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Cop Sues After **Complaint Filed**

Transsexual Charges Brutality; Slapped with Suit at OCC Hearing

by Ray O'Loughlin

A Tenderloin transsexual who had filed a grievance with the city's Office of Citizens Complaints against two San Francisco police officers found herself on the receiving end of a lawsuit last week. One of the officers has accused her of making a "false and malicious complaint to my employer." He is demanding a \$200 settlement for "negative consequences arising from this complaint.

Police watchdogs, however, in May of this year. While walkwere quick to brand the action by the officer an attempt to hamper the work of the long-embattled OCC, a civilian review board established by voters in 1982 to investigate allegations of police obstructing the sidewalk and

"It's outrageous," said attorney John Crew who specializes in police problems for the American Civil Liberties Union. "It seems to be a bald attempt to intimidate this complainant and others," he said.

Randy Schell, client advocate with Community United Against Violence (CUAV), called the lawsuit a "glaring example of how the system can revictimize the victim."

"I believe it is a clear message to persons who have been victims of alleged police misconduct that to file a complaint means you do so at your own risk," said Schell.

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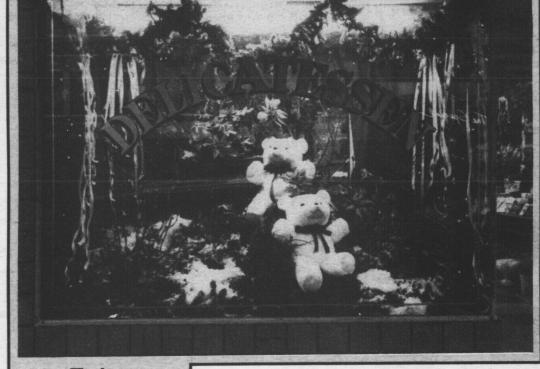
The original incident occurred

ing to a corner grocery in the Tenderloin, the male-to-female transsexual was stopped by police. She was taken to Central Police Station and charged with resisting arrest. She has asked that her name not be published.

She accused police of using unnecessary force, hitting her, banging her head on the hood of a car, and fastening handcuffs so tight it caused her to bleed. During her ordeal, she said, police called her "thing" and "freak" and asked "if being a transsexual meant I was still queer."

All charges against her were subsequently dropped. So, she took her case to the OCC. Then on Dec. 2, as she walked into the hearing on her complaint, one of the SFPD officers handed her a Small Claims Court lawsuit. The claim is due to be heard today

According to Crew, police officers are allowed by law to sue



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Forces Mobilizing To Defeat 'Son of 64'

Target Anti-Gays for Defeat Positive Counter-measure Proposed

by Jay Newquist

A state-wide coalition was formed this week to defeat the 'new' LaRouche-inspired quarantine ballot measure by a campaign of civil disobedience. According to the new strategy, politicians who urge quarantine for carriers of the AIDS virus will be targeted for defeat.

The as-yet unnamed coalition of gay rights groups say it will be pro-active rather than merely reactive to AIDS-related bigotry. A gay-sponsored initiative is also expected on the June 1988 ballot in California. (Continued on page 3)

Agnos Wins City Hall In A Landslide

Assemblyman Art Agnos tory last night over Supervisor John Molinari with an awesome 70 percent of the vote to become mayor-elect of San Francisco. The final tally was 101,519 for Agnos and 43,566 for Molinari with a low 40 percent voter tur-

The liberal Agnos won big in all neighborhoods, liberal, moderate or conservative alike. Molinari, on the other hand, lost even in his own Richmond district.

Agnos also won 65 percent of the absentee vote to 33 percent for Molinari.

The 49-year-old mayor-elect predictably swept the gay and lesbian community by a huge margin.

An overflow crowd of 2500 supporters were herded into the ballroom at the Meridien Hotel where Agnos support was evi-



Art Agnos and John Molinari joined hands in solidarity after Agnos' victory(Photo: S. Savage)

carrying placards urging improv-

They listened to the son of a Greek immigrant as he spoke of his philosophy and agenda for the future of the city.

"What we offered in this campaign was a belief in a dynamic and creative San Francisco, ready to change for the better, ready to find common ground and take creative action," he said.

"We have succeeded because we knew that the indispensible element is a respect for the intelligence of people."

With his wife and two young sons at his side, Agnos urged populist themes with upcoming programs for "caring for new AIDS and health care challenges," affordable housing, jobs, youth services, and the homeless and disadvantaged.

A surprise olive branch was offered at 10:40 p.m. on Tuesday (Continued on page 2)



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Vigil Spared Eviction Again

Homeless Set Up Camp Nearby; Police Threaten To Evict All

The possible eviction of the ARC/AIDS Vigil by San Francisco Police was sidestepped Monday when homeless campers voluntarily left the United Nations Plaza area where the vigil is located. Drug use, public drunkenness and violence by about 25 people who pitched tents near the Vigil site caused police to announce plans for eviction.

"If it comes down to an eviction, it would happen to every-one living in the plaza," police spokesperson Jerry Senkir had said last weekend. That showdown would have forced the ouster of the ARC/AIDS Vigil.

The homeless campsite, unlike the ARC/AIDS Vigil, had been the subject of intense criticism by people in the area. One person at the ARC/AIDS Vigil said he saw a person brandishing a machete. Another person was observed urinating on the walls of the Federal Building while people walked through the area.

Last Thursday a worker from the Department of Public works was threatened with a knife when he attempted to wash down the bricks in the plaza. The cleaning is done to clean refuse left when the Farmer's Market uses the

Several people near the ARC/ AIDS Vigil stated they were concerned they would be the target of violence from the people in the camp. The problem became more intense last week when violence was discovered in the Vigil area. Surprisingly, it turned out the violence appears to have been caused by a plainclothes police officer. The charges are being in-

The homeless group set up a camp with tents as a protest to city policies on treatment of were offered emergency housing and refused. They said that housing offered by the city is worse than staying in the streets.

On Monday many of the homeless moved to another park area at Page and Buchanan where they were told to move by police.

The homeless protest had caused an awkward problem for people at the ARC/AIDS Vigil. "How can a protest movement move against another protest movement," asked Vigil member John Belskus. He said the ARC/AIDS Vigil would have taken no action as long as the homeless maintained a "non-

Many of the people participa-ting in the ARC/AIDS Vigil are supportive of the homeless protest. Belskus said that if the homeless were arrested at the United Nations Plaza site he would join them in their protest.

the strongest supporters of the

gay community." He said the

supervisor was presently working

Like his mentor, Collins was

conciliatory toward the new City

Hall administration. "I think the

point is to give him [Agnos] a

chance and to work together,"

The only other issue decided

by San Francisco voters was Prop.

X, which would permit the city to

enter into a lease with a nonprofit

corporation to build housing for

low-income elderly and handi-

capped persons on top of the

Broadway tunnel. The plan was

approved by voters by a 54 per-

cent to 35 percent margin. The

proposed six-story building will

be funded with money from com-

bined federal grants and private

donations. An additional \$24

million in federal housing sub-

sidies will ensure that residents

will pay no more than 30 percent

of their income in rent.

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These actions Belskus said, would be done on a personal basis, not on behalf of the Vigil. Several people at the Vigil site are homeless themselves and claim the city has not been homeless people. The protesters



Thanksgiving at the Vigil

The ARC/AIDS Vigil is substantially different in its organization and its purpose. The Vigil is a protest against the United States Government. The homeless are protesting against the City of San Francisco.

The ARC/AIDS Vigil has been supported by a resolution passed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. That resolution, while not legally binding, gives the ARC/AIDS Vigil the support

Harvey Maurer said there had been many discussions with police about events in the United Nations Plaza.

On October 27, 1985, Steven Russell and Frank Burt chained themselves to the door in protest to the inaction of the Federal gov ernment in fighting AIDS. The building houses the San Francisco office of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Four demands were made by the protesters. They appealed to the federal government for \$500 million, not to be taken from ex-

isting social federal programs to find a cure for AIDS. They appealed to the government to speed clearance of drugs available in other countries.

There was also an appeal to Pres. Reagan to simply condemn AIDS related discrimination and to repudiate incitements of fear and hatred which have yet to be

As the vigil enters its third winter, none of these demands have vet to be met.

A fourth demand for federal recognition of people with ARC (AIDS Related Conditions) has been addressed. This action has speeded up access to Medicare and Social Security Disability In-

Should there have been an attempt to close down the vigil, both Maurer and Belskus were strong in their commitment to again continue the vigil with people again chaining themselves to the Federal Office Building

Molinari Ready To Work With Agnos

Assemblyman Art Agnos, who has represented the city's east side in the state legislature for the past 12 years won a smashing victory over veteran Sup. John Molinari in Tuesday's San Francisco mayoral run-off election. Agnos, who was given little chance of winning the mayor's seat earlier this year, won such a convincing victory that he carried areas in all parts of the city. Both in liberal east side and the conservative west of Twin Peaks districts went for Agnos. He even won in Molinari's home Richmond District precinct.

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said Collins.

Molinari, conceding defeat to Agnos shortly after the polls closed Tuesday, went to Agnos' Meridien Hotel election night party to personally congratulate the winner and to "pledge to Art my cooperation in making this city

Agnos told an overflow crowd of supporters that "we are going to govern this city with a can-do attitude," adding that "San Francisco can be proud that in 1987 we proved that politics can still be about people and belong to the people.'

Molinari aide Dennis Collins said that the Molinari campaign had anticipated the results. He praised Molinari for his gracious election speech. "Our camp had seen the handwriting on the wall a few weeks ago, but we waged the best campaign we could," he said, adding, "Jack Molinari showed a lot of class in his concession speech."

Collins also said that Molinari has been and will remain "one of

Election

night when a gracious John Molinari arrived from his own gathering of 350 supporters at Cats to pay his respects to the new mayor.

Molinari said he didn't want to dwell on the sometimes ran- took time from the TV cameras corous campaign of the last 10 to invite his campaign workers to months, especially his unfor- step forward to receive a kiss or tunately dark gloom and doom a handshake. comments after the Nov. 3 elec-

"I congratulate Art on a tremendous victory and a tre- reigns of power at City Hall. mendous campaign," he said, earning respectful applause from the crowd. "We both love San Francisco and we care about its future. I pledge my cooperation in making this city great."

Molinari retains his long-time seat on the Board of Supervisors and his chairmanship of the key Finance Committee. He said he and the new mayor would meet shortly to solidify a spirit of cooperation for the next four

At the hotel the overflow crowd of supporters was lively, yet restrained. The election outcome was never in doubt, merely the size of the plurality. People munched on a smorgasbord of ethnic cuisine that was donated from Greek, Indian and Italian A well-run Agnos campaign

was all organization and efficiency to the very end. Agnos himself paid tribute to his staff when he

A roster of politicoes were also present to acknowledge the changing of the guard over the

They included Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, City Attorney Louise Renne (a one-time Agnos rival for mayor), Sups. Richard Hongisto, Wendy Nelder and Nancy Walker, Attorney General John Van de Kamp and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco).

"This election is a crowning achievement," said Brown, who shook the room with his oration. "We've finally elected one of our own. This city will never be the

"For the next eight years, it's our town, let's enjoy it," said

Tour Company Cancels Trip For Gay Couple

'Security Reasons' Cited for Not Allowing Men; Straight, Female Couples OK

by Mary Richards

When Ed Patrick won an all-expenses paid vacation to Mexico, he and his lover were all set to pack their bags and head south. But two weeks later the tour company, Trans-World Vacations from Tennessee, cancelled the deal. They said their policy is to allow only heterosexual couples or female couples but no male pairs. Trans-World even refused to refund his \$90 acceptance fee. Patrick took the problem to National Gay Rights Advocates for legal action.

Ed Patrick and Jim Zimmerman have lived together in Sebastopol for seven years. Patrick is part of a collective who own and operate the Alvarado Street Bakery in Rohnert Park and Zimmerman is an artist whose works show in a Ghirardelli Square gallery. Although not involved politically, both men have been leading open lives the entire time they have lived

They were excited, Patrick says, in August when he received the postcard informing him he

had won a five-day, four-night vacation at the El Pueblito/Las Hadas Hotel in Manzanillo, Mexico. When he called the office of Trans-World Vacations to accept the trip, he was told he could also take advantage of a vacation for five nights and four days in Florida. All he would have to do was sit through a 90-minute timeshare presentation in one of four

areas: Orlando, Panama City,

Daytona Beach or Ft. Myers.

NO REFUND

Patrick accepted the trips, and

paid a processing fee of \$89.95. Two weeks later he received the shocking eligibility rules for the vacation in Mexico.

The terms and conditions of the Mexico trip state: "Inasmuch as this is an offer for complimentary accommodations beyond the border of the United States, these are only made available for: (a) married or cohabitating hetero couples between the ages of 25 and 65 arriving together, or (b) two unmarried, unrelated women between the ages of 25 and 62 arriving together. Do not rely on oral representation different than

this printed material."

Patrick immediately contacted Trans-World to make them aware of his status as a gay man traveling with his lover. He was told that he would be unable to accept the trip to Mexico because of "security reasons." Trans-World even kept his \$89.95. They told him that he could receive a refund of his processing fee only if he had cancelled the vacation three days after accepting it. When Patrick pointed out that he hadn't received the stipulations regarding the trip until two weeks after that time, their representative suggested he try to sell the Mexico portion to another party.

Trans-World also informed Patrick that he and his lover could "get around" the fact that they were two men travelling together and still take advantage of the Florida portion of the vacation. Their representative then suggested that the lovers use first initials and last names on their registration forms.

Leonard Graff, legal director of NGRA in San Francisco, said, "In California this kind of promotion of a business limiting it to only heterosexual couples is clearly a violation of the Unruh Civil Rights Act. It would be under the basis of that Act that

we would sue. I feel very good about this case because we do actually have something in writing which is evidence of the business intent to discriminate.'

Graff said that NGRA is working closely with a local law firm who expect to take the case. But, he said, "we're still doing some research. We don't charge off into court just because something appears to be wrong. We approach our litigation very carefully with the understanding that we're making a commitment that could easily take five to seven years to go through a

This case ties in with an 'awareness program' that NGRA is currently pursuing in the area of family partnership rights. "This is just part of a program," Graff commented, "educating our own community about the vitality and validity of our relationships, as well as making a case for that proposition in the

Patrick said he has received a tremendous amount of support from his associates, gay and nongay, at the bakery cooperative where he works. They suggested he call the American Civil Liberties Union, which put him in

Proposition

At a meeting held in Los Angeles, some 50 gay and lesbian leaders convened behind closed doors to map out a strategy against the Lyndon LaRouche zealots who secured more than 500,000 signatures to qualify a repeat of Prop 64 in the Novem

Ralph Payne, one of the leaders against Prop 64 in 1986, said the coalition would first seek to raise \$40,000 to fund a survey to test the state electorate's attitudes towards AIDS health

"We want to know who and what is out there, how public opinion has shifted towards the public health crisis," Payne said.

The specific gay initiative for the ballot, Payne continued, would likely be a call for tax credits for donations to organizations conducting AIDS research.

"We want to go on the record with a positive initiative for a change, not something negative like the opposition," he said.

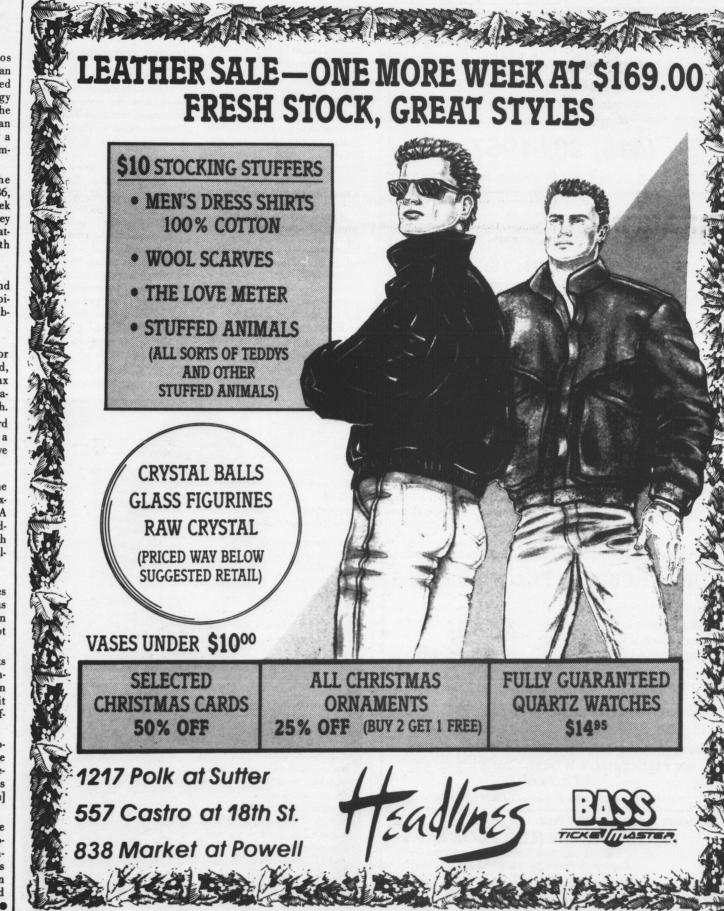
Payne did not elaborate on the vehicle for civil disobedience, except for non-violent principles. A March on Sacramento is scheduled for May 7, 1988, a month before the election in order to rally necessary support.

The vast majority of signatures for the news AIDS initiative was gathered by LaRouche zealots in Southern California. They got few signatures.

The gay and lesbian activists at the meeting decided the community could no longer be an open target for hatred and it therefore needed to take the of-

"We have to unseat the opposition and defeat them," Payne said. "We're sick and tired of being pushed around by lunatics like Doolittle and [Rep. William] Dannemeyer."

The coalition hopes to raise the \$40,000 needed for the public opinion survey from sympathetic politicians. The poll is expected for completion in February 1988, which Payne said left very little time to dawdle.



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Mom Takes Son To Avoid Custody PARTY TRAYS Going To Dad

Man with AIDS to Get Custody; Mother, Child Go into Hiding

by Will Snyder

Artie Wallace wiped away a tear and struggled to control his voice. He looked out at a packed press conference in the Les-bian Rights Project (LRP) and moved closer to the

"I have AIDS and time is precious," he said. "I have fought this custody battle because my son has begged me to do this. I need to let my son know that I am still alive.

"Please bring him back before Christmas," he pleaded.

The custody battle Wallace referred to is the first case in the United States in which a gay father with AIDS is trying to win custody of his child from his former wife. The case involving Wallace, his ex-wife Julia, and their nine-year-old son Shawn, was scheduled to go to Superior Court in Victorville, in San Bernardino County in early August.

But the case never reached court. According to Roberta Achtenberg of the Lesbian Rights Project, Shawn was kidnapped by his mother on Aug. 3.

"I believe the child was taken against his will," Achtenberg said, "I believe he has been told lies: that either his father is dead or that his father has AIDS and will die soon. I think he has been brainwashed."

According to Achtenberg, Julia Wallace had become a devout fundamentalist Christian within the last year-and-a-half. She said Wallace's church pastor accompanied her to some court proceedings. Rev. Greg Bryant, of the Living Waters Chapel in Apple Valley, was quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle saying that Wallace is "a very frightened woman, frightened that her son might have AIDS." Bryant added that Shawn returned from a visit with his father and said he needed a blood test because he might have AIDS.

The minister also reportedly told the Chronicle that the father 'abandoned" the child when the boy was three years old. An LRP spokesperson said, however, that Wallace was then a sergeant in the U.S. Army, was legally separated from his wife and was reassigned by the Army.

When B.A.R. attempted to confirm Bryant's comments, a

spokesperson for the Living Waters Chapel said Bryant was instructed by the San Bernardino district attorney not to make any comments about the case.

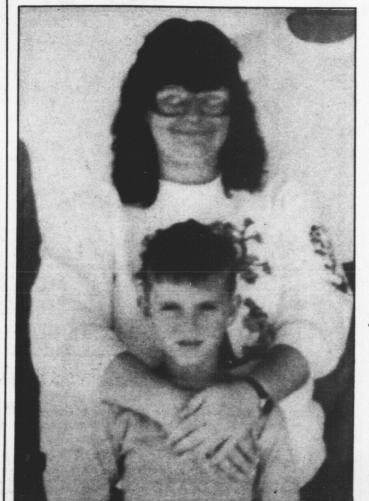
Karen Strauss of the LRP, blasted Bryant's comments. 'This is certainly an inflammatory use of language," said Strauss. "He's known the woman for 18 months and he's certainly taking liberties I don't think he's qualified to take."

UNIQUE CUSTODY RULING

According to Achtenberg, three court-appointed experts on family relations were about to recommend that Artie Wallace be awarded custody of Shawn. "The three experts said he [Shawn] should go to Mr. Wallace," said Achtenberg, who added that in the event of Artie Wallace's death, custody of the child would revert to Julia Wallace, "As long as she is not unfit."

Strauss said the custody arrangement seemed to be of a humanitarian nature. She added that the experts discovered a "close bond" between the father and child. "They had chats with the father, mother and child," said Strauss, "and Shawn articulated that he wanted to be with his father."

Artie Wallace told reporters that the close bond with Shawn



Shawn Wallace with his mother Julia



Roberta Achtenberg and Artie Wallace at a recent press

is something that has been a part of their lives ever since the child's birth. "When my son was born," said Wallace, "I was in the operating room. I held him in my arms when he was less than ten

"I had taken two weeks off from work to help care for him at that time." Wallace added. "When I got back to work it was on a night shift. My wife called me to say the baby wouldn't take the bottle from her, probably because he was so used to taking it

SLOW INVESTIGATION

Achtenberg said a gag order had been imposed on all parties and attorneys which prevented them from utilizing the media in an effort to locate the child and mother. The gag order was lifted two weeks ago, but Achtenberg was highly critical of the effort by San Bernardino County law enforcement officials. "There has been an ongoing investigation," she said, "but it has been with less than good speed. We are very disturbed by all that has happen-

Achtenberg said the mother may be receiving financial support from fundamentalist Christians. "This woman had subsisted on Mr. Wallace's \$500-amonth disability check," said Achtenberg, "She couldn't get by without some help."

Official descriptions of the child and mother are as follows: Shawn Patrick Wallace, age 9, has sandy brown hair, blue eyes and a slim build. He is a four feet (4') tall and weighs 65 pounds. He likes to wear T-shirts with cartoon characters and either brown or blue jeans. Julia Wallace is white, age 30, with brown curly hair, green eyes and large, oval-framed glasses. She is 5-feet-7 inches tall and weighs between 210-220 pounds. She likes to wear blue jeans, pantsuits and a printed sweat shirt.

The LRP urged anyone who sees either or both people to contact Jim Campbell (415) 381-9320, the Vanished Children's Alliance, 1-800-VANISHED, or a local law enforcement official.

Lions Earmark New Group For \$10K

The San Francisco Castro Lions Club has designated the recently organized AIDS Daycare Services Centers, Inc., as a beneficiary of the club's annual \$10,000 fundraising commitment. According to Lions Club Vice President Jeff Harlowe, this is the third annual major commitment by the club to an AIDSrelated charity.

For Exotic To Edible Come To The Fair

Christmas Crafts Fair Helps Women's Bldg.

by Mary Richards

Storybooks say that Santa's Workshop is at the North Pole. But some know better—it's right here on 18th Street at the Ninth Annual Women's Building Arts and Crafts Fair. For two full weekends, Dec. 12 and 13, 19 and 20, this community event will offer everything that you hoped to find when you were young and believed in the impossible wonders of Christmas.

the community to feel free to join

in the fun. "I hope that men

know it's a benefit for the

Women's Building," Danny says.

"It is a fair of craftswomen, but

it's not a fair for women-men

are welcome. I hope I can bring

some men who wouldn't have

come otherwise, because the

Funds raised from the fair will

go toward ensuring that the San

Francisco landmark building and

multi-purpose facility will con-

tinue to be a part of the commu-

nity for many years to come. As

well as housing specific groups,

the Women's Building is host to

money is needed."

Be entertained by storytellers, gospel singers, a whistler or a jazz artist. Exotic food from the four corners of the world will be offered to fill your appetite. Clowns and comedians will make you laugh at them-and at yourself. And best of all, in this "workshop" you don't have to leave it up to Santa-you can pick gifts from over 100 artisans who have come together to offer some of the most unusual and beautifully crafted items in the

Artistic objects for sale will range from the whimsical fruit jewelry of Charlotte Davis to pine-needle weavings produced by Elaine Yoder. Everything from original pottery to unique beads and baskets will be displayed, as booths for non-profit organizations disburse literature and sell t-shirts, buttons and bumper-

A fair such as this can be a treat for children, and participants are welcome to bring the smallest members of the family to one of the best-organized and 'constructive child care' facilities in the city. The traveling exhibit of the San Francisco Exploratorium will be there on both Saturdays to educate and amaze fairgoers, young and old. A clown will keep children occupied while their elders enjoy the festivities.

Pat Christiansen is responsible for coordinating the fair, and she is enthusiastic about the holiday fundraising event. "From my perspective it's been a great privilege," she says. "I don't know when I've been around a group of people who are as cooperative and appreciative.

"This is not a women's show," Pat stresses. "This is a show for the general public, and people who appreciate art, crafts, entertainment and a really good time."

Comedian Danny Williams will be a special part of that good time, and he wants everyone in

Help For Gay **Prisoners**

Begun as a personal interest/hobby intended to provide a useful service to the gay community, Joint Venture, a gay prisoner penpal service, has contacted some 200 gay inmates to date. Its "outsider" membershipalways much smaller than its "insider"membership-has corresponded with hundreds of deserving gay prisoners who are lonely, isolated, and in need of someone to care. Now there is a serious need for more "outsider" gays who are interested in

Joint Venture is a non-profit organization with no paid personnel. Its budget comes from the \$12 yearly fee which is paid by each "outsider" member (Inmates are charged no fee of any kind.)

For more information write Joint Venture, P.O. Box 26-8680, Chicago, ILL 60626.



The scene at the 1986 Celebration of Craftswomen, a major fundraiser for The Women's Building

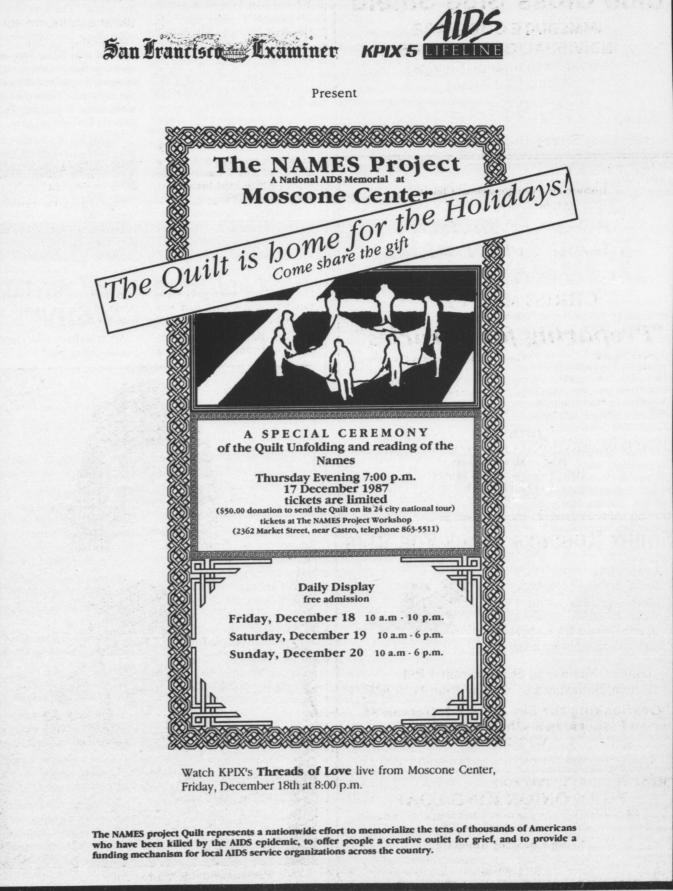
many lesbian and gay organizations who hold meetings, conferences and forums there.

The organization could not exist without volunteers, and Fernando Paredes is one of them. He has worked with the Women's Building for nearly a year and helps with security, as well as

assisting at special events such as the Arts and Crafts Fair.

Fernando says of the Women's Building, "I really appreciate the work they have been doing for the community, especially for women. I think people should get more involved, because it's a

Performers at the fair, 3543 18th St., will also include Gladys Palmer, Jessica Williams, Derique McGee, and the Gospel Elites. Admission is \$2 to \$5 on a sliding scale. Children under 12 will be admitted free and discounts are available for seniors. The event is wheelchair-accessible.



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EDITOHIA DA OPINION

Packing The Court

thought it was safe to bring up the U.S. Constitution, the Supreme Court nomination hearings on Judge Robert Bork hit the airwaves and front pages of the U.S.A. From mid-September to mid-October we were treated to a center stage debate on the U.S. Supreme Court and the Conreminded that Helms does not speak for all. stitution. All the Republicans had wanted was a little hoaky patriotism, schmaltzy flag waving, and maybe a fireworks show. But their parade

Instead of yet another puffing up of some very musty historical detritus, they got a rousing national discussion of what that document is all about. And then they got a slap in the face. Bork lost big.

I missed all the schmaltz over the Constitution's 200th anniversary (usually called "birthday" even though documents do not have birthdays). I believe the debate over Judge Bork's nomination was the best commemoration that could have been devised for the piece of paper by which our national government rules. It showed not only that Americans care about Constitutional issues but that there is still some life in the

Because a compelling issue occupied the nation's consciousness, the commemoration came to life. Suddenly we weren't talking about some high-minded phrases composed 200 years ago. We were talking about present-day realities. We got a look at what the Constitution says, what it means, how its meaning has been interpreted and re-interpreted over the years, and how notions of rights and protection from abuses of government power have changed. We got to see how this brief and simple document written two centuries ago fits into our society.

mericans got the chance to ask the question of what judges should do about it. When is a judge interpreting law and when is a judge making up his or her own law?

Fortunately for us, most Americans decided that Bork's views of the Constitution were too much of his own law and a radical departure from the document and the legal tradition that has developed from it. Few peo-

t may have been sheer coincidence but that coincidence may afple can identify exactly what is in the original Constitution. Nobody can fect the course of history. Just when Pres. Reagan's Republicans truthfully say what the full intent was of the 1787 Constitutional Convention. But Americans today value the deep regard for civil liberties that has been built into our legal system. Jesse Helms and his ilk can

> Ronald Reagan and his kind have lost their bid to stack the U.S. Supreme Court with Right-Wing ideologues. Make no mistake about it: This was the most serious challenge to the integrity of the court system since Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to pack the court in 1937.

Undoing the judicial system so that it becomes part of Reagan's political program has been near the top of the Right's agenda for most of the 1980s. Reagan is notorious for appointing some ludicrous ideologues to the federal bench, some of whom seem barely competent

n California we got a dose of the Right Wing's concern for an independent judiciary last year in the sacking of state Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird and two fellow Justices. It is incredible to hear the Reaganoids squawking about Bork's opponents "politicizing the courts." The Republicans have tried to politicize the courts just as they've exploited every chance from birth to death to turn issues and ations into soapboxes for and enforcers of their ideology.

In the near future, our Constitutional protections and the rule of law on which they rest are going to be pushed to the limits. The Right Wing is continuing to hammer away at basic human rights. On the fringe are the LaRouche types pushing again for AIDS hysteria. But even the mainstream Republican Party seems to be considering exploitation of

Regardless of who sits on the Supreme Court, Americans have now been awakened to the fundamental respect for human rights that is structured into our nation's fundamental law. Fundamentalism can cut both

Ray O'Loughlin

Demographic Catastrophe and Social Adaptation: The Impact of AIDS

PART II

(Summary of a talk given Mar. 15, 1986, at the National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference in Washington, D.C.)

ow will the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s be viewed in historical context? What habits, forms, and themes will carry on into the next generation, and subsequent generations? It now seems that, at minimum, the epidemic will engender a "demographic catastrophe" among some subgroups of the American population.

A "demographic catastrophe" is here defined as an event which removes more than one-twentieth (5 percent) of an otherwise healthy population within a short period. It is likely that at least three American groups will suffer demographic catastrophes during the period 1983-1988, as a result of AIDS: (1) sexually active gay male San Franciscans, (2) sexually active gay male New Yorkers, and (3) intravenous drug-using New Yorkers. Some observers have speculated that such catastrophes will seriously disrupt, and possibly destroy, the social cohesion which had existed in those groups prior to 1983.

The author, an epidemiologist and social historian, suggests that the opposite may be the case. He argues that the experience of European youth from belligerent nations during World War I provides the closest analogy to the experience of groups at risk for AIDS. A number of parallels bolster this argument.

lthough there was a powerful desire to focus blame on some "cause for the catastrophe," those who experienced it were increasingly forced to the conclusion that blaming was a pointless exercise. The dominant fact was that the catastrophe, whatever its beginning, was an overwhelming, ongoing reality, essentially without any

For those who were surviving the catastrophe, there was a "ridiculous proximity" between horrors on the one hand and pleasant diversion ches in the morning and on leave in Paris in the evening, so could a culture of gay American life, for half a century to come.

1980's man be at a dying lover's bedside in the morning and at a lively gay party in the evening.

hese parallels are compelling, but it should be kept in mind that there are also many differences between the crises faced by the young men of 1914-1918 and those of 1983-1988. Nevertheless, that the world after the great AIDS ep gay men in New York and San Francisco, will resemble that of European men after the Great War in important respects.

Social cohesion among gay men will increase, and their institutional structures will generally be stronger. However, those institutions formerly associated with sexual promiscuity—bars, bathhouses, etc.—will be

There will be a vibrant, perhaps even "roaring," quality to gay male social life, albeit with a de-emphasis upon promiscuous sexual interac-

There will be deeply-felt cynicism and bitterness about the American medical establishment and political system.

Gay male consciousness will be less "rational," more "romantic." A keen interest in paranormal phenomena in general, and spiritualism in particular, will persist.

Two formerly low-status segments of the gay male world—aged men and celibates-will enjoy an immense increase in status, just as did women as a result of World War I.

The paramount factor, however, is this: the catastrophe of the AIDS epidemic is now so pervasive that it will maintain a hold on the mind of this generation of gay men for the rest of their lives. It is said that the Great War "continued to be fought in the psyche" of the veteran. on the other. Just as a Tommy could be under bombardment in the tren- Thus will the AIDS trauma of the 1980s remain a central theme of the

No Witchhunt

* As members of Humboldt County's gay and lesbian community, we feel compelled to respond to the Dec. 3 article in the B.A.R., entitled "Teacher Charges Witchhunt in Arrest.'

Many folks in the local gay community were quite relieved when Mr. Silver was arrested. As gay and lesbian people we abhor the societal stereotypes of gay people as "child molesting homosexuals." What we abhor even more though, are those people whose alleged activities perpetuate those stereotypes.

Mr. Silver spoke of himself as a "positive image of a gay man . . . a gay role model." We who are gay, and live in Humboldt County, beg to differ. We believe he is neither.

Mr. Silver, who has been an "openly gay" teacher for many years, found it "suspicious that the power structure ... should turn against him at this particular time." As openly gay teachers, medical people, merchants, parents and community members, we have never been supportive of Mr. Silver.

We do not believe this case represents the beginning of a "witchhunt" against gay people on the Northcoast. We believe the charges filed against Mr. Silver have nothing to do with his being gay.

In our opinion, your paper failed miserably in its research of this case. There was no mention of the District Attorney's position on the case. (Had you inquired, you may have found that many of those coming forward with information on this case are members of the local gay community, not simply a bunch of "homophobic" school administrators.)

It is our hope, that in the future, the B.A.R. will strive to present a more accurate and balanced picture, not just one man's side.

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ED. NOTE: Mr. Silver's story was published in the same spirit we are publishing your letter. I have no more reason to believe you represent the Eureka area gay and lesbian community than does Mr. Silver. His story deserves to be told, however, and raises some serious-and familiar-questions. The district attorney and school officials were not contacted because they cannot comment on such cases. Silver's innocence or guilt will be determined in a courtroom. But the Eureka gay community ought to realize that it too is on trial, like it or not.

Ray O'Loughlin

March Coverage

* This letter was sent to reader William Sweigart in response to a letter he had sent to CBS News:

Thank you for your letter of October 16, regarding coverage of the civil rights demonstration by gay rights activists at the Supreme Court. Mr. Rather has asked me to respond.

We regret that our coverage seemed insufficient to you. The CBS Evening News is well aware of the significance of the gay rights movement, and we have every intention of covering this movement to the best of our ability.

We appreciate your taking the time to express your criticism. Please be assured that your comments have been considered.

> William V. Madison **Assistant to Dan Rather** CBS News, New York, NY

Cranston: Helms' Buddy?

* This letter was sent to Sen. Alan Cranston:

Dear Sen. Cranston:

After reading the headlines of the Nov. 19 Bay Area Report entitled "State Demos Censure Cranston, I must admit it is appalling that I voted for your reelection last year. I never thought you would join the ranks of Right-Wing Bigot Sen. Jesse Helms! What is blatantly hypocritical is that an analysis of last year's vote indicates that your eyelash-thin victory would have been impossible without gay support. Typical of our Washington politicians. It's only a shame our U.S. Senators are elected for six years and

On another subject, I sent you a copy of my Nov. 6 letter to Sen. Pete Wilson regarding the 79-19 Senate vote regarding Congressional pay raises. My original letter to you requesting this information has gone unanswered. Please confirm receipt of my original letter to you, and as I requested this information well over a month ago I might like to suggest that as an elected official representing the California electorate someone get off their duff and provide me with the voting record as originally requested.

My time and money is limited, and having to spend 22 cents for postage can add up. I do not have an unlimited postage account as our U.S. Congressmen presently enjoy with their franking privileges. I am mailing this "Certified Receipt" so I will know this letter did in fact reach you in Washington, D.C. Whether you choose to answer it will remain to be

> Glen Allen Reid Oakland

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Other banks must be able to do this as easily as Bank of America. Do it NOW. Pick up your phone and change to Mastercharge.

> **Bill Jones** Sausalito

Live In Harmony With The Animals

★ This letter was sent to International Male, P.O. Box 85043, San Diego, CA 92138-9135:

Your Winter catalog of men's clothing featured belts and wallets made from "exotic snakeskin," "Argentinian Lizard," and "rare exotic snakeskin."

Your catalog and stores have a well-deserved reputation, particularly in the gay men's community, for high quality, reasonably priced, attractive and stylish clothing. However, I and many men in the community, object to the killing of rare and exotic animals to feed someone's clothing tastes.

There are major movements around the world to protect wildlife and to put a stop to killing animals for their pelts, with such celebrities as Bob Barker leading the way.

I am appalled by your insensitivity to this issue and your attempts to sell these products. Whether or not these skins are truly from rare animals doesn't detract from the point that you are advertising them as such. We must learn to live in harmony with other animals or surely we are no better than them.

I ask that you remove me from your mailing list until such time as you stop selling these goods and apologize to your buying public. I am putting other organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund, the Fund for Animals, etc. on alert so that they might also spread the word.

> Dan Dickmeyer Santa Cruz

An Act of Faith

★ As an "act of faith" every person with AIDS should buy himself or herself next year's calendar.

> Kevin L. Anderson San Francisco

The Chron Goofed Again

* This letter was sent to the San Francisco

I was dismayed that your Dec. 3 editorial on the late James Baldwin failed to mention an essential part of his identity and genius. Mr. Baldwin moved from the United States to France to improve his lot not only as a black but as a homosexual. In the 1950s discrimination against blacks was open and hence subject to criticism and amelioration, but homosexuals were totally suppressed.

Giovanni's Room (1956) is a landmark in gay literature because for the first time a serious American writer made homosexuality a central theme and discussed its varying aspects with candor. Baldwin was neither a black writer nor a gay writer, but a black, gay writer whose eloquence and passion were part of his gay sensibility.

The Chronicle has the social responsibility not to perpetuate and enforce the conspiracy of silence that denies the existence of a gay culture.

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No On 'Mo'

* As a veteran of the U.S. Navy, I do not think that the homeporting of Naval ships at ports within San Francisco Bay is any cause for concern. The homeporting of both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets should be spread over a multiplicity of ports to break up the heavy concentration of ships at Norfolk, Charleston, San Diego and Pearl Harbor where they are sitting ducks to an enemy's attack.

The problem with the U.S.S. Missouri is that this battleship is totally obsolete. Its reactivation was a monumental goof by the Republicans. Once a Democrat returns to the White House, a leaner budget for the Defense Department will dictate the remothballing of the U.S.S. Missouri.

Consequently, it is unwise to welcome this particular ship to San Francisco Bay. Its days are numbered.

James F. Gibbons

Where's AmFAR?

★ This letter was sent to MasterCard International, P.O. Box 5255, Clifton, N.J. 07015:

Attention: Program Director, "Choose to Make a Difference" Program.

After perusing your recent advertisement of Sunday, Nov. 29, in the San Francisco Examiner's Image magazine, I find it incredible that you did not list the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) as one of your designated charity options. The United States Public Health Service and the World Health Organization both have declared AIDS as the number one health issue of our time—and you did not list any AIDS service provider organizations or educational groups at all?

Please advise me of the rationale, if any, of your actions. Also, seriously consider that people diagnosed with AIDS/ARC are in desperate need of compassion and intelligent care, and as such, qualify equally well for our resources, support, and most important of all, our love.

> Jim Lovette, R.N. San Francisco

Just The Facts, Please

* I'm writing to point out a minor mistake printed by your paper, Nov. 13 (and also by the Sentinel). A photo in Marcus' column was captioned stating that Michael Merriott was the first Mr. South of Market

I am enclosing a copy of a B.A.R. article about the real first Mr. South of Market contest held on June 26, 1980 which was held at the same place (Trocadero) and produced by Drummer. Mr. Marcus MC's and Austin Hester won the contest.

It's unimportant who gave out this incorrect information. If it was a Drummer production, they don't have any excuse. But certainly Marcus could be easily forgiven if he forgot one event among the hundreds he's loyally attended and/or MC'd.

What is important is that this points out a crying need to support the efforts of the likes of Greg Pennington and Paula Lichtenburg of the S.F. Bay Area Historical Society.

We need to accurately document all of our efforts to inspire future generations. If we don't set our record straight now, Straight Society will let us fall through the cracks of history as it has always done.

What a difference it would have been if all of us today had had the gay history contained in the Magnus Hirschfeld Collection at our fingertips while we were growing up.

J. Krug

Don't Underestimate Us

* As a participant in seven years of marches down Market Street, I must wonder if I am the only one who felt shamelessly manipulated by the events and agenda of this year's Harvey Milk Memorial Candlelight March.

First, there was the detour across Market Street for the express purpose of "putting a crowd" in front of the Names Project office. Under the piercing glare of the media cameras and lights, people were coerced into making donations in front of a little shrine to Mr. Milk. A supposedly quiet and dignified evening devoted to remembering a gay hero and assessing our progress as a movement was turned, instead, into a carefully orchestrated media circus right off

As a contributor to the Names Project, I was offended. Many of us have spent many hours contributing in fabric to a Project which claims in its

literature to be "a positive expression of personal loss as well as a dramatic illustration of the impact of AIDS on American society"-a visible, personal way for a grieving national population of lovers, friends and families of those lost to AIDS to discharge some of their grief.

Recent developments in the media have made it clear that the Project has a much more ambitious agenda: that of building a grass-roots political power base for its leader(s). Fine. My problem isn't with ambitious politicians, only their methods. Had I known what I know now, I could have considered my options. The problem, then, is with deceit and manipulation on the part of the Project's leadership.

Later on, in front of City Hall, it was instantly obvious that someone or some group, had railroaded their own narrow agenda into play. The topic was violence against gay people, the focus, CUAV. The issue of violence against gay people is certainly a very serious one, and should be addressed, especially in a setting for a memorial march for a leader such as Harvey Milk. However, to so narrowly limit the focus to the subject of the brave—but chronically troubled CUAV (almost to the exclusion of even mentioning Harvey Milk) seemed strange.

Something else seemed strange. Many people link anti-gay violence with the spread and fear of the AIDS epidemic. Almost no mention was made of that

Leaders, take note: You are making some sloppy decisions, created in the self-serving vacuum of petty political maneuvering. Perhaps if you begin to listen to your community and not just yourselves, you might possibly avoid making the biggest mistake of all: Underestimating the heart and stamina and intelligence of your respective constituencies.

> **Tony Coppock** San Francisco

The March And Amtrak

* This excerpted letter was sent to Rep. Barney

Dear Representative Frank:

I am responding to your recent correspondence regarding your interest in behalf of the Gay and Lesbian Rights March on Washington Committee. The committee had requested Amtrak operate special trains to Washington during the weekend of Oct. 11 which we regrettably were forced to turn down.

In July of this year, Amtrak's Sales Office in New York was contacted by Mr. Ed Heller of Innovations in Travel regarding the possibility of chartering a special train from Boston/New York to the March on Washington in October. As is our normal practice, Mr. Heller was given a cost estimate and asked to submit a formal written request for this train.

Only after Mr. Heller submitted the appropriate paperwork, did it become clear that the March on Washington was scheduled for Oct. 11, the day before Columbus Day. Traditionally, travel is very heavy on three-day weekends, thoroughly taxing the resources of all modes of transportation-including Amtrak.

Mr. Heller was advised in August that, since the march coincided with a busy holiday weekend, a special train from Boston to Washington could not be provided. On a more positive note, Mr. Heller was also informed by Amtrak's New York Sales Office that we could reserve 275 seats on Train 67, the Night Owl, which operates between those cities. Regrettably, other marchers bound for Washington from Boston would have to take conventional unreserved trains, and availability of space could not be guaranteed.

It is important to understand that Amtrak did not - and could not - make a commitment to provide any special train from Boston/New York to Washington, because we did not have the equipment to do so. We did, however, continue to explore the feasibility of other carriage options and finally were able to secure limited commuter equipment from the Maryland Department of Transportation in an attempt to make up a special one-day train for marchers traveling from New York to Washington. However, this train was later cancelled by the march organizers because they felt the cost was too high. While we can understand why this arrangement was not acceptable to the group, Amtrak, under the somewhat unfortunate circumstances, did make a sincere effort to accommodate the marchers through every available

As you can see, additional equipment to make up additional trains for special charter is extremely rare because there are no "extra" cars in existence. I must point out emphatically that Ambrak's primary directive is to provide regularly scheduled intercity rail passenger service on a national scale.

Renee Y. Bank Senior Govmt. Communications Officer Amtrak, Washington, D.C.

Mean Spirit

* The following letter was sent to Mayor Dianne

Dear Mayor Feinstein:

The Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee to the Human Rights Commission is sorely disappointed that you did not see fit to reappoint Esta Soler to a seat on the commission. We strongly support Commissioner Phyllis Lyon in her decision to resign from the commission in protest, and we ask that you reappoint both of them before your term as mayor ends.

Over the years, Commissioner Soler has educated herself on issues of concern to this committee and has been active in protecting the human rights of San Francisco's diverse populations, including lesbians and gays. For example, Commissioner Soler personally involved herself in the planning of the public hearings on AIDS/ARC discrimination. She attended planning meetings, advised staff members, offered insight and support, and chaired the hearings. Her help in putting together these important hearings

It is especially appalling that Commissioner Soler's non-reappointment appears to be in retribu-tion for her support of the HRC's Missouri resolution opposing discrimination against lesbians and gays. This resolution was agreed to by an overwhelming vote of the commission, and endorsed unanimously by this committee as a strong statement of support for our human rights. The commission gained wide praise for being able to put political interests aside and decide the issue in accordance with their mandate, to protect the human rights of San Francisco's citizens. The commissioners waived their personal views on bringing the Missouri to San Francisco, and specifically considered the human rights ramifications of the issue.

The fact that you rejected Commissioner Soler with just two meetings to go, and the fact that you disrupted the work of the commission by depriving it of so able a chairperson, leads us to believe you acted out of brazen political considerations and with a mean spirit. We have lost not only a dedicated commissioner in Commissioner Soler, but also a co-chair of our committee. Commissioner Lyon worked for years to make this committee effective and to keep our efforts relevant

We offer our full support of Commissioners Soler and Lyon, and ask that you promptly reappoint them to the Human Rights Commission.

Members of the Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee to the Human Rights Commission Larry Brinkin Lester Olmstead-Rose **Chris Grubbs Marcie Reins Tony Henry** Dan Turner **Ruth Hughes** Carmen Vazquez Marty Kashuba Darrell Yee

Rebate Checks for Research

★ We would like to suggest an alternative to the current campaign to donate California tax rebate checks to the public schools. We urge members and friends of the gay community to donate their tax rebates to an AIDS research project or a program providing direct assistance to PWA's.

Millions of dollars will be received and by combining these checks, the community can provide major support for these programs which are in desperate need of funds. We urge you to send your rebate to one of these agencies and to encourage your friends to do the same

> Michael Becker **Donn Wheatley** San Francisco

Not Constructive

★ I read with great concern Mr. Marcus' report on the Mr. South of Market Contest. It seems to this reader (and also a spectator of the contest), that more than a couple remarks deserve a response.

1. The cost of advertising is prohibitive in general for most nonprofit direct service agencies who are focusing on spending their monies on services to persons who need assistance. The rate for placing a full page ad in a community newspaper may have meant that several persons with AIDS would have done without a needed meal.

2. I personally saw Mr. Selby and Christian Heran on 18th and Castro the two weekends prior to the contest. Simply because Marcus did not see anyone, does not mean no one was there!

3. This contest was billed as Mr. South of Market. Nowhere do I read the word "leather" in that promotion. For Marcus to narrowly define South of Market as Leather is not only inaccurate, but absurd. The Leather Community has always lent support and has been the "strength" when times are tough, but this

was an attempt to have the other parts of SOMA represented and provide an opportunity to become volved in a more than worthy endeavor.

4. Who left Marcus in charge of deeming who is and isn't a leatherperson? Because a man doesn't wear enough hide to make a herd of cows envious is not any reason to say he is not a leatherman. As a leatherwoman, I was embarrassed to read that Marcus takes it upon himself to make such judgments. I consider myself a part of the Leather Community and Marcus certainly doesn't speak for me.

Perhaps there are other reasons people did not attend this contest. Consider that in the last nine months alone I have attended: Mr. International Leather, Mr. San Francisco Leather, Mr. Drummer, Leather Daddy, Leather Daddy's Boy, Mr. CMC, and who knows how many Buns, Chests and Jocks!!! Perhaps we are all feeling a little tapped out? There comes a time when we all get a little tired of giving and need to pull out (pardon the pun) of the fast lane and take a breather. Perhaps this was one of those

It is important to remember what we are doing and why we are doing it. We are giving what we can to others because we are able to. Being critical of how, when and why are necessary, but unfair criticism is

> Sky Renfro San Francisco

Close My Account

* This letter was sent to Mr. William Siart, Press dent and CEO, First Interstate Bank, 21515 Hawthorne Blvd., Union Tower, Suite 700, Torrance,

Dear Mr. Siart:

I find to my dismay, that First Interstate Bank has made a sizeable financial contribution to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Please close my First Interstate checking account immediately. The USOC has shown ignorant, homophobic contempt for my community, and I see no reason to subsidize ignorance and bigotry.

I resent being made to support, involuntarily, my

As you must be aware, that while the name "Olympic" is freely used by those who sponsor crab cooks, rat races, frog jumps, and other endeavors, (some worthwhile and some frivolous), the USOC refused use of the word "Olympic" to the gay/lesbian community for their athletic competition. The unequal treatment should be obvious.

As you must also know, this issue reached the U.S. Supreme Court. It is the dissenting opinion on this Supreme Court case which will in time prevail-not the ignorant, homophobic and logically silly majority opinion which states that the USOC has not been discriminatory in their refusal to let the Gay Games use the name "Olympic," while letting hundreds of other organizations do so.

Have you no awareness that at least 20 percent, and possibly more here in the San Francisco Bay Area, are gay men and lesbians, and, additionally, your customers? Some are very large depositors.

While I regret that you do not look at what your bank is doing from a moral, ethical perspective, from a purely business standpoint, you are going to lose a lot of money on this "misguided patriotism."

> David P. Steward, MSW Mountain View, CA

Lesbians as Care Givers

★ In Tamara Lucas and Yvonne Price's Nov. 19 let-

ter, they lamented the lack of lesbians in the New Zealand feature film A Death in the Family. They noted, "The filmmakers lost an opportunity to publicly acknowledge that all of us are coming together to take care of our own during this tragedy. In this country, a documentary film has been made, however, that does include lesbians as care givers.

Living With AIDS, made in San Francisco, depicts a 22-year-old gay man, Todd Coleman, and those who took care of him, including both his lesbian nurse and social worker. These two women, his two Shanti volunteers, and his lover comprised his "family" during the last stage of his illness. Community activist Sally Gearhardt narrated. The film screened at this year's San Francisco Gay/Lesbian Film Festival and has won numerous awards internationally.

Furthermore, this film was made mostly by women, and in large part by lesbians, including the producer/director, cinematographer, and the produc tion manager. This letter is an assurance to Lucas and Price that lesbians are recording our history, not being written out of it. Carle Medical Communications, a nonprofit health distributor markets Living With AIDS. Questions, call 824-7398.

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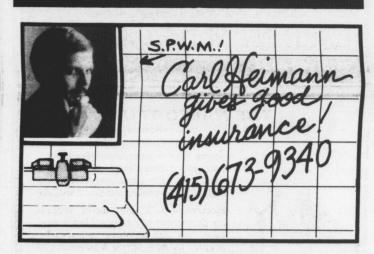
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day's election run-off weren't even counted before the battle to replace Mayorelect Art Agnos in the 16th Assembly seat had begun. Gov. George Deukmejian has 119 days to call a special election for the Assembly seat after Agnos resigns to become mayor. An April primary is likely and a runoff between the top Democrat and Republican would likely then be held on the same day as the regularly scheduled state presidential primary in June.

Early speculation centered around former Congressman John Burton, who served in the Assembly from 1964 until 1974 when he was elected to Congress. Burton served four twoyear terms in the House of Representatives, retiring in 1982.

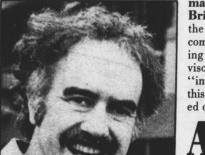
Burton confirmed last week that he was "seriously thinking" of re-entering politics and boasted that if he enters the Assembly race "I'd be a strong candidate—and the favorite. I'm not going to lose." He added that "there's no doubt I could raise

Agnos will take office as mayor on Jan. 8, and Burton says he will decide on becoming a candidate by Jan. 1.

In a candid interview with the Sacramento Bee last week, Burton spoke openly about his widely-known former drug habit. He said it was "old stuff," yet an issue that could easily be revived in an election. "Who the hell knows what somebody's going to do in a campaign," Burton asked. In 1983 the U.S. House Ethics Committee reported that there was "substantial evidence" that Burton "either purchased or used illegal drugs" while serving in the House, but the committee ook no action.

In a 1984 interview John Burton told a reporter that during his last years in Congress he freebased cocaine to such an extent "it becomes your whole life ... there were times when I would stop, or try to stop, and I'd be so depressed that I couldn't function without doing something. I'd stop using one drug and substitute another."

Burton has said that his drug habit drained all his finances and cost him his second marriage, eventually sending him to a rehabilitation hospital. The fact that John Burton's former cocaine habit was being so freely discussed in political circles in San Francisco this week left little doubt that it was bound to become an issue if he entered the Assembly race.



John Burton (Photo: Rink)

After leaving Congress, Burton joined a San Francisco law firm and has lobbied for clients both at San Francisco City Hall and in Washington. In 1983, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown appointed Burton to the state Medical Assistance Commission, on which he still serves.

John Burton's expected candidacy could present Mayor-elect Agnos with one of his first uncomfortable political decisions -whether to back Burton, who will surely be portrayed as the McCarthy-Brown-Pelosi machine candidate, or support any number of gay or lesbian candidates who will surely emerge. If Agnos endorses Burton, he will surely leave himself open to yet another round of criticism that he once again passed over a gay or lesbian candidate to support another straight candidate.

Burton, meanwhile, showed his hand and that of the McCarthy Brown machine when he told a reporter that if he does run for the Assembly he would serve no more than a couple of terms, adding that "would give us time to groom a good young candidate." That remark quickly prompted a comment from a leading lesbian politico that "what he means is t gives them time to groom a good young straight candidate."

One report this week was that Agnos had indicated to Sup. Doris Ward that he would support her in return for her endorsement in his mayoral race. But some were saying this week that "Art is trying to find a way out of that commitment." Ward was said to be somewhat annoyed at the rumor and is expected to become a candidate.

Others said to be considering running included Sup. Dick Hongisto, Community College Board member Tim Wolfred, berta Achtenberg, two-time supervisorial loser Pat Nor-

man, and others. Sup. Harry Britt, who most agree would be the strongest candidate the gay community could offer, was meeting with friends and political advisors. While admitting he was 'interested" in the race, he said this week that he hasn't yet decided on becoming a candidate.

presidential advisory task force report released this week in Washington said that the federal government should not support changes which would allow gays to adopt children. It was also announced this week that all Army personnel on active duty will be tested for exposure to the AIDS virus at least once every two years, making the Army the first military service to establish a policy for periodic re-testing of service people for the virus. Under the testing program which will take effect Jan. 1, service personnel who are assigned outside the continental U.S. or to certain units such as Ranger forces could face even more frequent screening.

State Treasurer-designate Dan Lundgren, thought to face rough confirmation proceedings in getting his new job, now looks to be in good shape. Though he won't face hearings until probably February, the leader in the state senate, President Pro Tem David Roberti said this week, "I don't have any reason to vote against him." Deukmejian's appointment of the Long Beach Congressman makes him only the second Republican to hold statewide constitutional office.

For the first time ever, gay rights legislation will be submitted to the next Vermont legislature. State Sen. Harvey Carter assures gays that the bill will ban discrimination based on "affectional or sexual orientation." Apparently following up on his

decision last year to rid the party platform of bothersome planks supporting the rights of gavs. American Indians and other minorities, Demo National Chair Paul Kirk said last week that the party's 1988 platform should not be "a litany of social, cultural or ideological litmus-test buzzwords." He suggested that such embarrassing issues as abortion and ERA might be dropped from the platform next year's candidate will be running on. Kirk, who drew heat in 1985 when he disbanded the gay/lesbian caucus and others, said in Washington that the platform must be broad enough to appeal to millions of Americans who have been voting for Republican candidates, and "must not be confused with the politics of including a line here or a word there to satisfy every

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Mike Hippler

Live From Our Studios

n a city that supports several gay newspapers and radio programs, there is but one gay television show. It is called Electric City, and it appears in San Francisco just 12 times a year, the fourth Thursday of every month at 9 p.m. on Cable Channel 6. (In the East Bay it is shown on the first Sunday of each month at 10 p.m. on Channel 35.)

With such a limited geographic base and time schedule, Electric City hardly poses an immediate threat to Evening Magazine or Entertainment Tonight. But its producers say they have every intention of changing that.

Electric City was born just over a year ago, in late November 1986. A small but determined group of actors, writers, and directors saw a need in the community and resolved to fulfill it. At the time, there was another gay show appearing weekly, but it met with mixed critical success and ultimate financial failure.

Says Electric City publicist David Nahmod, "Although two of us were associated with that effort, Electric City was not an outgrowth of any previous show. We simply saw that there was a lot of talent in this city that wasn't being used, and we decided to use

Adds producer Mark Wang, "There were other reasons as well. There was so much death and destruction around, we needed something positive to uplift us. Besides, it was a way to preserve our history. Until recently, the visual history of the gay community has been sadly neglected."

Unlike its predecessors, Electric City makes little attempt to cover the news. It is based instead on a magazine format. For each 30-minute show, five or six separate segments deal primarily with community events, personality profiles, and topics of general interest. These are tied together by comedy bumpers, showcasing the talents of such arcane performers as Dead Marilyn and Sandy Van, a female drag queen who does a wicked imitation of Tallulah Bankhead.

he October show, for instance, featured the March of Washington and the

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(Continued from previous page) disparate group in our society." (So take that you "disparate group" of homosexuals!)

O.K., O.K., you happy, gloating Agnos backers—you can lay off the messages on the phone machine now. I certainly can well understand your pleasure at winning. But, what the hell, we can't win them all. The Agnos people deserve their glory. They ran a hell of a campaign. In this business of politics, the spoils go to the victor (and his supporters) and that's the way it should be. Art Agnos and his workers deserve congratulations on a wellrun campaign.

Michael & Trixi (Mr. & Ms. Gay S.F. '83) and Marty Moon are presenting Country Christmas II at Sutter's Mill next Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. as a benefit for the AIDS Food Bank and the AIDS Emergency Fund (admission is \$3 and/or a bag of canned food). Lots of entertainment and a good time—this is one we should all make, and I'll see you there.



Sandy Van loves to do Electric City

Castro Street Fair as well as profiles of Z. Budapest, a lesbian witch; Ellen Brook Davis, an actress with Theatre Rhinoceros; and the directors of A Death in the Family, an English film about AIDS. Other shows have covered topics such as gay parenting, domestic violence, older gay people, and alternative AIDS treatments

Although its producers aspire to great things, Electric City is still essentially a Mickey-and-Judy enterprise. Much of the footage is shot in the old stable behind director Sande Mack's Victorian home on Collingwood Street using hand-held cameras.

Furthermore, the semi-professional staff of writers, directors, editors, actors, and technical people responsible for the show have only a limited amount of practical experience.

But this is not necessarily a drawback, says director Mack, for what the staff lacks in experience they make up in enthusiasm. "Besides," he continues, "some

of us do have extensive theatrical backgrounds. For the others, it's a training experience."

Given the project's limited budget, its producers have little choice but to accept this state of affairs for the time being. While each show costs only \$500 or \$600 to produce (plus indirect expense), the program has only two major sponsors—Campus Theater and Superstar Video-plus a rotating series of smaller supporters, such as One Big Man, One Big Truck.

The bulk of Electric City's funds are provided by its staff.

"We all pay for it," explains Mack, "by contributing what we can. We work as waiters, masseurs, building managers, secretaries, and the like to support the show. We do it because we love it. I live it 18 hours a day - and that kind of commitment is typical."

t present, Electric City is still a money-losing proposition, but Wang, Nah-

mod, and Mack say they expect to break even very soon. Already they have expansion plans. In January, the show will become available in Berkeley, Alameda, and Emeryville. Sacramento and Marin County are the next markets the producers hope to con-Eventually, they would like to hook up with other gay video groups nationwide, using the studios and three-camera set-up recently offered by Peralta College's broadcasting school.

Naturally, none of this can happen without strong community support. States Mack, "Fortunately, we've got it. In San

Francisco alone, we have a potential market of 120,000 homes that already receive cable. The cable company estimates that 20 percent of that audience is gay.

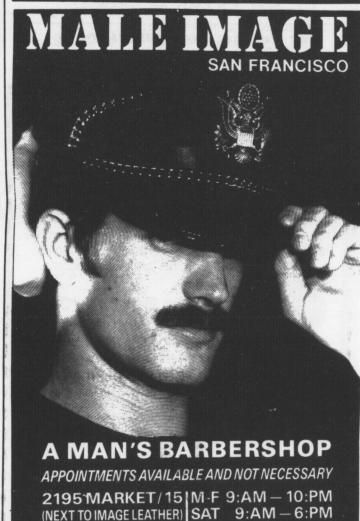
"Of those 24,000 gay people, many watch the show regularly. They recognize our announcers on the street. They call in with feedback, leads, and requests for stories. Since others have failed before us, we realize that we really have to prove ourselves to make it. We believe that's just what we're doing."

Stay tuned for Electric City's first anniversary show on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 9 p.m., Chan-





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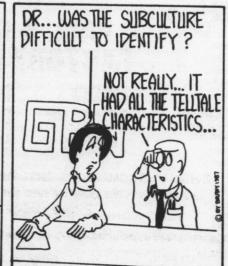
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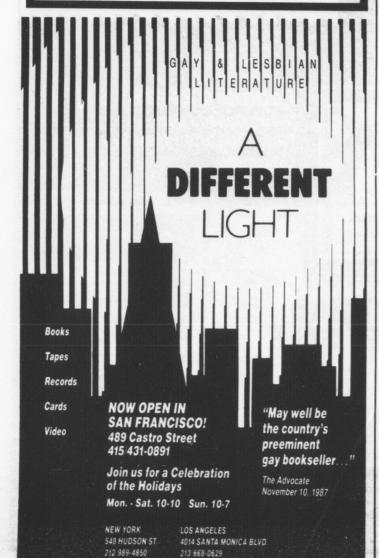
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Mass. Senate OK's Rights Bill **But Battle Not Over Yet**

BOSTON-Although the Massachusetts Senate voted 20-15 to approve a state gay rights bill, that legislation may yet die a slow death. The Senate vote occurred Nov. 23, 43 days before the scheduled end of the legislature's session. It now goes to a Committee for a Third Reading which could bottle up the measure for at least 45 days.

If the normally automatic procedure goes smoothly, Gov. Michael Dukakis could have the bill to sign by the new year. Dukakis has pledged to sign the bill into law. But Senate rules allow the committee 45 days to act. If they delay, the bill would be effectively killed.

According to reports in Gay Community News, opponents have already succeeded in prolonging the bill's movement for weeks. They fear they could squelch the measure. A key opponent, Sen. Arthur Lewis, Jr., has said that he will use his clout as chair of the Committee for a Third Reading to keep the bill from being enacted.

Attention was focused on the role that Dukakis

could play in salvaging the bill. Advocates say that could use the opportunity to enhance his damaged reputation in the gay and lesbian community due to his anti-gay stance on foster care. "I'm cautious about its chance of passing," said Arline Isaacson, of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, "but I think the governor has a good shot at convincing senators to move the bill out of a Third Reading."

Opponents of the rights bill, however, argue that Dukakis has nothing to gain and a lot to lose by pushing the legislation. They claim that it could destroy Dukakis' national political aspirations.

The bill, H. 5469, would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. "We need to reassure senators that the bill is a modest measure that quite simply affirms civil rights. It calls for respecting human dignity and offering equal opportunity to all people," said Sen. Michael Barrett, a supporter of the bill.

-Gay Community News

Gay Man Named To State Legislature

SEATTLE-An openly gay man has been named to the Washington state legislature to fill out the term of a legislator who had resigned to run for higher office. Cal Anderson, 39, was sworn in to represent the 43rd. District of the legislature's lower house Nov. 9. He was the unanimous choice of the King County Council.

"I'm a Democrat who happens to be gay rather than a gay Democrat, and that's what helped me prevail," Anderson told The Advocate. "My support came from gays and lesbians, labor, community activistsfrom every section of the local Democratic party. It really feels good for me, and I know it really feels good for our community,"

Anderson has been a veteran Democratic Party activist and was an aide to Seattle Mayor Charles Royer.

Don Moreland, president of Seattle's Dorian Group, a gay rights organization, praised Anderson's appointment as "im-mensely significant." "Cal is not at all closeted and he speaks eloquently to our issues," said Moreland. "He will be a good spokesperson for the community at a time when we badly need it. He knows how the legislative pro-cess works and he'll be able to do great things."

Anderson mentioned that he is especially concerned with AIDS health care and insurance issues.

He faces election in September 1988. But the 43rd. District is considered safe for a Democrat. His supporters were already planning his campaign and lin ing support and money for the effort. "Once he gets by the first election he'll be safe," said Moreland. "Unless I'm wrong, we're going to have a voice that is going to be heard from for a long time to come," he added.

-The Advocate

Gay Parent's Visit Rights Restricted

PHILADELPHIA - A Family Court judge has ruled that a gay man cannot visit with his children if he is in the "presence or company of homosexuals." The temporary ruling by Judge Vito Canuso only slightly modified a July 1985 custody order. That ruling allowed Clem Pascarella to visit his two daughters, age seven and four, on alternate weekends at his grandparents' home.

Pascarella was permitted to 'spend time with his children outside of their residence to engage in reasonable activities and events" as long as it was not in the company of his then lover. He was denied overnight custody outside of his grandparents'

Canuso's earlier ruling was upheld by a Pennsylvania Appellate Court. Canuso intends to ssue a final ruling in the case on

-Philadelphia Gay News

Gay Lobby Expands, **Doubles Budget**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Encouraged by an unexpected rise in donations this year, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is planning a \$1.5 million budget for next year. Financial reports released at the group's November board meeting show an income of over \$600,000, nearly \$77,000 more than was projected for 1987.

Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF media spokesperson, attributed the rise in donations to several feature nations to several factors, especially the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights held in October. "The March on Washington inspired thousands and thousands of lesbians and gay men to become politically ac-tive," she said. She also mentioned the worsening AIDS epidemic, last year's Supreme Court ruling criminalizing gay sex acts, and the battle to defeat Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court for sparking gay and lesbian political interest. The Bork effort alone brought in

The group plans an ambitious direct mail fundraising effort to solicit new members and retain present memberships. Programs will be expanded as income rises, said Vaid.

\$200,000 to NGLTF.

-Washington Blade

only weapon we have to stem the tide of this growing epidemic.'

-Elizabeth Taylor, speaking to the National Press Club

'Homophobia is still good politics, especially when it comes wrapped in Bible Belt rhetoric. That is the dismal lesson of the recent Congressional amendment to an appropriations bill that will hamstring safer-sex educational programs aimed at the gay community.'

—The Nation editorializing on Sen. Jesse Helms' effort to cut sex education funds as obscene

'What gay people will have to do before they can make a larger political

'Accurate information is currently the impact is put the gay issues first and all other issues second. A black person would rarely vote for a racist candidate, no matter how good the candidate was on economic or defense issues. But gays, time and time again, will vote for a homophobic candidate because they like how he stands on other issues. We've got to stop doing that.'

-Vic Basile, director of the gay PAC, Human Rights Campaign Fund

'I have no intention of giving the streets of America to the radical and militant homosexuals. If we have to fight them, let's do it and let's win.'

> -Pat Robertson. Republican presidential candidate

Fuzzy Picture For Gay Cable Show

Viacom Cable Show Offensive: **Producers Cry Censorship**

by Mary Richards

The plug almost got pulled last week on Electric City, the Bay Area's gay cable television show, when Viacom Cablevision objected to portions of a show that they called offensive. At a meeting Tuesday (Dec. 8), some differences were worked out, but Electric City's producers say they are being censored. Worse, they say, Viacom is not even giving them clear guidelines on which to operate while other shows broadcast more offensive material.

cerns the group's half-hour tion. Thanksgiving show during which strippers from a male club appeared partially nude in an

Sue Levitin, director of public affairs for Channel 6, said, "We have had a good relationship with Electric City prior to this problem. Then there was an ad shown of a gay nightclub with partially nude images. This kind of thing is unusual for the people who produce the show. We can't continue to show partially nude images on our channel."

SHOWS PREVIEWED

Electric City disagrees. They point to the fact that there was no reaction from the station when the same advertisement was broadcast earlier in September. Last March they also produced a segment, which was aired, highlighting the talents of Rainbow, a female stripper.

The gay collective has complied with station protocol, they say. That requires them to submit a tape of their show for approval a few days before it is broadcast. To their knowledge, they are the only program on the channel which is obligated to fulfill this stipulation. They submitted the Thanksgiving show for review, and it was aired as produced.

Then on Dec. 4, a salesperson from the station called to inform them that their contract was

The station's complaint con- under consideration for cancella-

According to Mark Wang, of Electric City, Viacom representatives told the show's producers Tuesday that the problem was with the content of the shows that, in their words, violated personal and professional standards of decency. Viacom said that previous shows had been previewed only for technical points.

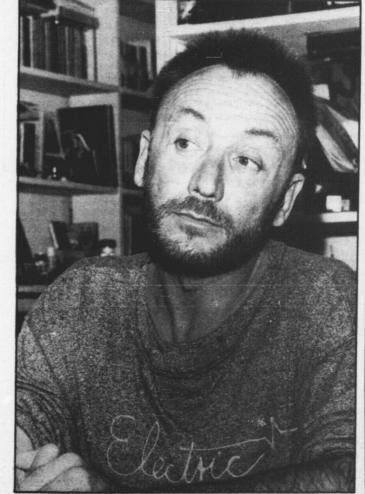
Wang said that Viacom told the group that "Electric City could continue to broadcast as long as it did not offend straight audiences." He said that station officials would not specify what

But the group vowed to continue. "There are people out there with AIDS and ARC who want to see the show. We're not going to let it die," said Sande Mack, a member of the collective that puts the show together.

"We're being censored. We're paying to be censored," said Mack. The collective pays Channel 6 for the broadcast time.

Created and directed by Mack, Electric City was born in 1986. The half-hour segments of the show are broadcast the last Thursday of each month on Channel 6, and the first Sunday of each month in Oakland on Channel 35.

The program is composed of various vignettes of gay life, frequently highlighting AIDS



(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene) Sande Mack



David-Alex Nahmod, Sande Mack, Mark Wang, and Dan Carlisle of Electric City (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

groups, local artists and performers, and others in the community in a semi-documentary

Dan Carlisle of radio station KKCY-FM is a collective member. "I don't want to work with people who are promoting stereotypes," he said. "I was tired of seeing gay people in drag all the time. He said he "wouldn't be involved in anything that was just a sex program. Not because have anything against sex, but there has to be more to it than

BOYCOTT?

Mack said there is more to Electric City. A list of those who have appeared on their programs includes Sharon McNight, Mary

Dunlap, Harvey Fierstein, Joseph Papp, Nancy Pelosi, Art Agnos and John Molinari. The show ranks ninth out of 50 programs.

"If they [Channel 6] do take us off," Mack claims, "that's not going to stop us. For the first six months our show only played in San Francisco and then we went to Oakland. Now we're on Cable 35 and next is Peralta College (PC-TV) and that starts in January. We've proven that we can perform and we've gone to other cities-it's a show that people know."

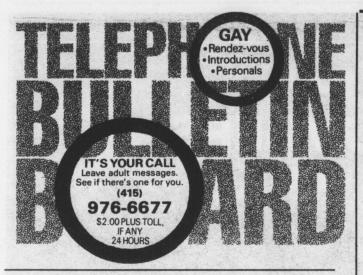
Wang contends that the gay programming on Channel 6 can hardly be termed offensive to viewers when compared with other fare that is offered to them. He cites as an example the 1934

movie Maniac, shown six times on Sinister Cinema, which portrays a topless woman being beaten and raped.

"We don't think they have a right to take us off," Wang says, "and we think that if they do, the community should boycott. They claim that 33 percent of their subscribers are gay, and that's about 35,000 to 36,000 people. If they think that homosexuals are so offensive, we should not give them any money."

Speaking for Viacom, Levitin denied that gay programming was being treated in any special way. "We think that we may be the first TV station outside of New York City to air openly gay shows and we're proud of that,"





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Estate Settlement Funds Gay Studies

Court Upholds Teacher's Will Granting Funds to City College

The long-cherished dream of Dan Allen, who died of AIDS in April 1985, is soon to be realized after a long legal struggle. On Dec. 10, probate court in San Francisco is scheduled to issue a settlement for Allen's estate. Half the money left by the former City College English teacher will fund scholarships and support gay studies at the college.

On Dec. 17, the Board of Governors of the college district will formalize the Dan Allen Memorial Committee as an ongoing group to administer the funds from the legacy, according to spokesperson Jack Collins. Collins, also an openly gay City College English teacher and a colleague of Allen's, is one of the principals in the settlement, as are author Richard Hall, and attorney Matthew Coles.

Hall, a former lover and close friend of Dan Allen's for 20 years, acted with Jerry Allen (no relation) as co-defendants with the college district in the suit Coles brought to see that the activist's intentions for his estate be com-

The greatest problem, Coles explained, was that no written will could be found, even though Allen had shown to a friend a sealed envelope he said contained his will six months before his death. In his last few days, breathing on a respirator, he wrote that the will was in the bedroom of his Castro district home. Hall searched the place very thoroughly, but the docu-

However, under California law, said Coles, a valid will may be recognized as existing if witnesses so testify, even though the paper itself cannot be produced. Proceeding on those grounds, Coles pressed the case. In the opinion of Hall, Collins, and Jerry Allen, the strong testimony of witnesses as to what they firmly believed were Dan Allen's intentions, persuaded the court to accept a settlement whose details had already been worked out in negotiations with Allen's family.

BEGAN GAY STUDIES

The terms were a 50 percent sharing of the money coming from the sale of Allen's house. The Dan Allen Memorial Committee will receive \$45,000 as



Dan Dulaney Allen

start-up money for its programs. Another feature of the settlement is an agreement that none of Allen's unpublished writings can be published without the family's consent. Gay San Franciscans might very well remember pieces by him in Vector, the magazine of the Society for Individual Rights.

This proviso and the original intent of Allen's family—to claim his entire estate - have especially angered Hall, himself an author (Butterscotch Prince, Letter from a Dead Uncle). Hall claims that Allen's family had ignored Dan for years.

Hall remembered Dan Allen's coming out in 1972. "It was the hardest decision Dan ever made to volunteer as faculty adviser to a brand new gay student group at City College," he said. "Dan was 43 at the time and had played the game of career closetry all his

Hall went on to recount how that decision led to the founding, with another openly gay instructor, Don Liles, of a gay and les-

Although Crew had not seen

such a case in San Francisco un-

til now, he told Bay Area Report-

er that police groups across the

U.S. were urging their members

to file defamation suits against

people who claim to have been

But such a tactic can boom-

erang on the officer. "It can leave

the officer open to abuse of pro-

cess suits if it is frivolous. You can

be found to have liability for fil-

ing frivolous lawsuits," said Crew.

meant in terms of SFPD policy

toward the OCC. "The depart-

ment and officers have never

liked the OCC from its begin-

obstructed it, litigated against it.

Crew also questioned what this

mistreated by police.

bian literature course. It was tried in an experimental setting first but quickly accepted as a credit course in the regular curriculum. Collins added that the course "has stayed steadily among the offerings since 1972 and has served hundreds of students."

Collins projected that the most probable role for the advisory committee will be to generate and consider proposals which could build a gay studies program at City College. He hoped for contributions from several disciplines, such as history and

Collins was especially emphatic that the committee would do all in its power to ensure that such a program be funded by the college district, with supplemental money from the Memorial Fund being used for special needs. One of those needs was a

A decision has already been made to use 50 percent of the money for scholarships and the other half for special needs the committee approves of. It is already set that representation on the group will come from administration, counselors, faculty, and students, with every effort made to preserve sex parity. A constantly operating campaign for additional funds is also being

Coles was lavish in his praise for the college district's determination to stay with and win the case. "I think they deserve credit. They had the guts to see it through," he commented.

Coles characterized this probate procedure as highly unusual and risky, with the desired outcome brought about because "Allen's alleged intent made the greater sense to the people who counted." However, he concluded that all the litigation could have been avoided if a proper will had been prepared and an exec-

Cop Sues

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people who file complaints against them. But such an action requires special circumstances. "Police can file defamation cases against complainants," said Crew, "but only if someone falsely and maliciously filed the com-

In this case, he said, "it's hard to conclude that the complaint was false and malicious since the OCC has invested six months looking into it and held hearings on it." Considering the OCC's workload and the relatively small number of cases it pursues, "there must be something there" for the agency to take the case this far," he said.

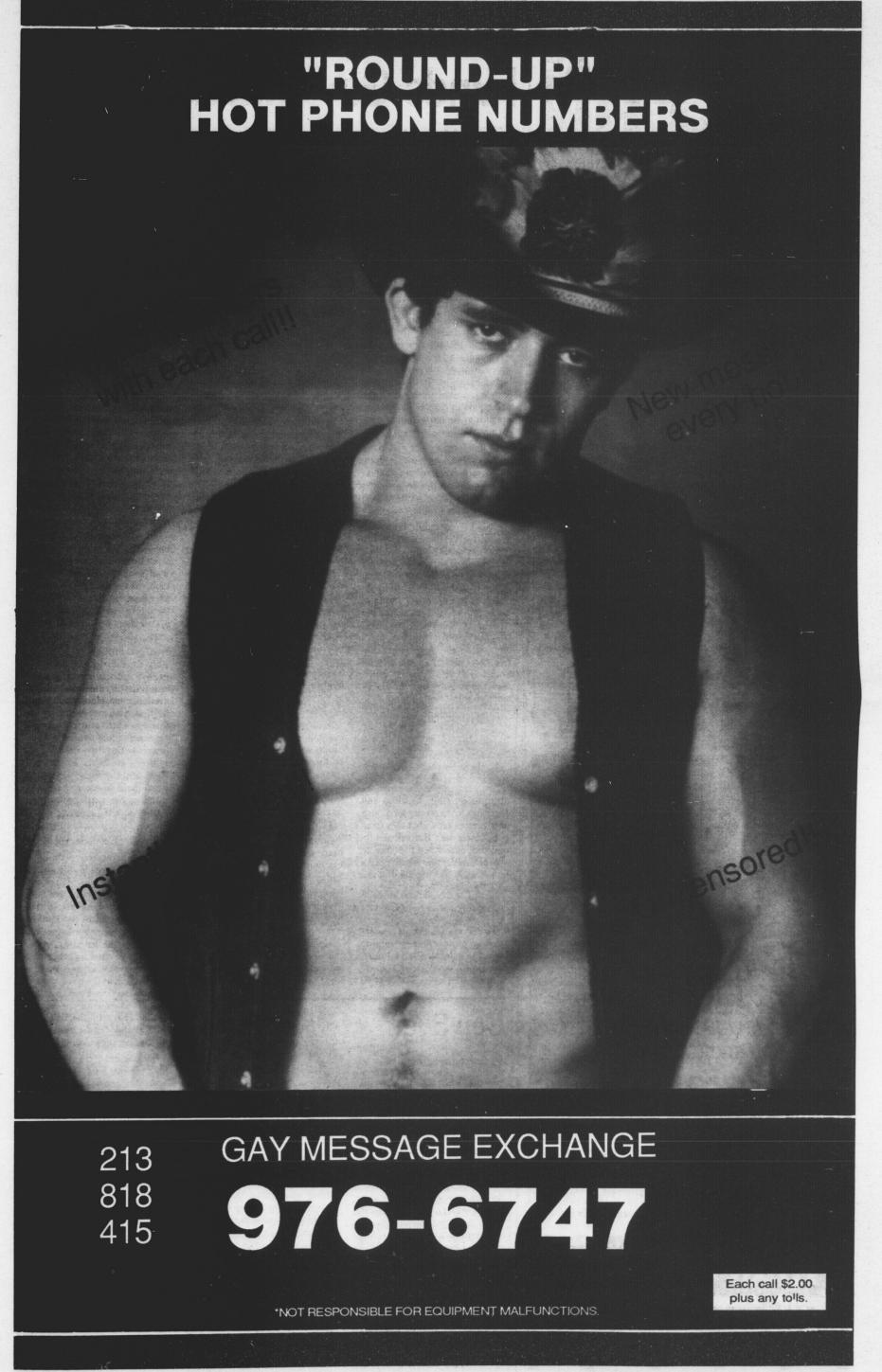
Schell said that this Small Claims Court suit did not even ning. They have opposed it, follow the rules for such an action. "This suit does not fall But the official policy is to co-

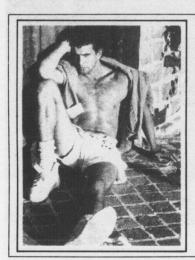
within the guidelines (for Small operate fully with the OCC. But Claims). The officer made no (prior) demand on the defendant. full co-operation," said Crew. It is erroneous and meant to fur-Harassment of transsexuals by ther intimidate my client," he

police in the Tenderloin is common, according to Schell and others. They are frequently assumed to be prostitutes.

But the victim in this case wants nothing again to do with cops. "I live in fear," she says. "Everytime I see a police car coming I dodge it. If I go out, I make sure I have a companion. I won't go out alone."

Schell criticized the officer for doing more damage to his client. "To be a victim of alleged police brutality is one of the most terrifying experiences imaginable. To be sued for attempting to seek redress for your injuries heightens the fear and escalates the post-traumatic stress disorders. The conduct of the accused officers in this case can only be termed as unconscionable."





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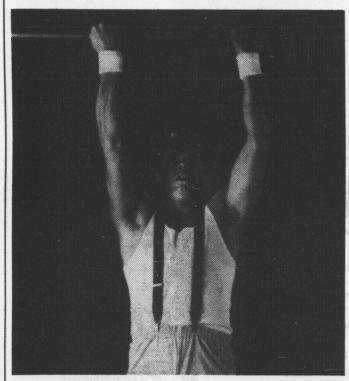
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BACK ATTACK?



The high bar has always been my favorite event, but at last year's Gay Games II, I was working my routine with the precision of a laser when my back locked tighter than Fort Know. It was a "BACK ATTACK." I'd heard other gymnasts discuss this dreaded experience, but for me it was the first. My primal posture persisted for several days and finally my boyfriend recommended a visit to Cathedral Hill Chiropractic. After a series of visits over the course of a week, I'm feeling great. This "BACK ATTACK" thing is certainly a new twist, but at least the doctors at Cathedral Hill Chiropractic certainly know how



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HIV Treatment Options Complex, Improving

PARTII: DECIDING ON TREATMENT

Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part feature on the activities and message of Project Inform, the San Francisco-based informational clearinghouse on AIDS testing and treatment. The first part of the feature appeared in last week's issue of the Bay Area Reporter (Dec. 3)

In the world of AIDS treatment, all is no longer doom and gloom. If we were to divide the AIDS epidemic into phases, we might say that we have now left the "era of mystery" and entered the "age of treatment." For two years, Project Inform has played a vital role in this age of treatment, urging an aggressive approach to treating AIDS-virus infection. They stress that the belief that "there's nothing you can do about AIDS infection" is now out-of-date—dangerously so.

'There are things an individual can do, and there will be many more in the near future," state Project Inform directors Martin Delaney and Joe Brewer. 'The repeated message in the media about the hopelessness of AIDS is completely out-of-date. In fact, it was never true," they

"In the field of treatment research and clinical strategy, the goal at present is clear—to turn AIDS into a manageable chronic illness," says Brewer.

The very first line of defense against AIDS, according to Project Inform, is for an individual to discover whether or not he has been infected. Testing should be confidential and voluntary, they advise. (The necessity and interpretation of AIDS antibody testing was covered in Part I of this

SOME CRUCIAL NUMBERS

Once you have learned that you are antibody-positive, Project Inform advises that a full immunological workup be done by your doctor-especially the laboratory test for the absolute number of T4-helper cells. It is also the appropriate time to seek out anti-viral medications, Project Inform says. Since HIV infection is progressive, anti-viral treatment is clearly the prescrip-

This test can be performed (or ordered) by any physician. The T4-helper cell is the immune system cell that the AIDS virus attacks, and over time, destroys. As infection with the AIDS virus progresses, the number of T4-cells decreases, thus crippling the immune system and opening the way for attack by the opportunistic infections that are the

hallmark of AIDS and ARC. "The most important number in all this is the absolute T4-helper cell count," says Brewer, a gay San Francisco psychotherapist. "You should immediately chart that number and continue to be re-tested for T-cell counts at regular intervals, usually every three or four months."

According to Brewer, charting one's T-cell count at regular intervals is the best means available for an individual to monitor the health of his immune system. "What you want to look for here is the overall trend," he says. "There is a strong correlation between the decline in T4-helper cells and the onset of symptoms of AIDS or ARC."

Trend monitoring, then, is the key to interpreting one's status with regard to possible development of AIDS or ARC. "It's important to monitor trends rather than going on just one test," adds Delaney, co-director of Project

"T-cell counts vary, going up and down over time, but the real

point of concern is when that trend is a downward trend," he

The absolute numbers, then, are crucial in planning one's health strategy, according to Project Inform. They base their observations of what is normal and what is dangerous on clinical evidence-trends noted and reported by physicians and medical researchers in practice and in medical journals.

According to the current medical interpretation, then, if the number stays below approximately 500, it should definitely be seen as a serious warning sign and as the impetus for taking action. A general trend in the area of 200 cells or below signals the greatest risk, as it is closely correlated with the onset of AIDSdefining opportunistic infec-

"Try not to set up any psychological barriers," Delaney adds. "No one number should be seen as a crucial barrier. But any consistent downward trend within these general numbers should be seen as plain, clinical evidence that the HIV virus is destroying T-cells and should be addressed by treatment."

OPTIONS IMPROVING

Once a downward trend is observed, then, what can you do? The old message of hopelessness has pervaded the gay community, driven by the seemingly mistaken belief that there was very little that a person could do. Project Inform says that this has never been true, and that options for treatment are improving rapidly.

"The T-cell test can help you decide when it's time to do something in terms of immunomodulator treatment," Brewer says. "If the helper cell number regularly falls below 500, or is declining towards 500, you should start to think about immune modulators. And if the trend of the helper cell numbers is below 200, prophylactic measures come into the picture," such as the recently developed aerosolized pentamidine treatment or other antibiotics to help in preventing pneumocystis

"These treatments have proven useful to prevent recurrence of pneumocystis pneumonia in those who've had the illness," states Delaney. "They are just as likely to prevent it in the first oc-

Deciding on treatment is a decision that is not only crucially important but that is often one in a seeming vacuum of medical and social support. Be-cause only the drug AZT has been licensed by the Food and Drug Administration for use in treatment of HIV infection, the many other available treatments

are often maligned as useless or

According to both Brewer and Delaney, reaching a decision to treat one's HIV infection with substances that are as yet unapproved or unproven is sometimes difficult, but need not be so. Individuals should understand that the restrictions placed on physicians create a situation in which doctors are, more often than not, unwilling to recommend any treatment other than the federally-approved treatment with

With non-standard treatments available, the individual must often inform the doctor what treatments he intends to take, then ask the doctor to help with necessary prescriptions and lab tests to monitor and safeguard his treatment program.

Project Inform is not in the business of making such decisions for individuals, but rather in guiding them by providing the latest and best information about available treatments for AIDS. ARC, and asymptomatic HIV infection. They provide information on each available substance-through information packets available by phoning them and through "town meetings" held in recent months to standing-room-only crowds. (The next scheduled meeting is Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street, San Francisco.)

TYPES OF TREATMENT

The substances currently available to individuals are of three types. First are anti-virals, intended to cripple or slow the activity and spread of the AIDS virus in the body. Project Inform reports that several anti-viral drugs have demonstrated the ability to slow the progression of the virus, both in the test tube and in real people. Of these, the best known is AZT, already licensed as an AIDS treatment. It provides many po sible benefits, but at high risk of

AL721, a food-like substance, is another that is popular right now. Preliminary test results look promising. Because AL721 is non-toxic, it represents a good, low-risk choice for many, especially for those unwilling to compromise their existing health with more toxic chemicals.

Ribavirin, a wide-spectrum anti-viral available in Mexico and once the most widely used AIDS drug, has perhaps the largest body of research behind it and has shown promise in most trials. Project Inform reports that early in 1987, the Food and Drug Administration made charges against the drug, scaring people away from it. Eight months later, the charges were quietly withdrawn. Yet, most doctors remain

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either uninformed or misinformed about it. Ribavirin is once again the subject of new research.

Acyclovir is an existing prescription drug used for herpes and as an adjunct to other antivirals. It is believed to help with symptoms such as hairy leuko-plakia.

One of the most recent promising prospects is from Japan. Called dextran sulfate, laboratory studies look very promising and the drug is quickly being pushed into human trials. Many people are already importing dextran sulfate from overseas, where it is sold as a non-toxic, over-thecounter product.

The second group of substances are known as immunomodulators, medications that are thought to stimulate the immune system, leading generally to an increase in T4-cell production. At least four such drugs are currently available.

Of these, the drug DTC appears to boost T-cells and is available as a commercial chemical. The prescription drug Antabuse breaks down into DTC in the liver and it is expected to provide the same benefits as DTC itself.

DNCB is another substance in this category. It is an inexpensive chemical available through the "guerilla clinics" and by individual purchase, and Project Inform reports that DNCB has already been used by thousands to treat the lesions of Kaposi's sarcoma, as well as to stimulate the immune system.

Isoprinosine, another immunomodulator and one of the first drugs researched for AIDS, is available in Mexico and continues to be the subject of worldwide research.

Naltrexone is another drug being used as an immune modulator. When used in very small amounts at the right time of day. it is believed to produce a general "toning up" of the immune system by way of the endorphine, a hormonal brain secretion.

The third type of treatment is prophylactic, and includes aerosolized Pentamidine, a prescription drug breathed in by the patient and thought to be useful in the prevention of pneumocystis pneumonia.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Project Inform's list doesn't include every substance currently being marketed as an AIDS treatment, however. Instead, treatments make the list only when they meet the three-fold criteria of established safety, availability and a reasonable expectation of effectiveness, as determined by objective research.

Project Inform counsels strongly that individuals should acquaint themselves with these substances by researching them, then make a decision on a personal course of treatment. Information packets on these substances are available by calling Project Inform.

'Up until recently, most people did not know that these treatment substances were available -or were in as widespread use as they are," Delaney points out. "It may make all the difference if the community-and if individuals -can see that there is indeed something you can do about HIV infection. It's not a hopeless situation. It's not a matter of waiting to see what happens next. It's a matter of getting busy and taking action right now, before the infection progresses any further."

Cooperation of a physician is important, according to Brewer and Delaney. Once you commence a treatment plan, you will need to have the full services of a physician and laboratory tests to monitor progress. If one's physician is not cooperative and will not support an aggressive treatment plan against HIV infection, then work out an alternative.

"Doctors are sometimes unaware or ill-informed about these available treatment strategies," Delaney adds, "in part, because these strategies are new and are developing as we speak, but also because the legalities and liabilities of practicing medicine these days have got doctors spooked."

DECISION TREE

Commencing treatment is the all-important step, once an individual has determined from T-cell monitoring that it's time to take action. Brewer stresses that "the critical decision is getting yourself from a point of doing nothing to doing something. And remember that what you are doing can change as new treatments open up."

"There's no way anyone can tell you exactly what to do with certainty," says Delaney. "You're juggling a number of things at once and have to decide based on what fits best for your situation. Different people need different

The choice of treatments is determined by several factors, including a person's financial resources, his overall condition and starting T-cell counts, past treatment experiences, and a personal risk/benefit analysis.

Reaching that decision is dif-

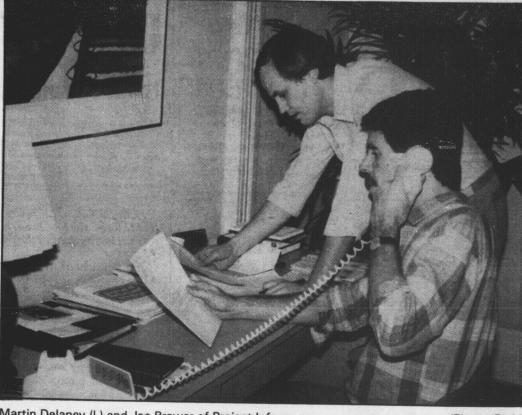
AFL-CIO Supports PWA Rights

A comprehensive AIDS resolution passed the recent 17th Biennial AFL-CIO Convention in Miami, Florida, Oct. 26-29. Submitted by the Service Employees International Union, the resolution calls for "additional funding to support AIDS research, education, and health and social services."

The AFL-CIO also declared stating: "Testing for HIV should persons with AIDS: "Persons work as long as they are able to, and as long as they desire to continue at their jobs. AIDS should be classified as a disability and handicap under the state and federal laws to provide AIDS patients with legal protections from work-related AIDS discrimination."

Finally, the national labor federation took a strong stand against mandatory HIV testing,

strong support for the rights of be offered to those who want it. with AIDS should be allowed to Testing should be conducted in a setting which guarantees confidentiality, and anonymity, if requested. Counseling both before and after testing must also be included as part of any voluntary testing program. HIV testing must not be made a precondition to obtain employment, or a condition to retain one's job. Mandatory HIV testing is a violation of civil liberties and does not promote the public's health."



Martin Delaney (I.) and Joe Brewer of Project Inform

(Photo: Rink)

ficult, and individuals are often at a loss as to how to decide among the different treatment options. But the "decision tree," as Brewer and Delaney call it, can be seen as simply as process of

More serious conditions require different approaches. For example, someone whose T-cells are consistently below 200 should definitely consider the aerosolized pentamidine treatment and the most aggressive choice of available drugs. Someone who is steadily within or above the "danger zone" around 500 may seek to use "softer" approaches which are least toxic, such as AL721 and Naltrexone.

But they warn that no one is going to give a definite, clear answer with any certainty. "With regard to certainty, everyone is frightened," says Brewer.

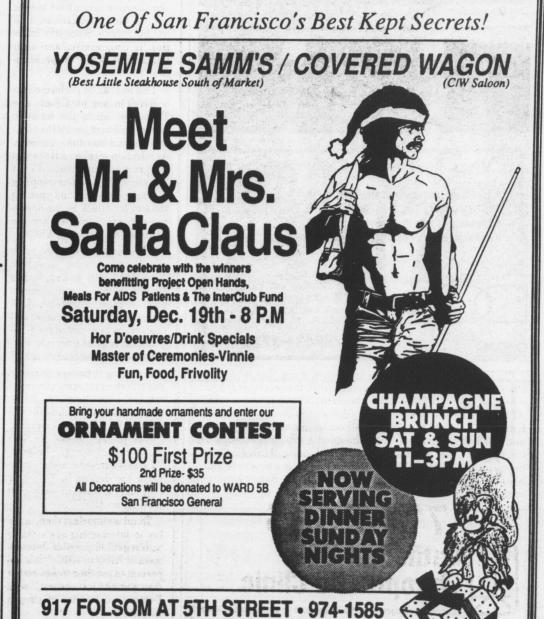
But, he adds, "We don't have the time to await the certainty that will come with repeated clinical trials. Since time is the only real variable in the potential progression towards serious ARC and AIDS, it's most essential to do something-anything with reasonable justification that it might

work-as soon as possible." The strategy advised by Project Inform, then, is based on the ssumption that by treating HIV infection as soon as possible, individuals can delay the progress towards infection. By keeping informed and making changes as newer and better treatments become available, infected individuals may be able to literally "buy time" until a thoroughly effective treatment or cure is

"The goal here is simple," says Brewer. "Use existing therapies to hold your ground as new and better medications are found."

Project Inform

Project Inform is an organi ation that provides informaion about treatment approaches for AIDS, ARC, and HIV infection. Information packets are available for the asking, by phoning: (415) 928-0293 (local); California toll free (800) 334-7422; and Naonal toll free (800) 822-7422. Or write Project Inform, 25 Taylor St., Suite 618, San Franisco, CA 94102.



DEATHS

Alan Rockway

Dr. Alan Rockway, Ph.D., 44, clinical psychologist, co-author of the famed Dade County "Anita Bryant" Sexual Preference Rights Ordinance, founding member of The Bisexual Center, and the nspiration behind Bi-pol, the bisexual political action group of the Bay Area, and former Director of The Pacific



his dog Sheba after a battle with AIDS. Alan will be remembered ence, chutzpah, dedicated political organizing.

and unswerving stand for the underdog. He was very outspoken and a prolific letter-to-the editor writer. He had a cynicism about what is, combined with an optimism for

what can be. Alan held the belief that love is the driving force to all politics and that

> Alan's family want to especially thank his dear friends, Hospice of San Francisco, Shanti, and the Open Hand for their loving support and help during this trying period.

A multi-media event celebrating Alan's life will be held Dec. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 153 Liberty St. in San Francisco. Alan, we will miss your sparkling eyes, and warm and affectionate smile. Bi for now

With regret the immediate family and loving friends of David Edward Briggs, 12-year resident of San Francisco, announce his passing Nov. 25 of AIDS.

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sister Teresa and brother Cory, also of



Hoover High in Fresno, David was a six-year MF in the Air Na tional Guard, and a 14-year employee of the Safewa Corporation. Disposition was Dec. 6 at Point Reyes, and a wake by in vitation will fol-

A graduate

low, at his request, for close friends and

Well known and respected, may his spirit rest in peace. We love you and shall painfully miss you. In memoriam donations in his name

may be made to the Shanti Project, to

Good-Bye, dear, dear friend.

Jerry Lee Spooner July 8, 1955-Dec. 6, 1987

Jerry slipped gently into sleep Sunday rning circled by his friends at Coming Home Hospice. Just as Jerry passed away, the sun came out after weeks of being absent. I was at home, and our black cat 'Banjo' started meowing around my feet, and crying, as if she was trying to tell

picked her un and asked her if

she knew some thing we didn't. Just as I got the words out, the phone rang, and it was the news of lerry's passing. saw my friend Jerry was the

night before. His face was bathed in the golden, full-moon light, as I said goodbye and left. A fitting tribute to a moon-

Jerry was a very intense personstrong willed, quick tempered, and a razor-sharp tongue that he knew how to use. He had been in San Francisco ten years and worked as the manager and head floral designer at the Westlake Flower Shop. He worked briefly at Kearns Flower Mart. He was well known SOM for his leather and cowboy drag. He loved the Powerhouse, SF-Eagle, and the Castro Station. Partying and flowers, along with a good measure of fleamarketing, were his life. Please make any contributions in Jerry's name to Coming Home Hospice.

L. Scott Delanev

This man was a good man. This man was a kind man. This man, born on Oct 2, 1953, was taken from us on Nov. 14, 1987 after a five-year struggle with AIDS. Even in the face of great pain and wasting, this man faced the horror with dignity, humor, and a concern for those he loved that was astonishing.



of his mother Jayne, his sisters Linda and Lisa, his lover of eigh years John Coffey, and sadly leaves behind his sisters Michele and Karen, bro thers Fred, Gary, Randy, Mike, Ron, Philip, Deryl, and many good loving

friends, probably more than he ever This man is in good company. Scott was buried in Hollywood's Forrest Lawn, near Liberace and the final home of Bette

This man's absence is a great void, but t will not last forever. It will only last until, one by one, we leave this earth to be with him again.

Scott, you're home for good now. Leave

Joseph Vincent Vesely 4/21/56-12/4/87

Joe Vesely passed away peacefully in his beautiful home on Sutter Street, his lover Bruce, and his dog Kenna by his

Joe was diagnosed with AIDS more than three-and-a-half years ago. A stubborn and courageous hero, he was sustained by his love for life, an amazing inner strength, and by the affection of his family and friends. He was an intelligent, outspoken, generous, and charming man who fought bravely against the odds and



Originally born and raised in St. Petersburg, FL, Joe attended college and worked in Washington, D.C. from 1975 to 1978, then moved to managed a store on Fire Island,

both coasts and in Canada and Europe. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m., 1465 Valencia St. (at 26th St.) followed by a reception at

for the Bank of New York. Since 1981, his

happiest days were spent in San Fran-

cisco, where he worked for the local agen-

cy of the Bank of Montreal, and later

became a prominent employee of Atlas

Joe is survived by his mother, Mrs. Clara Pearson, and his sister Lisa Pear-

son of St. Petersburg; his close friends

Lew, Cliff, and Mac in San Francisco, Cliff

and Robert in New York, and Terry in

Washington, D.C. His passing is felt with

great sadness by dozens of friends on

Donations may be made in Joe's memory to Coming Home Hospice, 225 30th St., SF 94112.

Dear Joseph, you fought the good fight and we are so proud of you. We love you.

Norman E. Woodruff

Norman died of AIDS complications at home on Wednesday, Dec. 2. He was a native of California and had called San Francisco his home for more than 20 years. A career as a radio news personality led to positions with KCBS, KOIT, and other stations nationwide, Norman is remembered for his strength of character, his unfaltering faith in people, and his

We'll miss him, but in his words, "All

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of San Francisco. A memorial gathering will occur at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2750 Market St. #201 in

Obituary Policy

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

We must now restrict obits to 200 words. And please, no poetry. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity and taste.

Names Quilt Set For National Tour

The National AIDS Memorial Quilt, returning home from its inaugural display in Washington, D.C., will be displayed at Moscone Center, Thursday, Dec. 17 through Sunday, Dec. 20, sponsored by the San Francisco Examiner and CBS affiliate KPIX-TV. The Giant Names Project quilt is a national memorial to the tens of thousands of Americans lost to AIDS.



The quilt will be home for the holidays

(Photo: M.J. Murphy)

In conjunction with the display, KPIX will host a onehour prime time special Dec. 18, live from Moscone Center. Entitled "Threads of Love," the special will focus on outstanding examples of AIDS volunteerism in the Bay Area, and will feature a historical background on the

The quilt, the size of two football fields when it was displayed during the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, has continued to grow in size as hundreds of new quilt panels have arrived from across the country.

The memorial, designed and constructed by lovers, family and friends of those who have died of AIDS, is composed of thousands of 3' x 6' fabric panels, each bear ing the name of a single person lost to AIDS.

After the San Francisco display the quilt will be prepared for a national tour of the 24 largest U.S. cities this spring. Names Chapters are being formed in many cities across the country to assist with the national tour and to provide local assistance in building the quilt. Funds raised from the national

tour will stay in the communities

support local organizations providing direct services to people with AIDS and others facing the epidemic. Major corporations and foundations are being approached to underwrite costs of The names Project is an ongo-

in which the quilt is displayed to

ing project, growing as the epidemic continues, the visual reminder that behind the numbers, are the names.

The San Francisco workshop is open seven days a week and accepting panels to be included in the national tour. For more information call (415) 863-5511.

City Goes Gay For Holidays

A Brief Tour of Wonderland

Sunday evening (Dec. 13) at 6 p.m. the lighting of the Castro's Christmas Tree will take place at 18th and Castro. The tree, as has happened for the last several years, will be dedicated to friends who have died from AIDS. The lighting of the tree also signals the beginning of the Christmas season in San Francisco's gay community.



The window at One The Rack

As people plan parties, Christmas concerts and family gatherings, they also are starting to take time to explore the many colorful boulevards of Gay San Francisco. The tour is quite a treat. As night falls across the city, Castro, Polk and Haight Street are transformed into wonderlands of colored

Christmas trees with their twinkling lights are everywhere. On Polk Street the Polk Gulch. the Giraffe and the Q.T. take on a new look with their colorful trees. Even that emporium of lust, Le Salon, is celebrating the holidays with a tree in their win-

The Headlines stores in the Polk and the Castro are a delight to behold. Their windows are decorated for the holidays with snow scenes and the presence of elves and puppets announcing the stores' gay toyland atmosphere. Entering the stores is as much an entertainment experience as a shopping tour.

One of this year's most striking windows in the Castro is a Jewish delicatessen. Mueller's sports a delightful big snowman surrounded with decorations and colorful lights. Across the street is the newly opened A Different Light Bookstore.

(Photo: S. Savage)

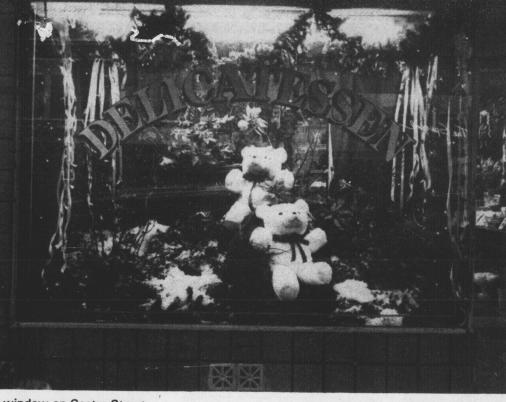
Different Light is one of many new bookstores in the area. At 18th and Castro is the Love That Dares bookstore. Their windows are possibly the most politically correct with trees in one window and the other tastefully decorated in blue and white with a Star of David. The first gay bookstore in the area, the Walt Whitman bookstore on Market near Noe, has constantly changing windows reflecting gay authors and literature.

A walk down Castro is to see such uniquely gay stores as Mainline Gifts where everyday seems to be Christmas. Just up the street towards 19th Street is Brand X with a window displaying their wide selection of an-



The window at Headlines

(Photo: S. Savage)



A window on Castro Street

(Photo: S. Savage)

tiques in a holiday setting. On 19th Street, Java Road takes on a new look with green holiday lighting and the Castro Village Wine Company follows through on the green look.

18th Street in the Castro is a boulevard of lights. There are sparkling lights in the trees along the street. They seem to frame the many trees and lights in bars. Moby Dick has two beautiful white trees while across the street the Village is a bevy of colorful lights. Up the block All That Jazz has decorated their store with poinsettia plants.

Possibly the most creative street in San Francisco is Haight Street. Forma is just one of the stores with unique window decorations. Revival of the Fittest combines Christmas with the art deco look. Santa Claus is in the window of the Golden Gate Floral

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Let There Be Lights!

It's Christmas Tree time again in the Castro!

On Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 a.m., the Eureka Valley Merchants Association and the Names Project will sponsor a Christmas Tree decoration project. The EVMA/Names Project tree will be located at 18th and Castro Sts., in front of Hibernia

The tree will be lit on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. and will be dedicated by Rev. Jim Mitulski of the Eureka Valley Metropolitan Community Church and Rev. Anthony McGuire of the Most Holy Redeemer Church. But there will be a lot of fun and appropriate thoughts before the tree lighting.

The tree will be delivered at

Hibernia Beach on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 a.m. Anyone who wishes to help in raising the tree should be at 18th and Castro at 7 a.m. At 8 p.m. that night, the top lights and ornaments which have been collected will be hung

Community members are urged to come to the tree after 12 Noon on the 12th to bring an ornament in memory of a friend and/or loved one who has died of AIDS. If you can't make the decoration party, you may drop your ornaments at the following locations: The Names Project at Market and Castro; Cliff's Variety, 479 Castro; Hibernia Bank, 18th and Castro and Pak Mail, 584 Castro.

An Urgent Appeal Shanti Project

With more than three new cases of AIDS being diagnosed in San Francisco each day, Shanti Project is in critical need of volunteers to provide emotional and practical support to people with AIDS and their loved ones.

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Volunteers

The next Emotional Support Training will begin the weekend of February 5th and continue on February 12th. A Practical Support Training is the weekend of January 29th. To Volunteer, please

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\$20,000 was split between Coming Home Hospice (\$12,000), the S.F. AIDS Foundation Food Bank (\$4,000), and the AIDS Emergency Fund (\$4,000) Dec. 3 from the proceeds at Bingo night at Most Holy Redeemer

Supreme Court Reunion

There will be an evaluation and discussion of the Civil Disobedience in Washington at the Supreme Court, on Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka from 3-6 p.m. There also will be a discussion of where do we go

This is open for all participants in the CD, and those who went through the training but were unable to come to Washington. For more information call 552-5857.

Sponsored by the CD Committee of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights and the Non-Compliance Project.

Parade Group Wants Designs

The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee is accepting designs for the 1988 logo. The logo will be used on buttons, posters, Tshirts, and other parade materials. The following items must be included in the

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Pigs In Paradise!

Hank Cook (ctr. r.) of the AIDS Emergency Fund and Officer Sally DeHaven (ctr. l.), president of the Golden State Police Officers Association, accepted checks representing their share of the proceeds from the Pigs in Paradise fundraiser held recently from (I. to r.) Bill Camilo of C & M Productions, Deputy Paul Click, director of the GSPOA, Deputy Richard Ridgway, vice president of the GSPOA, Deputy Dean Gross, secretary of the GSPOA, and Bobby Moske of C & M Productions (Photo: J. Dusch)

VA Needs Volunteers

provided. Veterans and non-formation, call Ann Marie veterans are welcomed to apply. Murphy at 750-2144.

The VA is a 250-bed acute care The The Veterans Administra- general medical and surgical hostion is seeking volunteers, 16 and older, to work with our AIDS and Area. Ft. Miley is located at 4150 ARC patients in the VA Hospital Clement Street, near the Cliff at Ft. Miley for a minimum of two House and is accessible by pubhours a week. Supervision will be lic transportation. For further in-

AIDS Activists To Hold Protest Strategy Session

A newly formed national coalition of AIDS activists has called Francisco. for a week of national protest from April 29 to May 7. Local by the AIDS Action Pledge, and anyone interested in becoming involved in the week of protest is encouraged to attend a meeting Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at San Fran- Lexington St., S.F., 94110.

Also on the agenda that evening will be the unveiling of plans for a January action at Burroughs-Wellcome in Burlingame. For more information about AAP and the meeting call 821-9087 or

write AIDS Action Pledge, 158-A

cisco MCC, 150 Eureka St. in San

Resources: A New AIDS/ARC Group

For persons with AIDS/ARC, it is a debilitating experience tor them to have to travel to one organization for food, and then to go to another for clothing, and then to another for help to find adequate housing. People with AIDS/ARC are, for the most part, financially and mentally unable to cope with this need to trek to various establishments. It is physically a problem.

Resources, which opened Nov. 30, is a volunteer organization designed to provide these services at one location. Resources will provide a food bank, clothing closet, a reading/video library. housing referrals and assistance for other basic everyday living

Resources is located at 597 Hayes Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. The telephone number is 626-3560. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. as well as Saturdays from 10 a.m.

BAY AREA REPORTER GREATER BAY NEWS

FCC Rules Sex Talk Only After Midnight

Safe Time for Adult Shows; **Broadcasters Call Standard Vague**

by Miranda Kolbe

If you are looking for any risque radio, try between midnight and 6 a.m. Those hours have been ruled by the FCC as acceptable for the boradcasting of "indecent material." Programs may be aired during that time without threat of penalty as long as they are preceded by a warning, ruled the federal agency Nov. 24.

Termed a "safe harbor," this time was established in response to petitions filed by the National Association of Broadcasters and fifteen other broadcasting groups. They charged that in April the FCC had unconstitutionally disregarded broadcasters' First Amendment rights

In April, the FCC decided that there was still a risk of children remaining in the listening audience after 10 p.m. They decided to revoke their previously estab-lished "safe harbor" of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The FCC placed the burden of proof on broadcasters to demonstrate that they were reasonably sure children would not be in the audience when stations aired programs with material that could be labelled

In a recent press release, the FCC stated that "parents could be expected to supervise whatever children remain in the audience after midnight."

7 DIRTY WORDS

Malcolm Gault-Williams, station manager at KCSB-FM in Santa Barbara, believes the ruling won't dramatically alter his station's programming. "It just closes our window from 10 p.m. to midnight," he said, "We can still air shows between midnight and six a.m."

However, David Salniker, excecutive director of Berkeleybased Pacifica Radio, feels it will affect his station. "A lot of our programs-talk shows, political analyses, readings—that had sensitive language were scheduled for after 10 p.m. The audience for those shows just doesn't exist after midnight," Salniker

Also in response to the petitions, the FCC reiterated its April policy regarding indecency. Prior to April, there was a common belief among broadcasters that the FCC wouldn't cite anyone unless they used one of the "seven dirty words" made famous in the 1978 Pacifica Supreme Court case. (Those words are: cocksucker, fuck, motherfucker, cunt, piss, shit and

In April the FCC decided to enforce a broader definition of indecency. According to that definition, indecency is "material that depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory activities or organs."

Petitioners complained that this definition was so vague as to be unconstitutional. However, the FCC refused to make its defini-



Complaints about the radio play Jerker originally got the FCC

press release, the agency stated, "There is no way to construct a definitive list [of indecent material] that would be comprehensive and not over-inclusive in the abstract, without reference to the specific context.

The Commission added that it would judge indecency by employing the standards of "an average adult broadcast viewer or listener." They said that in determining whether material was obscene "each member would draw upon his or her 'general expertise in broadcast matters."

An FCC representative who asked not to be named said, "There really is no laundry list of words or pictures that are considered indecent. If you have a movie that's been run by one station, it may be cited for indecency, while if it's run by another station at a different time of day, or is cut in different ways, it might

Most broadcasters don't feel affected by the FCC's stance. Andy Bloom, program director of WYSP-FM, one of the three station more concrete. In a recent tions cited for indecency in April,

said, "The ruling makes no difhas not changed, and won't change because of it.'

However, some broadcasters, such as Salniker, are angry that the FCC's definition of indecency has ramained vague. Salniker said, "We are extremely disappointed with the reaffirmation of the indecency guidelines. The new standard is entirely subjective and based only on the judgment of individual commissioners. The FCC has utterly failed to clarify for broadcasters what can be aired."

Salniker's station was one of three stations cited in April for airing indecent programs. The show in question was a regularly broadcast program aimed at the gay community. Called IMRU, the program consisted of a review of Jerker, a play being performed in Los Angeles. Toward the end of the program, the reviewers included excerpts from the play. Some of the phrases from those

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What Ever Happened To...

ANAMNESIS MUSED (A Wondering Nose)

I was going through an old filing cabinet the other day-well, actually it was a cardboard box about which my spouse said, "Either it goes or you do!"—and the contents got me to thinking (which, at times, can be disastrous) about the not too distant

The first thing I came across was an invitation to the Billy DeFrank Camp Awards, Sept. 23, 1978, at the Zephyr Lounge. How many of you can remember where the proceeds from that event went? Well, they were used in the fight against the Briggs Initiative, Proposition 6! And way before Bartles & Jaymes, Billy ended his invitation with, "Thank you for your support."

This bit of nostalgia made me wonder about a lot of why's and where's. Permit me, if you will, a bit of "stream of consciousness" meandering and questioning.

How come there aren't any more Camp Awards? Is life now just too serious to relax in an evening of fun and frolic and loving

The Trashy Trish Awards were always quite festive. Will there ever be any more?

We used to have a Mr. & Miss Gay, and Foxy Lady of Alameda County. They were camp titles, of course, but some who won were quite influential in the gay populace. Are those titles so tied up in political red tape that they can't be brought back to ex-

An extremely elite group exists. Those who won the Outstanding Heart of Oakland. I believe there were only four so honored in as many years. Of course, that award was in conjunction with the Red & White Ball-which is no more, either. SALMAGUNDI Why can't some enterprising (A Motley Nose)

group reinstate that tradition? How many can name the last reigning King and Queen of

There has never been a group like the Hayward Cockettes. They had no political bullshit. They Will they ever regroup?

Even the most recent T&C Dollies are no more. Is no one interested in replacing those that

tons. Ah, yes, one of the fundraisers for the first Oakland float in the Freedom Day Parade. Anyone still have one? With a winning number?

withstanding, what ever happened to those who purported to uphold the rights and dignity of all gays in Alameda County? Where are the Ladies April, Llari, and Randy? What ever happened to Rick Woolley? Taco Tony? Emperors Don and Paul? Agnus? Ruth Ann? Elaine Wallace? Rarely seen at any function anymore are the Empresses Billy and Johnny. How come? Is Nova Lei afraid to return to the area? And how about all the bartenders who made their mark (interpret that in all ways!) and are never seen or

heard from again? The list could go on and on, but it certainly makes one wonder just why some people, who, after working for and enjoying the limelight and their titles for a time, forget all about those who did the supporting and disappear, stealthily, into the night.

Thomas Wolfe said, "You can't go home again." I wish that he would have said, "You shouldn't go through old files

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quisition (Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary, a collection of unusual, obscure, and preposterous words by Jascha Heifetz' mother), I'm

had no titles. They had no axe to grind. But, they did raise a lot of money for charitable purposes.

have dematerialized? Hands Across The Bay but-

nose to Bobby McManus for his continuing efforts. And, don't forget the Casino Royale at Bench & Bar this Sunday, Dec. 13, starting after 2:30 p.m. Proceeds from this gaming Death, duty, and divorce notevent will benefit Bay Area Sheppard House and In Memory

> The Town & Country will be closed to the public from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, for an "in-house" Christmas Party. After 4 p.m., it will be business as usual, with entertainers Pauline (singing) and Jim Brown (pianoing) from 6 to 9 p.m.

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Plaudits and kudos, once

again, to the staff, management,

and customers of Bench & Bar.

Through their seemingly tireless

efforts, an additional \$1000, from

door cover charges and various

donations, was given to East Bay

Assistance Fund. A tip of Nez's

kof-e-je)? Definition to follow.

Chris M. asked me the other day if I had heard anything about Little Mother's upcoming dinner that he was supposed to help cook. It was to have been a combination Mexican/Filipino cuisine. I haven't heard anything about it ... yet! I know that if and when it comes about and LM needs help, my phone will be ringing off the wall!

Poor Steve V. from T&C. It seems he tripped and fell through the floor-to-ceiling window in his (their) bedroom, landing on the sidewalk outside! Luckily, he and his spouse live on the ground floor. Steve is now sporting cuts, scratches, contusions and abrasions—and a bit of embarrassment, I suspect.

Congratulations to Manuel

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Thumbing through a new ac-Oliver. He won the best female in theme at the recent Coronation in Modesto. He was the only one from the ISE group to be recognized with a prize. curious as to how many of you are

An "anonymous" phone call the other evening suggested that it might prove very interesting for yours truly to be present at the latest General Assembly meeting of ISE. It was held at Bella Napoli last Tuesday after my deadline, so I'll give you all the poop and scoop next issue.

Overheard at a Christmas party recently: Nez, what would you hink of a bar owner who, according to a reliable source, refuses to allot any money for a Christmas tree? Too many people have no other place to go during the holidays, and the bar is their only sense of the Season. It's really a cheap shot at the customers.

Before I could give my usual succinct, but glib, reply, someone chimed in with, "Let's put up a petition-type thing where instead of ordering and drinking every other drink, slow down on the imbibing and put the money towards a community-customer tree. If we hit him where it hurts the most—the cash register maybe he'll get the idea!"

Ah yes, dear reader, 'tis the Season to bring forth good will to all people ... even bar owners!

Harumph! One of the self-addressed, stamped envelopes I enclosed in my invitations to be judged at the 8th Annual Chili Cook Off, was returned to me containing business matters, not an acceptance or rejection. Was it you, Tony?

Onychophagy? It simply means prone to nail biting (yours, not someone else's!).

Never put off until tomorrow that which you can get someone else to do today. I can smile at



Gay Holidays

shop while a big clown graces the window of Coffee, Tea & Spice. Trax is decorated in their an-

nual tasteful decorations. Holiday wreaths cover the hanging lights over the bar to welcome people ready to begin their Christmas partying.

Over at the Galleon at 14th and Market the restaurant is a holiday wonderland. Puppets have been hung from the ceiling which is a sea of tiny white lights. Bob Sandner provides holiday music from Wednesday through Sunday and Momi Starr performs on Monday and Tuesday.

Down the street the Transfer bar has a "choo-choo" train running around the base of their colorfully decorated Christmas tree.

FCC Rules

excerpts were: "suck ass," suck my balls," and "drink piss from

When asked whether the homosexual content of this program might have affected the FCC's decision, Salniker responded, "The FCC has always had a history of being more offended by gay sexuality than by straight sexuality, but we don't think that's the only reason we were cited. We think there were crass political motivations behind the FCC decision, that there was a lot of political pressure put on the FCC by conservative, socalled 'morality' groups."

ply warned that airing such programs in the future would make them liable for fines, or possibly, loss of their licenses, Pacifica was brought up for criminal charges of obscenity. These charges were eventually dropped, because the program was shown prior to the FCC's April 15 re-definition of in-

Pacifica is currently pursuing a case against the FCC in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. Pacifica is hoping to have their warning for indecency revoked. "We don't think there should have been any warning against us," Salniker said. "The indecent language was aired after 10 p.m. which at that time was considered acceptable, and the program was preceded by a warning to our listeners. We feel we didn't get due process from the FCC."

There is some dissent at the FCC over its stance on indecency. FCC Commissioner Mimi Weyforth Dawson was quoted in Broadcasting magazine as saying, "I am troubled by this commission judging what is indecent for the nation. I think the question of whether certain broadcast material is indecent . . . is more appropriately determined by ompetent local authorities."



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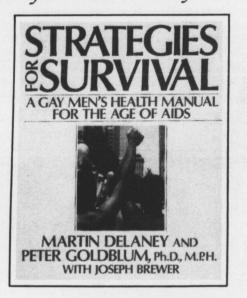
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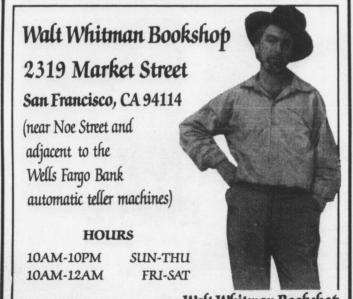


Saturday, December 12, 1987 1-3 PM

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Mayo will read selections from his works Sunday December 13, 1987 at the Walt Whitman Bookshop



Walt Whitman Bookshop Walk among the leaves of grass

THIS WEEK

The Dick Kramer Gay Men's Chorale gives

1987 Holiday Show: presented by River Repertory

Judi Friedman: music, Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia

Chrysanthemum Ragtime Band: ragtime holiday ball, Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 8 PM, \$7.

With ragtime dance lessons and a cakewalk contest.

• Mark Levine: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F.,

Eagle, 398 12th St., S.F., 6-10 PM, admission one new

Christmas present or cash donation. With Danny

Williams, Leigh Taylor, Naomi True, and Deena Jones.

Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders: holiday open house, Operation Concern, 1853 Market St., S.F., 1-4 PM, refreshments. Call 626-7000 for more infor-

Girth and Mirth Club of San Francisco: holiday party, 39 Hollywood Ct., S.F., 7:30 PM, refreshments. Call 334-5971, 820-2597, or 552-1143 for more informa-

• Western Star Dancers: beer bust, S.F. Eagle, 398 12th St., S.F., 3-6 PM, \$7.

Mediterranean Lesbians and Gays: potluck, 7 PM.
 Call 775-6143 for more information.

Hortiphiles: walking tour of garden attractions in Golden Gate Park, 11 AM. Call 325-7212 or 793-6627

San Francisco MCC: sidewalk sale, 150 Eureka St.,

Western Star Dancers: garage sale, 225 Sanchez St.,

Different Spokes/San Francisco: Marin Headlands ride. Meet at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park at 10 AM. Helmets requested, rain cancels. Call 731-4050

San Francisco Hiking Club: Briones Regional Park

hike. Meet under the big Safeway sign at Market and Dolores at 9:30 AM (East Bay hikers call 845-1033 for

meeting time and place). Dress warmly and bring lunch

· 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

eet at 1 PM at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park,

· Living With AIDS: one-day seminar, San Francisco

MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 9 AM-5 PM, \$10-\$25 sliding

scale. Led by Tom O'Connor; call 626-0469 for more

Surviving and Thriving With AIDS: workshop, San

Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 3 PM. With Rev.

Steve Pieters. Worship service follows at 5 PM; recep-

tion for Rev. Pieters at the pastor's home (4617 18th St.)

 Church of the Secret Gospel: phallic fellowship, 746 Clementina St., Apt. 2, S.F., 8 PM-1 AM. Males 18+

San Francisco MCC: Christmas concert, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7 PM, free. The church's choir, with strings and

organ, will sing music of the season; refreshments follow. Call 863-4434 for more information.

welcome. Call 621-1887 for more information.

SUNDAY 13

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Theater (see Friday listing for details).

St., S.F., 8 PM, \$4-\$6 sliding scale.

FRIDAY 11

 Dick Kramer's Gay Men's Chorale: holiday concert,
 Old First Church, Sacramento and Van Ness, S.F., 8 PM,
 6 in advance (tickets at Headlines), \$8 at the door. The music of Dunstable, Poulenc, and Vaughan Williams, plus traditional Christmas carols.

• The Pacific Chamber Singers: holiday concern dedicated to Eriwn Flath, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell St., S.F., 8 PM, \$10. The music of Bach, Brahms, Bloch, and Handel, plus early English carols; featuring mezzo-soprano Miriam Abramowitsch. All proceeds will be donated to the S.F. AIDS Foundation Food Bank. Call 861-3104 for more information.

 Trocadero Transfer: 10th anniversary celebration, 520 4th St., S.F., party for cardholders and guests 9 PM (complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres), doors open to the public 11 PM, cardholders \$7, guests \$10, general admission \$12. Entertainment by Cynthia Manley and Greg Stone; plus DJ Steve Smith.

• Dancing in the Dark: stage performance, Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 8 PM, \$10-\$12. The longrunning off-Broadway suspense comedy in its West Coast premiere. Call 861-5079 for tickets.

 Bad Seed: stage performance, The Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 8:30 PM, \$10. The Acme Famous Players present a horror melodrama by Maxwell Anderson produced and directed by Phillip R. Ford and starring Tippi, Miss X, Doris Fish, Sandal Hebert, Jack Rikess, Lori Naslund, David Van Chaney, Larry Wilson, and Phil Mangano. Call 861-5079 for

Ladies Against Women: an evening of consciousness owering with the Plutonium Players, Victoria Theatre, 16th and Mission sts., S.F., 8:30 PM, \$8-\$12. Call 363-7576, 763-8163, or 762-BASS for tickets.

The Seven Descents of Myrtle: stage performance, Next Stage, Trinity Church, Bush and Gough sts., S.F., 8 PM, \$11. S.F. Actors Theater presents the West Coast premiere of a rarely seen play by Tennessee Williams. Call 524-1306 for tickets.

1987 Holiday Show: presented by the River Repertory Theater, Jenner Playhouse, Hwy 1, 20 minutes west of Guerneville via 116, 8 PM, \$6. Call 865-2905

Lucie Blue Tremblay: music, Sisterspirit Coffeehouse, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, doors open 8 PM, concert begins 8:30 PM, \$3-\$7 sliding scale.

Jennifer Berezan: music, Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St., S.F., 8 PM, \$5-\$7 sliding scale.

 Menno Marringa Quartet: music, Teddy Bears, 131
 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Call 621-6766 for reser-Sing-A-Long: with Frank Banks on the piano, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-8 PM.

Dick Fregulia: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F.,

 Stanford Lesbian and Gay Alumni Club of San Francisco and Stanford Gay and Lesbian Business Association ation: joint holiday season cocktail buffet and ge together, Phoenix Inn, Larkin at Eddy, S.F., 6 PM, \$15. Hosted bar (beer, wine, and soft drinks) and a light buffet. Call 824-2055 or 626-3754 for more information.

· Black and White Men Together: Christmas cookie bake, 7:30 PM. Call 482-3347 for more information. . X-TA-C Cross Country Ski Club: Christmas potluck,

7-10 PM. Call 931-1158 for more information. • Church of the Secret Gospel: worship service, 746 Clementina St., Apt. 2, S.F., 9 PM. Males 18+ welcome.

SATURDAY 12

 The Ninth Winter Celebration of Cra Women's Building, 3543 18th St., S.F., 10 AM-4 PM, admission charge. Call 431-1180 for more information.

 Trocadero Transfer: 10th anniversary celebration, 520 4th St., S.F., 9 PM, cardholders \$10, guests \$12, general admission \$15. Entertainment by Jeanie Tracy and Scherrie Payne; plus music by Robbie Lesley, lights by Greg Fleming, and visuals by Cameron Brown.

• Dick Kramer Gay Men's Chorale: holiday concert, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 8 PM, \$6 in advance (tickets at Headlines), \$8 at the door. The music of Dunstable, Poulenc, and Vaughan Williams, plus traditional carols.

• The Pacific Chamber Singers: holiday concert dedicated to Erwin Flath (see Friday listing for details). Dinosaurs Surviving The Crunch: stage performance, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Starring Sandy Van as Kate, Tallulah, Marlene, and Carol.

Call 621-6766 for reservations. • Bad Seed: stage performance (see Friday listing for

 Ladies Against Women: an evening of consciousness lowering with the Plutonium Players (see Friday listing

. Dancing in The Dark: stage performance (see Friday listing for details). The Seven Descents of Myrtle: stage performance

(see Friday listing for details).

· Dick Kramer's Gay Men's Chorale: holiday concert. Sausalito Presbyterian Church, 4 PM, \$6 in advance (tickets at Headlines), \$8 at the door. The music of Dunstable, Poulenc, and Vaughan Williams, plus tradi Fish-Ford X-Mas Extravaganza: Channel 181, 181
 Eddy St., 11 PM, cover. Doris Fish and Phil Ford in X-Mas epics through the ages. Call 771-2393 for more infor-

• Twelve Nights Of Christmas: music with Mikio Hirata, The Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Ninth Winter Celebration of Craftswomen: The Women's Building, 3543 18th St., S.F., 10 AM-4 PM,

admission charge. Dreamland: DJ Ron Baer back by popular demand,
 715 Harrison St., S.F., 4 PM to midnight, \$5. Lights,
 lasers, and neons by Greg Fleming. Call 824-6151 for

Dancing In The Dark: stage performance, 3 PM (\$10) and 8 PM (\$10-\$12), (see Friday listing for details).

 Ladies Against Women: an evening of consciousness lowering with the Plutonium Players, 7:30 PM (see Friday listing for details). 1987 Holiday Show: presented by River Repertory Theater, 2 PM (see Friday listing for details).

Pagode: music, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 4-8 PM, Faith Winthrop and Gus Gustavson: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM.

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 Battery St., S.F., 6-10 PM. Hosted wine and beer bar, nors d'oeuvres, dancing, Call 788-8377 for more infor-

Supreme Court CD Reunion: San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 3 PM. Sponsored by the Non-compliance Project and the National March CD Commit-

· Friends For Friends: benefit beer bust, Pilsner Inn, 225 Church St., S.F., 3-6 PM, \$5 or new Christmas pre-

· Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders: holiday party for older gay men (60+) and friends, Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St., S.F., noon to 3 PM, bring food to share or donate towards expenses (baked ham provided). Door prizes and games. Call 626-7000 for more infor-

San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee: general membership meeting, 1350 Waller St., S.F., 5 PM. Call 647-FREE for more in-

 High Tech Gays: monthly meeting, Billy DeFrank Les-bian and Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, dinner 6:30 PM. San Francisco FrontRunners: Phoenix Lake run.
 Meet at 81 Magnolia Ave., San Anselmo, at 10 AM.
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647-3227 or 337-8704 for more information. Different Spokes/San Francisco: Twin Peaks and

Lake Merced ride. Meet at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park at 10 AM. Helmets requested; rain cancels. Call 387-7514 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. • Tsunami Masters Swim Team: practice, King Pool, Third and Carroll sts., S.F., 10 AM to noon. Call

285-5659 for more information. Western Star Dancers: garage sale (see Saturday listing for details).

• Tool For Healing: workshop with artist Joseph Durant, Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St., S.F., 1-5 PM, \$15 (includes art materials). Sponsored by the AIDS Healing Alliance. Call 824-2016 for more informa-

· San Francisco MCC: morning worship and holy communion with Rev. Steve Pieters, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 10:30 AM. Christmas potluck at 5:30 PM.

• Integrity: high mass in Advent season, St. John's in the Mission, 1661 15th St., S.F., 5:30 PM.

 Affirmation: gay and lesbian Mormons, group dis-San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7 PM.

MONDAY 14

Twelve Night Of Christmas: music with Aldo Bell, The Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Call431-0253 for reservations and more information

• Fish-Ford X-Mas Extravaganza: Channel 181, 181 Eddy St., S.F., 11 PM, cover. Doris Fish and Phil Ford in X-Mass epics through the ages. Call 771-2393 for more information.

Worried Weil Group: meeting, Rest Stop, 134 Church St., S.F., 7-9 PM, free. Conducted by Rev. Ed Wright. Sponsored by Golden Gate MCC. Call 621-REST for

 Leathermen's/SM Support Group: meeting, Room 21, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Call 931-6160 for more infor

 S.F. Jacks: Zamenhoff Night, 890 Folsom St., S.F., doors open 7:30-8:30 PM, \$5.

Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders: support group for older gay men (60+), Operation Concern, 1853 Mar-ket St., S.F., 7-8:30 PM. Call 626-7000 for more infor-

TUESDAY 15

 Gay Men's Sketch Class: last class of 1987, 1229 Folsom St., S.F., 7 PM, \$10. Scott O'Hara will model. Space is limited. Call 621-6294 for more information. Black and White Men Together: AIDS awareness meeting, 630 Fillmore St., Apt. 201, S.F., 7:30 PM. Call

DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, 7-9 PM. Cindy Shapira, Ph.D., will speak

WEDNESDAY 16

Country Christmas II: presented by Mr. and Miss Gay S.F. Michael and Trixie and Mr. Financial District Marty Moon, Sutter's Mill, 77 Battery St., S.F., 8 PM, \$3 or a bag of canned of food. Sissy Spaceout will MC, entertainment by the Foggy City Dancers. To benefit the S.F. AIDS Foundation Food Bank and the AIDS Emergen-

• Twelve Nights Of Christmas: music with Leslie Ann Sorci, The Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Call 431-0253 for reservations and more information

 Male Strippers: Bench & Bar, 120 11th St., Oakland,
 9:30 PM. Call 444-2266 for more information. . Live Comedy: Bernal de Janeiro Room, El Rio, 3158

Mission St., S.F., 8-10 PM, \$2. Marga Gomez will MC. • Judy Hall: open mike cabaret, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Call 621-6766 for reser-

Dancing In The Dark: stage performance (see Friday

Gay Artists and Writers Kollective: meeting. Call

THURSDAY 17

• Joan Baez and Friends: A Christmas Concert: music, Warfield Theater, 982 Market St., S.F., 8:45 PM, \$20. With Joan Baez, Jerry Garcia, Mimi Farina, Linda Tillery, Emmit Powell and the Gospel Elites, the S.F. Gay Men's Chorus, and the Lesbian and Gay Chorus. Scott Beach will MC. Tickets at all BASS outlets. To benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund.

• Twelve Nights Of Christmas: music with Katibelle Collins, The Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Call 431-0253 for more informa

· Feathers and Flesh: revue, N'Touch, 1548 Polk St., S.F., 9 PM, cover.

. Bad Seed: stage performance (see Friday listing for

• Ah, Men: S.F. male cabaret showcase, TEddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Call 621-6766 for

Dancing In The Dark: stage performance (see Friday

Frameline Presents: television on cable channel 25, S.F., 8 PM. Bright Eyes, chronicling the sensational approach the media takes towards AIDS, concludes, followed by Lifestyle Update, a videotape from the

Black and White Men Together: Christmas potluck and awards ceremony, 1350 Waller St., S.F., 7 PM, bring a dish or \$5. Call 931-BWMT for more information.

 Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders: holiday party vith the N Gerontology, 30th Street Senior Center, 225 30th St., S.F., 6 PM. Bring refreshments to share. Call 626-7000

 Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators: monthly meeting, 655 14th St., S.F., potluck 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM. Call 864-4099 or 285-5078 for



Jeanie Tracy will be part of the Troc's 10th anniversary Dec. 12 (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

• Twelve Nights Of Christmas: music with Menage, The Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Call 431-0253

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Vignettes from a weekend of entertainment:

"... Apartheid is here in America, too ...

One look up the hill where Lone Mountain Auditorium sits reminds one of the lavish sets from Lost Horizon. The steps wind around like crazy. But there's beauty all along the way with the greenery, the marble benches and the staircase-like at-

If a person can survive that trip up the hill, uplifting music should be the reward. Friday night's concert at the University of San Francisco, for the most part, provided the reward.

Romanovsky and Phillips was the more recognizable act in this benefit for the Community United Against Violence and the Anti-Violence Project of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force. But many people in the nearsellout crowd found themselves wanting just as much of the Washington Sisters.

Sharon and Sondra Washington, sisters in real life and les bians as well, brought a perfect blend of entertainment and enlightenment. Not only could they offer up a potluck-type musical menu of a cappella, reggae port them at their concerts and and blues, but they could also at the record shops. They'll bring bring the audience lyrics with a little slice of life into your life.

They talked of apartheid and why people should be aware of rigged...' how one person's oppression (e.g. South Africa) bears a similarity to another person's oppression (e.g. a gay person in the United States). Sharon and Sondra talked of oppression in the grand tradition of social activist music.

biting humor as well.

Their music spoke often and knowingly of the humor and unpredictability of gay relationships. This is an area where Ron and Paul should be treasured by the lesbian and gay community. They are talented enough to make much more of a name for themselves than has already happened. They could be main-

But their lyrics talk of gay lovers with pride. Don't expect a Casey Kasem special on Ron and



Michael Angelo wanted to be Queen For A Day but didn't quite pass muster (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

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Romanovsky and Phillips also brought back memories of social activist music. They blended their melodies in the style of Simon and Garfunkel, and had



Don Johnson answered the queries of Danny Williams on the way to his Queen For A Day title (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

awhile, some folks speculated that Don's title might join the Edsel in the Smithsonian, but a funny finale might give Joseph chance for reproduction.

The show was designed as a blatant takeoff on the old NBC-TV show of the 1950s and 1960s when dowdy housewives told Jack Bailey their tales of woe and won prizes for their misery. Taro's show was played for comedy with Danny Williams cast as the second coming of Bailey.

Williams caught most of Bailey's flavor while throwing in a bit of his own. However, he could have used a better script. Sometimes the comedy was weak. And, there was another problem in that it was difficult to hear some lines because of either bad acoustics or microphones held too closely to mouths.

But Johnson made up for it. The ten contestants not only had to tell their terrible fates, but they also had to perform. Johnson's "specialty" was a Jello mold

made up of one package of gelatin, a ten-pound sack of sugar, a fifth of scotch and a topping of

Before running to Safeway for the ingredients, the audience used a voice vote to pick the "Queen For a Day." In a runoff vote, Johnson, Gary Larson-like glasses, dumpy house dress, Aunt Bea demeanor and all, won out over Deena Jones.

Only Michael Angelo, who was hilarious as a leather nun, voiced a "complaint." But it had to be a fake complaint.

Who in Heaven's name could be nasty to Aunt Bea? "...yes, his face rings a bell..."

Michael Greer has made many friends in this town over the years. When old friends talk about this super talented comedian, they still marvel at all he can do with an audience.

Sunday's matinee performance at Kimo's was a perfect example. His accompianist, Wayne

Moore, had to leave San Francisco early for another engagement. Thus, Michael was forced to go

But there he was, working the crowd with new jokes and old jokes and jokes about local gay ousinesses and businesspeople he has been familiar with for years. He was on the stage for an hour and a half without a break. He was sensational.

The house was full on Sunday. Unfortunately, the week-long gig at the Polk Street bar was, according to reports, disappointing. As mentioned before, Michael's friends were there. But one senses that a younger generation of gays is missing out on this talented man and that is a shame.

He opened on Tuesday, Dec. 1 to what was essentially a birthday party for Sweet Lips, a long-time friend. Sunday's finale was, unlike some of the other shows, packed. Much of the crowd was made up of people Michael has known for years and they roared (Continued on page 28).

John Karr

Of Lily and a Love Life

show The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe. It's been showered with awards, cited as a "unique theatrical experience," and has brought the actress acting awards from every group that bestows them. San Franciscans have been scrambling to see the show first, one-upping each other by catching it in New York or Los Angeles before it was even announced for San Francisco. It's finally opened here, and typical of the excitement engendered by the show, its first day of ticket sales set a new box office record for the Curran Theatre, where it will play through Jan. 31.

Through all this, Lily has kept her head. For starters, she could be playing the Orpheum, with three times the seating and profit capacity. But she wants the show to remain intimate. She's also mandated a \$10 balcony seat. Both the theatre she's chosen and the awareness of her audience's finances increase my admiration for her. So although I've avoided the media blitz about the show as well as possible for two years-I wanna see the show, not observe it-I couldn't resist the press conference for Ms. Tomlin.

Lily's really "there" at a press conference. No star trip, no rote replays of cute stories worn thin from earlier recitations. Lily pays attention to the questions and does her best to answer sincerely. She even apologizes for the tion from previous interviews. She's that rarity—a hard working professional, serious about her craft and art, who has won popular acclaim.

Her art is that of Ruth Draper, who all but invented the monologue as a theatrical form earlier this century, and whose records insure her rich legacy. Lily feels "a kinship" with the many monologuists working today-Spalding Gray, Whoopi Goldberg, etc.—and she should, for as she is Ruth Draper's child, the others are working a field opened by Tomlin.

Admiring the monologuist's art of "making something out of nothing," Lily said, "it was a form I liked even before I discovered Ruth Draper. After that, I had something to shoot for."
That goal included the "subtleties and rich values" of Draper, and the influences of disparate female comedians. Lily cites as a profound influence the physical comedy of Lucille Ball, and also the accents and characters of Imogene Coca, the eccentricity and differentness of Bea Lillie, and the pioneering stand-up of Jean Carroll. But all that has been funneled through her own sharp vision and sensibility.

"I find a piece of myself in each of my characters," she said, "and that makes it hard to pick a favorite-although maybe Ernestine, only because she's so ornery and cuts through so

A current favorite is Trudy the Bag Lady, a main character in The Search . . . Trudy expresses a lot of crusty, cut-through opinions in the show, and is just one of the earthy, ethnic and outspoken characters who make many view Lily as a spokesperson for the disenfranchised. She disavows it. "Those characters stand out," she said, "because Jane (Wagner, the show's author)

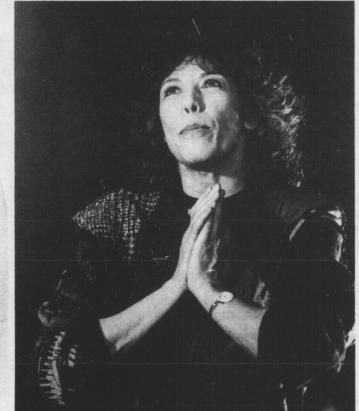
cclaimed is hardly the word for Lily Tomlin's kinds of people."

Lily did profess a liking for playing ethnic characters, and feels no qualms in playing some, such as black characters, because she grew up with them. "But I have some hesitation about Hispanics," she revealed. "It's like I haven't earned the right to

A right she may have would be to portray a gay character. Wouldn't that be informative?

There isn't, however, an informative or didactic intention to the gallery of characters developed for the show. "You don't pick them intellectually," Lily said. "Things just grow." Rather than a social message, Tomlin's thinking leaned toward her desires as a performer. "You look for great demarcations in character," with an eye toward playability. "I like to do anything that's difficult or challenging.

he Lorraine Hansberry Theatre opens its season with gratifying perform-



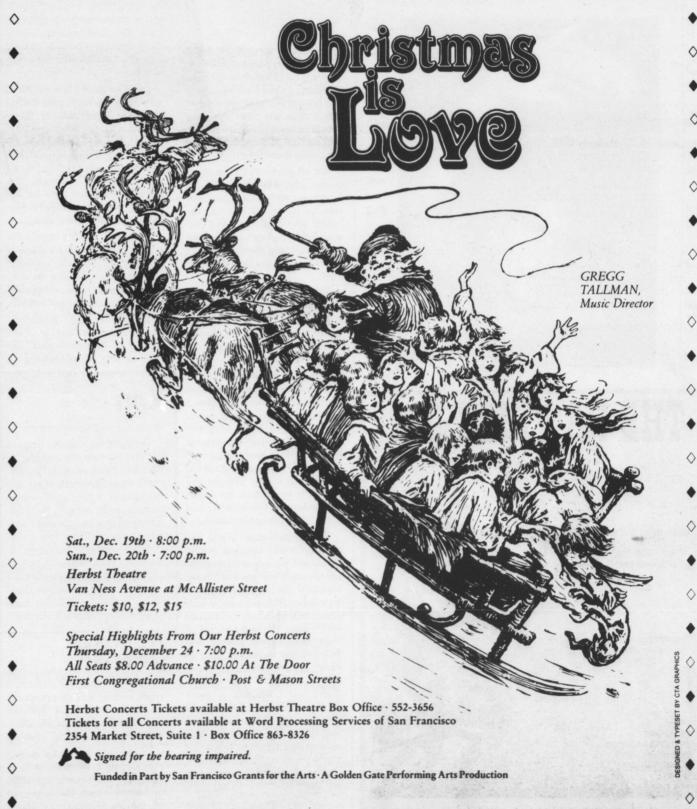
Lily Tomlin at a recent press conference (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

ances in a gratifying play, Checkmates, brought to us in a slick mounting co-produced by the Los Angeles-based "Y" Not

Checkmates starts as a sitcom, but quickly becomes real. It's funny, truthful, and ultimately painful, as careers, sexuality, and self-acceptance all gang up on a marriage. Syl and Laura are the young, upscale, career-oriented black couple who face these difficulties; the play contrasts them with landlords, who live downstairs and have been married four

The cultural millieu brings a richness to the language and customs of the play, as it celebrates-strange word, but that's the cleansing of theatre the hardships faced by several generations of black people. And once again, we find how alike we all actually are. The details here are those of the black heritage, but they reveal unique parallels to the questions of self-acceptance and sexual identity so intriguing to gay men.

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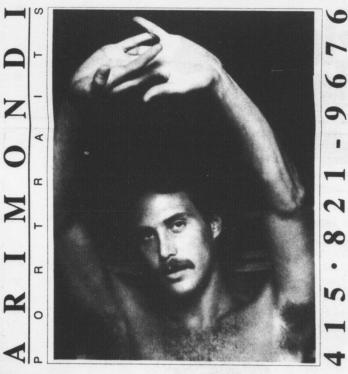
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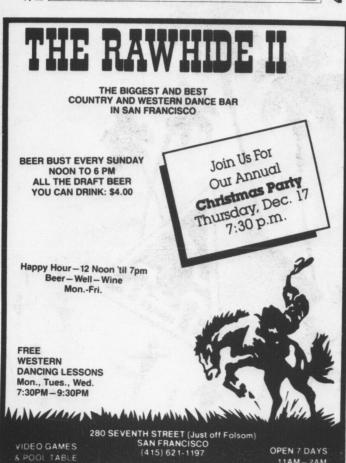
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The Boys In The Gym



A scene from Broken Noses

by Steve Warren

noken Noses, at the Castro this week, is as close to kiddie porn as vou can legally get these days. For 75 minutes you ogle the chests of 12 boys, aged 10 through 16, and their 25-year-old boxing coach, Andy Minsker. Minsker's the one with the facial hair.

This isn't your ordinary documentary about pecs and violence. There is no violence, in fact. No one lands a solid punch in any of the boxing footage, the total of which runs less than one long wrestling match between Minsker and one of his older boys on the living room floor.

It's all perfectly innocent, of course, but I'll be damned if I can figure out an innocent explanation for it. Or the scene at the beach where Minsker lies surrounded by his boys, all touching but not getting physical, and he describes his first sexual experi-

The pose, and probably the discussion topic, can be attributed to debuting director Bruce Weber, the fashion photographer famous for catching hot men in their Calvins.

The only underwear seen in Broken Noses is a pair of Jockey shorts with a photo of Minsker's girlfriend on the crotch. As he strips to reveal them and Weber zooms in dizzily (if the camera had a tongue, it was hanging out), Minsker also displays the \$100 bill he was bribed with for the shot. The way he acts the rest of e time, you'd think Weber had

to pay him to keep his clothes on! You've probably heard the story of the film's genesis by now. Weber was photographing potential Olympic athletes and a Navy man told the boxing federation he was forced to pose in "a very small old-fashioned bathing suit." They stopped the rest of their boxers from posing, but Minsker was excited by what he heard and approached Weber anyway, saying, "They told me that I was forbidden to come meet you. They said that you'd give me a weird haircut and make me wear skimpy see-through clothes, and who knows what else you'd do to me, and I thought, that's all I needed to hear. I'm on

my way." The outrageousness of that story is typical of the entire film, but if you just go for sensa-tionalism you'll be bored and

disappointed by long stretches of conversation between Minsker and his parents, his stepparents and his coach's family. Even here some odd things happen. We hear first from his stepmother how his father got custody of the children when Andy was eight because they had been beaten by their stepfather with a rubber hose after the stick he was using

Later we meet the stepfather, who says, "A little pain builds character." Andy talks of "kicking their asses" when his boys need it, and says he and his siblings never got their asses kicked unless they deserved it. He apparently harbors less resentment for his stepfather than for his father, who only hugged him twice as he was growing up.

In one of the few scenes for which Minsker wears a shirt-a black t-shirt in this case-Weber shamelessly gets him to read from Richard II in a rose garden! This is one mindfuck of a movie.

Remember that girlfriend whose image we saw over the outline of Minsker's dick? He tells us how his roommate. "a

classic womanizer," tried to hit on her after he'd been seeing her for a year. We never meet the roommate and this domestic problem is never resolved. Nor do we ever meet the girlfriend. No one promised you dramatic structure. No one promised you a rose garden, either. That was a bonus.

Although much of the photography betrays Weber's background by keeping bare-chested boys in the foreground, the casual home-movie quality reveals a loose Bruce we weren't

Minsker obviously loves attention, and he says he likes the admiration and respect the boys show him. We can speculate until doomsday about what else he likes. Sometimes it's a real thin line that separates a big brother from a daddy.

* * * Broken Noses Castro Theater 429 Castro Street Call 621-6120 for details

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For instance, while the heart of the play is a view of the changing status of black women, the dramatic thrust comes from a man's inability to accept such change and not be threatened. He's handicapped by a background which hasn't provided for this.

But to struggle out from under the crippling weight of racism, he'll have to see himself beyond "all that nigger shit" that's been dumped on him. Read that as "all that homoshit,"

and you'll experience his struggle to be a man beyond color or

It makes for immediate theatre, even in a slightly high-pitched production. The "Syl" of Tom W. Jones II was a bit TVglib for my tastes, but the play, ning. Attractive Ruth Green is the young wife-her business partner is a gay man who unfortunately never appears on stage, but whose mention pushes her husband's homophobic buttons.

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when he did his flawless takeoffs on Bette Davis and Tallulah Bankhead as well as his showstopping "Mona Lisa" routine.

Greer has been one of this community's stars for a long time. He has been a top night club star for years. He has starred in movies (Fortune In Men's Eyes, The Gay Deceivers). He was even hired by Universal to dub Bette Davis' voice for a TV movie

after the star became sick.

Greer deserves to play before crowds bigger than just gatherings of old friends. He deserves a chance to make new friends.

As Mona would say, "Now stop

Gay People Make a Gay Paper.

MOVIES

'The Last Emperor' Was a Queen!

wo hours and 40 minutes is not long enough to relate all the facts about Pu Yi, China's last emperor. In considering what to omit, if you want to reach a mass audience and have your script approved by the current regime of the People's Republic, it's probably best not to mention that Pu Yi was gay.

That item is left between the frames of Bernardo Bertolucci's stupendous epic The Last Emperor. The director and his co-screenwriter Mark Peploe have included but simplified a lot of complexities in this mammoth detailing of nearly 60 years of 20th-century Chinese history without sacrificing entertainment value. Sinophile is one of the few things I've never been called, but I was totally fasci-

Pu Yi began his three-year official reign in 1908 at the age of three, and lived as emperor in (then) Peking's Forbidden City, as the walled area containing the palace is known, for 16 years. 'The only man who can live (in the Forbidden City) is the emperor," he is told by the empress dowager who seats him on the throne. "These other men aren't real men. They're eunuchs."

Indeed, Pu Yi spends his formative years surrounded by women and more than a thousand eunuchs. Of course he turned out gay! When he's about 13 we see him taking sensual delight in being touched through a hanging sheet by a dozen or so young



Richard Vuu as the young Pu Yi in The Last Emperor

At about the same time he is introduced to a British tutor, Sir Reginald Johnston (Peter O' Toole), in a scene right out of an all-male production of The King and I. A couple of years later Pu Yi picks a wife from a set of photographs, but is forced to take another woman, Wan Jung (Joan Chen), as empress, with his choice in the secondary but stilllegal role of consort. "Why did you never get married, Johnston?" he asks his tutor. 'Oh ' Johnston replies evasively. It's not time for that lesson yet, but in another scene Victor Wong's character is introduced as Johnston's "friend [emphasis added], the poet and scholar Chen Pao Shen."

In bed with both wives while revolution brews outside, Pu Yi (at last played by star John Lone) says, "I used to play a game with the eunuchs, trying to guess who is who." He dives under the silk sheets, leaving us to guess who's doing what to whom, but they all seem to be having a good time.

Finally leaving the Forbidden City, Pu Yi becomes westernized in Tientsin, where he and Wan Jung are known as Henry and Elizabeth. In a scene that shows how far Bertolucci will go to keep from being blatant, Pu Yi sings "Am I Blue" at a party. That is, he sings all but one line, switching to a Bing Crosby-ish scat where the lyrics should ask, 'Was I gay, 'til today?"

Enter Eastern Jewel (Maggie Han), Pu Yi's cousin. Wan Jung complains of being friendless

and the leather-clad Eastern Jewel says, "I'll be your friend," brandishing her opium pipe like a dildo. As if this were a Hollywood film the dyke turns out to be the villain of the piece, the pusher who makes an opium addict of Wan Jung. The most intimate act we see them in is toesucking (Eastern Jewel active, Wan Jung passive), but we get the

Politics aside, if China had waited for Pu Yi to produce an heir, he would still have been The Last Emperor. I haven't read it. but a biography by Arnold J. Brackman, also called The Last Emperor, reportedly goes into detail about Pu Yi's homosex-

This gay perspective adds additional interest to a film that has enough already. You'll appreciate t more if you bone up on Chinese history in advance, but the screenplay, while somewhat sketchy, has fewer holes than Tom Stoppard's script for Steven Spielberg's Empire of the Sun, the season's other China-filmed epic, which takes almost as much time to cover a lot less territory a lot less well!



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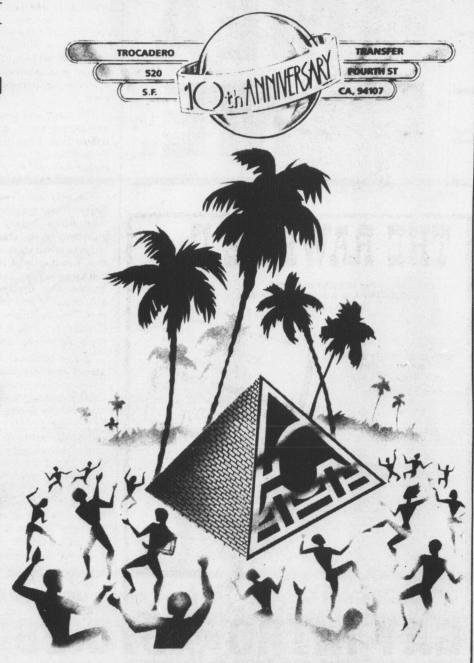
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Hopeless Romanticism

heir birthdays invite com-parison: Verdi's La Trapremiere in Venice on March 6. 1853; Gounod's Faust received its world premiere in Paris six years later, on March 19, 1859. Although the dramatic action of these two operas is set in different countries, different centuries and vastly different societies, ever since their first performances, each has become a staple of the operatic repertory.

Why? First of all, because these two works contain some of the operatic literature's most popular hit tunes. Second, because their stories are taken from solid dramatic sources (Alexandre Dumas' play entitled La Dame Aux Camelias and Goethe's dramatic poem about the aging German scholar who sold his soul to the devil). Each opera also invokes a popular form of morality with regard to the loss of a woman's virginity: Verdi's Violetta cannot escape her checkered past; Gounod's Marguerite must depend on a miracle of faith in order to redeem her soul from the evil doings of Faust and Mephistoph-

In today's jaded American society (where the forces of gross materialism and fast food sex are now starting to exact a frightening toll) La Traviata and Faust which concentrate so fiercely on the costs of losing one's virtue and social standing—continue to exert a startling hold on operatic audiences. While there are many reasons why these two works



Soprano Nelly Miricioiu and tenor Francisco Araiza were the impassioned young lovers in the San Francisco Opera's new production of Verdi's La Traviata

should have such strong appeal to the masses (each offers a good costume show, a modest amount of suffering and some highly hummable tunes) the bottom line

is that at the heart of each opera-its music, plot and characters—one finds a solid core of romanticism which has steadfastly kept its appeal for at least 125 years.

If you think the sheer force of tenacity has nothing to do with the making of a classic, then ask yourself this simple question: Whatever happened to Sam the Sham and the Pharoahs?

WITHERING ON THE WINE

his fall the San Francisco Opera unveiled a new production of La Traviata which was long overdue. Although John Conklin's designs may have been aimed at inducing a claustrophobic atmosphere which would highlight the drama, his sets often left me with the feeling that this new produc-tion was sculpted in such a manner that it would become, above all other considerations, rentable to other opera companies. Conklin's reduced stage frame work-ed best in the Act I and Act III party scenes, where one had a sense of lavish interiors in decentsized rooms (as opposed to the usual period furniture plopped down on a stage the size of a foot-ball field). I particularly admired Conklin's Act II set for Violetta's country house; one of the bestexecuted concepts for this act I have seen in recent years.

Most of the production money was obviously spent on David Walker's opulent costumes for the women; period masterpieces which will retain their glory for many years to come. However, the one line item in this new production which totally confounded me was the casting of mezzo-soprano Heather Begg as Flora. This

struck me as an expensive artistic indulgence for a bit role which could have been cast at far lower cost with an American singer. I'm quite certain that, had Terry McEwen chosen to do so, his new production would not have suffered the slightest deminution in artistic strength.

Although many complained that this Traviata was deadly slow and poorly sung, at the matinee performance which I attended the principals' work was nowhere as execrable as had been reported to me from those who attended the opening night. While Andrew Meltzer adapted some excessively slow tempos, his choice reflected a heightened understanding of the theatrical content at hand. Some of Meltzer's percussive stresses in Act III, though shocking, were entirely appropriate to the dramatic moment. This was one occasion where the enthusiastic booing generated by most of Meltzer's appearances on the podium might not have been fully justified.

Of the three principals, I was most impressed by Francisco Araiza's boyishly impulsive Alfredo. Juan Pons' Germont, though solidly sung, proved to be a stock portrayal which could have been phoned in to any production. Soprano Nelly Miricioiu delivered a carefully crafted portrayal of Verdi's Heroine, frequently acting up a storm (a visual factor which compensated for her occasional pitch problems and difficulties with the Act I fioriture). John Copley's sensitive

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Philip Campbell

Countdown To Christmas

egular subscription con-certs at Davies Hall have been so satisfying lately, I almost forgot the impending holiday crunch. It came as a shock to see the annual designer Christmas trees in the lobbies last Friday. Still, this only means more festive programming for Symphony patrons and a chance to escape the less spiritual aspects of the season. The music of celebration in a gaily decorated hall could help chase those checkbook blues.

In recent weeks, Music Director Herbert Blomstedt completed his presentation of works chosen for recording under the orchestra's new contract. A magnificent Nielsen 5th should make an admirable foil for the highly charged 4th on a forthcoming disc. Selections from composer Paul Hindemith, including a gorgeous Symphony Mathis der Maier, may well rekindle interest in this presently neglected but formerlionized modern master.

Polish-born Canadian resident Ida Haendel made her belated San Francisco debut with a personal specialty-the stirring land's face spoke for the audi-Sibelius Violin Concerto. With an international career of great distinction, she proved that at age 62 she still has the full measure of this daunting work.

Russian emigre Viktoria Muldebut recording, stripping away years of sentimental overkill with strated his grasp with a wella more introspective approach, command remains intact. His helping mask an occasionally im- essentially lyrical approach lacks pure tone and attack. Her per-

formance, like Mullova's, is basically no-nonsense, but she brings an unexpected poignance the younger firebrand avoids.

One might prefer the bravura and fresh insights of the younger player, but I wouldn't want to miss the pensive, bittersweet reminiscence of Ida Haendel. It was an altogether triumphant appearance that took many listeners by surprise.

The newly decorated lobbies lent a special atmosphere to last week's series. Vance George's ever-reliable San Francisco Symphony Chorus came through with sterling rendition of Stravinsky's serious-minded Symphony of Psalms. If orchestral imbalance sometimes marred the ective singing of the Chorus, it couldn't cover the beautifully produced "alleluias" in the concluding section. The tang of Stravinsky in this solemn piece was captured with subdued good taste, attesting, once again, to George's sensitive understanding and the rapport he enjoys with his singers. The rapt expression on pianist Robin Suther-

The second half of the bill was given to Bruckner's enormous Symphony No. 7. It is said to be the composer's most popular work and, while I might have lova brought new life to the some argument with that, it is a Sibelius on her dazzling Philips' truly impressive score. Herbert Blomstedt has already demona performance of almost fright-received recording with the ening virtuosity. Haendel favors Dresden Staatskapelle, and his (Continued on page 36)

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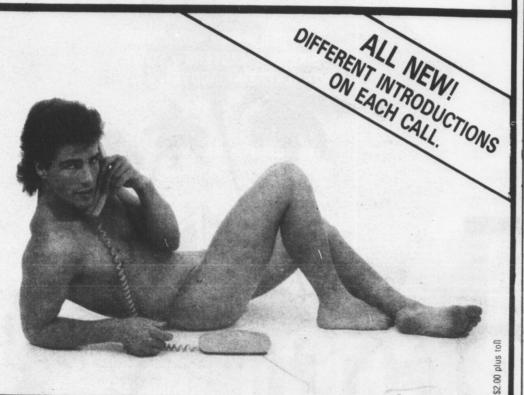
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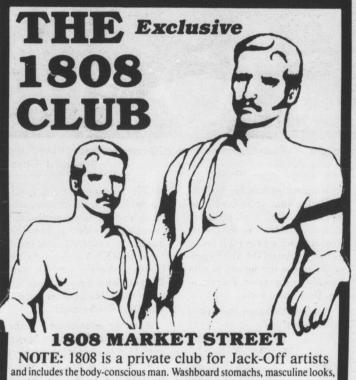
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Ten Cheers For the Troc's Ten Years

omorrow night a major South-of-Market event will take place at 520 Fourth St., just a few steps from where South of Market got its notoriety way back in the early 60s with the world's most famous leather bar, The Tool Box. But all that's water over the bridge.

Friday night and Saturday night the Trocadero Transfer will celebrate its 10th anniversary as San Francisco's premiere disco. They'll be celebrating the appearances over the years of such luminous musical stars as Thelma Houston, Freda Payne, the 5th Dimension, Viola Wills, Sylvester, Taka Boom, Pia Zadora, Sharon McNight, Pamela Stanley, Grace Jones, Sarah Dash, Patti LaBelle, Gloria Gaynor, Jo-Lo, Eartha Kitt, Melba Moore, Manhattan Transfer, Martha Reeves, Napata Mero, Mary Wilson, Gail Wilson, the Blazing Redheads, Patti Brooks, and Alicia Bridges.

And all those wonderful party nights: the annual Black Party, the Toga Party, Knights in Black Leather, the White Party, Beautician's Ball, Redd Hot, Hot Wax, Sylvester's Birthday Party, the Trucker's Party, Uniform Party, Shipwreck Party, Carnavale, In the Heat of the Night, the Monster Party, Heavy Metal, Boogie Too, Steam II, Reform School Girls, Under the Big Top, Dance Dance, not to mention several benefits. For many stars, it was a launching pad for careers that are now as bright as

the stars in the heavens. Who can forget the battles Dick Collier had with City of-



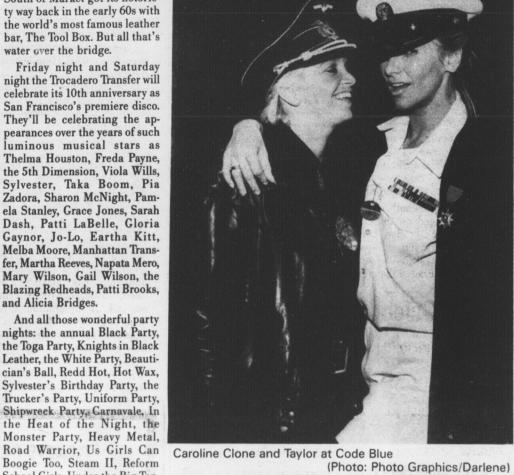
the dancing was over except for bars that were more often attended by more cops than disco dollies. Over the years, the Troc has

(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Anyway, congratulations to Dick Collier for ten wonderful years, to all the staff and support personnel at the Troc, the bartenders, the light men, and the sound men, and may you see ten more wonderful years. There'll be many wonderful surprises. Friday night, the action begins at 2100. Music by Robbie Leslie, lots of bubbly and dancing 'til you know when. Saturday night, an all-night extravaganza

ast weekend was eventful. Hundreds of dancers twisted the night away at the I-Beam for the marathon dance party on Sunday. All the major TV channels were on hand and the 11 O'clock News gave good coverage. The total amount raised was not available at my deadline, but you can bet it was considerable, and the heartiest dudes and dudettes were out there twisting the night away.

Thursday night, another South-of-Market bar, the Endup, celebrated its 14th with a fabulous buffet and lots of bubbly. Several of the Buns Calendar contest winners were on hand to autograph the flawless Jim Wigler photos for 1988, and Dexter Devoe of BBB thrilled the



ficials to get an after-hours served as a meeting place for license? Until then, at 1:40 a.m. both leather and non-leather dudes and dudettes. Over and the appearance of sporadic dance over again, rumors were rampant that the Troc was going "straight," something that never happened, and it is doubtful that

> of fun and merriment. You really should be there, you know

Organizers of the fundraiser for Carole Graham at Amelia's last weekend included members of Leather & Blue and a clean



you supported. After all, we've

got to work together to get things

done. The political implications

after this election are things you

will probably read about. But

who cares who runs for what?

Politics-makes strange bed-

t's amazing how many

"scams" evolve out of

crises. People who prey on

AIDS charities and their loyal

supporters are despicable.

Believe me, they're out there and

just about now a few people are

doing a slow burn over one such

group which was out soliciting

donations. They make you feel

like a real shirker with their slick

con talk. In my opinion, if you

want to give your all to just one

charity or spread it around, well

and good. But for any AIDS

agency to let professional fun-

draisers go out and practically in-

timidate gay businessmen and

They began dancing at two in the afternoon at the I-Beam and they danced and danced until midnight. When the more than 200 dancers had finished, they had raised more than \$27,000 for Mobilization Against AIDS.

fellows, indeed.

well attended and the Interclub Fund progressive dinner got a good group going from bar to bar to have a lovely dinner. There was also a good turnout at the Walt Whitman Bookshop for Paul Reed's Serenity, and all around the town people were out shopping for the coming Christmas holiday, while the Sisters of PI and Danny Williams wowed 'em at the Rawhide II Sunday night.

Monday night, another hearty group converged on the Com-stock Club for a flawless dinner with Tim Curry, star of Me and My Girl. The meal was divine and Mr. Curry enthralled the crowd.

Ms. Margaret Langevin was in good spirits, but who wouldn't be, celebrating their 79th birth day with such a prestigious crowd! In case you didn't know it. Margaret is one of the AIDS Emergency Fund's best supporters and is at every function (well, practically) they have. The party was a success and Don Johnson (the Tireless One) can chalk up another successful fundraiser. He is incredible!

Needless to say, at my deadline election day was still to come and I hope you all got out and voted in spite of the inclement weather. Whoever wins/won, you can only grin and bear it no matter whom

Karl's Calendar Compiled by Diedre

MONDAY 12/14

THURSDAY 12/10

Forum Meeting, Chez Mollet, 8 p.m.

Desiree Revue, N' Touch, showtimes 10:30 p.m. and

FRIDAY 12/11

Tenth Anniversary Party, Trocadero Transfer, private party for members only 9-11 p.m., doors open 11 p.m. for cardholders \$7, guests \$10, and general admission \$12.

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- 1 a.m., \$2 (Large and Juicy).

SATURDAY 12/12

Holiday Brunch, Kokpit, 8 a.m., host Mr. LeeOna.

Beer Bust and Buffet, S.F. Eagle, 6-10 p.m., admission one new Christmas present or \$7 cash donation, entertainment by Danny Williams, Deena Jones, and others, benefit Friends for Friends (Christmas presents for people with AIDS or ARC).

Ms. Bunny 1987 Tracy Show, Kimo's, 8 p.m., benefit AIDS Food Bank.

"Dancing The Decade Away" Tenth Anniversary Party Continued, Trocadero Transfer, 10 p.m., admission \$10 cardholders, \$12 guests, and \$15 general admissi

SUNDAY 12/13

Plant Auction, Mint, 2 p.m., benefit Project Open Hand.

Beer Bust, Pilsner Inn, 3-6 p.m., admission one new Christmas present or \$5 dona-tion, benefit Friends for Friends (Christmas presents for people with AIDS or ARC).

Western Star Square Dance Beer Bust, S.F. Eagle, 3-6 p.m., \$7.

Twelve Nights of Christ-mas Show, Galleon, 7:30 p.m., showtimes 10:30 p.m. and Mikio Hirata.

Twelve Nights of Christ-mas Show, Galleon, 7:30 p.m., Aldo Bell.

Christmas Party for San Francisco Ducal Court, Kokpit, 8 p.m., hosts Alameda Imperial Court.

Twelve Nights of Christmas Show, Galleon, 7:30 p.m., Menage, donations requested.

ICF Meeting, Chez Mollet,

WEDNESDAY 12/16

Twelve Nights of Christ-mas Show, Galleon, 7:30 p.m., Leslie Ann Sorci.

Country Christmas II, Sutter's Mill, 8 p.m., admission \$3 or a bag of canned food. Special en-tertainment, MC Sissy Spaceout, hosted by Mr. and Miss Gay San Francisco 1983 Michael and Trixi and Mr. Financial District Marty Moon, benefit S.F. AIDS Foundation Food Bank and the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Christmas Party, S.F. Eagle, 8 p.m., buffet and show.

A Christmas To Remember, Kimo's, 8 p.m., show, host

Imperial Family Casino Night, Kokpit, 8 p.m., benefit Open Hand, hosts Char and Empress Joey of Portland.

Christmas Party, Trax, 8 p.m., buffet.

Christmas Party, Polk Gulch, 9 p.m., show, hosts Grand Duke Tom Roller and Grand

THURSDAY 12/17

Twelve Nights of Christ-mas Show, Galleon, 7:30 p.m., Katibelle Collins.

Patsy Recline Party, Kimo's, 9 p.m., show.

bar owners into donating no matter under what guise (and then unlawful. Before you get involved in any such scheme(s), it would be best to contact the AIDS agency for whom the money is supposedly being raised. Fair warning. Don't be a fool!

You haven't heard the end of

he holiday season is fast approaching—yeah, some people are celebrating with gusto already. Herb Hebron is back in the Windy City, renewing old acquaintances, but will return in time for his annual Xmas Party—by invitation only.

Ron Baer and Associates (minus Fred Badelament who went on his "own" again) have a disco party at Dreamland Sun., Dec. 13, from 1600 to Midnight

Colt Thomas decided medicine was not his shtick and packed up his little buggy and moved from Detroit to Mecca. He will be honored at a cocktail party at the home of MEN Video producers Chuck Cyberski and Richard Wright, who have added the former Intl. Mr. Leather to their staff, this Friday night.

And I've gotta hand it to the office staff at Drummer Magazine. They were eager to point out that I mentioned the 49ers beating the Cleveland Indianz. thinking I meant the baseball team, erroneously. If you looked close enough the word was spelled with a Z at the end, and of course, there is no Cleveland Indianz team of anything. But like a lot of things in this galley, it went right over their head(s); presuming more than one didn't catch the intended pun.

And I loved the cover of the (Continued on next page)

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Marcus latest issue of Drummer-a hot-

looking dude bare ass in a leather jacket. He's also in the Endup Buns Calendar with a considerably less butch ambience. He refused to answer me when I asked him where he bought his leather jacket. Harrumph. So much for that.

Don't forget the SF Jacks' Zemenhoff party Monday, Dec. 14-if you're aware, you know the time and place.

Another writer wanted to know about tickets for Men Behind Bars, coming up the weekend of President's Day (Feb. 1988). I said some \$5,000 in tickets were sold already and going fast; also they go on sale at Headlines Dec. 10. There are brochures with ticket order forms printed inside

I'm told Jerry Vallaire is pissed because I didn't mention the Stuff the Jockstrap contest at the Powerhouse. I wonder if he's heard about the latest modern convenience called a telephone? Jeez, how much more money is needed to settle the debts of Up Your Alley productions? By the way, when will we see the public accounting that was promised in the Letters to the Editor column shortly after the Dore Alley Fair? I'll be you a dollar to a donut the telephone will be discovered as soon as this hits the cigarette machines. And I'm waiting. Check back issues of BAR, Mr.

all over town, everywhere, if you

want to order in advance. Mail Order it's called! If you don't

order by mail, wait until the 10th

and go to Headlines. My gosh,

only hermits ask these dumb

Cheers to "CB," manager of My Place, who defended the honor of Fenemia the Balloon Girl at the Endup last Thursday when some drugged-out freak pushed his hands into the salad dressing and then wiped them off (a huge glob) on Fenemia's new, new gown! CB, your quick action and attitude makes you the hero of the hour! Hi Ken Ferguson, how's your roommate Bill? Fenemia should have thrown those hula hoop earrings on that rude

Mr. Financial District Marty Moon and Mr/Ms Gay SF 1983 are having a Country Christmas at Sutter's Mill Wed., Dec. 16 for \$3 or a bag of canned food for the AIDS Food Bank and AIDS Emergency Fund. The fun begins at 2000 hours and Sissy Spaceout will space out the crowd as the MC. Foggy City Dancers will perform, and there will be other surprises.

If you think the leatherwomen are resting, think again. Our beloved Shadow Morgan's reign as Ms. Leather of SF will come to a close next month already as Ms. Leather of SF II will be chosen Saturday, Jan. 23. Sky Renfrow's committee is hard at work on the project already. We know it will be another great event because Ms. Sky knows what she's doing! Details TBA real soon.

The Cable Car Awards committees are busy too. They'll be out inspecting your holiday decorations, so put on your best show. The Midnight Sun had its Christmas party last Friday evening. The line formed early (around 1700 hours) and the decorations are flawless. Bartender Kim Olson was his usual jovial self and hey, did you know the Dowager Empress Remy works the door checking for (1) minors, (2) False I.D., and (3) rowdies. Now that's Butch!

you? Give me a buzz.

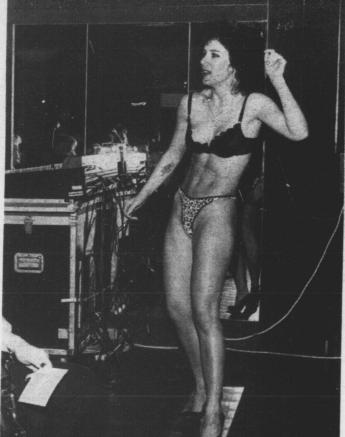
Sorry I missed Sweet Lips' times change. Anyway, Lips, belated happy birthday and many, many more. It's hard to believe I've known you so long and we're still talking to each other! By the way, was Henri Leleu at your birthday party? Lips, when are you going to give me that bounced check I wrote in 1971? At least you didn't call the D.A. like you did on Connie Cookout a coupla decades ago!

* * * Draw a circle on it, cut it out, and give your birdcage a new carpet. Until we clash, er, uh, dish next week, stay out of the bushes, keep your legs crossed, and keep it down to a low roar. You might wake up Mr. Zero and whatever



(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)





Michele paraded fashions at the fundraiser for Carole Graham at Amelia's last weekend (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Almost as much fun as being in a bike club, isn't it Remy? Randy Johnson, where are

65th birthday party at Ginger's Too! I remember when the Lips was 50, down in the dumps, and eventually became the catalyst of the formation of Operation Concern. OC has changed a lot from its original intention, but then,

friends he's managed to salvage. By the way, isn't it only right that if someone donated more

than \$100 for you to have dinner with them at a benefit auction that you honor the dinner date? Are you reading this "BB"? ●

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Lowy at Sutter's Mill. Wednesday the 16th the Polk nual staff Christmas party from of Ward 5-B, Ward 5-A, Ward 86, 8 'til closing with the Gulch Polkettes Revue at 9:30 and MCs Grand Duke Tom Roller and Grand Duchess Flame, so don't

show that shouldn't be missed.

For more info check with George

miss this fun event. Sunday the 13th the Little place at the Trocadero at 2 p.m. followed by a buffet and dancing, all for \$20. For ticket info contact Tom Roller at 824-2198 or Flame at 775-2198. This is a great show and shouldn't be missed.

Thanks to The Special on Castro Street for jar after jar of pen-nies for the AIDS Emergency Fund. You are all so "special." Incidentally, Fred Skau informs me that they have gone over the original goal of one million pennies. Thanks Fred and The Gate and all of the wonderful people who helped make this work.

Who is known as Tallulah Banker at what Castro Street

Aunt Charlie's bar on Turk Street will hold its big Christmas party Sunday the 13th from 2 to

The Mr. LeOna and Hal pre-Christmas party will take place Saturday the 12th from 9 a.m. 'til noon with food and fun at the Kokpit, so don't miss this one as Mr. LeOna is going all out.

Gilmore's on Hyde and California will hold its Christmas party Sunday the 13th from 5 'til 7. so drop by and wish Charlotte and Peggy and the staff the best. Ginger's Too's fantastic X-mas

decor was done by Don Kunish and Barri with the help of a group of people, and it has turned out just great, so drop by for a drink or dinner and take a look. Incidentally, make your reservations now for Ginger's Too for the gourmet dinner specials to be served Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and of course a great brunch on New Year's Day, so call now. Ginger's Too will be closed Christmas Day.

Kimo's presents Christmas To 16th at 8 p.m. It is being presented by Larrie, so don't miss it as it promises to be great. Of course you realize the showroom

Sutter's Mill will present a Ward 5-B staff Christmas party Sunday the 13th from 6 'til 10 p.m. with a hosted wine and beer bar, dancing, and canapes. The food is being donated by Sutter's Mill and Ginger's Too. There will be a small door charge with the noney going to Ward 5-B, so don't miss this one as it promises Gulch Saloon will hold its 2nd an- to be a worthy event for the staff and the volunteer staff from Shanti-they deserve it.

Tracy Foster will present a benefit for Toys For Tots at Kimo's showroom on the 15th (Tuesday) from 8 p.m. 'til closing with a toy Mary Sunshine Show will take as the cover charge. There will be food, show, balloon pop, and door prizes—another worthy event not

Mr. and Miss Gay San Francis-co of 1983, Michael and Trixie, and Mr. Financial District 1987, Marty Moon, present Country Christmas II at Sutter's Mill Wednesday the 16th at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 or a bag of food (canned) with the M.C. being Sissy Spaceout and the Foggy City Dancers providing entertainment. This is a benefit for the S.F. AIDS Foundation Food Bank and the AIDS Emergency Fund -see you there, Trixie.

Congrats to our new Mr. Cowboy, Mark Eastman, and Ms. Cowgirl, Joey. Golly, it seems so long ago since I was Ms. Cowgirl #2.

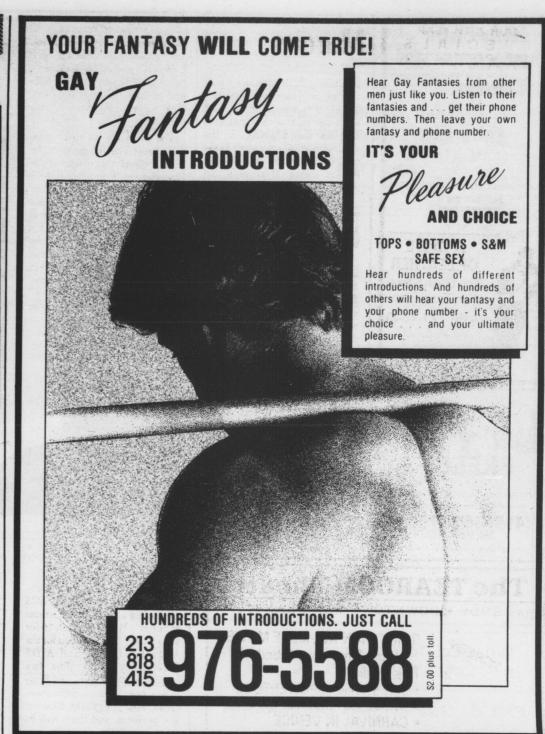
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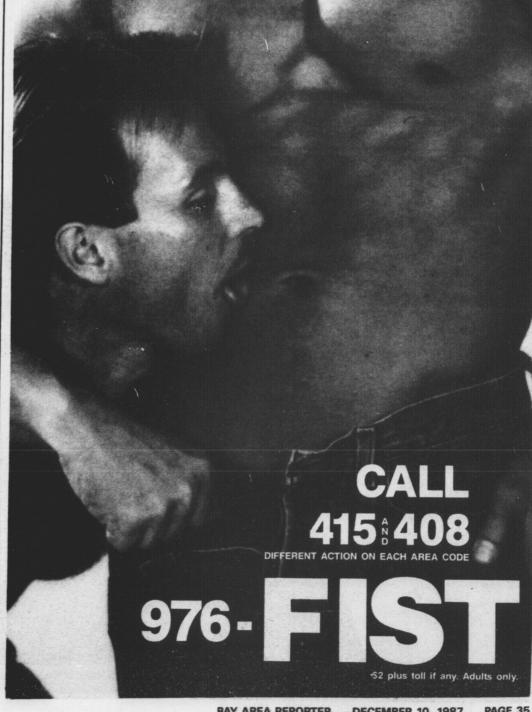
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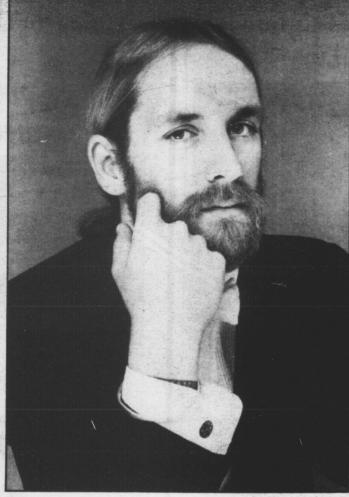
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direction, backed by Thomas J. Munn's exquisite lighting helped to frame many dramatic nuances

which are usually trampled by the production schedule of most Traviata revivals.

All in all, this turned out to be a highly commendable production of Verdi's opera which I sincerely hope will receive as much loving attention in future appearances as it got from its creative team during the first string of performances this fall.

THE DEVIL'S DARK DOINGS

The artistic merit of San Francisco's new La Traviata was easily matched by Lyric Opera of Chicago's revival of Charles Gounod's Faust. Using a steeplyraked platform as the main part of its unit set, Pier Luigi Samaritani's production (which was telecast from the Windy City in 1979) was restaged this fall by Antonello Madau Diaz and conducted with loving care by veteran Jean Fournet.

The biggest surprise of the revival became evident during curtain calls, however, when i became abundantly clear that all four principal roles had been magnificently sung by American artists (a triumph of native casting which could never have occurred in Chicago during Carol Fox's administration). Top honors went to Samuel Ramey, who was in peak form as a vocally and physically lithe Mephistopheles. J. Patrick Raftery's Valentin was robustly sung; Neil Shicoff's Faust a convincingly youthful characterization despite the tenor's growing tendency to shout his music.

Elsewhere in the cast, Wendy White was a sympathetic Siebel; Corinna Vozza a plump and lusty Marthe Schwerlein. In addition to Ramsey's powerful performance, I was most impressed by Nancy Gustafson's work as Marguerite. This tall and come- direction of Gregg Tallman, will ly soprano, who was once an Adler Fellow with the San Fran- concerts, traditionally sell-out cisco Opera, continues to events, "Christmas is Love: Now blossom into an outstanding art- Sing with Hearts Aglow," Saturist whose remarkable facial beau- day, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m., and Sunty and towering stage presence day, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m., Herbst are backed by a healthy voice and solid musicianship. Gustafson's voice has grown to the point where she now delivers a fullyrounded performance; she is rapidly maturing into a worldTickets may also be purchased at

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the dramatic punch of conductor Herbert von Karajan, but his steady tread and cumulative force is equally inspiring. Navi-gating the lengthy ruminations and including repeats, Blomstedt shows a mind that sees the big picture, never stooping to vulgar

In coming weeks exhausted shoppers can recharge with Symphony events, including four performances of Handel's Messiah a special celebration with the Symphony Youth Orchestra and Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf Christmas Pipe Dreams, featur ing the awesome Ruffati organ, and the annual New Year's Eve gala, A Night in Old Vienna.

I enthusiastically endorse the charming Vienna spectacular for any couple looking for an alternative to the usual New Year's blowout. Same-sex couples are yearly in evidence, and the oldworld grace of the evening is very romantic. It's a little pricey, but favors and lavish refreshments, including wine and champagne,

This Friday and Saturday, guest conductor Andrew Massey of Toronto will lead the orchestra in performances of Mendelssohn Beethoven, Elgar, and a world premiere of Reynolds: Symphony (Vertigo). If the ailing Claudio Arrau has not recovered from his recent bout of flu, Mischa Dichter will probably replace him in the Beethoven 3rd Piano Con-

The Band Plays On!

The third annual Christm Gala and Dance Along Nutcracker will be presented by the San Francisco Band Foundation at the Giftcenter Pavilion, 888 Brannan St., Sunday, Dec. 20.

Special guest performers already committed to appearing at the Christmas concert include comedians Marga Gomez and Danny Williams. Other ente Sharon McNight, Sandy Van, and members of the Physique'87 body building organization.

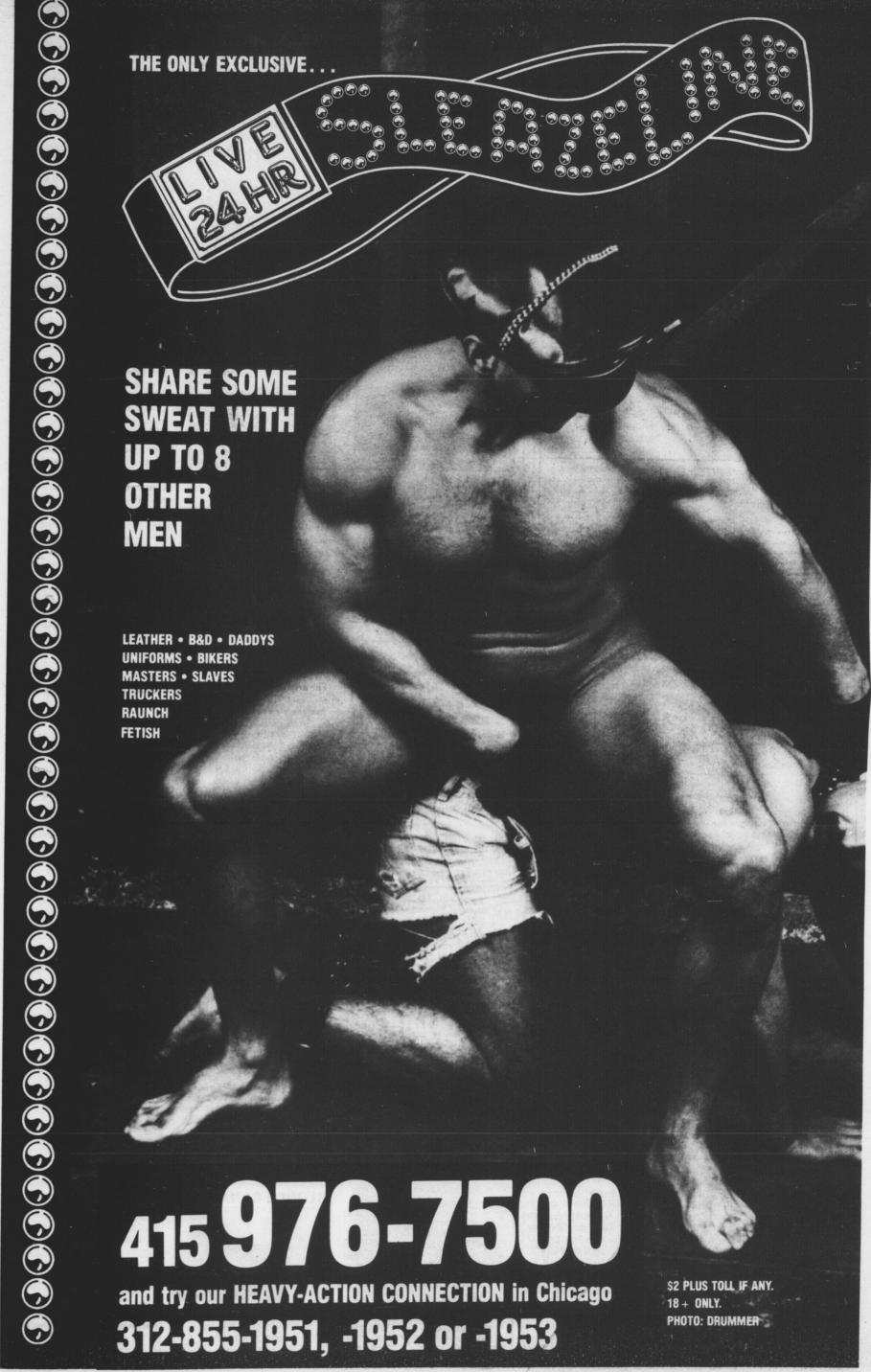
Reserved seating for this 6 p.m. event is limited, with ticket prices at \$25 and \$20 available through mail order (1519 Missio St., S.F., CA 94103) or through the Foundation box office (621-5619). General admission tickets are \$10 and \$15 and avail-

The event promises to be an exciting one, with tutu rentals available for those who wish to dance along with The Nutcracker, big band dancing immediately fol lowing the concert, and a preshow penthouse reception catered buffet, special entertain ment, and a ticket price of \$100 per couple (includes reserved seating on the main floor).

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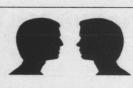
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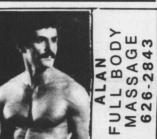
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'Mother Mal'

Bowling Dynamo Garcia Still Watches Over The 'Flock'

by Richard McPherson

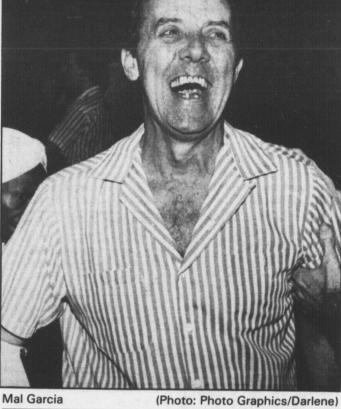
"Mother" is the name by which he is affectionately known. Apropos. After over two decades of working to promote and nurture gay bowling in San Francisco and across the country, Mal Garcia is still watching over his

Mal has been the spearhead behind the formulation of four successful gay leagues at Park Bowl over the past 22 years, all of which still fill up season after season. He has also been one of the main supporters and promoters of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) for the past five years, now serving as co-chairman of the Finance Com-

Garcia's work over the years has been acknowledged through the many awards he has earned. In 1982, he received a plaque from the Gay Games I committee for his work as the games' bowling chairman. In 1983 and 1987 he received Cable Car Awards for "Contribution to Athletics" and "Sportsman of the Year-Bowling." Also in 1983 Gay Sports Magazine presented him with the "Gay Sports Award."

The ultimate award, though, he feels, is being the recipient of IGBO's "Fellowship Award-1984" for outstanding service toward the cause, growth and perpetuation of the International Gay Bowling Organization. This is an annual award given to two members each year, and the highest award presented by IGBO. Of the 15,000-plus IGBO members, only 14 have been the recipient of this prestigious

award. "I showed up at an IGBO tournament in Seattle (in 1984). I wasn't bowling well and wanted to leave," says Mal, reflecting on the day he received this award. He said that he was there with about 50 other S.F. bowlers and no one would let him depart.



They knew something he didn't. "It shocked the hell out of me that I won!" he exclaimed, "I couldn't believe that I got the award so soon. I'd only been a member of IGBO for two years at

IGBO had obviously recognized the genuine sincerity and integrity of this man. He is a hard worker and tends to underplay his contributions.

THE TGL IS FORMED

It all began in 1966 when Mal, then a beginning bowler, joined S.F.'s only gay league at Park Bowl. He wasn't happy with the way the league was run so he decided to start a league of his own. He put eight teams together and created the Wednesday Tavern Guild League (TGL). In three years he had a full house with 22 teams.

By the early 1980's there was such a demand for more gay leagues that Mal first formed the Monday TGL in 1981 and then the Thursday TGL in 1983. He didn't stop there. At the beginning of this current winter season he created the Tavern Guild Trios, an early evening league, which was so popular that it filled up in three weeks. The four TGL's at Park Bowl comprise a total of 86 teams bowling weekly.

Mal promises that he's not through yet. He is hopeful that

there are more leagues still to

Bowling has become an extremely popular sport in the local gay community. It's not uncommon for bowlers to drive from Marin Co., Walnut Creek and San Jose to get their weekly fix of lane play. When speaking with potential new members, regardless of where they live, Mel emphasizes the social aspects of gay league bowling. "The first thing I always hear (when approaching

a non-league bowler about joining a league) is 'my average is not high enough.' I tell them that that doesn't matter, I just say, 'If you're interested in having a good time, join a gay league.'

And his simple sales approach works. More and more gays and lesbians are joining leagues than ever before, and living miles away from S.F. doesn't seem to matter.

Beyond our own gay bowling ommunity, Mal has spent much

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The Artemis Cafe team at Park Bowl

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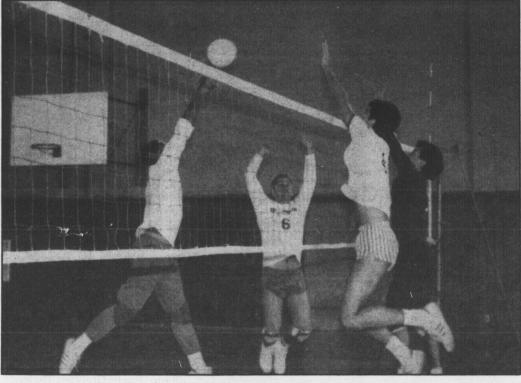
S.F. 2nd at San Diego Volleyball Tournament

San Francisco's gay men's volleyball team, the City Islanders, staged a stunning comeback drive to finish second at the 11th annual San Diego Invitational Volleyball tournament over the Thanksgiving weekend.

"It was truly a team effort for us to come from behind the way we did," said City Islander Fred Ennis, participating in his 5th San Diego volleyball tournament. "Each player gave everything he had, especially during the final day of play."

The City Islanders found themselves with a 1-5 win-loss record at the end of the first day of the two-day tournament. In spite of that, the San Francisco team maintained a positive, determined attitude, as reflected by player-coach Mike Bulawit: "We knew we weren't out of it. Last year at this tournament we had a 9-1 record at the end of the first day, making us one of the topseeded teams for the final day of competition. But we couldn't maintain the winning edge the next day and wound up finishing 7th overall. Keeping that in mind, we hoped the reverse would happen to us this year."

The City Islanders found themselves in the strongest section of the opening day's "pool play" for the 12 B-division teams. San Francisco lost their first five games in a row: two to the San Diego Hole Diggers by identical scores of 11-5; then two to an extremely tough Phoenix team by the scores of 11-4 and 11-7; and in their first game with the Los Angeles Green LAVA team, a late



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surge couldn't hold off a final loss by a score of 12-10.

It took five losses before the San Francisco team finally got fired up. As SF player Steve Moore commented, "We made too many mental errors early on and ended up beating ourselves." However, they came back strong in their final game against the Green LAVA team, shutting them

"We were playing well but we just weren't in rhythm, which is important in a team sport such as

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volleyball," Bulawit said. Teammate John McKinney declared, "We played well as a team, but we just weren't dominating." Still, their mood was upbeat going into the final day of play.

The next day the City Islanders showed their stuff, opening with a decisive win over the Los Angeles Slamma Jamma team, 11-8 and 11-4. SF then went up against top-ranked Phoenix, and despite great defensive moves by Leo Amituanai and smart hitting by Steve Moore, SF lost 14-12 in

the first game and the clock ran out in the second game with Phoenix in the lead 9-7.

The loss to Phoenix dropped the City Islanders into the consolation bracket, where they came back strong and downed the San Jose Team 2, 15-6. Next on SF's come back trail was a challenging Long Beach squad who fought hard but bowed to the City Islanders, 15-13.

Diego Hole Diggers, who had beaten SF twice the day before. But this was a different San Francisco squad, and tired as they were, they came out roaring and won 15-13. Next to fall to the City slanders was another Los Angeles squad, the Designer B's, who fell by a score of 15-10. With this win, San Francisco sudden-

With virtually no rest, SF was back on the courts with the San ly found themselves in the semifinal playoff round.

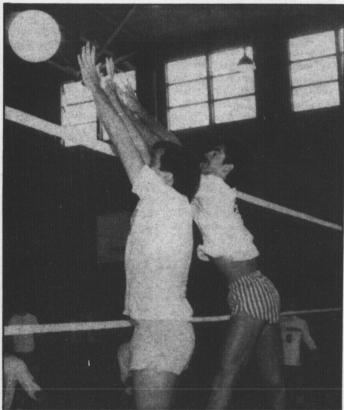
SF team captain Gary Edde said the team had been playing "match after match so fast that we didn't know we had placed in the final round for medal conten-

Their last set of the tournament was against the undefeated Phoenix team. The City Islanders were exhausted but determined. In game one, both squads fought hard but Phoenix stayed on top to win 15-10. The SF squad gave everything they had in the next game, handing Phoenix its first defeat of the tournament,

In the final match, Phoenix showed off their experience, beating back a last-ditch effort by San Francisco and going on to win 15-11 and the B-division championship.

"We played eleven great games today," said Bulawit. "We all did our part, from the defensive moves of Mark Onasai to the come-through hitting of David Bee. Steve Moore was just super, John McKinney did a great job, as did Lino Afaese, Leo Amituanai, and Fred Ennis. And captain Gary Edde's play was good enough to have him singled out for an All Tournament award. But the important thing is we played well together as a team. Our teamwork, not an individual player, made our comeback a

Bulawit and the rest of the City Islanders are now training for the National Championship meet in Montreal in May. The Islanders are part of the Club Volleyball action that takes place every Saturday at Collingwood Gym at 9:30 a.m. Club Volleyball play is open to the first 21 players who show up. For more information



Yes, there is gay Volleyball in San Francisco (Photo: Rink)

Chorus Plans Sing-Along For Xmas Eve

cert, Thursday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. participation in holiday carolling. at the First Congregational Tickets, priced at \$8, are avail-

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All-Stars and Playoff Dramas

by Lauren Ward

Last week the dramatic semifinal playoff matches served as a prelude to the S.F. Pool Association's most prestigious tournament, the All-Star.

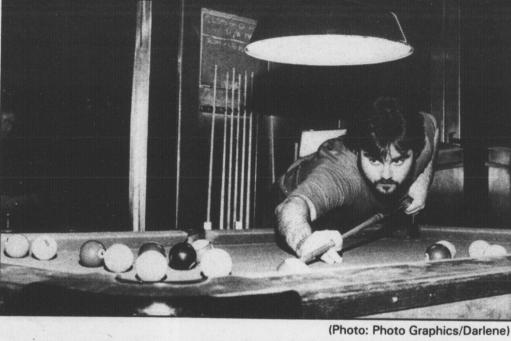
The Betty and Vanna White Swallow teams were seeded second and third, respectively, in the playoffs and were expected to play a close, best-of-three match series to determine who would advance to the Championship

In Tuesday's match, Vanna shocked Betty with a convincing 9-5 defeat. Thursday night's rematch was expected to be a lot closer but Vanna went on to score a crushing 9-4 victory, eliminating their sister team.

Another upset was in progress Tuesday at DeLuxe where the No. 4 seeded Park Bowl Badasses were ahead of the No. 1 seeded DeLuxe Ducks. Despite the outstanding play by the Ducks' Lisa Duncan, the Park Bowl prevailed by a close 9-7 margin to set up the possible elimination of the Ducks in the second match.

Thursday night, the Ducks were clearly struggling, losing the first four games and down 2-6 at halftime. The Ducks then made a dramatic comeback, ty-ing the match at 7-7. After the regulation 16 games the score was tied at 8-8 and each team selected a player for the single game which would decide the

In a game which both players, fatigued and under extreme



pressure, missed winning opportunities, it was the Ducks' E.Z. who prevailed over Lynn Westhoven to force the upcoming third match. The winner of that will play a best-of-three series with the Vanna White Swallow for the City Championship.

ALL-STAR RESULTS

The top players in the league gathered at the Cinch on Saturday to play for the individuals championship and players from Thursday's two victorious teams would again figure prominently. The top four finishers will repre-

sent S.F. in individual competition at West Coast Challenge XVI at Long Beach in January. The format was double elimination, race to three.

Finishing fourth was the defending Champion, Walter Moreira of the Vanna White Swallow. His only match losses were to the DeLuxe Ducks' E.Z.

In third place was another of Vanna's star players, Jim Russo. His only defeat was by the Ducks' Lisa Duncan. Secure in his top four position, he withdrew from

goal only to see it snatched away by a slight miscalculation is crushingly disappointing. Disheartened and exhausted, Lisa lost the final match for a second place finish.

To battle so long for an elusive

As for E.Z., he played like a champion. He was 9-0 before falling to Lisa, 3-2. His overall tournament record was 21-7 and he became the first player to win the All-Star three times in its fifteen season history.

Thanks go out to tournament director, Donna Blow, with an assist from Rick Bradford, and to the gracious hospitality of the Cinch and the White Swallow. Good luck to our representatives in Long Beach.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 12: Rising Star Tournament. Sign up by 11:30 a.m. at the Overpass, 488 Hayes St. 864-6672. Open to those not qualified for All-Star.

Dec. 12: Casino Night: Cafe San Marcos, 2367 Market St., 8 p.m. Everyone invited. Prizes!

Jan. 5, 1988: Awards Party: Upstairs at Amelia's. Jan. 8-10: WCC XVI: Long

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By the time the finals started,

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hours and the fatigue was begin-

ning to show. Lisa Duncan was

undefeated and was close to win-

ning her second All-Star Tourna-

ment. Her teammate, E.Z., was

her only obstacle and she had

already defeated him in the win-

With the final match tied at

two games apiece, Lisa took aim

on the Championship 8-Ball, a

long, straight shot. Somehow, the

ball rattled in the pocket and fail-

ed to fall. E.Z. ran out to force a

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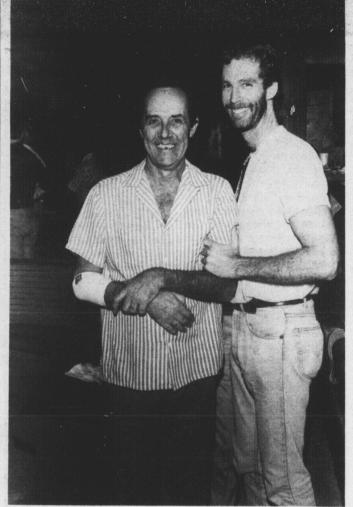


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Mal Garcia with the author (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Bowling

(Continued from page 41) time promoting IGBO around the country. From the moment he was aware of this organization back in the early 1980's he began his work. "Back in 1982 I went to a major gay bowling tournament in Dallas, Texas and promoted IGBO like crazy. Many bowlers had not heard of it back then," he recalls, "there were only 11 cities which were members of IGBO at that time." IGBO now has 76 gay leagues in its membership, from cities all over the U.S. and

"My one goal now is to get member leagues in Australia and Paris, France. I've begun the correspondence process and it would be apropos if they were to be voted in at next year's annual IGBO meeting (to be held next May in Washington, D.C.)."

Even though Garcia has always put his major emphasis on the organizational aspects of the sport his own bowling proficiency has continued to develop over the years. The last few seasons he has carried a respectable 170 average, plus or minus a few pins, although at 57 he feels he's starting to slow down a bit.

"I still recall the night I bowlhe shot a 258 game and 640+ months ago when he won first own Mal Garcia.

place in the No Tap Singles event of the Las Vegas Showgirl Classic. He shot a handicap score of 811 on no tap games of 277, 187,

TREAD SOFTLY

Mal's major emphasis when participating in the sport is to enjoy himself and to be with friends. "If it ceases to be fun, I'll leave it," he remarked

When asked why he has worked so hard for the sport for over two decades Mal responds with a smile: "I'm a glutton for punishment." "Mother" is known to have "her" moments, and would be the first to acknowledge "her" bitchy side. Garcia's years of involvement have made him an expert in the rules and running of the sport on all levels. He ad mits that he sometimes loses his patience with new "upstarts' who join a league and try to make changes and "improvements" before they have a thorough understanding of the game.

When Mal is having one of his "periods" bowlers would be best advised to tread softly in his presence. His bite is never lethal, though, because his heart is deeply embedded in his love for the sport and its participants.

ed my best series ever, because I was as sick as a dog." That was a owes much to this man and few years ago at Park Bowl when secretly hopes that he will continue his work for many years to series. His most recent gay bowl- come. Indeed, every gay sport ing championship was a few would be fortunate to have their

Leather Weekend In D.C.

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15-17. Functions will include a (payable to Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC (payable to Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC (payable to Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC (payable to Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC (payable to Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC) to: Centaur MC (payable to Centaur MC) to: Cent Eagle, and a formal leather buf-

Chicago in May. Clubs and hotel rates are available upon retions are encouraged to quest.

Leather Weekend, the new provide registrants for this con-

welcoming party Friday and Sat- taur MC c/o Rocco, 2210 N. urday brunch at the new DC Pickett St., T2, Alexandria, VA 22304. Onsite registration will fet and open bar Saturday evening at Tracks DC.

take place at the DC Eagle (639 New York Ave. NW) Friday from New York Ave. NW) Friday from 9 p.m. until midnight and Satur-Featured Sunday afternoon day from noon until 2 p.m. will be the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Registration will resume at Leatherman contest. The winner Tracks DC, (1111 First St. SE) will represent the region and the from 6 until 8:30 p.m. Pre-Centaur M.C. at International registration for the weekend is to Mr. Leather, to be held in be received by Jan. 4. Special

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Chanukah!

Sha'ar Zahav Prepares For Holiday

Although Chanukah, the upcoming Jewish holiday also known as the Festival of Lights, is a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar, it is always one of the more festive and playful. On Dec. 20, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, San Francisco's ten-year-old synagogue with a special outreach to gays and lesbians, will create its share of fun and games with its annual Chanukah party.

The event, which will be held from 2-6 p.m. at the Lake Merced Boathouse in San Francisco, is named the "Starlight Excess" and will include a special talent show, music, dreidel-playing (dreidels are Jewish tops with Hebrew letters on them), latkes (potato pancakes) and drinks.

Partygoers can watch the entertainers, play games or massages, language lessons or legal advice). They can also participate in the silent auction, light menorahs (the Jewish raffle. The congregation is giving vices.

away \$500 (first prize), a microwave oven (second prize) and a discplayer (third prize).

"The party will be great fun for adults and children," says Rosalinda del Moral, the Chanukah Committee chairperson. "It's open to both members and nonmembers. And we encourage everyone to join us." Prices are \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for nonmembers. All children are ad-

Chanukah celebrates the miracle that followed the ransacking of the Jewish temple in the 164 b.c.e. According to tradition, although there was only enough sacred oil left after the pillaging to last one day, the oil miraculously lasted eight days until more holy oil could be obtained. That's why Chanukah is celedonate a service (like foot brated for eight days and is observed with the nightly lodging of the menorah.

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The hand-painted silk scarves fle tickets are \$1. will be for sale during the month McNally's hand-painted of December at Rami's Caffe. scarves are priced from \$30 to The reception on Monday, Dec. \$300. Gyotaka (a Japanese 21, will be attended by local guest technique) Fish Print Aprons artists and Open Hand supwith Open Hand's logo will also porters. The interested public is be available for \$40. also invited to attend. A tradi-

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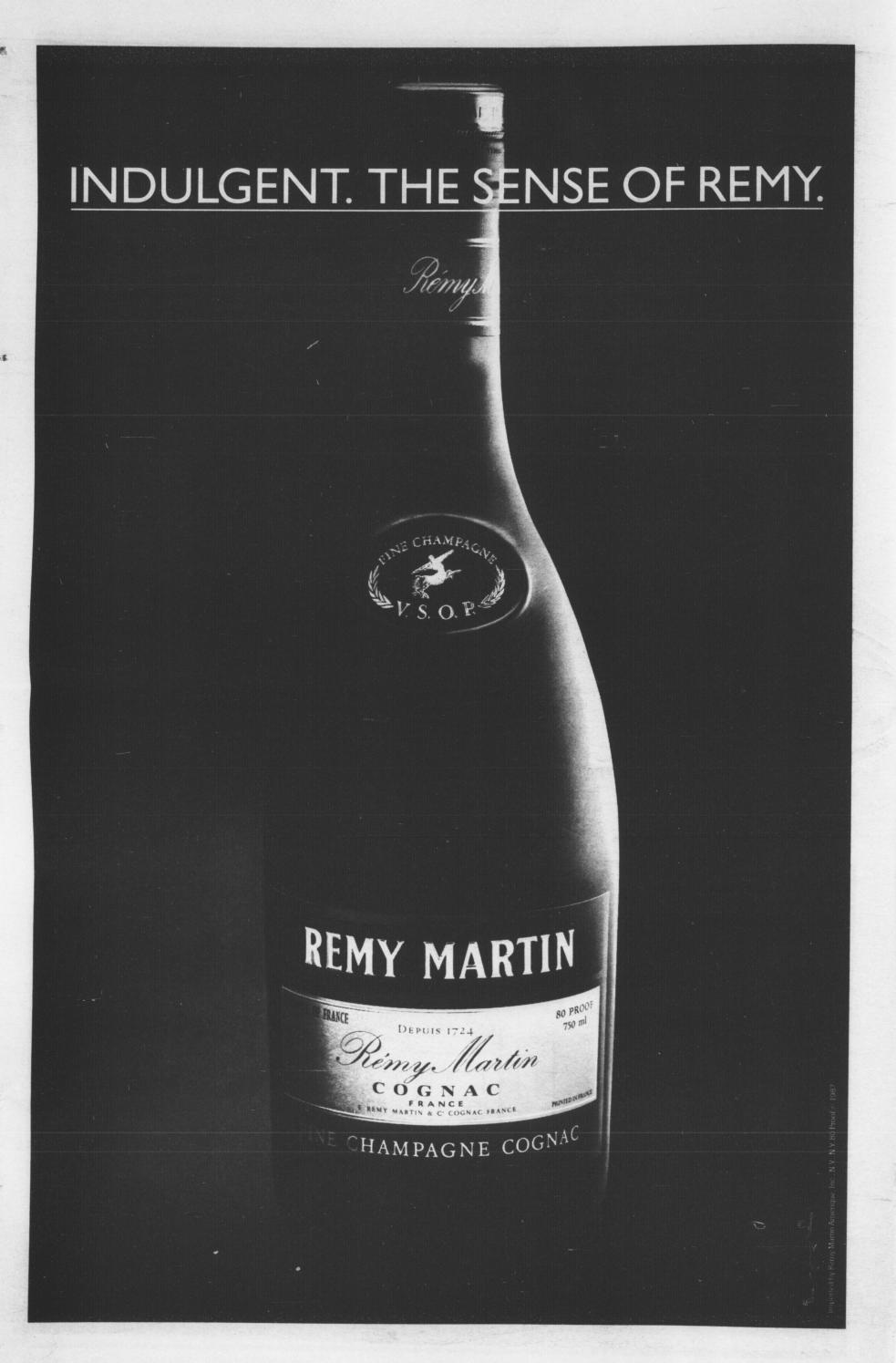


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Fed. Cops Arrest **AIDS Vigilers**

Arrests Continue Daily; Protesters Chain Selves to Door

Arrests continue at the ARC/AIDS Vigil following the removal last Friday of beds and chains locked to the doors of the old Federal Building since Oct. 27, 1985. At press time, at least a dozen people had been arrested. As soon as arrests are made, new people chain themselves to the door.

Vigil protester John Belskus said, "At sometime between 2:30 and 3 in the morning [Dec. 11], the federal police came out and removed the beds and the chains, saying they were a fire hazard, that they were abandoned. So they decided after two years and two months they had a fire hazard on their

Randy Welsh, 24, became the first person in the history of the Vigil to actually be arrested for civil disobedience. "I chained myself to the door and sat down," he said. "About 15 minutes later the cops came and pulled the chains, took the bolt cutters, and took off the chains." Welsh was then arrested and later released without being charged.

Welsh said, "To me the beds represent what we are doing here more than the tents. The way I see it is to have a federal protest, you have to have some of your protest on federal land."

The next day the arrests began. At 11:50 a.m. the protesters put on rubber gloves. "It's part of the symbolism behind it," said Belskus, "They use gloves to arrest us. It is a form of protest against them."

At 11:55 federal police began to put on their plastic gloves. Over the plastic gloves they placed leather gloves. One of them grabbed a pair of bolt cut-

At 5:30 on Friday morning, ters. With about 50 people watch-ling, the second confrontation of

Then at noon, Belskus, Eric Basher and Garth Galena walked to the doors of the United States Federal Building and chained themselves to the door. Moments later federal police walked up to

"You are in violation of the code of federal regulations," said the officer. "You are blocking the doorway and we are giving you the opportunity to be cited. Do you wish to leave?" The answer by the three was negative. They continued, "You are going to be placed under arrest for violation of federal regulations."

Galena, Basher and Belskus were then taken inside and arrested. Two-and-a-half hours later they were released. Each has a \$25 citation to pay or appear in court on Dec. 24. The charge is blocking a doorway.



Today

It's the Gay Holiday Season: Mike Hippler writes about Christmas and Chanukah, pages 13 and 14, and Mary Richards goes shopping, page 11.

Pandering Or First Amendment Rights? Read Tom Horn's news analysis on page 16.

James Baldwin's Legacy. John Karr has the story on page 26.

They're Sorry

Man Threatened By Attendant, **Gets Apology From Mobil Oil**

by Gregory Douthwaite

When a service station attendant refused to pump his gas and threatened to kick his "faggot ass," Todd Mangini was furious, and refused to shrug off the incident.

"I felt like I was back in high school," said the 29-year-old San Francisco hairdresser. "Only this time, rather than running away, I decided to do something."

With the help of National Gay in an interview from his busy Sut-Rights Advocates, Mangini wrote a letter to Mobil Oil Corporation, demanding appropriate action be taken. This week, he received a letter of apology from Mobil headquarters in New York City. "I am thrilled," said Mangini

ter Street salon. "Did you see the letter? They apologized about

The incident occurred one night last August, when Mangini pulled into the full-service island



Looking at the Quilt on the Mall

(Photo: M.J. Murphy)

Walking The Quilt Like Entering A **Very Quiet Place**

Names Project Expects Thousands To See Quilt At Moscone Center

Tens of thousands of people are expected to visit the Names Project quilt which goes on display tonight at the Moscone Center. The display in San Francisco will include 2100 panels, 200 more than were displayed Oct. 11 at the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. All Bay Area panels that can be shown will be shown.

Starting next spring, the quilt will go on a national tour to 25 cities across the U.S. The tour has a projected budget of \$300,000 and is expected to raise funds in visited cities for AIDS services in those localities. (Continued on page 18)