could be convinced to cast a pcx so that any future cockamamie of this nature would be eliminated or at least prevented.

It's utter impudence and affrontery for that organization not to have set the record straight right then and there. I remonstrate that this repugnance is never repeated.



#### CONCERNS OF THE CORTEGE (A Disclosing Nose)

The Imperial Star Empire, Inc., of Alameda County presents FIESTA Investiture '87 of Emperor IX Carlos and Empress IX Tootsi, and the Rings of Saturn Court.

It will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, at Bjornson Hall (2258 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland). Doors open at 4:30 p.m., with the festivities beginning at 5:30 p.m. "It will start on time," said Carlos, "because it's on a Sunday!" "Want to bet?" I snickered!

The \$5 ticket at the door includes a buffet and live entertainment. Also, there will be a bushel of booze raffle. Tickets will be sold before the event, as well as during, with the drawing held that night. Proceeds from the raffle will go to East Bay Assistance Fund.

This coming Sunday, Oct. 25, ISE will sponsor a Pumpkin Carving Contest at Town & Country.

The entry fee is \$5 and the pumpkins will be provided—but the contestants must furnish their own cutting utensils and decorations. Judging will be at 8:30 p.m., and all the sculpted cucurbita will be distributed to various AIDS wards in the East Bay.

This contest is in conjunction with the Dowagers David and Chuck's awards at 7 p.m., also at Town & Country.

The Imperial Star Empire, Inc. has announced its Board of Directors for The Rings of Saturn Court, '87/'88: Ted Taucher, chair; Robert Helon, cochair; Ralph Bittle, secretary; and Hank Chavez, treasurer.

Representative members at large include: Chuck Sheppard, David Montoya, Bill Jimenez, Leroy Selberg, Carlos Vargas, and David "Tootsi!" Facio. The appointed member is yet to be named.

The names of The Rings of Saturn Court members will not be released until just before Fiesta Investiture. On Sunday, Nov. 1, the 222 Club (and "Francine") in San Francisco will host a victory party for Carlos and Tootsi, at 3:30 p.m.

#### OLLA-PODRIDA (A Farrago Nose)

"Just When You Thought It Was Safe To Go Back To Revol" is the theme for Halloween (and closing night). Doors won't open until 6 p.m., and anyone not wearing mostly black will be assessed a buck (money to EBAF). Prepare yourself for the reading of the will, too!

When a group has a gig in Concord, Oakland, and Vallejo (in that order, and all on the same day) and something goes awry causing a delay at the first performance, everything is affected all down the line. The 4 p.m. performance of E.C. Scott and Smoke at Revol, a few Sundays ago, was postponed until 6, then 7, then . . . To most, the wait was, as can be expected, well worth it. E.C.'s closing song "almost" made the decision to sell most regrettable.

Pat's re-re-re-re-reiterations of complaints and abuses about the delay made the decision to sell most enjoyable. Little Mother has agreed to hold the Revol Memorabilia Auction at Town & Country on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 4 p.m. She informed me that there would be a buffet served. She does request additional salable merchandise.

All proceeds will go to EBAF.

Highlights of the mass meeting of service groups and individuals for people with AIDS/ARC in Alameda County will be presented next issue. The no-shows and non-respondents may (or may not) surprise you.

Oops! Somehow the (my?) computer got the first three digits of the Paradise and the last four digits of the Lake Lounge. To get information on volunteering furnishings or services to B.A.S.H., contact Mama Chuckles at Paradise, 834-1222.

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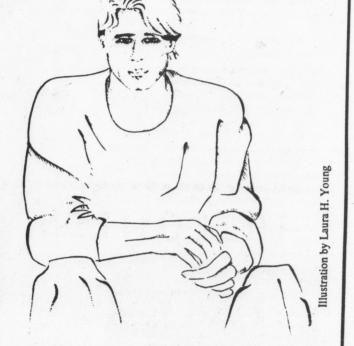
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## **BAY AREA REPORTER** ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Lesbian Erotica

An Upward Surge In What Used To Be Considered The Worst Possible Taste

by Joy Schulenberg

T ntil very recently, the use of the words 'lesbian' and 'pornography' in one sentence had only two probable in-

The first was the portrayal of pseudo-lesbian activities for the titillation of heterosexual males. The second was a complete impossibility. Pornography by lesbians, for lesbians, about lesbians simply didn't exist in any . identifiable form. What's more, to express a desire for such materials was in the worst possible taste, grounds for expulsion from your collective and the revocation of your membership as a card-carrying, honest-to-Sappho dyke.

The last decade has seen a gradual change in attitude around graphic depiction of lesbian sexual activity. While it would be unrealistic to say that market for such materials is booming, the demand definitely is surging with enough force to keep Andrea Dworkin awake at

Pornographic books, magazines, films, and live shows depicting legitimate woman-to-woman sex are becoming available in increasing quantity and quality. Much of this has to do with a greater understanding by lesbians of their own sexual needs and responses. This awareness has created a niche which enterprising lesbian entrepreneurs are hurrying to fill.

On Our Backs is a glossy, professionally produced magazine that bills itself as "Entertainment for the Adventurous Lesbian." It is the first and, currently, the only publication of its quality available on the market today. Other newsletters and magazines featuring explicit lesbian sexual content lack On Our Backs' slick production and professional quality writing and artwork. Since its appearance in 1984, the magazine has generated considerable interest and, as might be expected, considerable

"We're open to anything that lesbians really do together," says publisher Debi Sundahl. "And, of course, not every lesbian does everything. There are things that some women really don't like and they're going to criticize us for saying that it's okay for other women to enjoy those activities. I think it's really important for us to cover as much as possible though. There's so much we're still learning about what women

mong the subjects covered by On Our Backs and targeted for criticism from more sexually conservative lesbians have been dildos (Editor Susie Bright offers a regular coland Sadomasochism, and a category that Sundahl refers to as 'genderfuck.' This latter is difficult to define, ostensibly referring to material where the physical sex of the participants is obscure, even questionable and

secondary to the erotic quality

and behavior depicted. It has

earned the magazine charges of

being bisexually oriented, which

umn titled Toys For Us), bondage

"We are a lesbian publication," asserts Sundahl. "You are not going to find women having sex with men in this magazine. We're not interested in that at

the publishers emphatically

What Sundahl and her associates are interested in is opening doors and shedding some light on the dark subject of lesbian sexuality and erotic response. They, like the publishers of other graphically lesbian publications (such as Yoni and Bad Attitude) take the position that not only do lesbians have a right to access explicit materials, but that such materials represent a healthy expression of self-esteem and appreciation for our own sexuality. More than anything, however,

they are trying to entertain.

Written materials and photographs are the easiest kind of erotica to produce and can be mailed almost anywhere the laws permit. For those women who are still shy about admitting an interest in graphic sex, the videos can be scanned in privacy.

In addition to the aforementioned magazines, books by lesbian authors are growing more explicit. Lace Publications, a Denver company, offers a number of titles, all of which are available through mail order. The Throne Trilogy by Artemis Oakgrove may not reach any literary peaks, but it has titillated thousands of lesbians and opened doors of adventure. A more recent Lace publication, The Leading Edge comprises some of the best recent short works by lesbian authors. In addition, it features an extensive analysis of literary lesbiana by writer and renegade Pat Califia. With typical bluntness, La Califia states that "Lesbian pornographers are working toward a day when no woman in the world will be ignorant of the fact that another woman can make you slither in your panties."

Whether or not the stories in The Leading Edge make you slither, it is an important work in that it covers a wide variety of sexual tastes and styles between its rather Victorian-looking cover. It shows clearly that lesbians are capable of creating the steamy, the sensuous, the kinky-and do-

hile printed materials are far and away the most prolific sort of lesbian porn available today, the pioneers have not neglected other forms of erotic expression Sundahl and associate Nan Kinney initially introduced lesbian Burlesque as a way to raise funds for On Our Backs. The shows offered a combination of striptease, dance, and erotic performance, and were immediately successful.

Within the lesbian community, performers like Rock 'n Roll Ramona and Pepper have become stars of a new sort. The demand for live performance continued well past the initial fundraisers, spawning weekly performances and some serious competition. Sleek, blonde Rainbeau has evolved her own brand of heady eroticism and attracted an enthusiastic following.

The electronic media also has some offerings worth considering. Once again, Debi Sundahl's Blush Productions proved to be a pioneer. The company moved from publishing to live performance to video. Fatale Films of San Francisco distributes several quality videos, including Burlezk Live! and the amusing, nonexplicit L'Ingenue. Those who

by Joseph W. Bean oppies by Noel Greig, now playing in the Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, is a deeply affecting play. It challenges warriors and pacifists, lovers and looters, fathers and sons, our time and all time. It demands that what is good and right be actively and consciously chosen over what is facile or convenient. And it says plainly that good and right serve loving commitment rather than psychological comfort. It's 1989. The leaders of the

world are bunkered underground, hiding from the nuclear melee they are about to order. Young people are smashing and burning the city of London. Two older men, gay lovers, go to the top of Parliament - "a bit of the English countryside in the middle of London"-to await The End.

STAGE

Poppies:

A Challenge To Lovers And Looters

Two 'Mouldy Heads' comment on life from the grave in Poppies

acters in the all-encompassing

play apes or aliens in science fic-

ous nobility young love inspires

hears no answer: Can age and ex-

perience be happy without this

Carlini and Coffman play the

older, present-time couple well,

the man who fathered a family

then left them for gay love's sake

Coffman's wistful waltzes into memory are sometimes less pro-

found than the dialogue suggests

they are meant to be. Still, ex-

cepting the two or three times

when lines go astray, both actors

realize their characters fully and

Stephanie Johnson's lighting

design is tremendous. It has to

be. It guides our attention

through the three worlds on

stage, taking onto itself the com-

plexities, leaving the audience

with the feeling that it's all very

Mark Jones' costumes and

Pamela Peniston's set are also

flawless. The higher budgets that

Studio productions have this year

obviously allows for more set con-

struction and more costume pur-

chases. No one could have made

better use of these expanded pos-

sibilities than did Jones and

play them well.

but not without a few flubs.

deliciously simple idealism?

The first sound in the play is a radio broadcast. "There is no cause for alarm." What could be more alarming?

The lovers, played by Nello Carlini (Snow) and Robert Coffman (Sammy), are not alone on Parliament Hill. Two dead men, called Mouldy Heads One and Two, are also there. They are invisible, ineffectual presences in the world of the impending war, serving to mirror and amplify both the hawk/dove and the love/self-interest themes.

On stage, of course, having two pairs of men moving and speaking in separate worlds is a tricky affair, but director Nicholas Deutsch does it with ease. Freezing one couple while the other moves, adding a perfectly-timed gesture or reaction from time to time, he interplays the dead and the living so there is never any confusion. This would be a major directorial achievement in itself. but the playwright throws another curve.

In addition to the dead pair and the living couple, Greig brings Sammy's memories of an early affair to life too. The pacifist gay man's memory-self and his remembered lover are living in 1939, 50 years before the play's present time action. Again, Deutsch and Greg make the intertwining work smoothly.

The final character is the son of Snow, the other 1989 lover. He is a rebel, a punk, a criminal, and despite his vicious and confronting stance, a sympathetic figure. Just as Sammy's 1939 lover contrasts memory with life, this son sets "vesterday's" choices in contrast to "today's" results.

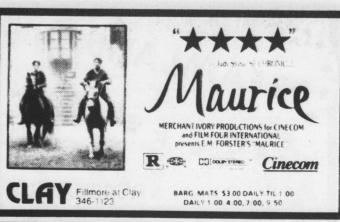
The cast for Poppies is excellent. R. Michael Fierro and Gary Widlund, as the Mouldy Heads, have an otherworldliness for a long time to come. about them which never fades. They play dead but moving char-

Poppies is an excellent play and is extremely well presented. It suffers from only one major flaw: the Studio Rhino space. But, if you bring a cushion to sit on (the chairs are as hard as ever)? and a quiet paper fan, you'll enjoy every minute of it.

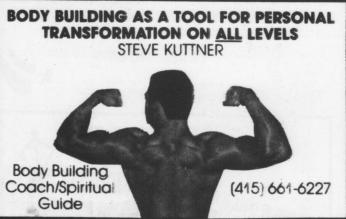
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What's war to do with love?" a Mouldy Head will ask you. By the end of the play, you'll know, and you'll be thinking about it

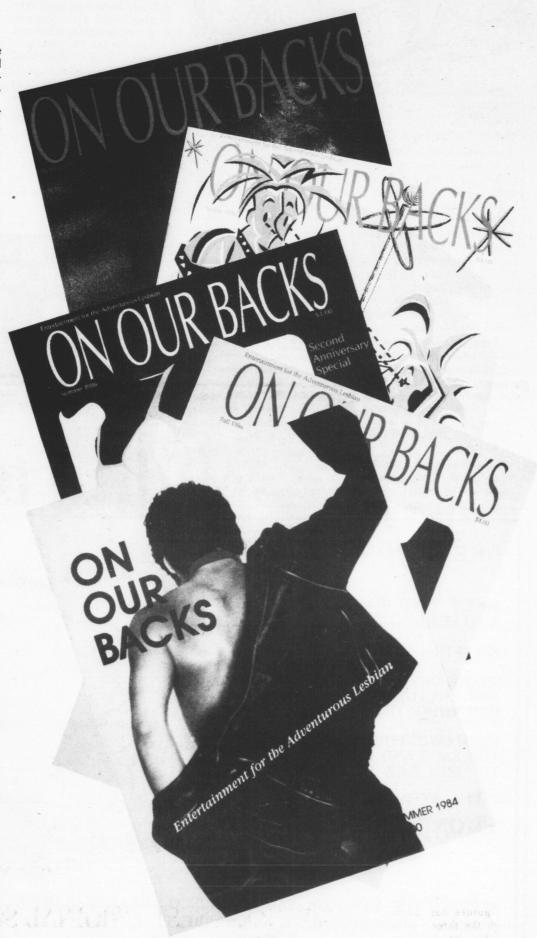
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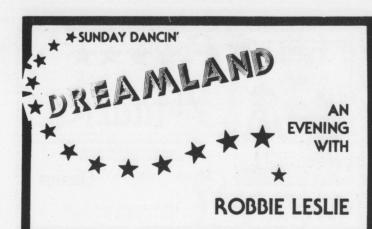












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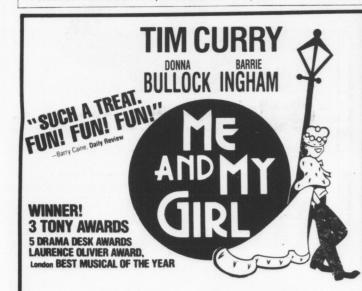
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- Clean and Sober Pre-Halloween Canteen and Fashion Show: sponsored by the gays of Alcoholics Anonymous, First Congregational Church, Post and Mason sts., S.F., 8:30 PM, \$3-\$7 sliding scale. Childcare available; AA meeting 7-8 PM. To benefit the Living . A Tribute to Mel Novikoff: screening of Louis Malle's
- Au Revoir Les Enfants, Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F., 7:30 PM, \$7.50, box office opens at 6 PM. Sponsored by Surf Theatre, Orion Classics, and the S.F. Intl. Film Festival. Proceeds go towards a Mel Novikoff
- · Can't Keep A Straight Face: comedy, Phoenix Theater, 301 8th St., S.F., 8:30 PM, call 431-6777 for tickets. With Tom Ammiano, Suzy Berger, Laurie Bushman, Doug Holsclaw, Kelly Kittell, and Jeanine Strobel. Call 861-5079 for tickets.
- Poppies: stage performance, The Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 8:30 PM, \$8. The American premiere of the play by Noel Greig of the Gay Sweatshop of London, directed by Nicholas Deutsch, about an aging gay couple haunted by loves of the past and the menace of a militaristic future. Call 861-5079
- When Mama Comes, stage performance, Studio Eremos, 401 Alabama St., S.F., 8 PM, \$8, An obnoxious new comedy directed by David Pelligrini and produced by the Rasputin Theater Company about how Mama earns her son's beloved, "Buffy," is another boy. Call 621-8875 for tickets.
- Betsy Rose: music, Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St., S.F., 8 PM, \$5.
- Melonie Miller and Gretchen Koch: music, Sisterspirit Coffeehouse, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, doors open 8 PM, concert begins 8:30 PM, \$3-\$7 sliding scale Signed for the hearing impaired.
- Cathy Walkup: music, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Standards and jazz; dinner served. Call 621-6766 for reservations.
- · Sing-A-Long: with Frank Banks on the prano, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-8 PM.
- Lesbians and Other Radicals in Greenwich Village: historical slide show by Judith Schwarz, Women's Building, 3543 18th St., S.F., 7:30 PM, \$5, refreshments. Part of the S.F. Bay Area Gay and Lesbian Historical Society's Visiting Scholar Series.
- Lesbian Passion: Loving Ourselves and Each Other JoAnn Loulan celebrates the release of her new book and cassettes, Women's Building, 3543 18th St., S.F., 8 PM, \$10 in advance (Old Wive's Tales and A Woman's Place), \$12 at the door.
- . Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights: tenth anniversary banquet and installation of officers, Stanford Court Hotel, 905 California St., S.F., cocktails 6:30 PM. dinner 7:30 PM, \$50. Laurens P. White, president-elect of the California Medical Association, will be hongred.
- UC Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association: first annual meeting, Alumni House, UC Berkeley campus, 7-9 PM. Officers will be elected; Mary Dunlap will speak; social will follow, Call 547-2200 for more information.
- Fraternal Order of Gays: rap night, FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr., S.F., 8 PM, \$5, refreshments served. Call 641-0999 for more information.

#### Black and White Men Together: East Bay rap, 3135 Courtland, Oakland, 7:30 PM. This week's topic is, "Have You Accepted That Death Is A Part of Life?" Call 261-7922 for more information.

- . Steps Towards Esteem: retreat. Marin Headlands. Sponsored by Diablo Valley MCC. Call 827-2960 for more information.
- Dick Fregulia: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F.,
- Church of the Secret Gospel: service, 746 Clemen tina St., Apt. 2, S.F., 8 PM, \$2. Males 18+ welcome. Call 552-7339 for more information.

### SATURDAY 24

- Minsky's: a salute to 100 years of Hollywood, California Club, 1750 Clay St., S.F., doors open 6 PM, show starts 7 PM. \$10 in advance (Transfer, Men's Room, Kokpit), \$12 at the door. Sponsored by the S.F.G.D.I.
- · Masquerade: a masked ball, Kaiser Convention Center Gold Room Auditorium, 10th and Oak sts., Oakland, 9 PM, \$25. Performance by the S.F. Gay Men's Chorus, To benefit AIDS Project of the East Bay, Call 451-4882 for more information.
- Divine: pre-Halloween party, East Bay, 7 PM. Potluck, videos, prize for best Divine look-a-like. Call 771-5572 for more information.
- · Harvest Moon Fall Party: sponsored by the Girth and Mirth Club, 39 Hollywood Ct., S.F., 7:30 PM, \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Call 334-5971 for more infor-
- . This Brooding Sky: stage performance, UC Santa Cruz Women's Center (Cardiff House), 2:30 PM, \$4. A lesbian satire of gothic novels by Sarah Dreher, directed by Kate McDermott, and sponsored by the 1987 Lesbian Theatre Project of Santa Cruz
- · Can't Keep A Straight Face: comedy (see Friday listing for details).
- Poppies: stage performance (see Friday listing for
- When Mama Comes: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- · Ginny Ferris: music, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F.
- Mark Levine: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F.
- · Arms Against AIDS: blood drive, Eureka Valley Recreation Center, Collingwood and 18th/sts., S.F., 10:30 AM-4 PM. First 200 donors receive 2 oz. Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee; drawings for massages, videos, and a hand-made quilt. Donors may designate recipient. Call 863-9730 or 621-2069 for more information, Sponsored by the AIDS Blood Co-op.
- · Women's Forum '87: a day of varied seminars sponsored by Bay Area Career Women, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission St., S.F., 8 AM-6 PM, \$45 members, \$55 non-members. Sally Gearhart will give the keynote address. An event for women. Call 495-5393 for more
- · Feminist Spirituality for Lesbian/Gay Christians: workshop 2-5 PM, concert 8:30 PM, sliding scale. Childcare available. Sponsored by Dignity/East Bay and Women-Church West. Call 527-5631 or 547-1730 for
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of directors and preliminary recommendations for struc-

ture of Gay Games III team, Call 221-8153 for more in-

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- EastBay FrontRunners: Marina Green to Ft. Point run. Meet at the intersection of Marina Blvd. and Scott at 9:30 AM. Up to four miles, flat. Call 261-3246 for more
- San Francisco FrontRunners: Meet at Stow Lake Boathouse in Golden Gate Park, S.F. at 9 AM, No-host brunch follows; beginners welcome. Call 647-3227 or 337-8704 for more information.
- · Different Spokes/San Francisco: decide and ride. Meet at 1 PM at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park, S.F. to decide on a ride.
- . Tsunami Car Wash: parking lot of the Church Street Station, noon to 4 PM. Call 221-8153 for more informa-
- . Fraternal Order of Gays: game fest, FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr., S.F., 8 PM. Call 641-0999 for more in-
- . Steps Towards Esteem: retreat (see Friday listing for
- Church of the Secret Gospel: phallic fellowship, 746 Clementina St., Apt. 2, S.F., doors open 7:30 PM-1 AM. Call 621-1887 for more information.
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- Dreamland: an evening with Robbie Leslie, Harrison at Third Dance Club, S.F., 6 PM-2 AM, \$7. Lights by Greg Fleming.
- · Cut-A-Thon: get a haircut and help Shanti, Castro, S.F., 10 AM-4 PM, \$10. Call 777-2273 for more infor-
- Poppies: stage performance (see Friday listing for
- . This Brooding Sky: stage performance, Moraga Hall, UC Santa Cruz (see Saturday listing for details).
- · David Canfield: music, The Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 5 PM, \$5. Call 431-0253 for reservations
- . Aldo Antonio Bell: music, The Galleon, 718 14th St. S.F., 8 PM, \$5. Call 431-0253 for reservations.
- Tropical Breeze: music, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F.
- · Variety Show: Bench and Bar, 120 11th St., Oakland. 10 PM. Singers, dancers, comedians, and impersonators.
- Faith Winthrop and Gus Gustavson: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM.
- The Year of Fears: David Watmough will read from his new novel about being gay in the Bay Area in the '50s, Walt Whitman Bookshop, 2319 Market St., S.F.,
- . Gav and Lesbian Outreach to Elders: tea dance and social for lesbians (60+) and friends, 30th Street Senior Center, 225 30th St., S.F., 3-6 PM, donations appreciated. Call 626-7000 for more information.
- Gay Volleyball: playground at Petro Jr. High, 19th and DeHaro, 11 AM.
- . Different Spokes/San Francisco: decide and ride Meet at MacLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park, S.F., at 10 AM to decide on a ride.
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Joann Loulan will celebrate the publication of her book, Lesbian Passion: Loving Ourselves and Each Other, Oct. 23 at the (Photo: I. Young)

- · Alex Chilton and Scruffy The Cat: music, I-Beam, 1748 Haight St., S.F., doors open 9 PM, show starts 10:30 PM. cover.
- The Buddy Connection: safe-sex workshop for gay and bisexual men, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7-10 PM. Sponsored by the S.F. AIDS Foundation. Call 863-AIDS for more information.
- S.F. Jacks: cretan Halloween, 890 Folsom St., S.F., doors open 7:30-8:30 PM, \$6.

- . Concerned Republicans For Individual Rights: annual dinner, Ferry Plaza Restaurant, S.F., cocktails 6:30 PM, dinner program 7 PM. CRIR celebrates its 10th anniversary with speaker Ed Zschau and Republican State Party Chairman Bob Naylor. Call 826-6216 or 641-0791 for more information.
- · Catch A Rising Star: open mike, B Street, 236 S. B St., San Mateo, 9 PM. Call 348-4045 for more informa-
- The Year of Fears: David Watmough will read from his novel about being gay in the Bay Area in the '50s, Printer's Inc., 310 California Ave., Palo Alto, 8 PM.
- · Gus Gustavson: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F.,
- Gay Men's Sketch Class: 301 8th St., Rm. 206, S.F., \$10. Life-sized fiberglass/plaster body sculptures by Richard Bauer and Jose Corrales will be used. Call 621-6294 for more information.
- · Egg Yolk Lecithin, Membrane Fluidization, and Human Immunity: with comments by Parris M. Kidd, Ph.D., of Huber-Kidd Biomedical Consulting, on Organic Germanium Sesquioxide, Co-Enzyme Q-10, and other immune-enhancing therapies, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7:30 PM.

- Judy Hall: open mike cabaret, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Call 621-6766 for reser-
- That Petrol Emotion: music, I-Beam, 1748 Haight St.,
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- Open Mike Cabaret: with Katibelle Collins and Lauren Mayer, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-8 PM.
- . Night Workers Anonymous: social and support group for gay men, 261 Fell St., S.F., 11 AM. Call 357-0500 for more information.
- Ballroom Dance: beginning instruction for lesbians and gay men, 3435 Army St., Studio 204, S.F.,
- 8:30-10 PM, \$1. Call 431-4883 for more information. · Wednesday Matinee: sponsored by Operation Concern's Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders and North of Market Senior Services, 333 Turk St., S.F., 2:15-4 PM. Movies, games, and refreshments. Call 626-7000 for
- · Women's Writer's Workshop: for older lesbians (60+) and their friends, Operation Concern, 1853 Market St., S.F., 6-8 PM. Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders. Call 626-7000 for more information

- Mark Zerga: music, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., no cover, food served. Call 621-6766 for more informa-
- · Feathers 'N Flesh: male dancers and female impersonators, N'Touch, 1548 Polk St., S.F., 10 PM. Desiree will MC.
- When Mama Comes: stage performance, \$7 (see Friday listing for details). • Gus Gustavson: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F.,
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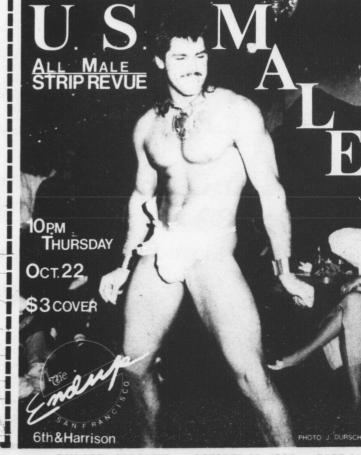
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'When Mama Comes'

## Play Explores Coming-Out Process

by Joseph W. Bean

ean Stein's When Mama Comes, now playing at Studio Eremos, is a very enjoyable comedy with a very pointed message. The story works well, carrying an eloquent plea for parents to accept their gay adult children. In fact, if you've been wondering how to go about coming out to your own parents, here's your chance. Take Mom and Dad to see When Mama Comes.

The set-up is simple: Tom and Buffy are going to be married. Buffy's mother is quite pleased about it. Tom's mother, who has been invited, doesn't yet know that Buffy is a man, but she will have to know before the big day. Iom and Buffy's neighbor and o-worker, Gina, thinks she could straighten Tom out, if she could ust get Buffy out of the way. From there the complications of plot range back and forth through all sorts of farcical, melodramatic, and soap-operatic elements. And there are lots of laughs, despite the basically serious tone of the problem posed by Tom's predicament and his mother's all-too-predictable reac-

The gem in the generally very good cast is Muriel Paule who plays Buffy's sympathetic mom. Even though she has some of the hardest speeches-general expositions about how parents can and must accept their grown children for what they are-she

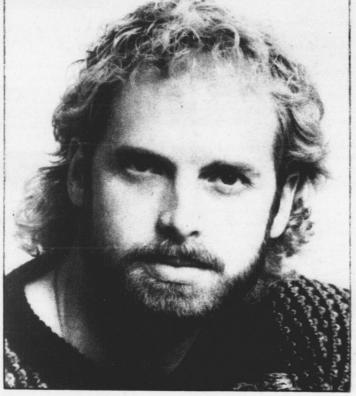
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manages to endow every line with the qualities of her character. The drama doesn't stop for the sake of the message with Paule who gets the didactic passages.

Douglass Christensen is a good Tom, and Shirley Lynn Jones plays Gina very well, too. Matthew A. Carper, in the thanklessly tiny role of the waiter in a single scene, does a fine job But, Buffy, played by John McKenzie, and Mother Rose, played by Barbara Van Dermeer, wobble around at times, more than a little uncertain of their characters. Presumably, the characters will firm up as the production continues, but there are other problems.

The greatest weakness in When Mama Comes is the director, David Pellegrini. He seems to have no idea of how to shape and pace a drama, how to give comedy room to be funny, or how to prune developing performances into believable characters. The show runs from beginning to end as if a metronome were ticking the whole time, never picking up either tempo or spirit for the scenes of conflict or for comic

Gina and Rose are both show ed through shifts of attitude and personal presentation which are either Pellegrini's fault-as I suspect-or, at the very least, his responsibility. Granted, these same two roles are also the ones Stein has left least polished, but that doesn't excuse a failure to

The play's problems, to the extent that they can be laid at the playwright's doorstep, are mainly speeches that probably served to define and mold the show in the early stages of the writing, but which should long since have been cut out. The most glaring example of this is a surprise pronouncement about her own history made by Gina. The whole exposition should simply be moved out of the play and into the 'playwright's perspective' of the character, a note to be read by the director and the actress, but not shared with the audience.

Buffy delivers another of these background speeches which we, the audience, should only know

as "effects" in his character rather than as dialogue. These are things which a strong director would have found and dealt with, or which would have been discovered and corrected in a workshop production. Sadly, the realities of independent production, described in dollars and cents, don't always allow for essential periods of pre production reworking.

Still, for the sake of the laughs and because "Mama" is more enjoyable than the great major ity of independently-produced gay theatre these days, the play definitely should be on your Things To See and Do list.

Be ready to hiss and cheer as well as laugh. Buffy's Mom asks Tom's mother, "What do you want for your son, a lifestyle that fits your expectations without consideration for his happiness?" Mother Rose answers, "Yes." Hiss, hiss. The laughing and cheering bits, I'll leave for you to discover, and you'll find plenty of them.

**When Mama Comes** Studio Eremos through Oct. 31: Thursdays, \$7, Fridays and Saturdays, \$8

#### Benefit Raffle At **Love That Dares**

The Love That Dares book shop, 506 Castro Street, will present a benefit raffle for the Women's Building and the Coming Home Hospice. Proceeds from the raffle will be divided equally between the two groups. The first prize is a \$400 gift certificate of store merchandise. The second prize is a \$50 gift certificate, and third prize is a \$25 gift certificate. The drawing will be held at the bookshop on Tuesday evening, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. One need not be present in order to

A \$1 donation is requested per ticket. Tickets are on sale at the store from 10 a.m.-12 midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday and Satur-

For more information, call 552-5110 or 552-5111, or stop by

## They're Truly 'Dinners To Come Home To'

by Joseph W. Bean

The Washington Square Bar & Grill will kick off "Dinners To Come Home To," a year-long program of benefits for Hospice of San Francisco, the parent organization of Coming Home Hospice.

When Coming Home was opened in March, it was an extension of the Visiting Nurses Association's existing hospice systems. In recognition of its costeffective, but still "warm and home-like" conditions, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said, "It is a model for the kinds of compassionate care that could be developed throughout the

The facility now serves 15 patients at a time, 12 to 13 of them AIDS patients. And, of course, is always in need of funding to support, improve, and expand services. Benefits like Dinners To Come Home To are vital.

Ed and Mary Etta Moose of Washington Square Bar & Grill, along with co-owners Sam Dietsch and Mark Schachern will host a special, \$75 per person dinner on Monday, Oct. 26, from 6-8 p.m. This will be the first of 12 monthly dinner events, each scheduled in a different San Francisco restaurant or night-

Chef Richard Oku will give up his day off Monday to prepare the WSB&G dinner which will then be served by the restaurant's regular staff. The menu includes hors d'oeuvres, a starter course of smoked salmon tortellini in cream sauce, a green salad, choice of three entrees-rack of Sonoma lamb, a vegetarian selection, and a fresh fish-and chocolate mousse cake. Wines will be provided by Jordan Winery.

Moose and his partners do a lot of benefits and special events. "Some are philanthropic," he says, "some are social, and some are political." But when it comes to doing charitable benefits, he doesn't like to become involved with "half-assed events, ones that won't work or that just put pennies in the hands of the supposed beneficiaries."

So, it is important to the owners of WSB&G that this is a success, and not a one-time event. In fact, the program is not only meant to continue for a full year but it is also looked upon by the organizers as a pilot program which may then be extended and emulated in other areas.

The entire proceeds from the dinner will be given to Hospice of San Francisco, meaning that WSB&G is donating the predic-

#### Turkeys, Stay Home! Gay, Lesbian Veggies Plan T'Giving Din-Din

Gay and Lesbian Vegetarians will host a Thanksgiving Pot-luck Dinner and get-together on Saturday, Nov. 7. The informal dinner is open to everyone, and gives gay men and lesbian women a chance to enjoy a traditional, non-meat holiday gathering. Those attending are requested to bring a vegetarian food dish or a beverage.

For directions to the dinner or for more information, contact Rick Haze; P.O. Box 7971; Santa Cruz, 95061; 408-426-7315; or call 408-773-1335.

table income from a Monday evening plus the salaries of the entire staff. According to Bill Haskell, a Hospice representative, the average cost of caring for a patient at Coming Home Hospice during his entire stayusually about 28 days-is around \$4,200 which is less than the expected \$5,000 donation to be generated by the kick-off dinner.

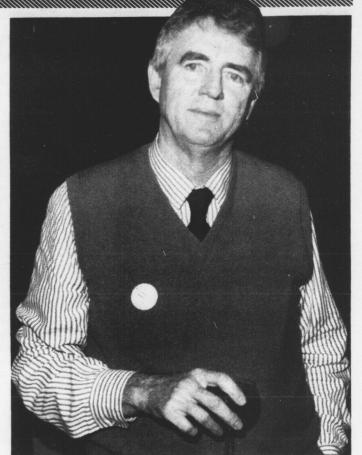
In deciding to become involved with the Dinners To Come Home To program, Moose says that an important factor was that he hears people saying things like, "Another AIDS benefit? I did that already. I think I'll do Multiple Sclerosis this year." That kind of thinking is frightening, he says, adding, "What people don't seem to see is that this year and next year and probably 10 years from now more money is going to be needed for AIDS, not

And, since most of the people who are likely to attend a benefit at WSB&G are not the same

crowd who are attending "every AIDS benefit on the calendar. Moose sees his participation as having a "multiplying effect." It will touch and involve people who might not otherwise think much about AIDS. This, as Moose puts it, is especially important "because we don't want everyone to 'run out of gas' on this at the

After the dinner at Washington Square Bar & Grill, the next "Dinners" event is a dance planned by Marriot Hotels, scheduled to take place at City Eats in November. Tickets for the evening will be just \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Then, in December, Zola's Restaurant will be hosting the "Dinners" event, with the cooperation of Nyers

Seats for the Oct. 26 dinner are still available, along with details and reservations for future events. Call Debra Friedland at Coming Home Hospice, (415) 285-5615.



Ed Moose, owner of the Washington Square Bar and Grill (Photo: Savage Photography)

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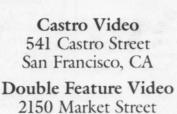












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## Into The 20th Century

lthough music lovers frequently complain that not enough contemporary works are produced on today's operatic stage, the 1987-88 season offers a healthy assortment of operas written by 20thcentury composers. Hot on the heels of Santa Fe's triumphant production of The Nose, the Canadian Opera Company will present Shostakovich's Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk. Berg's Lulu will be heard at both the Metropolitan and Lyric Opera of Chicago. Carlisle Floyd's Of Mice and Men will be produced next spring by Chicago Opera Theatre.

In early 1988, Stephen Paulus' The Postman Always Rings Twice will be mounted by the Greater Miami Opera Association and Kirke Mecham's Tartuffe performed in Eugene, Oregon.

While the wealth of the national media's attention will be focused on the Houston Grand Opera's October premiere of John Adams' Nixon in China, the Kentucky Opera will present the world premiere of Philip Glass' The Fall of the House of Usher;



Baritone John Brandstetter and soprano Victoria Livengood performed the title roles in Stephen Oliver's Beauty and the

unveil a new opera based on

A quick look at what's happen-

ing across America reveals im-

portant revivals of Lee Hoiby's

The Tempest (Lyric Opera of

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to Sierra's El Mensajaro de Plata

(Opera de Camara de Puerto)

Oliver Kneussen's Where the

Wild Things Are and Dominick

Argento's Casanova at the New

York City Opera. Opera Omaha

is staging Philip Glass' The Juniper Tree while the Lyric

Opera of Chicago mounts Glass'

The Connecticut Grand Opera performs Andrew Lloyd Weber's

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sion of Thea Musgrave's Harriet

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Long Beach Opera will mount

Szymanowski's rarely-heard Krol

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Britten's operas will be repre-

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#### **SOME WORDS ABOUT WORDS**

Now that we are several seasons into the use of supertitles, some technical points about their use need to be raised. In both Los Angeles and Miami, I've noticed that titles appear blurry, unfocused and are often projected in such a way that they come difficult to read. In San Francisco and several other cities, I see a stubborn adherence to a practice begun in the early days of supertitle technology which needs to be rethought and perhaps reworked.

Initially, the folks who were writing supertitles had severe doubts about just how much text an audience could absorb and at what speed the slides containing supertitles could be successively flashed on the screen. One result was that, all too often, two or more lines of dialogue would appear followed by a long pause before the next slide was shown. This led to a situation where audiences would laugh before the performer could deliver his line or where audiences knew the resolution of a dramatic trick

before it could happen onstage. Several technological advances in the use of supertitles have demonstrated that audiences can indeed absorb far more text at a quicker pace than was originally anticipated. While this phenomenon is most apparent in those opera houses which use computergenerated images rather tha .. slides to project their text, I strongly urge those companies using slides (this includes the San Francisco Opera) to rework some of their supertitles so that there is less dialogue on each slide and more slides are used which contain fewer words. This way, the dramatic effect becomes much smoother and the text more accessible to the audience.

#### BESTIALITY ON PARADE

Earlier this year, when the Opera Theatre of St. Louis pre-

phenomenon. Although directed with a strong sense of theatricality by Colin Graham and conducted with great skill by Hal France, this opera struck me as staunchly unmusical and of questionable stageworthiness. The cast members I spoke to confessed that Beauty and the Beast contained some of the most difficult music they had ever tried to memorize. (Baritone John Brandstetter admitted that he couldn't wait for his next engagement just so that he could wallow in the luxury of singing an honest melody.) And yet, although most of the people involved in the production confessed that they did not really enjoy it, the overwhelming sentiment was that the composer was "such a nice man." The razor's edge which

sented the American premiere of

Stephen Oliver's Beauty and the

Beast I encountered a bizarre

separates the artistic merit of one's creative output from the charm of one's personality is a phenomenon which has plagued Gian-Carlo Menotti throughout his long and prolific career. It may bedevil Stephen Oliver as well; I do not know what the future holds in store. What I do know is that, after two performances. I'd had more than my share of Beauty and the Beast. Marie Anne Chiment's sets helped to create a netherworld of fairy tale drama, but I doubt that we'll see or hear much more of this opera in America.

#### **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

I regret not having sufficient time to attend a second performance of Prokofiev's The Fiery Angel while in Los Angeles last month, for that truly would have been time well spent. When a company like LAMCO (Los Angeles Music Center Opera Association) manages to pull off such a dramatic triumph in its second season, you know that its future will be exciting.

This production, acted on steeply raked and dangerously angular sets designed by Robert Israel, was a joint venture with the English National Opera and Geneva Opera. It was also one of the most exciting pieces of opera theatre to be seen in a long, long time. Superb cameos were delivered by Marvellee Cariaga as a deranged sorceress, Gary Bachlund as Agrippa of Nettesheim and Ken Remo as a medieval

While baritone Roger Roloff thankless role of Ruprecht (a characther who strikes me as the stupidest schmuck in the operatic repertoire) he served primarily as a dramatic foil to the rantings and ravings of Marilyn Zschau's obsessive Ranata.

Whether fiercely battling a host of unseen demons, insanely demanding that Ruprecht execute some ridiculous errand or exulting in trance-like spasms of religious ecstasy, Zschau (whose strident voice is perfectly suited to dementedly evil roles like Ranata or Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk) dominated the stage throughout the evening.

The soprano's towering performance was carefully framed by Andrei Serban's wild stage direction (whose more bizarre moments included demons popping through strangely-lit trapdoors, American Indians shooting arrows across the stage and (Continued on page 36)

#### MOVIES

## **Too Outrageous For All The Wrong Reasons**

Too Outrageous! is too outrageous for all the wrong reasons. It's the kind of clumsy melodrama where love seems too good to be true, it is; and where you know at the first cough that the cougher will come down with

The sad fact is, writer-director Dick Benner has not grown in ten years, while star Craig Russell has only grown physically. He's certainly too big to play Tina Turner.

The original Outrageous! was a nice little movie about the friendship between Robin Turner (Russell), a gay hairdresser (pardon the redundancy) who becomes a drag queen, and Liza Connors (Hollis McLaren), the schizophrenic young woman he rescues from a life in an asylum. It was a pleasant, low-budget surprise and had its political shit pretty well together.

Ten years later the mentality has barely advanced six months Despite two references to AIDS and a joke about safer sex there's no indication anyone-gay or otherwise-is using condoms, and someone actually says, "I took an 'up' earlier. I was gonna go dancing but my friends sorta 'luded out on me.'

The message is basically "I Am What I Am," conveyed in an original, less worthy song, but the way Robin introduces it makes him more of an ungrateful bitch than a hero.

Nothing much has changed when the story opens. Robin is still doing impressions in a New York leather bar, the Jack Rabbit, while greater fame eludes him. Liza still lives with him (McLaren is again very good except for overplaying her first few scenes) and Bob (David McIlwraith, who looked better with a beard) still manages him.

High-powered agent Lynne Cormack takes an interest in Robin and when warned "G-A-Y, never fly," responds, "I know I can shape him into something acceptable." Okay, boo hiss, but Robin goes along with it and doesn't take a stand until a crucial moment when not only his career but Cormack's by now substantial investment is at

To keep Robin in line at one point Cormack shows him he can be replaced, as Jimmy James does a sensational Marilyn Monroe. It works in the plot, but

#### Halloween At 'The Troc'

The Black Party, one of the most festive and popular events of the year, will be held on Halloween night, Saturday, Oct. 31. The party begins at 10 p.m. and goes until the dawn of All Hallows Day at Trocadero Transfer.

Entertainment will feature a special live performance by Secret Ties, singing their hit Dancing in My Sleep as well as their new single, Carnival. DJ Michael Jorba will spin a nonstop mix of high energy dance music to the visual accompaniment of VJ Cameron Brown and lights by Tom Vargas. Due to the popularity of this event, advance tickets are available at all Headlines outlets and All American Boy. Admission to The Black Party is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door (if available).



Craig Russell as Barbra Streisand in Too Outrageousi

Russell is too generous in giving screen time to someone who bests him at his own game.

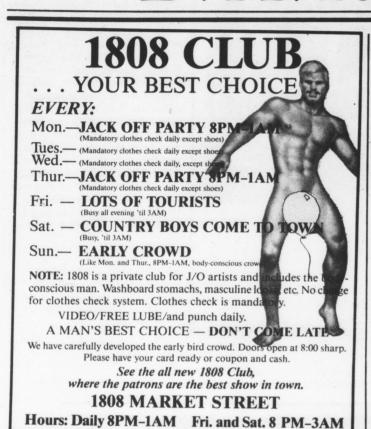
That's not to say Russell doesn't get in some good moments as Mae West, Judy Garland, Peggy Lee and Eartha Kitt. But he shouldn't have attempted Tina Turner, Sarah Vaughn (whose name is misspelled, as was Bette Midler's in the original) or Bette Midler; and his Janis Joplin looks like Olivia de Havilland. He's also good with one-liners—telling a waiter to "Hold the attitude," explaining he's "too feminine" to impersonate Anne Murray and stepping out of the bathroom covered head to toe in cream: "I was shav-

The photography could have shown the star's impressions to better advantage and better editing could have punched up the jokes, but nothing could have saved the script.

We're not talking major disaster here, just mild disappointment at wasted opportunities.



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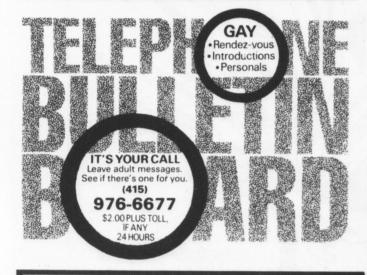


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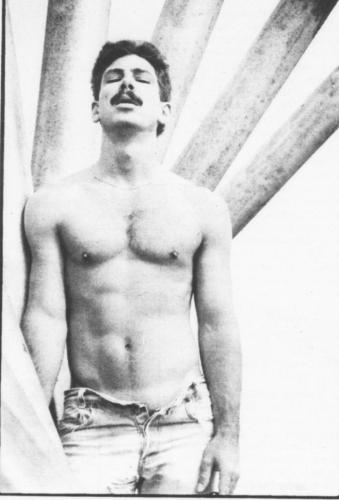
## The Agnosissies Vs. The Molinarettes

ast Friday night, Oct. 16, while the Bare Chest Calendar auction was in progress, only a handful of guys witnessed a bloody fist fight in the alley behind the Eagle between two gay men. Earlier that day on the 24 Divisadero bus two gay men and a lesbian got into a shouting match of vile namecalling, racial slurs, and pushing and shoving. In the men's room at the Castro Theatre Saturday night, two more gay men got into another confrontation that almost escalated into a fullfledged brawl, but cooler heads prevailed. What brought on these outbursts?

The divisive nature of the SF mayoral campaign has driven usually calm, cool, and collected heads into a vicious streak of verbal attacks, innuendoes, and name-calling. Those supporting Assemblyman Agnos and those supporting Supervisor Molinari are off on a tangent that has the dish flying in every direction. The hackles are raised to a sharp consistency and former friends don't even talk to each other. Rarely has this sort of thing happened in previous elections, to my knowledge. The political clubs are rampant with unfounded distortions, accusations, and back-biting that has spilled over into the gay community and it isn't pretty at all!

My political experience isn't all that seasoned. I examine the candidates in whatever race may exist, try to see/hear debates, read their literature, and make my decision. I have never openly written in this column my choice nor have I tried to tell you readers how to vote. I merely say for whom I am voting. If anybody asks, I tell them why (with no arguments) and leave it at that. 'Vote your conscience' is what I always say.

But this campaign is really getting on everyone's nerves. I always look at the people who sur-



Robert Genet shares the covers of the S.F. Eagle Bare Chest Calendar, now available at the Eagle and other outlets. The proceeds of the calendar will benefit AIDS charities

really believe in the candidate's abilities or are they in it for their own personal aggrandizement (in the spotlight), or possibly an appointment to a commission or a plush job? Like every other effort, there is always that lunatic fringe involved. But that's politics. I would hope this thing settles down-it's very frustrating as well as nauseating to be subjected to all this viciousness wherever you go. To say, "Grow Up!" is not enough, and perhaps

if the candidates knew about all this, they might ask their supporters and campaign people to tone it down a little. Leaving the wives of the candidates out of it would be a plus too. Think about it. And vote your choice/conscience on Nov. 3.

(Photo: R. Pruzan)

ome \$4,000 was raised at the SF-Eagle last Friday night as the 1988 Bare Chest Competition Calendar



Leather men and women gathered at the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

made its appearance for the first time. This year's black and white paean to the bare chests in our midst is a work of artistic endeavor on the part of Vic Arimondi and the award-winning Robert Pruzan. The calendar sells for \$10. There are some 50 autographed ones available at \$15. The proceeds will accrue to the AIDS Emergency Fund and other AIDS support groups. Outof-towners can write to the SF-Eagle, 398 12th St., S.F. 94103 and the calendars will be available in various locations around town TBA. A nice effort again and thanks to everyone involved, including Mike Chase, Rita Rockett, and Sharon McNight, who helped get the dinner dates with the winners auctioned off. Sharon and Rita are too much!!

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ashiers and sales girls are running ragged all over town with the big surge on for make-up, panty hose, and other feminine accoutrements. One dude got evicted from his pad by an irate landlord because he didn't pay his rent and instead invested some \$800 in a dress, etc. The wig makers are making a fortune and so are the people who fashion them. Ms. Marcel at 4084 18th is turning out some gorgeous creations. I saw Patrick Toner's black wig done already, and I'm waiting for the leather god to pick it up. Saturday night, the muscle-bound ones will don their finery for the Castro Cotillion and flee to the Cafe San Marcos. Remember, pastel colors only, girls! Actually, it's not sponsored by Muscle System. (Heaven forbid, Bob and George!) It's just some of the body-builder/drag members who work out by day and wig out by night! You have to be in drag to get in, and camp drag just will not do!

E.N. Video just completed the video tape of the March on Washington this weekend and already 100 copies of a 12-minute tape have been sent to bars all over the country. The cost of the tape is \$19.87 plus \$2 for postage and handling. Californians can order by adding \$1.29 tax (total: \$23.16) and writing to M.E.N., One United Nations Plaza, S.F. 94102. You can order by Visa or Mastercard by calling 621-0200.

The 15-minute tape concentrates on the Names Project, the Harvey Milk Memorial dedication, and the official march. M.E.N. took two camera crews to Washington and captured the historic action for posterity. In the Bay Area, the tape can be seen at Sutters Mill, SF-Eagle, Village Bar, The Special, Mid-Moby Dick, Amelia's, Maud's, and the Giraffe. In the East Bay, you can catch it at Big Mama's and the Bench & Bar. Order yours now-you'll watch it over and over!

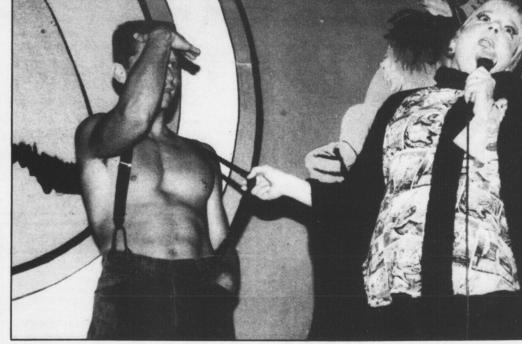
nthony Bruno, known to the leather community here because of his productions of the Mr. Drummer contest, has written a play dubbed "a romance for the '80s-dammit.' It opens Sunday night, Oct. 25, at the Richmond Shepard Theatre at 6476 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. It stars that hot Steve Patterson, Tom Wagner, and Jerry Clark, and plays Thursday through Sunday. If you're in L.A. some weekend, be sure to see Soul Survivor-knowing Anthony it should be tear-iffic!

o what's to do in the coming days/weeks? Tomorrow night, Oct. 23, the hottest thing going is Danny Williams' birthday beer bust at the SF-Eagle starting at 2000 hours. Leather Daddy Zack Long and Daddy's Boy John Cassas will MC the show featuring the Blazing Redheads, the dynamic Marga Gomez, Deena Jones, Tommi Rose, and a host of other talents. The Cal Eagles M/C will host and there'll be a 50/50 raffle, all to benefit the PWA Thanksgiving Dinner and the AIDS Emergency Fund. See you

Saturday, Oct. 24, here's the lineup: It's a Masquerade Ball to benefit the AIDS Project of the East Bay at the Kaiser Convention Center Gold Room, 10th & Oak in Oakland. Put on by Western Hairlines, tickets are available there for \$25. Call 451-4882 for details.

Saturday afternoon the Castro Lions are having an outdoor garage sale at the Church St. Station parking lot with lots of 'costume' items (for Halloween,

The Cal Eagles M/C begin their 2nd annual weekend at the Rushriv, departing from the SF-Eagle at 1000 hours for the Triple-R. Call their hotline at



Sharon McNight points out the finer points of one of those who grace the Bare Chest Calendar

586-9933 for details (\$40 includes lodging, cocktail party, and if you want a choice table (if any

Saturday night, the GDIs present their 14th annual edition of "A Date at Minsky's" at the California Club (Clay at Van Ness) with tickets \$10 in advance or \$12

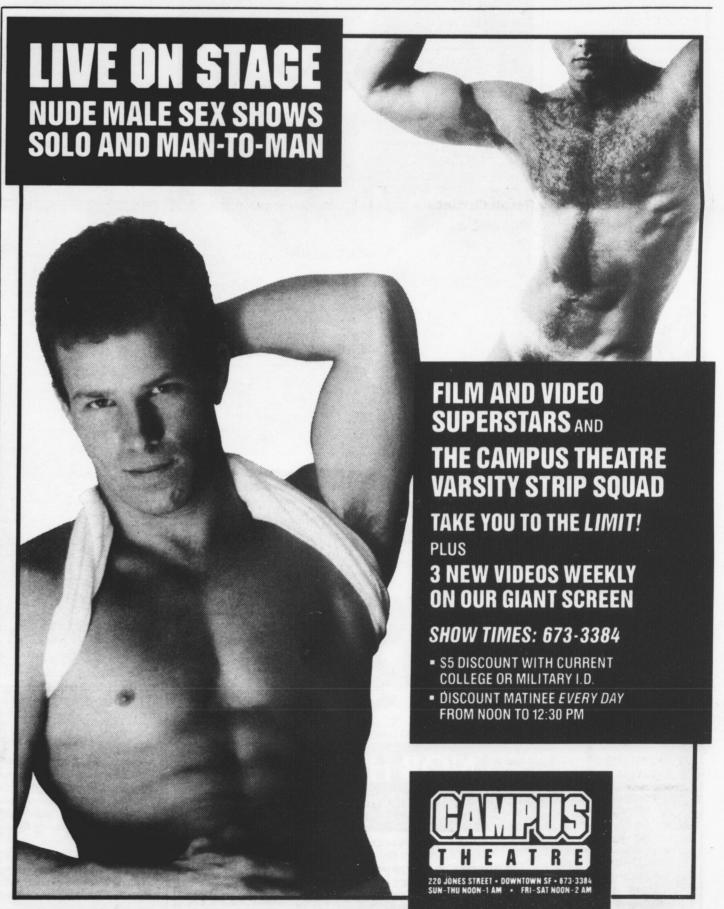
at the door. Call Richard Wellner are left, that is!).

Sunday, Oct. 25, the Barbary Coasters M/C present "Phantom of the Opera," a one-day run, check in between 1100-1200 at My Place (1225 Folsom). Pay \$6

for the entire day with a beer bust at the Eagle from 1500-1800.

Sunday too they're having an auction at Trax on Haight at 1500 for Coming Home Hospice.

The Cycle Runners M/C and the Golden Gate Guards are (Continued on next page)



### Marcus

(Continued from previous page) showing their run tape "Southern Comfort" on Wednesday, 1000 hours, at the Covered Wagon, and Thursday, another biggie, the Bon Voyage Beer Bust at the SF Eagle for Patrick Toner. Ms. Peckerhead and another dude will MC and introduce the entertainment, which includes Danny Williams, Marga Gomez, the B (as in balloon) Girls, Sharon McNight, Deena Jones, and some male strippers. It's only \$5

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Earlier that night, the Eagle's annual pumpkin carving contest with \$50 prizes in two categories: scary and funny!

Friday the 30th: Supervisor Molinari's Masquerade Ball & Auction at the Stanford Court, and the SF-Eagle's Leather &

More Halloween parties next week, but remember it's the Troc's annual Black Party, Carnavale '87, a tropical spectacular.

Sat., Nov. 7, it's the Mr. South of Market Contest at the Troc and

on Nov. 14, it's the Mr. Leather Contest of N.Y. there. Nov. 8, CMC Carnival. Contestants for Mr. Carnival or booth renters should call 626-3858. Stay busy!

#### THROW A LITTLE DISH ON THE BARBIE?

Nobody's saying who hit who or who scratched who, but the Pigs in Paradise beer bust at the Rawhide II last Sunday was a packed house in spite of the internal piggering, and at least one deputy isn't speaking to another deputy "forever!" he claims.



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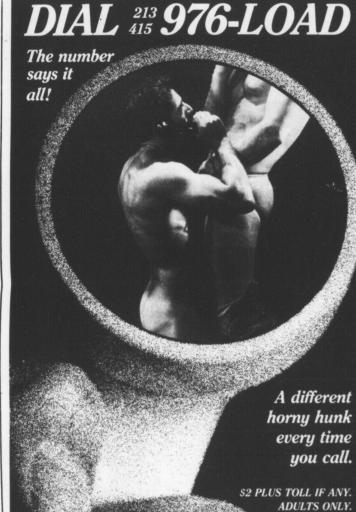
Steven Patterson (I.) and Tom Wagner in Soul Survivor. (Photo: Courtesy Brick Productions)

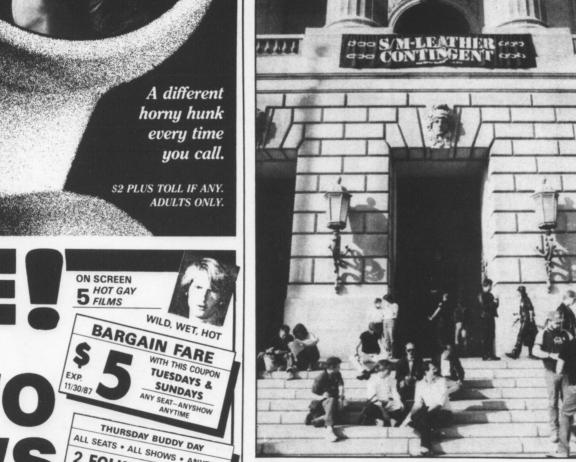
Casting call will be announced ed, sadist" and has a name akin any day now for all bartenders who want to be in Men Behind Bars next Feb. '88. Watch for the

Wait 'til you see Patrick Toner's wig on Halloween and James Buhler claims he'll be 'fabulous' with make-up and wig by Candi Del Rey! Shoes by Payless; Panty-hose Walgreen's! I can't wait!

And I'm getting lots of mail from dudes who've been duped (hundred\$) by someone who describes himself as "tall, beardto a vehicle. Beware! Also beware of someone who's "always looking for drugs" and then turning you in for "possession" or "selling!"-these queens never rest. I'll never understand queens who rip off other queens!

That's it for this week. Your bird(s)/parrot(s) will be glad to get some new flooring on the bottom of the cage. Til next time, keep your legs crossed, stay out of the bushes, and support all the local AIDS charities.





The S/M-Leather contingent gathered at the Department of Commerce for a conference in Washington, D.C. (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene) Ham It Up With Lambda

The Lambda Amateur Radio connection of computers by radio Club, a gay amateur radio club recently was formed in the San Francisco area. The group hopes to find more gay "hams" and other interested persons to join

Amateur radio is a hobby where each participant receives a federal license to transmit radio signals. With the license, hams amateur radio, call 821-2666, or can talk across town or around the world. In recent months inter-

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has become the rage. The club, which is the Golden

Gate chapter of a national group, hopes to bring gay hams together. It encourages those who might have an interest in the hobby to get involved. For more information about the club or write the club at P.O. Box 14073, San Francisco, CA 94114.



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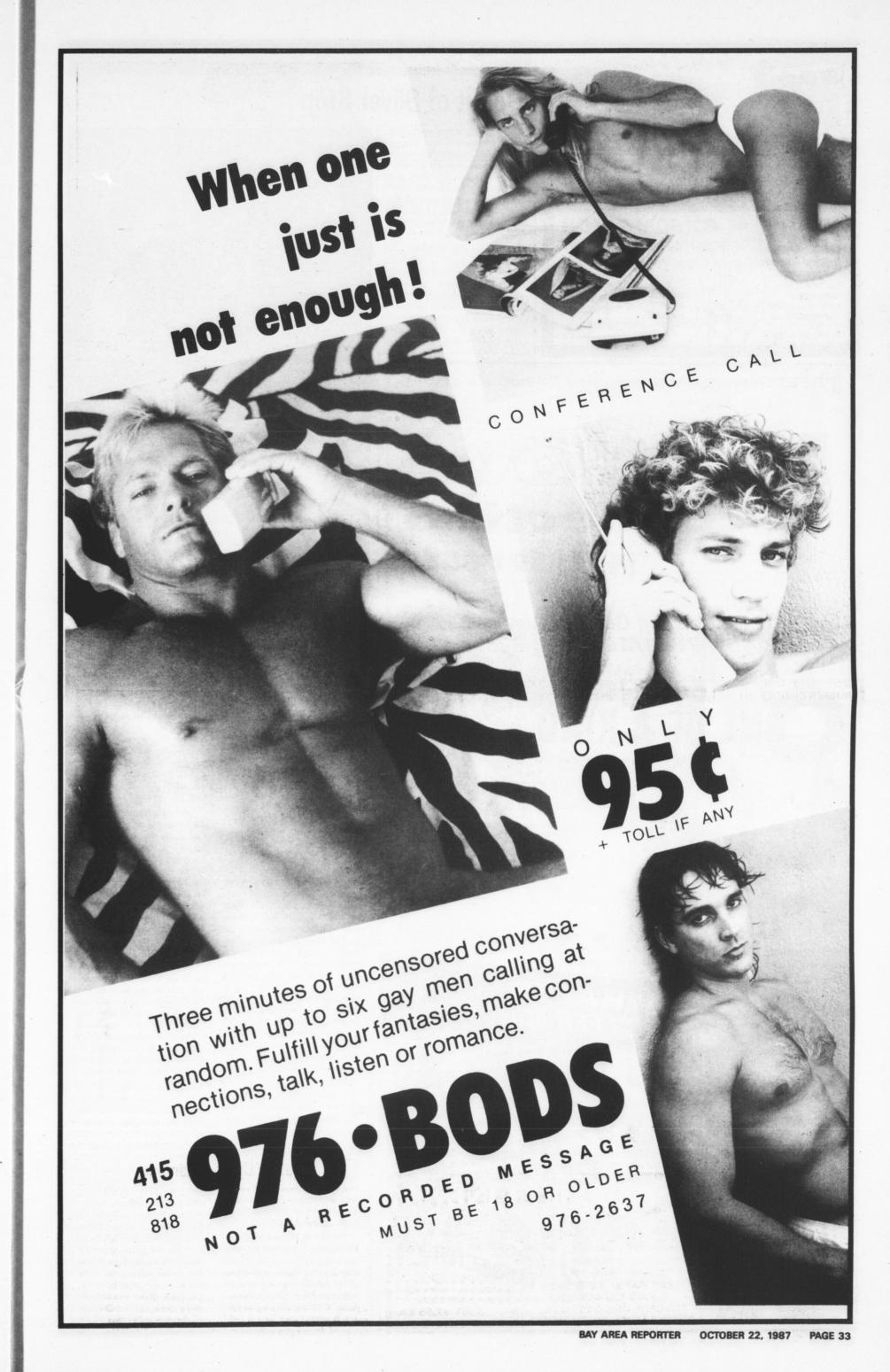
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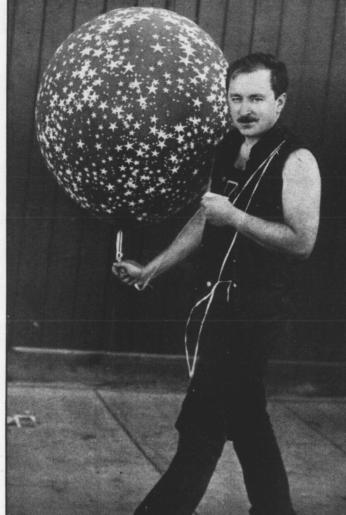
connection

#### Mark Friese

## **Debut of Silver Strip**

erhaps you should all be forewarned that this column might be a bit on the silly side, as opposed to all out silly, which at most times it is. However I shall try to sprinkle it with bits of information, both serious and humorous, that I feel might be interesting to your info. gathering centers.

The campaign for mayor is of course no longer on the back burner, having jumped too far beyond the front burner some time ago. It has done what some soothsayer predicted, in that it has divided many gays and lesbians (take note Pat Norman, even I said those words), and yes



The Fabulous Flame

(Photo: Rink)

It seems that Lonnie found the delightful tuna/noodle casserole, made by Big D, just slightly on the dry side. Obie, as always, was quoted as saying, "I kill myself."

Danny Williams turns 25, at least that is what it looked like to me on the flyer that I glanced at. Of course I kept in mind that I don't recall it saying what he turned 25 of? It could have been pancakes, pages, or even (God forbid) tricks. The last thing that comes to my little cotton pickin' mind is years. As we all know by now that the last thing comedians would reveal is their age, could be that they are afraid of getting that big of a laugh.

Enough nonsense. birthday at the S.F. Eagle this Friday evening with a beer bust, tertainment will be by some of perial Family. Danny's closest friends. Translated, means that the best in the biz will be on hand for this fine

land, and yes, she is staying in the city, I mean how could she leave when she has had such excellent help in getting her piece of tail securely fastened. I think that sometimes you

No Sable is not going to Port-

should always have one of these

Tatiana is doing something very special with the First Saturday shows at Kimo's. These shows are always put together in a professional way and that must be why the first Saturday of each month is becoming the place to be. These are all fundraisers for a different charity each month, and they are all from the heart. Thank you, Tatiana, and Co., for Danny will be celebrating his making this happen! Nov. 7, 9 p.m. will be their next show at Kimo's, and there will be a \$5. with the beneficiaries being the donation, which will go to the AIDS Thanksgiving dinner and Open Hand Project, the enterthe AIDS Emergency Fund. The tainment for that evening will party starts at 8 p.m. and the en- come from the ranks of the Im-

NOTE TO TOADY: I'll see you at the Trocadero after the bars close on Halloween for Carnivale '87, featuring a guest appearance

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Danny Williams will be the birthday boy Friday at the Eagle (Photo: R. Pruzan)

Yes, my friends, that is what is im-

portant to our community at this

If you take the time to think

that the future of San Francisco

lies in your hands, then your

hands will complete the process

by casting your vote for John

Here we go with the tidbits, or

lack of them, according to a let-

ter from Billy Ray, that I recent-

ly received, it appears that every-

one did have a good time at Ron-

ny and Billy's recent birthday

bash at the Covered Wagon. Ar-

tie also confirms this fact. How-

ever, this letter came with much

mystery about it. This mysterious

letter states that Billy Ray and

Larrie with an "ie", are up to

something in the proverbial near

future. What they are up to is so

give this humble columnist an in-

kling. So until I get more of a

clue, everyone stays in the dark.

I mean it's like I can't be trusted

The last meeting of the Tavern

Guild was held at Big Mama's, in

Hayward, and the group in atten-

dance was lucky enough to hear

the Mayor of Hayward, Alex

Giuliani. The man presented

himself in a caring way, in that he

seems to be sensitive to the prob-

lems of all. He also seemed to be

keeping abreast of what he could

do, as Mayor of Hayward, in the

to keep a secret.

Molinari on Nov. 3!

Great Looking Guys. If busy call (415) 976-MATCH (976-6282) some of them are getting a bit testy and childlike in their tactics. I for one have always been 55¢ plus toll, if any decided on who I shall vote for, and that is John Molinari, a man who has been visible, and accessible to our community for as long as my nine years of San Francisco experience can remember.

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Thank you, Mayor Giuliani, for taking time out of your schedule to address the Tavern Guild meeting. I know that many others found your being there as informative as I did. The next Tavern Guild meeting will be this com-

ing Tuesday at the Blue & Gold,

fight against AIDS.

on Turk St., at 1 p.m. Also you can get updates or info. on the Tavern Guild by calling them at

Treasures galore are sure to be the order of the day when the Castro Lions Club holds its parking lot sale at the Church Street Station this coming Saturday, from 8 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. Yes, they will have goodies for you all to choose from, and I'm sure they will have some clever items to help fill out your Xmas list.

You might be out of luck if you are just now reading this column and find out, much to your dismay, that Minsky's goes to Hollywood this Saturday evening at the California Club. The dismay would be that you might be out of luck as far as getting tickets to this very popular event. But you could still check at one of your local bars, or take your chances at the door when it opens at 6 p.m. that evening.

I hear that the COITS will be there for their October social, and they might want to buy a duck! Congratulations to the new officers of the COITS, who were elected after a sumptuous spaghetti dinner at Chuck Demmons Villa. It was so good to see PJ, Man Mound, at the Mint for cocktails after the meeting.

It seems that there will be a pack of Cubs on the staff of the Mint as they celebrate Halloween 1987 in conjunction with the other Silver Strip Bars Oct. 31. Silver Strip bars include The Pilsner, Church Street Station, Galleon, Transfer, Mint, and the Eagle Creek, not necessarily in that order. They will all have their own judges who will decide on who will be the 1st Queen of the Silver Strip by being judged in each bar. First prize will be \$500, with second prize being \$200. The contestants will be judged on the usual categories: cooking skills, hairdos, glamour, etc. . . just kidding! But all you hopefuls can get more info. at any of the aforementioned establishments.

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#### **SUNDAY 10/25**

Day Run: Phantom of the ICF.

Opera, check in 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Desiree Revue, N'Touch, bike events and scavenger hunt, showtimes 10:30 p.m. and My Place, \$6, Beer Bust, S.F. Eagle, 3-6 p.m., \$7.

Karl's Calendar Compiled by Diedre

Paulette's Birthday Party, Men's Room, 3-6 p.m., buffet Benefit Auction, Trax, 3

p.m., hosts Sissy and Lily Street, benefit Coming Home Hospice. nual People with AIDS Thanks- Cabaret Night, Galleon, giving Dinner and AIDS David Canfield, 5 p.m., Aldo Bell,

8 p.m., \$5 cover all performances.

#### TUESDAY 10/27

Tavern Guild Meeting,

**Metaphysical AIDS Heal**ing Services, First Unitarian SFGDI Minsky's 87, Cali- Church, 1187 Franklin St., 7 p.m.,

**Royal Open Court Meeting** and Pre-Halloween Costume California Eagles M/C Party, Kimo's, 8 p.m., everyone

#### WEDNESDAY 10/28

Golden Gate Guards Club Night, Covered Wagon, 8-11 p.m., guest club Cycle Runner's Barbary Coasters One- M/C to show run tape, benefit by Secret Ties, and much CHA CHA.

I will be in Portland when you read this so I will borrow a line from someone I admire, Nez Pas, and say "Is it wrong to feel good about yourself, I think not. I can

#### Ronnie, Jr.'s AIDS Video

Ron Reagan, Jr., son of President Reagan, will host AIDS: Changing The Rules, a powerful one-hour special aimed at adult heterosexuals, on Friday, Nov. 6 at 10 p.m. on KQED, Channel 9.

The program opens with a film featuring Ron Reagan, model Beverly Johnson and salsa star Ruben Blades. The film addresses the scope of the AIDS problem and precautions individuals can take to minimize the risk of contracting the disease. Information is given on a variety of topics-especially the importance of using condoms and ways people can comfortably and honestly talk about sex and the disease.

The film is intended for an adult audience and uses contemporary vernacular to describe sexual practices. Although the film contains no nudity, it does give a "how to" demonstration for proper condom use, using a banana, and frank comments on the safety of various sexual prac-

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## Heymont

Mephistopheles eating a little child). Serban's depiction of a wall which oozed black tentacles of demonic ectoplasm or a chorus of crazed nuns who began baring their breasts in an orgy of mass hysteria were examples of opera theatre at its very best.

Speight Jenkins, general director of the Seattle Opera, insists that the theatre is a place which, by definition, is supposed to be dangerous. Under Lawrence Foster's baton, LAMCO's large cast did a splendid job of presenting a dramatically confusing, musically challenging and theatrically exhilarating 20th-century

work to an audience reared on a steady diet of TV sitcoms.

No matter how one reacted to this staging of The Fiery Angel, there was no denying its effectiveness as a highly provocative piece of musical theatre. The production was exciting, challenging and, during certain moments, terrifying. Who could ask for anything more?

want graphic action, however, are encouraged to view Fatale's Pri-

"First you lick my boots."

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vate Pleasures and Shadows. Both are explicit and forthright, featuring some of the finest quality footage and camera work available today. Tiger Rose

Distributing of Cotati also offers well-made, explicit lesbian videos as well as several audio cassettes.

The market for lesbian porn is clearly a growing one, despite some obstacles inherent in an evolving medium. Financial constraints limit production of quality materials and distribution networks are fragile. It is still not possible to walk into your local video store and check out copies of Shadows or Private Pleasures.

There are a few outlets in the Castro but for the most part, individual women must shell out \$35 apiece to purchase these videos by mail, a cost factor which is prohibitive for many. Publications must deal with local bookstores, many of whom are



Ramona was quite popular at the Blush Productions strip (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene) nights at the Baybrick.

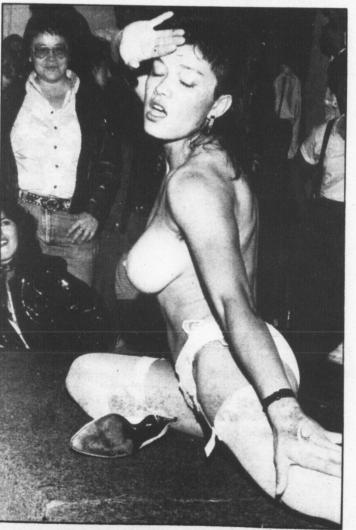
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Ultimately, however, it will be the attitudes and conditioning of lesbians that determines where the lesbian porn industry grows. For many years, lesbians seemed to be "above" the need for hot, sleazy sexuality. Social and political identities were more important. The result of this was that sexual nature and identities began to gather dust and an aura of disreputability. Now, with the help of publishers like Sundahl and the encouragement of writers such as JoAnn Loulan "Lesbian Sex") lesbians are beginning to own their sexuality again. Lesbians are integrating the political, the spiritual, and the sexual-with some exciting

Yet, lesbians are also creatures of conditioning and that dies hard. For years, the message was that a quiver of response in the thighs was inferior to the throb of romance in the breasts. While lesbians have given priority to the intellectual and emotional aspects of their lives, the physical side has become neglected. This has lead to fear or ignorance of

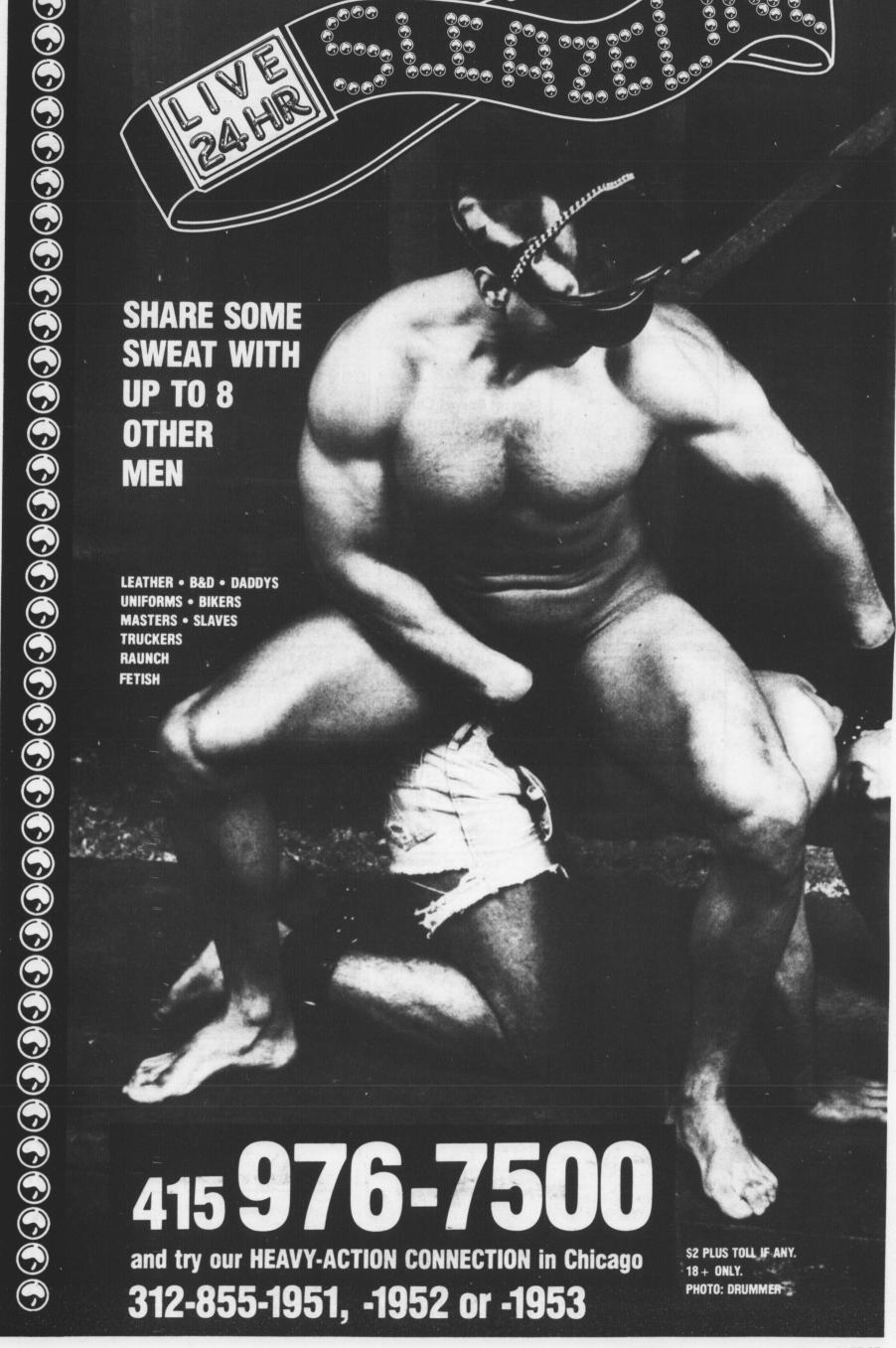
Pioneers of lesbian sexuality, including the porno producers and writers of erotica, say they are encouraging integration of lesbian sexuality with intellectualism. Their detractors claim that they are exploiting other

What seems most probable is that lesbians will approach pornography in the same way they approach art, politics, and relationships. You take what is best and leave the rest, thus creating a unique medium.



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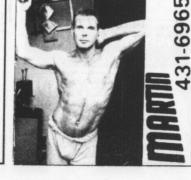
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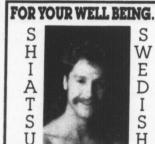
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cisco's award-winning squad of sprinters was Earl Bryant. Along with personal best marks in the 50 and 200 meters, Bryant had the team's fastest times of the season in the 50 and 100 meters. He also expanded his talents to include the 400 meters, which

Rick Thoman takes the baton from Earl Bryant in one of the many relay victories of the S.F. Track

the discus and shot put were achieved at the TAC National Masters Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon, and were the highlight of a season distinguished by numerous personal records for many This was Larney's first season of competition in 26 years and her ability to return to her former Olympic form and capture National recognition exemplified the team's desire to achieve per-

sonal goals of excellence. As S.F. trackster Bernard Turner explained, "Our club continues to make its presence known at the meets we go to. We may not be winning every event often enough that the competition respects us. I think Marjorie's records will bring us wider recognition and was certainly an inspiration for the everyone on

& Field Club this season

The San Francisco Track &

Field Club made it into the rec-

ord books this season behind the

efforts of former Olympian Mar-

jorie Larney. And the 1987 track

season showed the club continues

to be strong in the men's sprints

Larney's National records in

and the women's field events.

by Rick Thoman

team members.

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**Record-Setters** 

SF Track & Field Club Enjoys Banner Season

Undeniably, the most improved athlete on the San Francisco track team this season was sprinter Frank Demby. After spending previous seasons in the shadows of his teammates, Demby deservedly burst into the spotlight with three personal best marks established during 1987. He ran personal best times in the 50, 100 and 200 meters, as well as making substantial contributions to both the 4x100 and 4x400 relay squads. Demby finished his stellar year with a 5-gold medal performance at the Santa Barbara Masters Meet which garnered him the meet trophy for outstanding individual achieve-

The fastest man for San Francould be a bonus to S.F.'s rapidly

improving 4x400 relay squad. Rick Thoman was the first SF T&F Club member to go under 24 seconds in the 200 meters as he led the team in that event with a clocking of 23.9. He was followed closely by the personal best marks of 24.1 seconds by both Bryant and Demby. In the 400 meters, Bernard Turner remained the hot commodity for the team, with a team-leading time of 53.6 seconds early in the season. Turner was forced out late in the season with a knee injury but hopes to recover over the off-

season and be back strong in '88. season of competition, and Alan French, who had an abbreviated season due to personal com-Patrick Daniels recorded the fastest team time in the 800

sonal best mark by Thoman. The men's middle distances also saw some outstanding personal performances by the team's workhorses, Bradley Haynes and Paul Rosenfield. Working on individual skills and getting ready for the next Gay Games decathlon, Oliver Murphy had a fine season, particularly in the high jump and

> long jump. The women's field events were dominated by Larney's mark, but equally outstanding were the personal best marks by Alita Rosenfield, who continues to improve and once again left the National

Championship meet with a fistful of medals. And taking her first stab at competing, Barb Racine exhibited potential in the javelin, shot put and discus.

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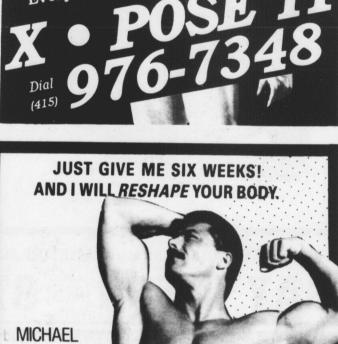
By far the most gold medals of the year went to the club's sole female runner, Nancy Frost. Frost dominated the competition in virtually every meet she performed in and, although she didn't reach the personal goals she had set for herself, her running speed and technique improved dramatically throughout the season and she appears to be headed for some record times in

The club continues to be weak in women's running events (with only one competitor) and men's field events and distance runs. "We would really welcome help in all the events, by both sexes," sprint star Bryant explained. "It would be great if people interested in competing for San Also adding to S.F.'s sprint Francisco at the 1990 Gay Games potential were Jim Pasquali, an would start getting in shape now, petition under their belts."

Summing up 1987, sprinter Pasquali declared, "We used this year to rebuild physically. There was a sort of mental letdown after the emotional high of the meters, just ahead of a 2:11 per-Gay Games last year, so this season we refocused on goals as a track club. We also found a coach who did a great job challenging us physically. I think we grew as a team too. We seem to have pulled together an established a firm basis of support and camaraderie."

> Concurring with Pasquali's assessment, Demby noted, "We really have a solid foundation of physical strength due to the coaching we received. We plan to build on this basic strength and capitalize on it next season. I think we're all excited about the possibilities that lay ahead of us."

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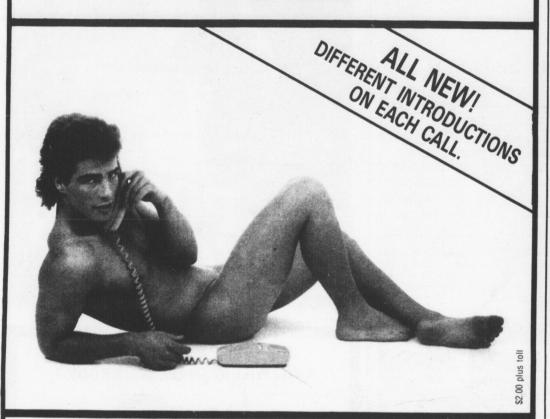
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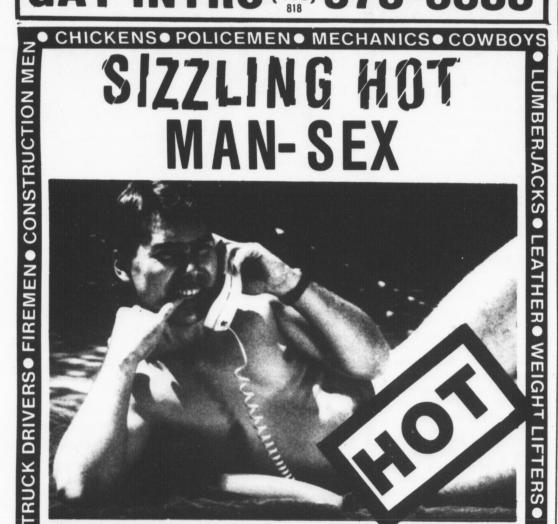
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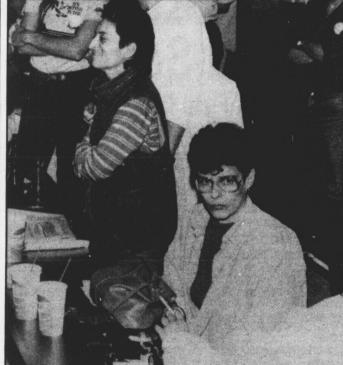
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#### BOWLING

A Lesbian Sports Success Story

## **Women Bowlers Holding** Their Own



Members of the Women's Business League (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

#### by Richard McPherson

In 1980, four women got together to go bowling and had so much fun they decided to join a league. The gay leagues were full so they decided to create a league of their own . . . this one, a women's league (there are a few lesbians and straights in the primarily gay male bowling

Thus was the spark that ignited into the San Francisco Women's Business League (SFWBL), a Sunday evening league that bowls weekly at Park Bowl in S.F. This 18-team league, now celebrating its sixth anniversary, has blossomed over the years into one of the largest and most successful lesbian leagues in the country.

Mel (Melanie) Coyle, Gayle Chun, Mona Tong and Bernice Straub who are the proud cofounders of this league, still bowl in the league to this day. They believed in their concept and have stayed on board to provide nurturing and support over the

In 1980 this foursome approached lesbian-owned busnesses with the idea of creating a women's league, although, according to Coyle, "Many were hesitant, since past attempts were ousinesses who agreed to sponsor and put together a team. Then we checked with Park Bowl and found that Sunday evenings were available." And they were

The league has been growing by two to four teams per year to its present size.

"This league gives women who aren't athletic a chance to compete," said Mel. Competition is certainly a great boost to the ego and sense of self-esteem. Suddenly, for many, winning at a sport was a new emotional high. Mel said that they even offered periodic bowling clinics to assist the new and inexperienced bowlers in improving their game.

This league provides a great framework for lesbian socializing: "I don't know about the other gay leagues, but the women in this league have a lot of fun; even the higher and lower average bowlers joke around,' said Coyle. And indeed a playful high energy atmosphere is pre-

"A lot of romances have developed over the years in this league, too," she added. "League bowling provides a good alternative to meeting other women in bars," which, Mel said is still one of the primary social meeting grounds.

The league even attracts nonlesbian bowlers who join because of the SFWBL's reputation as one of the best competitive women's leagues around.

Several of the league founders have bowled since childhood and each have many championship titles to their credit, making them the perfect group to spearhead and promote a new league concept. Coyle, with a 185 average, ranks amont the top women bowlers in this area, lesbian or straight. She would, in fact, be a worthy opponent for even the best of the gay male bowlers in this town.

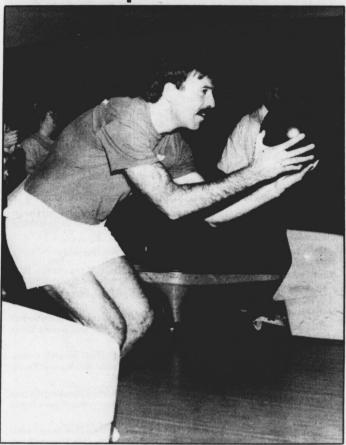
One of her most noteworthy accomplishments is a 1,025 fourgame series shot in a women's league back in the 1970s. Each game she shot was in the 250 or 260 bracket, averaging an astounding 258 for the set.

Until now, local lesbian bowling achievements have not received much press coverage, which is unfortunate, because within our midst lies some of the best women athletes in the Bay Area. Case in point is Patti Oates, a 175 average SFWBL bowler, who shot a 720 three-game set in the league a couple of years ago. This 240 average series is the highest sanctioned series by as lesbian bowler in the six-year history of the league. And Velda Gooden, a 182 averaged bowling veteran from way back, shot not one, but two 300 games (two weeks apart) in a women's league in San

Lesbian bowlers are holding their own now and SFWBL is providing the spotlight for outstanding individual and team events. The best is yet to come.

#### BOWLING

## Cananee, Gall Warm Up For No-Tap



Doug Litwin in action at Park Bowl (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

#### by Richard McPherson

Dick Cananee and Bill Gall emerged as the winners of "The Last One Before the Big One" No-Tap Doubles Tournament held on Sat., Oct. 3, at Castle Lanes. Cavanee (173 avg.) shot games of 217, 264, 264 for a 745, while Gall (175 avg.) helped him out with a 223, 222, 212 for a 657. Their 123-pin handicap gave them a total score of 1,525. Jerry Pepper strung 12 strikes together, no tap style (nine pins knocked down on the first ball counts as a strike), for a 300 game-even with this format

that's a great accomplishment. The No Tap Winners: Dick Cavanee and Bill Gall, 1,402 +123=1,525; Randy Peterson and Patti Oates, 1,363+126 = 1,489; Jerry Pepper and Randy Peterson, 1,328+147=1,475; Tom Neidert and Randy Poupard, 1,190+276=1,466; Ernie Wilson and Bernice Straub, 1,226 + 204 = 1,430.

The long awaited "big one" is now only weeks away. Nov. 5-8 is the weekend of the SFNTIT '87, the National no-tap tournament here in San Francisco. Entries have already arrived from 41 American and Canadian cities thus far, but some space is still available. The entry deadline has been extended, so last minute submissions are still being accepted, but be advised that some squad times are already full. Participation will be limited to 500 individuals.

Five of our local bowlers treked southward to compete in "SWIFT at Seal Beach," and all of them placed in the final standings. Ernie Wilson, Arne Prince, Peter Bassford and Don Gambell were the members of the team that took third place while Randy Peterson and his partner from Arizona placed sixth in doubles. Peterson (174 avg.), blasted out games of 213, 230, 216 for a 659 series in that event. Arne Prince placed fifth in all-events. SWIFT South Western Invitational Fun Tournaments) is a tournament series for gay bowlers in the Southwestern United States.

Many of our local bowlers travel the country on the tournament trail and results of winner's efforts will be reported here as they are received. Details for all "on the road" tournaments are distributed in all S.F. gay leagues.

The Tavern Guild Leagues at Park Bowl have begun their new winter season of league play and already the pins are starting to fly. Arne Prince (193 avg.), captured high game honors for the four leagues on the first night of league bowling with a 257 game, followed by J.C. Halstead (182 avg.), with a 245. They both promised to "do me in" if I reported their other games that night. Let's just say they were both on a one game roll! Dick Cavanee (173 avg.), also had a 245 game.

The 600 series for Sept. 28-30: Roy Thorson (195 avg.) 203, 222/614; David Arnold (169) 214/608; Bob Bates (167) 217/600.

The 215+ games for this period: Tim Mulenon (182) 237; Rob Howser (155) 237; Larry Kramer (178) 234; Joe Sanders (152) 230; Frank Hecker (143) 228; Hugh Smith (180) 226; Terry Van Sciver (157) 223; Ken Sayles (166) 222; Mark Schultz (157) 220; Tim Sipple (187) 220; Richard McPherson (189) 215; and Randy Peterson (173) 215.

Of special mention: Jay Kubovec (156 avg.), shot a 212; Doug Quick (155), shot a 210; Russell Willis (149), a 208 and Rob Levi (155), a 200. Marti Taylor (141 avg.) had the high game for the women with a 211.

The current winter season is now well underway for the SF Women's Business League at Park Bowl and already the women are hot! During the first three weeks of league play Velda Gooden (182 avg.), was the major scoring achiever, blasting out 237, 216, 203 for a 656 first night series, while Debbie Carmona (185 avg.), shot 233/609 and Patti Oates, (174) had a 220/604.

The 200+ games during first week of play: Pat Correa (162) (Continued on next page)

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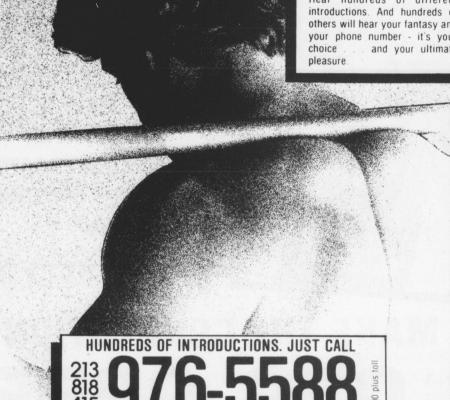
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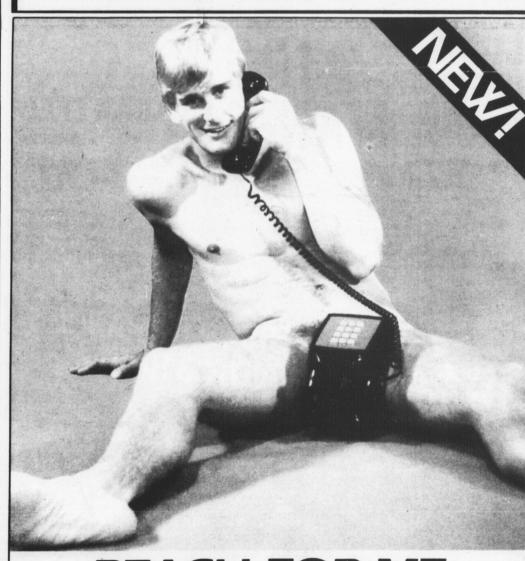
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#### BOWLING

Team: Pilsner Powder Puffs: Ron Raimondi (Rat Lady), Lou Stephenson Ken Auletta, Keith Ray, Kevin Keefer, Jack Margid.

Men: Jeff Hettmansperger, (187 avg), 644 Women: Jackie Weil, (145), 545.

High Individual Scratch Game: Men: Roger Spencer, (171), 259; Women:

Women: Linda Votaw, (109), 437 + 222 =

Men: Thomas Ward, (141), 230+56=286; Women: Anita Judge, (122), 176+63=

Team: The Leftovers: Don Gambell, John Parry, Bob Bates, Peter Bassford, Chris Nichols, Bill Gall. **High Individual Scratch Series:** 

Men: Arne Prince, (191 avg), 751; Women: Marti Taylor, (154), 564.

Meryl Manthey, (160), 215. **High Individual Handicap Series:** Men: Terry Van Sciver, (173), 665+102= 767; Women: Marion Golden, (109),

**High Individual Handicap Game:** Men: Tim Veraldo, (127), 247+59=306;

Team: Play With It, Ltd.: Bob Bates, Don Gambell, Robert Montaldo, Randy Peterson, Dan Mannon **High Individual Scratch Series:** 

Men: J.C. Halstead, (176 avg), 703; Women: Robyn Trost, (167), 593. High Individual Scratch Game: Men: Greg Huliger, (172), 255; Women:

Marian Nishimura, (155), 247. High Individual Handicap Series: Men: Randy Peterson, (177), 676+63= 739; Women: Sue Tucker, (136), 551+

**High Individual Handicap Game:** Men: Michael Barnett, (156), 245+43= 285; Women: Lynn Wood, (140), 200+

#### Japantown Bowl **Community Leagues**

## Team: Balls to Spare: Tom Byers,

Peter Bassford, Don Gambell, David Anlreas, Russell Beck, Ernie Wilson. **High Individual Scratch Series:** Men: Russell Beck, 639; Women: Judy

High Individual Scratch Game:

Men: David Young, 263; Women:

#### League Achievements **Final Bowling Summer**

High Individual Handicap Series: Men: Russell Willis, 678: Women: F. Biancalana, 655 **High Individual Handicap Game:** 

Men: Don Gambell, 285; Women: Bar **High Individual Scratch Series:** bara Dullea, 212.

High Individual Handicap Series Men: David Deluxe. (153), 612+129=741:

**High Individual Handicap Game:** 

High Individual Scratch Game: Men: Randy Peterson, (179), 290; Women

427 + 231 = 658.

Women: Lynda Riley, (125), 201+61=262.

## Thursday

Men: Jesse Vargas, 271; Women: Teresa

#### Team: Old Rick's: Vera Cruz, Clifford Russell, Randy Worden.

Team: Giraffe: Ken Gray, Rich

Sparacino, Reed Riley, Bill Pierson,

**High Individual Scratch Series:** 

High Individual Scratch Games

**High Individual Handicap Series:** 

Men: Bill Pierson, 713; Women: Sue Hov-

High Individual Handicap Game:

Men: Jessy Tingin, 280; Women: Donna

Team: Ball Maneuvers: Mike

**High Individual Scratch Series:** 

Men: David Arnold, 644; Women: Blaine

High Individual Scratch Game:

Men: Lowell Hills, 245; Women: Kendra

**High Individual Handicap Series:** 

Men: David Moody, 695; Women: Nenita

**High Individual Handicap Game:** 

Pobuda, Harry Beard, Blaine Whitlock,

Jack Badilla-Dawal, David Moody, Louise

Men: Ken Gray, 249; Women: Geri

Men: Hunter Bauman, 640; Women

Hunter Bauman, Dick Petroff.

Lillian Johnson, 515.

Williams, 198.

Redpath, 227.

Whitlock, 556.

Holloway, 200.

**High Individual Scratch Series:** Men: Takeshi Hirano, 604.

High Individual Scratch Game: Men: Randy Worden, 234.

High Individual Handicap Series: Men: John Blythe, 733. **High Individual Handicap Game** Men: Walt Christom, 272.

#### Sunday Reno League

Team: We Know!: Larry Fuller, Darrell Thomas, Whirl Gray, Ray Padua. High Individual Scratch Series: Men: Darrell Thomas, 639; Women:

Miveko Keen, 504. High Individual Scratch Game: Men: Bob Sulewski, 245; Women: Maryan Cohen, 147.

**High Individual Handicap Series:** Men: Tom Hinton, 727; Women: Miyeko Keen, 651.

High Individual Handicap Game: Men: Donald Choy, Jr., 272; Women Maryan Cohen, 226.

## **Bowling**

225; Sally Cansura (164) 222; and 201; Hermon Fleming (165) Mona Tong (156) 218; Mel Coyle 205; Dave Dobson (140) 202; Bob (185) 214; and Kerry Robisaw Dean (147) 202; Michael Seibel (157) 209, 207. Worth a special (165) 202; Bill Perkins (167) 200; mention is Cindy Hart who shot Cheryl Black (122) had her heart a 209 game, way over her 131 set on a 200 game and missed it

At Japantown 200+ games included: Dan Burley (170 avg.) 217; Bill Wood (161), shot a 216 by one pin . . . 199.

92-36 .719

69-59 .539

64-64 .500

52-60 .464

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36-60 .375

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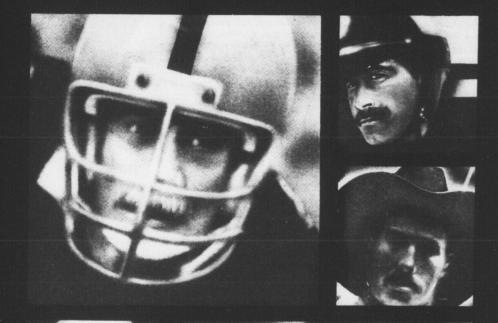
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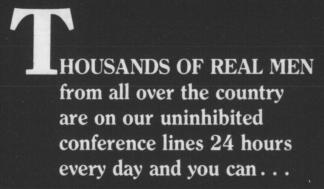
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## Where They Stand

### The Mayoral Contenders on Gay, Lesbian Concerns

With San Francisco's elections looming Tuesday, Nov. 3, the gay and lesbian community is deeply divided over whom to support for mayor. Front-running candidates Sup. John Molinari and Assemblyman Art Agnos have a long history of courting gay voters and supporting gay issues. Both have compiled lengthy rosters of gay endorsers. With gay votes constituting an estimated one out of every four ballots cast, the struggle for support within the community has been heated, and at times acrimonious. Both camps need to run well among gays to win control of City Hall next January.

With polls showing that the margin between Molinari and Agnos is narrowing, the likelihood is that no one will emerge from the Nov. 3 election with a clear majority, necessitating a run-off election Dec. 8.

With the gay community having a clear stake in the outcome of the election, Bay Area Reporter looked at the candidatestheir record and their promises.

Molinari is campaigning as the quintessential City Hall insider, a centrist with a deep knowledge of the inner workings

of local government. He asserts that his broad-based appeal and his knack for coalition building will help unify the city's diverse, and sometimes cantankerous, neighborhoods. He says his style of consensus politics can help bridge the gulf between downtown interests and the neighbor-

#### **LEADERSHIP THE ISSUE**

Sup. Harry Britt said that among his colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, "all of us recognize [Molinari's] leadership abilities. There is no one else who is as well equipped to handle the finance and public policy issues that challenge all of us."

Molinari is a 16-year veteran of the Board of Supervisors. He has served as president of the board five times. He is currently chairman of the finance committee and also served as president of the Civil Service Commission.

Agnos envisions a City Hall that functions as a "problem solving center" responsive to neighborhood concerns. A recur-(Continued on page 2)

campaign last Spring

y thanks to the B.A.R. for giving me a chance to say some things want very badly to say about the Mayor's race that has so

Harry Britt with John Molinari during Harry's Congressional

EDITORIAL & OPINION

An Open Letter to the

Lesbian and Gay Community

The night at the Trocadero when my congressional campaign ended, there was a feeling of pride and unity among gay men and lesbians that will stay with me all of my life. Jack Molinari stood with me on that stage, and I felt that we would have our real victory when he became Mayor and we could take our rightful place in the leadership of this city.

Since that time, we have heard that we should not take that step because Art Agnos is so virtuous. Jack Molinari has been vilified as an enemy of progressive people and my support has been pictured as the result of nothing more than a political deal. I hope somehow to let you know how angry I feel to hear this kind of talk from people who should know better, and how urgently I believe we must rally behind Jack Moli-

It offends me deeply that people believe I would make any political decision in the middle of the AIDS epidemic on any other basis than how it will affect our ability to control our future and survive this nightmare. If I thought that Art Agnos was better qualified to lead us in that fight there is no conceivable political consideration that would keep me from supporting him.

One of the heroes of our battle against AIDS was Gerry Parker, former president of the Stonewall Club and possibly the most pas sionate fighter for gay rights who ever lived. When Gerry died, the only speaker he requested for his memorial service was John Molinari. cannot remember any higher compliment ever paid to a non-gay political leader than this gesture of gratitude from Gerry.

Jack spoke very simply that night about his years of friendship with Gerry and what he had learned from his close association with his lesbian and gay friends. He talked about AIDS, and all of us there knew he understood the epidemic as we understood it, and would continue to do everything in his power to fight it.

## Right Wingers Push New Scare Survey on Testing

A right-wing public opinion survey has begun to reach thousands of American homes using scare tactics to urge approval of mandatory AIDS testing. The survey of the American Policy Institute (API), a think tank for Republican Party doctrine, complains that "civil liberties" and homosexual activist groups have pressured politicians to keep mandatory testing off the books. The survey is sponsored by U.S. Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Orange County).

Is forced testing for the AIDS virus becoming more likely? Or is the right wing simply rattling sabers as usual?

A sign of concern was the passage last week of the Helms Amendment to ban federal funds for gay-related safe sex education.

Other shoes waiting to drop are public campaigns on mass AIDS testing, typified by API.

Steve Morin, legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-S.F.), dismissed the API survey as just another conservative fundraising gimmick.

"They're asking for money from the people they're surveying, that's the purpose," Morin said. "The people feel sufficiently involved because they were asked for their opinion, so they send

Fairies and witches will abound on Halloween. For the complete story see page 4. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

would be against that. But if the wording is more subtle, that's a different story," Morin said.

Morin said the opinions ex-

pressed in these surveys were in

relevant and were not taken seri-

"It really depends on how a

question is worded. If it suggests

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#### 'THE MAJORITY'

ously by the pollsters.

surveys, Morin agreed, was to create a consensus based on falsehood and hysteria.

Rep. Dannemeyer, long an aco lyte of mandatory testing, wrote to those polled in California that "we can't bury our heads in the sand like ostriches and hope for the best."

"We can't control the spread of AIDS without knowing how many people have it and who is spreading it. I believe that once these nationwide survey results are in, Congress will have no choice but to do what's best for the majority," Dannemeyer said.

The seven-question survey begins by stating, "Many feel government is not really protecting the public, but is knuckling under to pressure from civil rights and gay activists."

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