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Empress XXIV Pat Montclaire escorted by Emperor XVII Jerry Coletti at Coronation 1989. See story on page 5.

Wilson Again Pushes Walker For Judge

Olympics Attorney Defeated Last Year; Re-Nominated to Federal Judgeship

by Dennis McMillan

Now that the George Bush election has kept the White House Republican occupied, Sen. Pete Wilson has decided to push once again the nomination of Vaughn Walker for federal judge in the Northern California U.S. District Court. Walker had been defeated October last year after months of hearings and political pressure from the concerted efforts of the Judiciary Project and T.J. Anthony, Abby Ginsberg, and Mary Dunlap. (Continued on page 2)

Pres. Ford Sends His Condolences To Sipple's Friends

by Allen White

A letter arrived this week for the friends of Billy Sipple from former President Gerald Ford. The letter is now on display at the New Bell Saloon for his friends to see. The former presi-dent expressed his condolences to Sipple's friends and his gratitude to Sipple.

The letter stated, "Mrs. Ford and I express our deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow involving your friend's passing." Ford wrote that he would be

'forever grateful for Oliver's actions on my behalf."

"I strongly regretted the problems that developed for him following this incident," said Ford. "It saddened me to learn the circumstances of his death." The note was personally sign-

ed by Ford.

Sipple, whose legal name was Oliver Wellington Sipple, and known to his friends as Billy, died last month in his Van Ness Avenue apartment. He had become famous for knocking a gun out of the hand of Sara Jane Moore in 1976. She was attempt-ing to assassinate President Ford in front of the St. Francis Hotel.

With the sudden fame he received, it became known through the media that he was gay. The item, submitted by Harvey Milk, was intended to be an example of pride in an emerging gay community.

But it turned out to be devastating for Sipple. His family was unaware he was gay and they spurned him. The quick moment of fame for Billy Sipple threw his life into a downward spiral which left him very bitter.

Though he had a drinking problem, he also had the ability to make an extraordinary number of friends. Each day he would make the rounds of his favorite bars, especially the ones on Polk

What prompted friends to go looking for him was the concern that he had not been in Reflections, a bar he went to on Polk Street.

His main bar, though, was the New Bell Saloon. Almost daily he would go in and have a drink with Toady, the main daytime bartender. His friends were there.

When Sipple died, a call was placed to President Ford's office in Palm Springs. Ford's chief of staff Penny Circle was advised of the death and notice was given to the former president to make a response.

None came. Word came back

February 14, 1989

Mr. Allan White

c/o Glide Church 330 Ellis Street

Pres. Ford sends his condolences.

San Francisco, California 94102

that President Ford was traveling. Through a series of phone calls it was learned there would be no flowers nor any message at the funeral.

When President Ford returned to Palm Springs, that changed.

Penny Circle called to find the address of George Sipple, Billy's brother, so a letter could be sent.

Ms. Circle was told that if Gerald Ford really wanted to do something for Billy Sipple, he should send a letter to his friends She was told that if a letter was received, it would be framed and put on display at "a gay bar on Polk Street, the New Bell Saloon." She seemed intrigued with the idea and said she would run it by Ford. The former president approved and the letter was sent

Last Friday evening the framed letter was presented to Toady, at the New Bell. For all of Billy Sipple's friends, the message from a President of the United States is on display.

As one of his friends commented, "Billy would have liked

(Photo: S. Savage

Arson Destroys Dallas Gay Center Had Housed AIDS Services;

Cash, Computers, Files Stolen

by Ray O'Loughlin

The Gay Community Center and AIDS Resource Center of Dallas was burned to the ground early Thursday morning, Feb. 23. Police believe the six-alarm blaze was the work of arsonists who had robbed the community center of computer equipment, including disks, and money before setting the fire. Also destroyed in the blaze were two adjacent buildings.

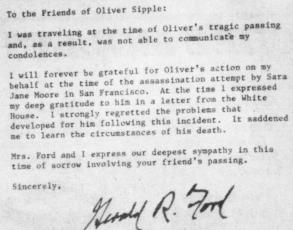
"We lost everything we had," said William Waybourn, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance which administered the center on Cedar Springs Road. Only the Food Pantry for people with AIDS escaped the flames. A firewall separated it from the main building.

Fire inspectors estimated the newspaper. total damage at \$750,000.

"We feel from the evidence we've found so far that a burglary occurred here and somebody probably started the fire to cover his tracks," Capt. Randy Sanders of the Dallas Fire Department told the Dallas Voice, a local gay

Sanders said that investigators had no leads but hoped to find some when they sifted through the wreckage.

Waybourn said that the center had received several threats a few weeks earlier when Dallas gay ac-(Continued on page 2)



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Arson (Continued from page 1)

tivists had loudly protested the remarks of local Judge Jack Hampton. Hampton had said he sentenced two killers lightly be-

cause their victims were gay. Waybourn doubted there was a connection between the threatening phone calls and the arson. He said police had arrested one man for making the calls.

But he added that he wasn't sure whether the fire was set to cover the apparent burglary or the theft was done to cover the real reason for the arson.

The building housed, according to Waybourn, "about 80 percent of all the AIDS services in Dallas."

Lost in the fire were six compressors used in the center's free aerosol pentamidine program, a treatment research library, and the site of an HIV testing clinic.

But most services were able to promptly re-open nearby in new quarters. "If they burned us out in hopes of delaying us, they did-by one hour," said Waybourn.

Offices scheduled to open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, opened at 11 a.m. instead.

He said that the owner of the building has promised to re-build and has asked the gay center to move back in.

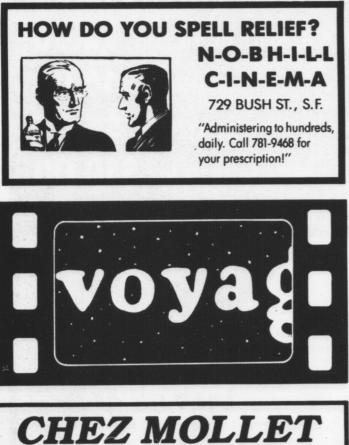
"I'm overwhelmed by the gratitude of the community in pitching in," he said. The center is largely supported through community donations. The Dallas gay community has responded to the fire with instantaneous help.

Waybourn said the fire had not discouraged anyone from helping out. "When we deal with AIDS everyday, the fire is nothing," he said.

Walker (Continued from page 1)

Walker's consideration for the position had been cancelled because of his controversial and homphobic attitudes, as seen in his actions against the late Tom Waddell and the Gay Games producers on behalf of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Wilson has presented his nomination of Walker to Bush, who in turn will now formally submit Walker's name to the U.S. Senate. The Senate has the constitutional obligation to approve all court nominations. The issue will go before the Senate Judiciary Committee for action.





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T.J. Anthony (Photo: S. Savage)

But Walker's appointment is not a foregone conclusion, according to Anthony. "There are several problems with Walker's nomination," he said. "The Senate Judiciary Committee has already heard extensive testimony and documentation which substantiates the points that we make against his nomination."

Anthony pointed out Walker's conduct in prosecuting the Gay Games case and his mistreatment of Waddell by refusing to lift a \$96,000 lien against Waddell's property until the founder of Gay Games died a year later from AIDS

Anthony further elaborated on Walker's flaws, including his membership in the Olympic Club, an organization with a stated policy discriminating against women, racial minorities, people with AIDS, lesbians, gay men. and bisexuals.

Walker previously testified that he had had no experience handling civil rights cases, where the 18-member bench has heard over five such cases in one year.

Walker has also represented only one pro bono client in the course of his 16-year legal career. The no-fee defending of hardship cases has been called by the American Bar Association "an ethical imperative."

"It must be made clearly understood by all the principals who act upon this nomination that the Vaughn Walker who was so reprehensible yesterday is the very same Vaughn Walker whose nomination appears before the Senate today," said Anthony.

The Judiciary Project is not the only opposing force against Walker. Numbered as his opponents are Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, Lawyers for Human Rights, La Raza Lawyers, Black Women Lawyers Association, Coalition for Civil Rights,



(Photo: Tammye Nash

NAACP, National Organization for Women, every lesbian and gay Democratic Club in California, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Without telegraphing too much of his strategy, Anthony said he can reveal plans to approach Sen. Alan Cranston again. Cranston has stated, "I will not support the Vaughn Walker nomnation as long as Mr. Walker maintains his membership in a discriminatory, private club."

Mary Dunlap, civil rights at-torney, said, "I look forward to oining the others who have opposed Walker's nomination throughout, and waging the en-core campaign, which should not be mistaken for a political campaign-it is more specifically a campaign to keep the un-qualified off the bench."

Dunlap further explained, "He is unqualified by reason of lack of ethics and compassion, not to mention his recalcitrant insistence on remaining a member of the Olympic Club when it is such a bastion of discriminatory attitudes."

She sees this renomination as "a test of Pete Wilson's juice, and I hope he turns out to be very much less powerful than he appears."

The Project will wage roots effort to defeat Walker's nomination, asking the Judiciary Committee "to reaffirm its commitment for the rights of justice for all citizens, based on fair play not political payoff," as Anthony put it.

They plan to connect with groups in Washington and other key states where senators serve on the Judiciary Committee. They intend to reactivate their network called upon last time to assure another defeat of Walker and Wilson. Several thousand people will receive a ten-page action alert in the mails.

The Project encouraged concerned citizens to call Sen. Cranston's local office at 556-8440 and urge the senator to recommit himself so Walker will never be on the federal bench.

Anthony warns that the U.S. Supreme Court is increasingly more conservative and unfavorable to the civil rights of gay men and lesbians. He referred to Wilson's other appointee, Judge

John Vucasin who has said. 'homosexuals are perverts and homosexuality is perversion." Vucasin is the same judge who once referred to a litigant as "that faggot."

"If you think we have problems in the state of Texas, take a moment to look at our Northern California bench," cautioned Anthony. "Pete Wilson had his chance to appoint one homophobe to the bench. He isn't entitled to any more."

He added a further warning, "If Pete Wilson becomes governor of California, he will have the power to appoint our state Supreme Court justices, all the state courts in California, our Municipal and Superior Courts, Court of Appeals-and we will lose heavily in that election."



Sen. Pete Wilson (Photo: Rink)

Art Auction For Paws

Nearly 50 artists from all over California will be represented at the Second Annual Art Auction to benefit Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) Saturday, March 11, at Moby Dick, and Sunday, March 12, at the Pilsner Inn, San Francisco, both evenings at 7 p.m.

PAWS provides in-home care, education, and financial aid to People with AIDS and AIDSrelated conditions (ARC) thus allowing them to keep their pets for as long as possible.

by Allen White

Merriam-Webster dictionary.

'Outlook' Celebrates **Its First Birthday**

beyond

tended family."

Elizabeth Birch, co-host and organizations.

"We'd like to stir up production crew," Ong said.

Currently, Outlook is seen in various cities, according to the following schedule: San Francisco, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 8:30 p.m. on cable channel 6; Sacramento, the same day at 6:30 p.m. on cable channel 63; in the East Bay, on the PCTV Cable Network during the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9 p.m. to Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Emeryville, Piedmont, and El Cerrito; Mountain View, every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. on cable channel 30; and in Cupertino/Los Altos at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month on cable channel 30.

Efforts are underway to bring the show to San Jose and Concord within the next month or so. For more information about Outlook, or to become part of the production team, call Wysocki at (408) 293-3135.

Programmed Bigotry

Computer Thesaurus Designed for Name-Calling; To Be Redesigned But Not Pulled Off Shelf

Macy's said this week it will continue to market an electronic thesaurus that spits out words like "fag' and "queer" as synonyms for "homosexual." The product is the Franklin Wordmaster and is keyed off the

SAN JOSE-Outlook, a lesbian and gay videomagazine on local cable television, is celebrating its first anniversary. In February, 1988, a group of lesbians and gay men sponsored by BAYMEC (Bay Area Municipal Election Committee, a lesbian and gay political action committee serving San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties) produced the first Outlook show in the studios of Hearst Cablevision/Channel 30 in Mountain View. Consisting of a news segment, a couple of feature stories, and an interview with the founder of Bay Area Municipal **Elections Committee (BAYMEC)**, the show has grown to include the diversity of the greater Bay Area, with stories of politics, theater, film, music, art, sports, leisure, medicine, and news from Santa Cruz to San Francisco and

Paul Wysocki, Executive Producer and show co-host said recently that Outlook wants more women and people of color to join the production crew. "We'd like to reflect the wide range of people living here in the Bay Area," Wysocki said. He added that the crew "is like a big, ex-

scriptwriter has been trying to obtain funding for the show. Bart Davis and Shulee Ong, the show's co-producers, work with the crew in field production, and are seeking to talk to clubs and

more in terest in Outlook, both by adding viewers, and by increasing our

Last month, Mark White happened across the product on the fifth floor of the San Francisco Macy's store. He noticed that when the word "homosexual" was keyed, several offensive terms immediately emerged.

White continued to check other words in the computer program. He also found that though words like "fag" and "queer" are used, offensive terms appeared for no other ethnic or minority group. He believes that makes the product homophobic.

He then went to the Macy's management and complained. He followed that up with letters to the Franklin Computer Company which manufactures the product.

White was told the product would be redesigned. He was also told it would be at least six months before the new software would be on the market.

White said Macy's management was told the product would be removed from the shelf. But it hasn't been.

Last Sunday, in glowing color, the California Macy's color supplement appeared in newspapers throughout Northern California. On page 28, the product appears. The ad claims the Wordmaster is an electronic thesaurus that returns 470,000 synonyms for 35,000 words. In addition to the advertised version at \$110, there is a more sophisticated version priced at \$300.

At the downtown Macy's store the product is available. Store management has posted a sign stating the product may contain language that could be viewed as offensive, something like the disclaimer on an adult movie shown on television.

A salesperson at the store stated that most of the customers for the product are college or high school students. The woman

Macy's will continue to sell the program. showed no concern when asked about the language contained in the computer. She said the store planned to continue to sell the

product until new Wordmasters arrived next fall. Mark White plans to continue his protest of the product. His letters of concern have been addressed not only to the computer company, but also to Merriam-Webster, the company that publishes the dictionary which is

the source for the program.

White says he has been told that Merriam-Webster plans to make no changes in their dictionary

(Photo: S. Savage

A San Francisco resident, he said he is now considering a gay version of the Wordmaster. After a word like "heterosexual," he said, "we might use words like 'breeder'

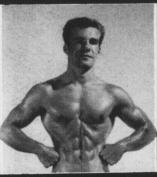
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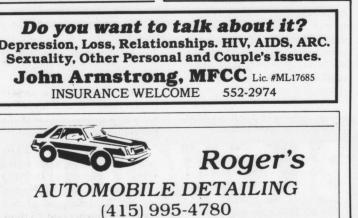
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Kaiser Seeks AIDS Volunteers

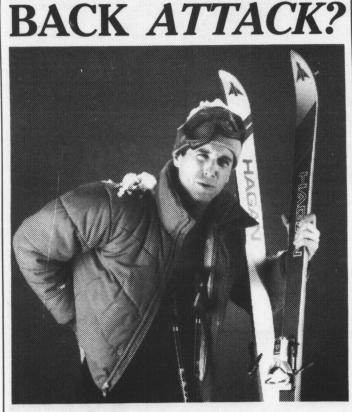
In response to a need for emotional support as well as quality medical care, Kaiser established an AIDS volunteer program to provide support to its hospital pa-tients suffering from AIDS/ARC and their loved ones.

The volunteers are dedicated, caring people who spend at least three hours per week at the hospital visiting AIDS patients and their loved ones. Once each month, the volunteers meet together in a support group. Each prospective AIDS volunteer makes a six-month commitment and receives formal AIDSsensitivity training before beginning as a volunteer.

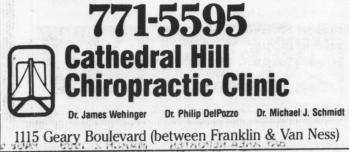
For more information about the program or about becoming an AIDS volunteer, contact Deborah Casado, AIDS Volunteer Coordinator, Social Work Services at 929-4186.



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New Partners Rights Bill Proposed by Attorneys

Proposal by NGRA Called More Inclusive; Looks at Discrimination Rather Than Benefits

by Dennis McMillan

National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) has jumped into the debate over domestic partner benefits. Attorney Leonard Graff has authored a 10-page proposal entitled "Omnibus Fam-ily Equity Ordinance of 1989" as a supplement to Sup. Harry Britt's Domestic Partnerships Ordinance. Britt's message was drafted by ACLU attorney Matt Cole, and is similar to one pro-posed in 1982. Graff said he titled his proposal "omnibus" to refer to the fact that it "provides for many things at once." He said it was his intention to create a much broader version of domestic partnerships.

According to co-author Cyn-thia Goldstein of NGRA, its purpose is to incorporate all the avenues of discrimination that marital status gives rise to. Rather than list benefits for domestic partners, the NGRA proposal would ban unequal treatment for non-married couples.

The new operative phrase in the NGRA draft is "family partnership" rather than the "domestic partner" as used in the Britt proposal. According to NGRA, this is to avoid incorrectly conjuring up the picture of a lomestic "as in maid or janitor."

Section one of Graff and Goldstein's draft states, "In adopting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the diverse family units living within the city and county of San Francisco. These family units include, but are not limited to, lesbian and gay couples and their children, siblings or other blood relativews, married couples, and any other combination of adults and children who function as a family

Although not specifically lookng for churches to approve the document, Goldstein said she realized that the religious element will have a lot to say. "We will take it into consideration but not necessarily concede to it," she said.

When asked whether this NGRA draft was a separate piece of legislation in lieu of the Britt measure, Goldstein said, "We are not looking to be divisive. We just want to generate as many ideas as

She further explained, "We out them in legislative form with ultimate hopes that some ideas would be incorporated into the existing draft."

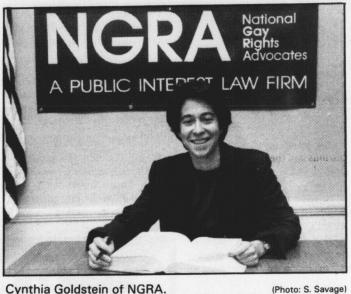
Britt's aide Jean Harris commented, "As far as we're concernd, the piece of legislati going to go before the board is domestic partners that not just Matt Coles but all of us have been working on for ten years."

Harris further added, "If eonard Graff wants to take the important points out of his paper and put it into our legislation, I think that's great, because we are taking input from the Human **Rights Commission and anyone** who has ideas about it."

Goldstein replied, "I think Matt Coles and Harry Britt understand that we're not trying to upstage them in any way-we just want to broaden the scope and have the best possible bill.

"We have every intention of this being Harry's bill," she added

Goldstein pointed out the differences in the NGRA draft. Their intention, she said, is to present a bill against discrimination in general rather than to carve out specific rights for domestic partners. The NGRA version was designed to prevent



In a related development, the

board of directors of the San

Francisco Bar / sociation, which

represents over 8,000 attorneys,

voted Feb. 22 to recommend a

change in state law on marriage

that would open up the possibili-

ty for same-sex couples to get

The group urged that Califor-

nia law be changed to define mar-

riage as a contract between two

persons, not between a man and

a woman as now specified in the

The proposal must yet be ap-

proved by the local bar member-

ship and the state bar associa-

tion. No legislation has yet been

proposed to enact the change.

(Photo: Rink)

married.

statute

Cynthia Goldstein of NGRA.

posal. "It's simple. Any employer that gives benefits to their employees who are married, whatever benefits their spouses partners are to receive."

The Graff/Goldstein measure, said Goldstein, emphasizes business establishments and educational institutions. As an example of the former, Goldstein pointed out that under this legislation, a local gym could not offer special discounts to married couples that were not available to unmarried couples.

An example of the latter would be the spouse of a married student being allowed access to the college library to the exclusion of the unmarried partner of a student at the same school.

Both versions of domestic partners legislation face similar challenges in that state laws concerning employment and housing allow the state the right to determine if discrimination is involved. As Goldstein said, "We as a city cannot tell private employers to offer the same benefits to unmarried couples."

The exception is in respect to city contracts. If the city hires an architect, for instance, it can require that there is no marital discrimination.

"Currently in the city administrative code there is no discrimination allowed based on AIDS/ARC. It is our intention to extend that to marital status,' Goldstein said.

One big difference in the NGRA version, she said, is that it allows people to have official expression of their commitment but does not tie that to the giving or denying of benefits.

Explaining the need for at least one other proposal, Goldstein commented, "San Francisco will be a real role model for other cities around the country, so we need to go as far as we can to set outside limits of what people are entitled to in family partnerships."

by Allen White

Planters got 534.

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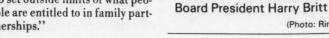
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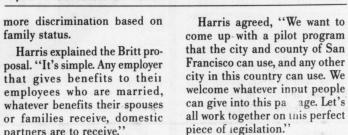
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Coronation 1989

Coletti, Montclaire Crowned Royalty In Glittering Pageant at GiftCenter

Jerry Coletti and Pat Montclaire are the new **Emperor and Empress of** San Francisco. The announcement came at Coronation 1989, last Saturday night at the GiftCenter Pavilion. The final vote tally in the Emperor contest was 748 votes for Coletti with his challenger Stanley Boyd receiving 580. In the Empress voting Pat Montclaire received 798 and Phoebe

The campaign by Jerry Coletti and Pat Montclaire was the most expensive in the 24-year history of the event. The exact dollar figure is unknown though the amount is known to run into the tens of thousands of dollars.

The focus on money had been obvious and the thousands being spent became a subject that had taken on a life of its own. Coletti used a full page ad in the Coronation program to state his position. "They'll all say you just want to buy it; but that isn't true, there are great works to do and

For the last several months leading up to the voting, there had been an outpouring of glitz and glamour not seen in the city in recent years. It took the form of lavishly dressed drag queens being sported from location to location in a fleet of limousines

New Empress Pat Montclaire commented, "I don't think there is anything wrong with spending money on something like this. We raise a lot for AIDS and other things in this community. I think we have to realize there are people living and we have to celebrate the living. And I can say that because I have raised thousands of dollars for people who are dying. We need to do that. We plan to raise \$100,000 next year for AIDS."

The announcement of the winners was made at midnight, at the conclusion of a five-hour show. Throughout the evening, a predicted Coletti/Montclaire victory became more of a hedged bet than a certainty.

The reason was the strong audience reception to the appearances of Phoebe Planters and Stanley Boyd. The reception for Phoebe Planters was, in fact, so loud and enthusiastic that event organizers became ner-

For Phoebe Planters, the challenge she and Stanley Boyd mounted was personally satisfy ing. She said, "Win, lose or draw, tonight is my night. More importantly, tonight is the night for my committee. I told them right from the start, it is not about electing me Empress of San Francisco. It was about the camaraderie that the courts should generate."



New Empress Pat Montclaire and Emperor Jerry Coletti with out-going Empress Lily Street and (Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics) **Emperor Steven Rascher**

She continued, "I ran the campaign for Empress that I have always wanted to run. My volunteers were always there. I never had to call them, they called me to say 'what can I do to help.' " The coronation event was in-

novative and creative. Everything was keyed to telephones.

A working telephone network was installed on the main floor of the GiftCenter. Anyone could pick up a phone and call 13 and the Empress answered; dial 12 and the Emperor answered.

Dial another number and the Emperor of Alaska was on the phone. A call to extension 83 and **District Attorney Investigator** Ron Huberman answered.

Bella, the city's second Empress, was not available for telephone calls, choosing instead to stand at the bar. She noted, "I come from a rural area, we had party lines. That's why I have been so interested in party lines, if you know what I mean."

The actual program for the event was a parody on the yellow page section of the phone book. The cover was titled, "Imperial Bell, NOT SO SMART Yellow Pages." Inside the pages were in yellow with the centerfold providing the evening's program.

These events attract people from all over the Western United States. The new Emperor was present from Alaska. Empress Tuki and Emperor Dan Kealoha brought their entire court to San Francisco from Honolulu.

Cassie Holiday, the Empress of Fresno said, "We all think of San Francisco as the capital of the gay community."

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'Miss Daisy' Star Joins Cable Cars For The Awards Ceremony

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Each year, the Cable Car Awards honor contributions by and for the lesbian and gay community. The show is in its 15th year and is the largest of its kind

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Each year, nominations are made by selected committees. In some instances, the nominations are made by the Board of Directors. The board then votes on all the nominations. Many of the winners are determined by a public vote. As people enter the award presentation they are given ballots to vote in over half the

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Bob Sandner, the popular cabaret pianist, is also part of the entertainment lineup.

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"No Way!" he screamed at us! He was adamant that we had to go back out into the rain and cold to wait to enter the empty theater lobby.

David and I said we wouldn't wait outside, and each got our \$6 refunded. The queen manager acted ruffled and haughty and said, "I don't care if you get your money back, you're not waiting inside!' Six other people waiting to get into the theater

Needless to say, we were outraged by the lack of concern and sensitivity shown us by this person at

We suggest that all people with AIDS and those concerned about us refuse to patronize the Vogue Theater in future, remembering the kindness and consideration shown us on a cold rainy evening by the management of that establishment.

It frankly looked like a little man having a tyrannical power trip in his little empire, exercising undue authority in a situation where none was

Justin Marks

San Francisco

Action

The following was sent to Pres. George Bush:

I strongly urge you to contact Mr. McDonald directly over the issue and to heed his demand that you publicly commit yourself to the sponsorship or support of comprehensive federal legislation which would prohibit discrimination in at least employment and housing against gay and lesbian Americans and against Americans with AIDS, ARC, or HIV positivity. I, myself, have been a victim of one of these types

Time is of the essence. Mr. McDonald's hunger strike calls attention to the fact that action is needed immediately. Mr. McDonald is now in the 46th day of his strike in which he has already lost 55 pounds. On Feb. 15, he told me that he is down to "skin and bones" and cannot afford to lose anymore weight. Let us remember that Mr. McDonald is already ill with ARC, so his loss of weight further compounds

The legislation Mr. McDonald and I and many. many other Americans want and need has had the support of several congressmen and requires your support. Do so now or expect to face an American public angered over your lack of compassion and principle.

As a fellow American taxpayer I urgently request and demand action by you to meet these crucial needs.

> **Richard M. Beilke** San Francisco

We'll Keep Your Secrets

The following was sent to Time magazine.

* Referring to your cover article on Moscow Station, as well as the countless similar instances where heterosexual indiscretions have compromised our nation's secrets, will it never occur to the policy makers who decide such things that our country's sensitive information would likely be far safer if it were entrusted exclusively to upfront lesbians and gay men?

Despite widespread fears of it possibly happening, such people, I believe, have never contributed to the security breaches that heterosexual persons seem to be rather continuously involved in. Our government, rather than recognizing this and acting appropriately on it, instead expends vast taxpayer sums to root out and remove gay people, not only from sensitive areas, but also from almost all branches of government and our armed forces where gay people have chosen to serve their country.

What continuing losses to our nation such misguided, homophobic policies have created!

> Jose Santoyo San Francisco

Thanks

* We at Performing Arts Services and the STBS ticket booth were pleased and surprised to be nominated for a Cable Car Award for our food drive to benefit the San Francisco AIDS Foundation Food Bank. One doesn't think of awards when putting together such events, and we're very proud to be in such good company.

Regardless of the outcome of the voting on March 4. we would again like to thank Cary Norsworthy of the Food Bank, the theaters and arts groups that participated, and the people who responded so generously by bringing canned goods to performances in February of last year. Thank you, also to the board of the Cable Car Awards for their nomination.

See you on March 4!

Dan Goldes, Marketing Performing Arts Services, Inc.

Right Thing to Do

The following was sent to Gov. George Deukmejian:

* It is shocking and disturbing that a citizen of this state, Stuart McDonald, must go on a hunger strike in the tradition of Gandhi to bring attention to the fact that people with AIDS need legal protection from discrimination. I beseech you to search your heart for some compassion for the thousands of people of this state who have died from AIDS and the thousands more who are living with AIDS today.

The life of McDonald is in your hands. With everything we know about AIDS today, I can see no cation or reason for your co to AIDS discrimination legislation. You are the governor of all Californians. It is not too late to take a leadership role in the fight against AIDS. You can save the life of Stuart McDonald. It is the right thing to do.

> **Derrick A. Tynan-Connolly** San Francisco

A Hard Job

★ I would like to thank the officers from Northern Station who responded on 25 Jan. '89 to an incident at Polk and Pine at 12:30 a.m.

While walking home I was "bashed" by a young man and his girlfriend. This is the fifth time I have been "bashed" and I decided to fight back. I received a stab wound to my wrist.

The officers responded quickly and were very professional in their behavior and their treatment of me and my friend.

I hear so many bad things about the officers from Northern Station that I thought thanks were due for a job well done. It's a hard job they do and I for one am damn glad they are there.

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From his tyrannical manner, he appeared to be the manager on duty. David and I told him we had AIDS, that we were tired and cold and that it was raining out. Why couldn't we just quietly and unobtrusively stand in the lobby for ten or fifteen minutes waiting

"No Way!" he screamed at us! He was adamant that we had to go back out into the rain and cold to wait to enter the empty theater lobby.

David and I said we wouldn't wait outside, and each got our \$6 refunded. The queen manager acted ruffled and haughty and said, "I don't care if you get your money back, you're not waiting inside!" Six other people waiting to get into the theater observed this interaction and decided not to buy

Needless to say, we were outraged by the lack of concern and sensitivity shown us by this person at

We suggest that all people with AIDS and those concerned about us refuse to patronize the Vogue Theater in future, remembering the kindness and consideration shown us on a cold rainy evening by the management of that establishment.

It frankly looked like a little man having a tyrannical power trip in his little empire, exercising undue authority in a situation where none was

> **Justin Marks** San Francisco

Action

The following was sent to Pres. George Bush:

★ I have learned from the radio and press that Stuart A. McDonald of San Francisco plans to continue his hunger strike until death if necessary to bring you to the realization that the everyday discrimination which oppresses gay people and people (gay or nongay) with AIDS, ARC, or those who are HIV positive, is a matter of life and death.

I strongly urge you to contact Mr. McDonald directly over the issue and to heed his demand that you publicly commit yourself to the sponsorship or support of comprehensive federal legislation which would prohibit discrimination in at least employment and housing against gay and lesbian Americans and against Americans with AIDS, ARC, or HIV positivity. I, myself, have been a victim of one of these types of discrimination.

Time is of the essence. Mr. McDonald's hunger strike calls attention to the fact that action is needed immediately. Mr. McDonald is now in the 46th day of his strike in which he has already lost 55 pounds. On Feb. 15, he told me that he is down to "skin and bones" and cannot afford to lose anymore weight. Let us remember that Mr. McDonald is already ill with ARC, so his loss of weight further compounds

The legislation Mr. McDonald and I and many, many other Americans want and need has had the support of several congressmen and requires your support. Do so now or expect to face an American public angered over your lack of compassion and principle

As a fellow American taxpayer I urgently request and demand action by you to meet these crucial needs.

> Richard M. Beilke San Francisco

We'll Keep Your Secrets

The following was sent to Time magazine.

* Referring to your cover article on Moscow Station, as well as the countless similar instances where heterosexual indiscretions have compromised our nation's secrets, will it never occur to the policy makers who decide such things that our country's sensitive information would likely be far safer if it were entrusted exclusively to upfront lesbians and gay men?

Despite widespread fears of it possibly happening, such people, I believe, have never contributed to the security breaches that heterosexual persons seem to be rather continuously involved in. Our government, rather than recognizing this and acting appropriately on it, instead expends vast taxpayer sums to root out and remove gay people, not only from sensitive areas, but also from almost all branches of government and our armed forces where gay people have chosen to serve their country

What continuing losses to our nation such misguided, homophobic policies have created!

> Jose Santoyo San Francisco

Thanks

★ We at Performing Arts Services and the STBS ticket booth were pleased and surprised to be nominated for a Cable Car Award for our food drive to benefit the San Francisco AIDS Foundation Food Bank. One doesn't think of awards when putting together such events, and we're very proud to be in such good company.

Regardless of the outcome of the voting on March 4, we would again like to thank Cary Norsworthy of the Food Bank, the theaters and arts groups that participated, and the people who responded so generously by bringing canned goods to performances in February of last year. Thank you, also to the board of the Cable Car Awards for their nomination

See you on March 4!

Dan Goldes, Marketing **Performing Arts Services, Inc**

Right Thing to Do

The following was sent to Gov. George Deukmejian.

★ It is shocking and disturbing that a citizen of this state, Stuart McDonald, must go on a hunger strike in the tradition of Gandhi to bring attention to the fact that people with AIDS need legal protection from discrimination. I beseech you to search your heart for some compassion for the thousands of people of this state who have died from AIDS and the thousands more who are living with AIDS today.

The life of McDonald is in your hands. With everything we know about AIDS today, I can see no stification or reason for your continued opposition to AIDS discrimination legislation. You are the governor of all Californians. It is not too late to take a leadership role in the fight against AIDS. You can save the life of Stuart McDonald. It is the right thing

> **Derrick A. Tynan-Connolly** San Francisco

A Hard Job

★ I would like to thank the officers from Northern Station who responded on 25 Jan. '89 to an incident at Polk and Pine at 12:30 a.m.

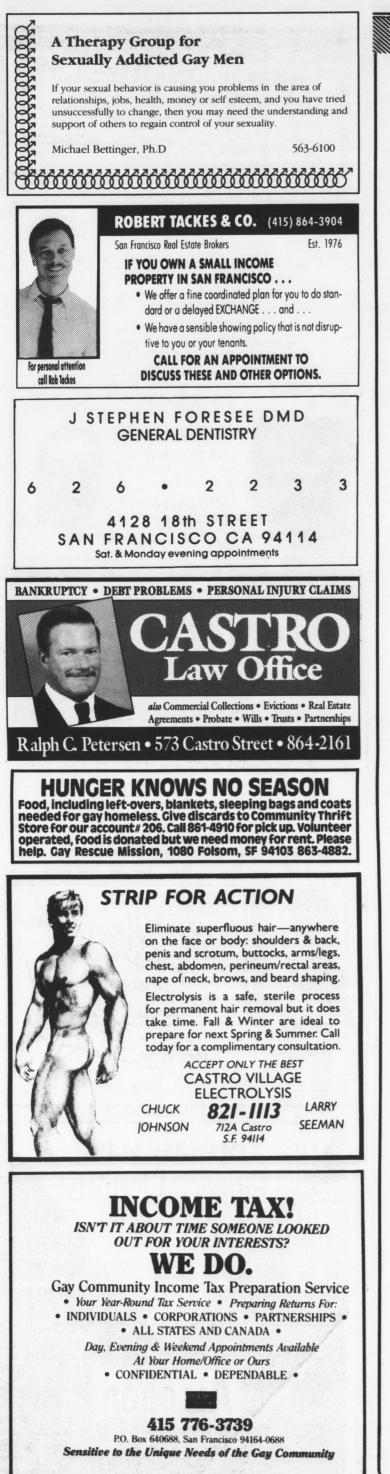
While walking home I was "bashed" by a young man and his girlfriend. This is the fifth time I have been "bashed" and I decided to fight back. I received a stab wound to my wrist.

The officers responded quickly and were very professional in their behavior and their treatment of me and my friend

I hear so many bad things about the officers from Northern Station that I thought thanks were due for a job well done. It's a hard job they do and I for one am damn glad they are there.

> R. Marchu San Francisco





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Honoring Congresswomen

* Mobilization Against AIDS is pleased to present our first annual Congressional Representative of the Year Award to both Congresswoman Barbara Boxer and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. These awards are intended to honor federal elected officials who have been champions in the fight against AIDS in a given year.

Congresswoman Barbara Boxer has long been one of Congress' most effective leaders on AIDS. In recent years she has used her position as chair of the AIDS Task Force of the House Budget Committee to lead the fight for increased funding.

Year after year she has found ways to help increase AIDS funding, sometimes by nearly 100 percent above the administration's request. During these years when many government programs have been reduced, she has led the fight to increase funding for AIDS treatment, education and patient care. Her position on the budget committee often set the tone for the AIDS funding debate that followed and created an atmosphere in which increased funding could ultimately be obtained.

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi began her term in Congress by taking dramatic action on AIDS. Her questioning of National Institute of Health AIDS chief Anthony Fauci generated what was perhaps the clearest documentation to date of the government's failure on AIDS. Further, she has played the leadership role in the creation of federal HIV early treatment centers, which will ultimately be vital in conquering AIDS. In both quiet cloakroom debate and on the floor of the House of Representatives hers was a voice heard eloquently speaking for greater government action on AIDS.

In addition, both congresswomen have joined in defeating numerous scurrilous attacks on the civil rights of people with AIDS both in Congress and on the ballot in California. It is our great privilege to present Mobilization Against AIDS' first Congressional Representative of the Year Award to both Barbara Boxer and Nancy Pelosi.

> **Paul Boneberg Director**, Mobilization Against AIDS

Correct Error

The following was sent to Mayor Art Agnos

* I am the divorced father of three healthy, happy and very accomplished teenage children. No drugs, no alcohol or sex problems. It has taken a great deal of effort, love and understanding for me to raise them since I am gay. There are also six generations of my family around the San Francisco Bay Area.

We are all gravely concerned about your appointment of Father Peter Sammon to the Human Rights Commission as well as the make-up of your AIDS panel. We have no personal complaint about the integrity, morals and values nor the degree of honesty and fairness the Father expresses. We cannot, however, sit back and let this appointment do the community and himself an injustice. His action on that commission, no matter how honorable in intent, would make him a hypocrite. His decisions and actions are controlled by the Vatican, not by the merits, values and evidence presented by each individual case before the commis

The commission needs to fairly and equally represent the multi-faceted cross-section of our great and diverse city. You must in all fairness appoint a member of the gay and lesbian oriented clergy to balance the commission, or at the very least a member selected by the Council of Churches who does not have fundamental theological or doctrinal opposition to homosexuality as an alternate, although very responsible, lifestyle.

For ourselves, our children and our community, we thank you for your time and consideration to correct this error.

> Jay Carr, for five others San Francisco

Don't Do That

The following was sent to the Director of Programming, American Broadcasting Company in Los Angeles.

* I am writing to inform you of (as well as to pro test) the fact that your San Francisco affiliate, KGO-TV, has on two occasions pre-empted your show, Heartbeat, in favor of a local news program. On neither occasion has KGO rescheduled the episode of Heartbeat. This morning, when I called the programming department of KGO to inquire whether and when it planned to air tonight's cancelled episode, I was told that, "We don't do that," and was then put on hold for an indefinite period.

It is puzzling to me that a station which (one would suspect) hopes to succeed in the ratings would "pull" a program in a market for which it would seem tailor-

made. The San Francisco Bay Area has a large and active women's and lesbian community, and a show such as Heartbeat, with its portrayals of strong, successful women (not to mention prime-time television's only featured lesbian character), provides us with role models we rarely see in the mainstream media.

Of course, it is the prerogative of a local station to air whatever it chooses, and the practice of substituting local programming for network shows is common in the Bay Area. However, it is also common for the pre-empted programs to be shown at another time (even if that time is on Sunday afternoon, or in the pre-dawn hours) for the benefit of the show's fans. But it was when I pointed out this practice to the KGO programmer that I was told "We don't do that.'

Heartbeat is an innovative show which assumes that its viewers are intelligent and progressive people, and it deserves every chance to be a success. Unfortunately, it seems to have very few chances in San Francisco, since it is the property of an affiliate which somehow believes that a television station can survive without taking its viewers into account.

> Kate Brandt San Francisco

Priorities

* I hope Mayor Agnos has read the SF Chronicle headlines: "Crack's Incredible Cost to S.F.-S.F. Risks Financial Ruin from Crack Cocaine Invasion.

On Feb. 20, I witnessed a plainclothes police officer arrest two people at Land's End here in San Francisco. I overheard his questioning of having 'identification" on hand.

Considering the deplorable drug problems plaguing the Bay Area, I find it an insult to the San Francisco taxpayers that City Hall would use scarce police resources to harass people at Land's End, while at the same time drugs and auto theft are destroying the quality of life here in the Bay Area. I would hope that Mayor Agnos will shift his priorities to rid this city of drugs, graffiti, etc.

> **Glen Reid** San Francisco

Pro-Gay; Anti-Abortion

* In his piece of Feb. 23, Mike Hippler quotes T.J. Anthony of Men Who Care About Women's Lives concerning abortion: "There is no other issue at the moment that can cause us (gay women and men) more harm in our struggle to expand the right of privacy than the potential loss of Roe vs. Wade." He then goes on to equate, absolutely, without any qualifications, pro-lifers on the abortion issue with "the right wing."

Although T.J. Anthony's analysis is probably held by most gay women and men, I think this connection between gay rights and Roe vs. Wade smacks of demagoguery.

I hope that many pro-choice advocates on abortion are able to understand, even if they do not endorse, that many women and men, both gay and non-gay, oppose abortion on demand because their consciences necessarily led them to conclude that. except for particular exceptions, the willful termination of a human fetus is philosophically a profound social evil.

As gay women and men we should take a lifesustaining approach to all social questions: the termination of capital punishment, the decriminalization of prostitution, the legalization of recreational drug use (so the excessive greed for profits will evaporate and so drug addicts will not become recruiters of drug users to finance their drug dependency), and the elimination of the psychological violence of racism, of sexism, or ageism, and of homoerotophobia.

American society needs to teach non-sexist principles and attitudes to female and male elementary school children, so the burden of unwanted pregnancy will cease falling exclusively upon women.

Finally, gay rights needs to stand solidly on a foundation of social justice for all-and that includes the unborn child's right for post-birth life.

> **James F. Gibbons** San Leandro

Kinder, Gentler City

* I have appreciated the coverage in your paper concerning the need for one or more gay, lesbian or bisexual religious leaders to be appointed to the mayor's AIDS Task Force.

Allen White's articles have been helpful and thorough.

I hope you will continue exerting pressure on Mayor Art Agnos to fulfill his responsibilities to help make this a kinder and gentler city.

> Don Helm San Francisco

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concerns me. In a recent letter I protested that nominations for Cable Car Awards are not given to non-gay performers as a matter of policy, when in fact some of our favorite entertainers (usually women) are straight but perform to an almost totally gay following. I felt that performers like Katibelle Collins and Sandy Van have earned the nomination, and are a real part of our community no matter what their sexual preference.

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Nothing But Trouble

The following was sent to Sup. Harry Britt.

* As a member of the gay community, I am very concerned about the domestic partners legislation. To me it looks like the blind leading the blind. Why are we trying to imitate the straight world that has fail-

Also being a "member" of the Democratic Socialists I would also like to remind you that the basis of Socialist thought treats every person as an individual, created equal and equally responsible for himself/herself. It is the "Christian," male supremacist [sexist] ideology which created the institution of "marriage." Spousal benefits were instated because, as I see it, this was another way to keep the women at home; as being "kept," they would have no excuse to go "out."

I think it's a big mistake in the making. I see no benefits in the artificial security created by institutionalizing "relationships." I see nothing but trouble. If we want justice and equality for all people, we should be working to break down the institutions/ attitudes/ideas that have created this segregated society-not reinforce them.

> Jim Boeger San Francisco

Party On

* The phenomenal success of last weekend's Star Party (tribute to Sylvester) at the Galleria should prove to the city's would-be party producers that it is still possible to throw an excellent mega-party without the problems that have plagued most of the last

Specifically, all involved with planning the Galleria event deserve thanks for providing: • Advance publicity sufficient to ensure ticket

• A theme we could all get excited about. • A well-ventilated, well-decorated space, sized to

accommodate the crowd. • A dance floor made of wood, not tile.

• A skilled DJ with a sense of what people really

• A quality sound system that worked all of the

• Ample restroom facilities.

· Reasonably priced drinks and adequately staffed

• Video with a purpose.

• Entertainers that showed up on time and performed at their peak. • Open participation by a representative of the city

government, in conformity with the celebratory spirit

All of this cannot have required appreciably more work than was expected of the producers of, say, the Market Plaza or Angela Bofill fiascos. If all party entrepreneurs took as much interest in their events as Camillo, Varda, and Vukas apparently do, we would not be stuck with our current reputation as the city that used to know how.

> **Peter Almanetti** San Francisco

Irregular

* I'd like to respond to three letters in the last issue-two addressed to me and one which directly

In response, Bob Cramer and Hydie Downard (Cable Car co-chairs) pointed out that the Cable Cars are, first and foremost, intended to honor lesbians and gay men. Fair enough-it's their party and they make the rules. (But they also cited several exceptions they've made.)

Finally, they mentioned that I'm a member of the Cable Car Awards Entertainment Committee-news to me. I've never been solicited to serve on such a committee and I've never consented to the use of my name in that context. The extent of my participation has been to volunteer a few names of popular performers when called on the telephone and asked to do so. But yesterday's mail brought a "voting ballot" listing a dozen names as the voters (mine among them), and two of the names were women.

A couple of quick phone calls to people I knew on the list confirmed that they were as surprised as I,

not having been invited nor having agreed to be part of such a committee. So I have to suspect that this "committee" was quickly put together after I said I'd heard there were no women on the committee. I'm honored to be asked, and I did fill out and mail the ballot, but I find the approach somewhat irregular.

The second letter was a lengthy, spirited piece from Chris Pucinelli accusing me of not doing my homework and putting out misinformation-also implying that I was disgruntled because some favorite of mine wasn't nominated. The first two items are addressed above. As to the third, Chris missed my point. I don't much care who's nominated (or wins) the Cable Car Awards. I merely challenged the criteria for eligibility, and I still do. I do respect the Cable Car Awards, and I do take them seriously in some ways (if I didn't, I wouldn't have filled out and returned the ballot). But I'll continue to be critical of procedures for determining nominees and winners till I feel it's being done right.

Now on to a letter from a Brian H. Roberts, criticizing the lavish campaigns of Jerry Coletti and Pat Montclaire and suggesting the need for a monetary accounting. Mr. Roberts, one need only account for money spent when spending someone else's. Coletti is spending his own, and therefore need answer to no one. You said "several thousand" was spent. I believe it was well over \$50,000 and that isn't your business or mine.

You also point out that the money "could have helped the homeless in our community, or those with AIDS who can't afford medical care." Coletti has donated-and continues to-more in those areas than you and I and all our friends put together will ever be able to afford to. Should we really envy him the attendant publicity? And if his pockets are so big he still has money left over to spend on an "ego-trip" doesn't he have that right?

The comment to which I objected most strongly was: "Colleti is always doing fundraisers at his restaurant-one should ask how much he makes off the bar and food ... 'I am personally responsible for arranging those fundraisers, so I can answer the question: Nothing. Coletti has never done a benefit without providing a stipend to every performer involved (some of them donate it back, but that's their option).

He also advertises extensively to be sure the fundraiser raises funds. The costs involved have always been far greater than the food and bar profits, and none of those costs are ever taken off the top of the total donations. In fact, Jerry always adds substantially to the total figure raised.

It's his way-one of several ways-of giving back to the community that supports him. Coletti's generous and constant support wherever money is needed within our community can easily be confirmed by talking with the directors of Shanti Project. **Open Hand, AIDS Emergency Fund, Coming Home** Hospice, MCC Rest Stop and the Lesbian/Gay Chorus to name a few-he also sponsors a half-dozen gay sports teams.

> **Gary Menger** San Francisco

Safer Alternative

* As much as I like Hank Wilson personally, I cannot join him in his glee that poppers have been banned nationally. After the initial flurry of poorly performed and irrelevant animal studies suggested correlations between popper use and AIDS, larger and better designed studies failed to show clinical correlations in humans, even for Kaposi's sarcoma. The Public Health Service has this data, but negative findings are frequently not published.

And look at the alternatives. Many in the pre-AIDS area found they liked "recreational drugs" and find it difficult to abandon them totally. Nitrous oxide and ethyl chloride are significant somatic toxins, highly dangerous even in modest amounts. If some, now deprived of the relatively safe and short acting "high" of poppers, shift to these drugs or amphetamines, LSD, cocaine, or other heavy duty drugs, we will see far more toxicity than poppers could possibly produce.

Many issues boil down to the lesser of evils. Amyl and even butyl nitrites are certainly safer alternatives for those who will, regardless of what authorities say, use some drug(s) for enhancing their sexual activities.

> W. L. Warner, M.D. San Francisco

Community Effort

* We would like to express our sincere thanks to the people who participated in The New Belle auction for Pauline Jan. 15.

It was a complete community effort that proved very successful. Thank all of you for your hard work, your generosity, and most of all for the spirit and goodwill exhibited by each of you.

> The Staff of The New Belle & Aunt Charlie's Lounge



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Wayne Friday

Making Concessions To Reality

hen the California Dem-ocrats and Republicans held their recent back-toback state conventions in Sacramento, observers got a close look at two different, but similar parties. With Republican Gov. George Deukmejian deciding to retire after two terms, the state GOP is nervous about holding onto the governor's mansion next year, even with a seemingly united party behind Sen. Pete Wilson, the expected Republican governor nominee. The two "stars" of the recent conventions were Jerry Brown and Pete Wilson, who met in a U.S. Senate contest in 1982. Eight years later the two are in fact the real leaders of their respective political par-

Those who observed Jerry Brown recently say the new chair of the Democratic party has changed. Supposedly, he is less impatient with politics, is more willing to listen, and for the first time in memory of most Democrats, the former governor actually seems genuinely to care about the people around him. For his part, the former governor-turnedpolitical operative says he will



Former Gov. Jerry Brown addressed the BALIF dinner. (Photo: Rink)

keep to schedules, pay attention to the concerns and ideas of other Democrats, and says he actually plans to "make certain essions to reality."

As for the new darling of the Republican party, Pete Wilson, his speech to the Sacramento convention clearly distanced him from the likes of conservative

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George Deukmejian. While Deukmejian's two-term governorship always seemed to highlight crime ("Our tough-oncrime policies have been highly successful in putting lawbreakers behind bars," he boasted in his speech last week to GOP convention-goers), Wilson suggested that he would run for governor on an agenda that seemed to emphasize more quality-of-life issues.

Wilson told Republicans that they must tackle the problems of AIDS, transportation, health care, child care, clean air and water, and the likes. Sen. Wilson used words like "innovative" and "aggressive," terms seldom, if ever, used by George Deukmejian. Wilson proclaimed that the GOP must now stand as the party that believes "environmental health and economic health are mutually dependent, not mutualv exclusive

Few Republicans at the state convention missed the sharp transition in tone from the outgoing conservative Deukmejian to the incoming GOP gubernatorial frontrunner

Just as the state Republicans were turning to the moderate and popular Pete Wilson to strengthen their party in next year's election, Democrats turned to former Gov. Jerry Brown hoping that the Brown magic and excitement could re-capture the imagination of those California Democrats who have voted Republican in recent years. Though Jerry Brown has said that he will run for no office during 1990 or 1992, many think he is definitely focused on a return to elective politics.

He was hailing his new posi tion as state chair as being the head of Democrats because "it is my job to help mobilize the millions and millions of nonvoters, and that's what I intend to

emocrats have a fight on their hands for the governor's nomination between Attorney General John Van de Kamp, former Mayor Dianne Feinstein, and probably Controller Gray Davis. Republicans probably will have clear sailing for their nomination with Wilson.

Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, a career political hack if ever there was one, will run again for lieutenant governor. Secretary of State March Fong Eu will run again for secretary of state next year. San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith will fight it out with L.A. District Attorney Ira Reiner for the Demo nomination for attorney-general.

Former Rep. Dan Lungren and U.S. Attorney Joseph Russoniello will probably run for AG on the GOP side. Kathleen Brown, sister of former Gov. Jerry Brown, and a member of the L.A. Board of Public Works, will seek the Democratic nod for state treasurer against GOP incumbent Tom Hayes. State Sup. of Public Instruction Bill Honig should easily win another term. Sen. Alan **Robbins**, Assemblymember Tom Hayden and Board of Equalization member Conway Collis will no doubt battle for the Democratic nomination for the newly-created state post of insurance commissioner to run against GOP incumbent Roxani Gillespie.

There will be plenty of jobs for the highly paid and highly touted



Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson.

political consultants in California's 1990 election.

One of those closest to Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy says that his decision to forsake a run for governor and endorse John Van de Kamp instead stems in part from a plan the lieutenant governor has to deal a blow to the gubernatorial hopes of Dianne Feinstein. McCarthy, who has run for one office or another for the past 25 years, is still annoyed at Feinstein because she never did endorse him in his challenge to Sen. Pete Wilson in last year's Senate race.

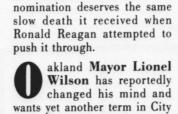
Feinstein, in fact, praised Wilson on occasion, in part because of the senator's efforts to make San Francisco the home port of the battleship Missouri. McCarthy's tactic could backfire, however, since some political strategists think his decision could benefit Feinstein because both she and McCarthy draw from the same San Francisco Bay Area political base.

Last year's U.S. Senate race between Wilson and McCarthy, incidentally, cost the two candidates a total of \$20 million. Actress Elizabeth Taylor was

honored by hundreds attending a dinner Sunday night in Palm Springs. Taylor was awarded the America's Hope Award for her work against AIDS and for other organizations at a \$2,500 per person dinner that helped raise funds for AmFAR, her AIDS research organization.

Speaking of fundraisers, Jerry Brown's famous '74 Plymouth went on the block at an auction (Continued on next page,





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old clunker brought.

Monday night to benefit the

Crippled Children's Society at

the San Jose Exhibition, but no

reports at press time on what the

The Bush administration has

decided to renominate San Fran-

cisco lawyer Vaughn Walker to

the federal bench and his

wants yet another term in City Hall. Gay and lesbian activists in that city who prefer either Councilman Wilson Riles Jr. or **Assemblyman Elihue Harris** for the job aren't happy with the mayor's apparent change-ofmind.

Political offspring: Kim Cranston, the son of Sen. Alan Cranston will seek the Democratic nod for controller if Gray Davis runs for governor.

And in L.A., Secretary of State March Fong Eu's son, Matthew congress-as a Republicanagainst incument Democrat Rep. Ed Roybal.

Meanwhile in Washington, the George Bush administration about this administration."



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Canada Releases Drugs For Experimental Use

Only Doctor's Signature Needed for Access



by Rex Wockner

In a major victory for those with HIV, the Canadian government has decided that all experimental AIDS drugs will be available to any doctor in Canada who wants them. Health and Welfare Canada's Health **Protection Branch of** Bureau of Human Prescription Drugs (BHPD) announced the news on Feb. 2, acknowledging that AIDS activists and the media had convinced them it was the right thing to do.

Utilizing Canada's Emergency Drug Release Program, a doctor now need merely ask to receive any unmarketed drug being developed or tested by any drug company anywhere in the world. If the company agrees to provide the substance, it may charge what it wishes.

"We've always said these drugs could be released with just the stroke of the pen," Toronto AIDS doctor Michael Hulton told Xtra! "It's just that now the Health Protection Branch appears to be exercising their discretionary power in our favor, rather than against us."

Dr. Michelle Brill-Edwards of the BHPD said the change in Canadian regulations was the result of "evolution" in the past year sparked by complaints of non-access to AIDS treatments.

She also said BHPD was embarrassed by a news report on Canadian Broadcasting Corporation TV "in which it appeared that a request for dextran sulphate was refused by one of our staff persons out of hand. It was most disconcerting for us to see (this) report on the CBC journal," Brill-Edwards said.

For AIDS Action Now!, a Toronto ACT UP-style group which has fought for access to drugs, the February announcement is a significant victory. But AAN chair Tim McCaskell says there is still much to be done.

"They've unlocked a door but there's still no proactive government agency facilitating the wider use of AIDS treatments," McCaskell said in a phone interview. "They have a bureaucracy for research, one for stopping the spread, but nobody to see that the best possible treatments are available to people. So, if you're aware of something and if your doctor understands it, then, yes, the government will no longer block that for you. But that's a long way from doctors across the country being aware of what's out

McCaskell added that as far as he understands the Canadian socialized health care system, there is nothing to stop Americans from gaining access to the experimental drugs through Canadian doctors.

"You'll have to pay to go to the doctor, which we don't.' McCaskell said, "but the doctor only has to provide a patient's initials, birthdate and diagnosis to Ottawa. There's nothing to stop a PWA in Detroit from going to

McCaskell says Canadian activists will now focus their energy on improved coordination of AIDS treatments, while continuing their opposition to placebo studies. Although, McCaskell added, "who would participate in a placebo study anymore? **V**

NGLTF Seeks Board Members

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) invites in-terested activists to consider ser-terested activists to consider serving on its 24-member board of All NGLTF Board members directors. The NGLTF board is make a commitment to raise at elected by all Task Force mem- least \$1,500 a year for the organbers during elections held in ization; to attend quarterly board August and September of each meetings held around the coun-year. Any member of the National try; and to work with board and Gay & Lesbian Task Force is eli- staff on a variety of projects. gible to serve on the board. Approximately eight seats will be open for election this year.

the financial management of the 1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, Task Force, and is actively involv- DC 20009. An application form ed in long-term planning and set- will be sent to interested persons ting policy directions for the or- and further contact made to the ganization. NGLTF's board is candidates by the Nominations committed by its by-laws to reflect Committee.

All persons interested in the positions should send a letter and resume to NGLTF Board Nom-The NGLTF Board oversees inations Committee, NGLTF,



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the Bush White House will come, however, when the Senate rejects Secretary of Defense-designate John Tower. If Tower had any class, he would withdraw his name and save George Bush the embarrassment.

displeasure with Mayor Art Agnos' appointees to the HIV task force, as well as his recent appointment of Father Peter Sammon to the Human Rights Commission, Rev. Jim Mitulski, in his sermon Sunday to the congregation of Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), made a reference to "the mayor's homophobia." Wrong! You can say what you want about Art Agnos' appointments (or lack of them), but no one can call the man a homophobe.

The City of West Hollywood and the L.A. Sheriff's Department have agreed to a recruitment plan that should lead, for the first time, to the hiring of openly gay and lesbian sheriff deputies. The city of 37,000 whose population is one-third gay, pays the Sheriff's Department \$8.5 milion a year for police Kip Fong, will run for services and over 100 deputies are regularly assigned to the West Hollywood station, though none of the county's 7,000 deputies are openly gay.

Carole Migden, chair of the continues to get high marks- S.F. County Democratic Central even from Democrats. Atlanta's Committee, and a shaker in state Mayor Andrew Young, a Demo politics, is given much of Democrat, said: "Frankly, we're the credit for engineering the all very excited and optimistic comeback of former Gov. Jerry

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Board of Supervisors Pres. Harry Britt will speak to the S.F. Tavern Guild March 7, at the Yacht Club, 2155 Polk Street, 2 p.m.



Mike Hippler

Decline and Fall: Part I

ust when you thought it was safe to go to your mailbox again," my friend Eric began his letter from the state prison at Vacaville. He had been arrested for dealing drugs exactly six months earlier and was writing for the first time to let me know that he was okay. "I work out every day and look as good as ever have. I'm the picture of health. I'm working as a clerk/ typist and have written some schools to see about being admitted when I get out later this year. Time will tell. In the meantime, it's nice being sane and sober. I just want to get all this behind me, so I can get on with my life."

When I first met Eric in June 1981, prison and drug addiction were the last things on our minds. spotted him at the gym, and, as wrote in my journal at the time, 'This one is a candidate for the Most Gorgeous Body Ever Award." It didn't take me long to proposition him, and it didn't take him long to accept. That first night, we got stoned at my place, had sex, and settled in for pizza and "High Chaparral" reruns on TV.

For a year or so, Eric and I dated, but never exclusively. We were, in the quaint parlance of the day, "fuck buddies." Eventually, we weren't even that anymore. We became good friends-'sisters''-instead. When Eric fell hopelessly in love with a young blond named Andre, I was happy for him. The three of us spent countless evenings together, playing Scrabble, watching "Dynasty," dining out, and visiting friends.

We also did drugs-cocaine, mainly. Everybody did. But not everybody seemed to enjoy it as much as Eric and Andre. I began to suspect things were getting out of hand at Eric and Andre's annual Christmas Eve pajama party in December 1983, when a drug-induced Gay Monopoly game lasted all night and led directly to a drug-induced party at a sleazy dance bar the following morning. As I wrote a few days later, "It was not my ideal way to spend Christmas.'

wo months later, Eric and Andre borrowed nearly a housand dollars from me. They needed it, they claimed, to pay off their Christmas bills and

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to finance their up-coming ski vacation to Colorado. I didn't want to do it, but what could I say? Eric was my best friend. "Granted," I wrote, "a ski vacation is hardly a dire need, but how he intends to use the money is not my concern. All I care about is whether or not I'll get it back, and I trust Eric completely." Perhaps I shouldn't have been

so complacent. Four weeks later, Eric called on a Tuesday night and talked for 40 minutes while waiting for Andre to return from the coke dealer. From my journal again: "I am worried about those two. This week they started partying on Friday and haven't stopped since-which would be fine once in a while, but every weekend? I had hoped they would grow out of it sooner or later."

Things rapidly began to disintegrate. In April 1984, I concluded, "Eric has become a real mess. Every time I see him he is either fucked up on drugs or recovering from a major debauch. Each time he swears, 'Never again,' but he breaks that vow regularly. He claims to have control, but clearly he does not. He spends all his money on cocaine, falls asleep at work (or misses it entirely), skips the gym for weeks at a time, and picks brutal fights with Andre. Andre, who isn't doing much better himself, says that he has spoken to Eric about enrolling in Cokenders or a similar withdrawal program. I was shocked. I hadn't heard anyone use the term 'addict' with reference to Eric."

One of the worst consequences

of Eric and Andre's drug habit was the effect it was having on their relationship. Unable to control themselves-which they might have been able to do otherwise-they initiated a series of not-so-clandestine affairs with other people. The fights which ensued were the stuff of legend. During one, Andre kicked a hole in the bathroom door. During another, he threw a fan across the apartment, through the open sliding-glass window, and over the balcony. Fortunately, no one was walking in the street below at the time.

As the months passed, Eric and Andre became more and more irresponsible, breaking dates with alarming frequency. Under the circumstances, it might have been wiser to have disassociated myself from them completely. Nevertheless, I continued to see them. We even spent Christmas together again that year. But this time, unlike the last, when everyone else tooted coke, I refrained.

n January 1985, the shit hit the fan. Éric was fired from his job, Andre was forced to declare bankruptcy, and they both were evicted from their apartment. They weren't worried, but I was. They didn't exactly seem to be on top of things.

By July, Eric and Andre's lives had become a nightmare. Following a weeklong binge on speed, Andre walked out on Eric, and Eric trashed the new apartment for revenge. He smashed the TV, shattered the pictures, slit the (Continued on page 15)



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The Hate Crimes Statistics Act represents a top legislative priority for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the principal architect of the bill's inclusion of sexual orientation. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act has contained sexual orientation in its provisions since 1987. During the last Congressional session, the bill passed the House of Representatives overwhelmingly (383-29). The bill stalled in the Senate, after being unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, because of threats by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) to attach anti-gay amendments. "We are very excited by the



Banker Killed: Police Hunt For 'Street Person'

by Dennis McMillar

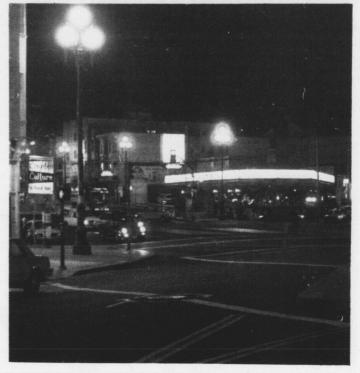
San Francisco police are investigating a fatal stabbing of a 51-year-old man found on Saturday, Feb. 18, in his Market Street home. He has been identified as Conrad

The victim was an assistant vice-president/marketing coordinator at Wells Fargo Bank. His supervisors called him "a good employee, very dedicated, who kept his private life private." He had apparently picked up a strange man and taken him

Police were called to Lutz' apartment around 2:30 p.m. Inspector Jim Crowley and his partner Whitey Guinther interviewed a number of Lutz' neighbors. They said they had observed the victim arriving home Friday night around 9:30 p.m. With Lutz was a white male who was approximately 28-30 years old. The manager described the suspect as a "street person," unkempt, tall with medium build, not quite shoulder length hair. At the time, the suspect was wearing a brown, long-sleeved shirt with brown slacks and tennis shoes.

According to neighbors' reports, the victim frequently brought other men home. The neighbors speculated that Lutz met these men around United Nations Plaza and Civic Center

"He apparently brought the wrong guy home this time," said



A number of assaults have been reported in the Church-Market-14th Streets area. (Photo: S. Savage)

Crowley. "I think probably the motive was robbery."

Friends of Lutz are currently helping with the investigation, attempting to identify any missing articles from the home. Police have determined that Lutz' wallet and money were stolen. The surroundings in his bedroom were ransacked, according to police reports.

"Whether the guy went there

for the purpose of robbing Lutz or for some other purpose and then later on got into some sort of beef, I can't say for sure," the inspector commented.

Police are asking anyone who has further information to contact Crowley at 553-1145 daytime and 553-1071 during the night.

They are warning people not to pick up people from this area, which has a history of criminal activity.

Bridge Protesters Sentenced to Work

Each Do 10 Hours Community Service

by Allen White

Protesters who blocked the Golden Gate Bridge Jan. 31 had their charges reduced from trespassing and being a public nuisance to jaywalking. Appearing before Municipal Court Judge Lillian Sing, the 26 protesters were given the option of a \$100 fine or doing community service.

The protesters all chose to opt for community service. They were then each sentenced to ten hours of work at a nonprofit organization of their choosing. The 26 fulfilled the obligation by working at organizations that included Project Open Hand, 18th Street Services, the Names Project and the San Francisco AIDS undation

The 16 women and 10 men are part of an ad hoc group called Stop AIDS Now or Else. They blocked rush hour traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge for 45 minutes.

Waiyde Palmer, one of those arrested said, "I can guarantee there will be more." He continued, "If we are going to have more it is going to be even more stupendous. We are not going to write a book like Salmon Rusdie and declare war on the Islamic people but these types of actions are going to continue to happen.

He continued, "What we want to get across to the people is that we are not going to sit back and do nothing anymore. Our civil disobedience that we have so carefully orchestrated before where we calmly expect to be arrested is simply not right. We will do civil disobedience at places where they are not expecting civil disobedience.

"It will always be nonviolent," he said.

Speaking of the inconvenience caused by the blockade on the Golden Gate Bridge, Palmer said, "I am truly sorry those people were made late for work. However, I am not sorry enough not to do it again.

"I will not block another when the government has addressed AIDS in a realistic manner and not thrown us bones. I will not block a bridge when every person has written to their congressman and every person has done all they could possibly do to address AIDS in their lives. I will not block a bridge when I know there are not 500 homeless people with AIDS in this city alone being completely ignored by city, state and national governments.

He said that civil disobedience is "to remind people these are civil issues, that they have a voice.

Last week there was a community meeting to have a dialogue about the bridge blockade.

Congress Introduces Hate Crimes Stats Act

NGLTF Urges Support By Citizens After Bill Gets Heavy Bipartisan Backing

WASHINGTON-Amid unprecedented fanfare and broad bipartisan support, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act was introduced in the U.S. Congress on Feb. 22. The bill mandates data collection by the federal government of crimes motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual

The bill's chief sponsors are Senators Paul Simon (D-IL) and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Rep. John Conyers (D-MI). The chief sponsors of the bill were joined by 86 original co-sponsors. 55 members of the House and 31

level of interest this bill is generating already," said NGLTF lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic. "Strong leadership by the bill's chief sponsors, bipartisan support, and a broad, united coalition lobbying for the bill puts us well ahead of where we stood last vear.'

60 GROUPS LOBBIED

Momentum for the Hate Crimes Act has built steadily in the last two years. A coalition of groups lobbying for the bill, organized by NGLTF, now totals over 60 groups. At the press conference which announced the bill's introduction, five members of Congress and five representatives of organizations pledged their support to the bill's passage. Speakers at the press conference were: Sen. Paul Simon, Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH), Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA), Rep. Barbara Kennelly (D-CT), Rep. Norman Mineta (D-CA), Col. Leonard Supenski, Police Executive Research Forum; former Sen. Birch Bayh, National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence; former Rep. John Buchanan, People for the American Way; Main State Attorney General James Tierney; and Ralph Neas, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

NGLTF issued a public plea to concerned citizens to write their members of Congress to support the bill. NGLTF prepared a legislative packet on the bill and said it could provide sample letters of support. For additional information, write: NGLTF, Count Hate Crimes, 1517 U Street, N.W., . Washington, DC 20009.

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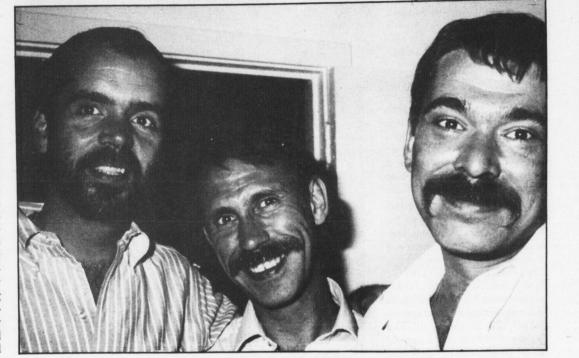
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Questions of blame aside, I advised Eric to start anew. I also offered him the use of my apart ment for a while. As I wrote to myself, "I hate to see Eric hurting like this. I hate to see anyone

At my place, I tried to keep Eric occupied, but nothing could distract him from contemplating the wreck his life had become. His mood was contagious. When a close friend of ours died of AIDS that same week, I wrote, "Is life really as dismal as it seems at times? As a kid I was told that to be a homosexual was to lead a life of despair. This week, that prophecy seems to have come true.

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Castro Lion President Mike Newell (I.) and Denver District Governor Ralph Gilliard (r.) at Charter Night of the Rocky Mountain Lambda Lions (Photo: BAR

the sponsoring club, the Castro Lions. He said he hoped to emulate the Castro Lions in their superb fundraising efforts.

The chartering of a gay club in conservative Denver is a step towards understanding and cooperation between the straight

and gay communities. The other Lions Clubs in the Denver area made substantial financial contributions to get the new club's treasury started.

The evening ended with all in the room joining hands and singing "God Bless America."

LA Designates Gay Institute As Landmark

The Los Angeles City Council has given final approval to the designation of the Milbank/ McFie Estate as an historic-cultural monument of the City of Los Angeles. The estate is now the campus of the ONE Institute of Homophile Studies, housing offices, classrooms and the Baker Memorial Library and Archives.

Request for the monument designation had been made by the Country Club Park Neighborhood Association to the city's Cultural Heritage Commission, which had made the designation, subject to the city council approval.

ONE had supported the association's request, noting it has no plans which would be incompatible with the historic or architectural qualities of the site.

The estate, considered the 'crown jewel'' of the Country Club Park neighborhood, was developed in 1913 for Isaac Milbank, president of the real estate firm which developed the neighborhood, the former site of the Los Angeles Country Club, which had moved to its present location just west of Beverly Hills.

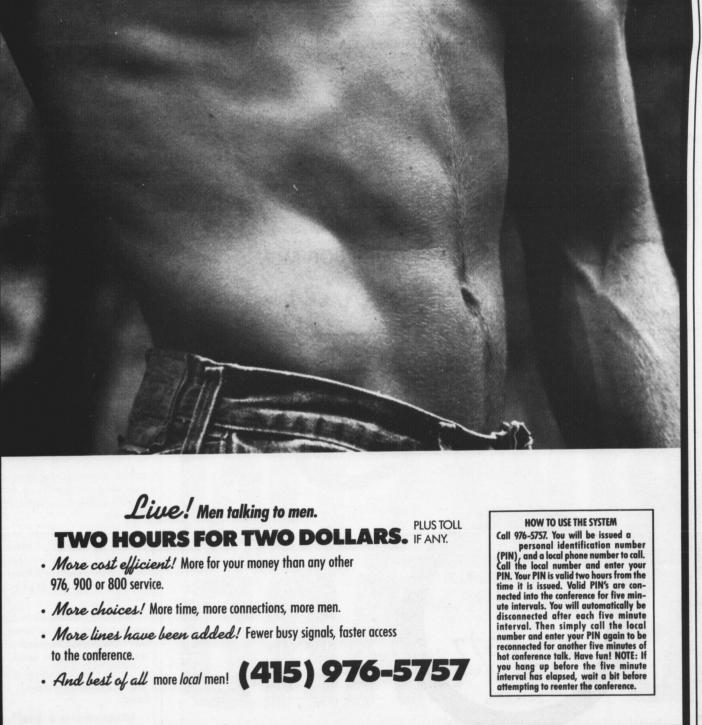
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Rights Panel Holds Public Hearings On Domestic Partners

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission will hold public hearings on domestic partnership, marital status and extended family policies on Wed-nesday, March 8. The hearings will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the old State Building, 350 McAllister St., Room 1194.

Because of the large number of people expected to testify, testimony will be limited. The nission has requested that people submit their testimony in writing. Written testimony will be part of the official record of the earing.

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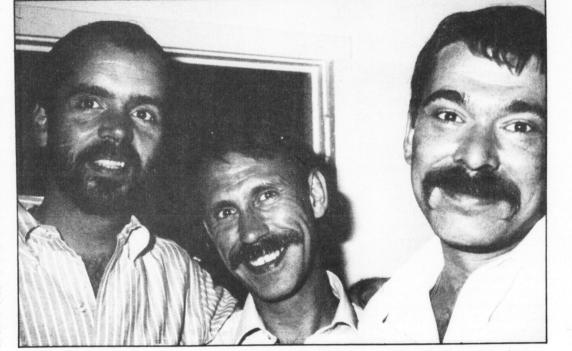
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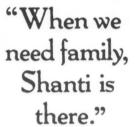
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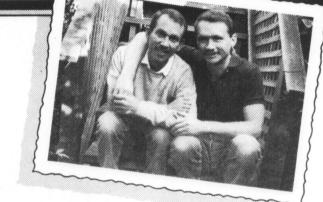
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New president of the Rocky Mountain Lambda Lions, Bob Lundgren, stated that his club would start making outreach to AIDS organizations as well as youth organizations, much like

couch, and destroyed a closet full of clothes. He even took a hammer to the piano. "I know it's sick," Eric stammered when he finally stopped crying, "but I wanted to do it. Andre destroyed our emotional life. I just de-

Questions of blame aside, I advised Eric to start anew. I also offered him the use of my apart ment for a while. As I wrote to myself, "I hate to see Eric hurting like this. I hate to see anyone

At my place, I tried to keep Eric occupied, but nothing could distract him from contemplating the wreck his life had become. His mood was contagious. When a close friend of ours died of AIDS that same week, I wrote, "Is life really as dismal as it seems at times? As a kid I was told that to be a homosexual was to lead a life of despair. This week, that prophecy seems to

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Castro Lion President Mike Newell (I.) and Denver District Governor Ralph Gilliard (r.) at Charter Night of the Rocky Mountain Lambda Lions. (Photo: BAR

the sponsoring club, the Castro Lions. He said he hoped to emulate the Castro Lions in their superb fundraising efforts.

The chartering of a gay club in conservative Denver is a step towards understanding and cooperation between the straight

and gay communities. The other Lions Clubs in the Denver area made substantial financial contributions to get the new club's treasury started.

The evening ended with all in the room joining hands and singing "God Bless America."

LA Designates Gay Institute As Landmark

The Los Angeles City Council has given final approval to the designation of the Milbank/ McFie Estate as an historic-cultural monument of the City of Los Angeles. The estate is now the campus of the ONE Institute of Homophile Studies, housing offices, classrooms and the Baker Memorial Library and Archives

Request for the monument designation had been made by the Country Club Park Neighborhood Association to the city's Cultural Heritage Commission. which had made the designation, subject to the city council approval.

ONE had supported the association's request, noting it has no plans which would be incompatible with the historic or architectural qualities of the site.

The estate, considered the 'crown jewel'' of the Country Club Park neighborhood, was developed in 1913 for Isaac Milbank, president of the real estate firm which developed the neighborhood, the former site of the Los Angeles Country Club, which had moved to its present location just west of Beverly Hills.

The monument designation requires that building, alteration or demolition permits for the site can be referred to the Cultural Heritage Commission, which can suspend or disapprove them if incompatible with the historic or architectural characteristics of the monument.

Rights Panel Holds Public Hearings On Domestic Partners

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission will hold public hearings on domestic partnership, marital status and extended family policies on Wed-nesday, March 8. The hearings will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the old State Building, 350 McAllister St., Room 1194.

Because of the large number of people expected to testify, testimony will be limited. The commission has requested that people submit their testimony in writing. Written testimony will be part of the official record of the hearing.

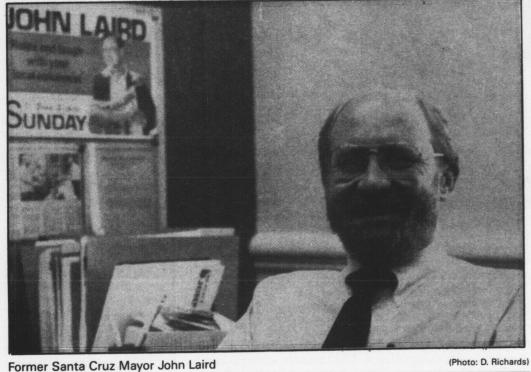
For further information, contact Jackie Winnow, Larry Brinkin, or Norm Nickens at 558-4901.



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Laird Built Power Base 'Bit By Bit' In Coalition

His Election As Santa Cruz Mayor Broke Barriers



by Dell Richards

Nestled in between the rolling hills of the coastal mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Santa Cruz is unlike any other city, even in far-out California. The city prides itself on its liberalism and eight years ago, it elected John Laird as mayor-one of the first openly-gay officeholders in the nation

Laird had originally moved to Santa Cruz to study at a college that was known for its radicalism. When it was founded in the early 1960's, the University of California campus had no fraternities or sororities, no football teams or other sports. Its unofficial mascot was the banana slug.

often as UCSC.

member to mayor.

Laird went from being a political

science major to city council

"Santa Cruz is very unique po-litically," said Laird. "We have

had a generally liberal city coun-

Although the school has since moved more toward the main-

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cil with a four to three majority since 1981."

Since the recent November election, the liberal majority has been five to two and a second gay person also was elected.

The city is so liberal that its politicians see themselves in very different terms than politicos in the rest of the nation.

"In Santa Cruz, people are afraid to be identified as 'conservative'. If they are conservative, they call themselves 'moderate' to escape the conservative label," said Laird.

When first elected in 1981, the 38-year-old budget analyst was one of the first openly-gay people ever voted into office in the coun-

His main support came from the gay community but to win the election, he had formed a coalition of labor leaders and workers. environmentalists, students and neighborhood activists-people he had worked with when he helped found a community credit union, community child care center and other local projects. Everyone knew about his life-

style but the press played it down, never mentioning it and leaving his gay affiliations off the roster. "I think they thought they

were doing me a favor," said Laird. Once elected, however, Laird

closet to protect the sensibilities of people who thought the word "homosexual" shouldn't be mentioned in polite company.

During his first interview as mayor, he said yes he was gay.

'minute by minute," he said.

Laird had been open before the uproar began but until the moment his sexual preference thrust him into the national spotlight, "only 7,000 or 8,000 people had known for sure," he quipped.

For a month, the press continued to focus on Laird, the gay mayor, in story after story.

Today, the issue of sexuality is 'insignificant," he said. So much so that a second gay person

"The more significant issue is

where you stand on the issues." In fact, Santa Cruz doesn't

same percentage as homosexuality in the population as a whole.

active.

ingness to make itself felt in Santa Cruz that makes it similar to tion. But this willingness to take control of issues at the local level the start.

munity Credit Union owns its own building and has assets of \$8

"It's a classic example of how you can control things," says Laird.

As a community activist, Laird worked for community programs to benefit all disenfranchised

groups-gays, minorities, women, seniors and children. By working with these diverse groups, he was able to build a coalition which has given him an overwhelming majority year after

And since his election, Laird has repaid his constituents by pushing their wide-ranging agenda.

For gays and lesbians, he worked to create a health benefits package for domestic partners for city employees that is one of the most liberal in the country. The benefits include health, dental and vision insurance for children of domestic partners as well as an unmarried partner of either sex.

"We used the employee fairness issue instead of a legislative issue," said Laird. "The strategy was for the unions to put it on the table as part of the package and then I would make sure the votes were there on the side of management."

He has pushed affirmative action, child care and senior citizen centers plus neighborhood health clinics. He helped pass a rent control ordinance and has fought for zoning laws to protect the small town atmosphere of the area.

In addition to solving its own problems, Santa Cruz also has taken stands on international issues such as South Africa.

"We are attacked regularly for having a foreign policy," said Laird. "At the request of local groups, we have been outspoken against intervention in Central America."

In 1983, the community voted to divest Santa Cruz holdings in South Africa. From foreign policy to community action, Laird says he is proud of his achievements as he looks back over his nine years of political service.

"Serving as mayor has been a great source of pride," said Laird. "I'm very pleased with being able to accomplish things like domestic benefits without a lot of fanfare.

Although he says he's led a charmed life, Laird still feels that being gay means he's had to work doubly hard for everything he gains.

"It's similar to what happens with women. You have to be 200 percent better if you're a gay man or lesbian.'

Santa Cruz may be moving forward but at the national level, the movement has been just the opposite. Laird is distressed that the Republican presidential victory this past November will have enormous repercussions for gays by blocking progressive ideas to the solutions of problems and by filling the courts with conservatives.

For someone with political ambitions, it also means that fellow Democrats such as Santa Cruz County Sup. Gary Patton won't be appointed to any new posts in the near future that would leave openings for budding politicians like Laird himself to fill.

"Our representatives are very good on gay and lesbian issues,' said Laird.

But the setback at that level doesn't shake his faith in the power of the gay community or of local government.

Whether the issue is offshore oil drilling or domestic partner benefits, Laird thinks that gay officials play a very important role in the political process.

In the past decade, Laird has seen changes in the public in their acceptance of homosexuali-(Continued on page 23)

Suit Alleges Couple **Assaulted Woman** For Being Pro-Gay

by Allen White

The suit states that Beverly Gossier Smith raised money to fight AIDS and also produced benefits for victims of the 1988 earthquake in Armenia. Additionally, the suit stated that she was dating a black person during the same period and says the defendants in the case acted violently against her because of her "association with homosexual individuals and individuals with AIDS?

It is this association that has allowed Wotman to also request additional damages and penalties under what is called the Ralph Act. The California law has provisions for a fine of up to \$10,000 and states that people shall not suffer violence because of their sexual orientation. Wotman said this is one of the first times he knows of that this provision of the California Civil Code has been applied in such a lawsuit. Those named in the suit are

a Marin County country club.

stitute pickups.

picked up Hernandez.

Police say that from there the suspect took his victim to the home of Nichols.

Homicide Det. Michael Byrne hopes to find the cab driver who can tell them whether the suspect knew at the time that he was picking up a male. Apparently the suspect has refused to waive his Miranda rights, and refuses to give a statement.

was added to the city council election

It is the gay community's willmany other cities across the nawas what distinguished Santa Cruz-and Laird-right from

Ten years ago, Laird helped found "an alternative financial institution"-a local credit union that provided loans to low-income people and cooperative businesses.

Today, the Santa Cruz Commillion, according to Laird.

was not about to go back into the stream by adding sports to its agenda, window decals for the campus say "Rasta Cruz" as During those two decades,

"There was a full scale media

riot," said Laird. The phone rang off the hook. Laird gave 30 interviews in the next few days and took the sudden attention

membership in the November

your level of competence and

have a large gay population; Laird pegs it at 10 percent-the

> But it is very vocal, "very out and very comfortable." And very

Her Liberal Sympathies Led to Beating

Attorney Paul Wotman this week filed a lawsuit alleging that a Marin matron was belted in the mouth by her son-in-law, a golf pro, because she had gay friends and had raised money for AIDS.

Steven Snyder and Lori Snyder. Steven Snyder, according to Wotman, is employed as a golf pro at

The suit alleges that on Nov. 23, 1988, Smith's daughter, Lori Snyder, "began to choke and beat plaintiff about the head, face, neck and body while screaming at and verbally berating plaintiff with racial



Beverly Gossier Smith. (Photo: S. Savage)

epithets and abusive and profane language, including but not limited to calling plaintiff 'white trash' and stating plaintiff had 'faggot friends.'

The narrative continues, stating that Lori Snyder's husband "entered plaintiff's bedroom and struck plaintiff about the head and face with his

According to the suit, "As a direct and proximate result of the assault and battery upon plaintiff by defendants, plaintiff suffered bruises, bashes, cuts, scratches, broken teeth and severe injury to her head."

Dallas Gays Seek Ouster of Judge

by Rex Wockner

The Dallas Gay Alliance (DGA) has filed suit in the Texas Supreme Court seeking the removal of State District Judge Jack Hampton, who made headlines in December when he admitted that he gave a lighter sentence to a murderer because the man's two victims had been homosexuals.

DGA's "Presentment For Removal of State District Judge? filed Feb. 9, was signed by ten Dallas attorneys, most of whom are not gay. The pleading quotes from Hampton's Dec. 16 interview with the Dallas Times-Herald in which he said, "These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been cruising the streets picking up teenage boys ... I don't care much for queers running around on weekends picking up teenage boys. I've got a teenage boy ... I put prostitutes and gays at about the same level. If these boys had picked up two prostitutes and taken them to the woods and killed them, I'd consider that a similar case.

"These remarks by Judge Hampton," the lawyers wrote in their pleading, "violate Canon One, Canon Two and Canon Three of the Code of Judicial Conduct as promulgated and subsequently amended by this Honorable Texas Supreme Court. We believe that Judge Hampton cannot be fair and impartial and should be removed from office."

DGA president William Waybourn, speaking to reporters at a press conference announcing the Supreme Court suit, said, Society cannot afford people like Hampton, who occupies a position of power in the community, and whose statements reveal a certain bigotry and prejudice to continue in an office that reguires fairness and impartiality. The judge's remarks, Waybourn cautioned, "give a green light to young people to justify and commit heinous crimes against other persons."

"As we were in the court house [on Feb. 9]," added DGA Gay Community executive director John Thomas, "there were blacks and hispanics and women and gay people in his court-on juries, as attorneys, as defendants. Hampton is prejudiced and bigoted against these people. He cannot be allowed to continue?

Hampton's homophobic comments came after the murder trial of Richard Lee Bednarski, 19, who killed John Lloyd Griffin, 27, and Tommy Lee Trimble, 34, last fall. Trial testimony revealed that Bednarski and teenage friends had gone to Dallas' Oak Lawn neighborhood to harass

Griffin and Trimble invited Bednarski and a friend into their car, and the four drove to a park clearing where Bednarski ordered Trimble and Griffin to strip. When they refused, he shot

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them, later bragging that he had stuck the gun in Trimble's mouth when he fired.

National reaction to Hampton's remarks was harsh, with hundreds of newspapers and public figures echoing the sentiments of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which wrote, "As long as Judge Hampton remains a judge, an idiot occupies one of the sensitive positions of public trust that our society has to of-

The Rabbinical Alliance of America has been one of Hampton's few defenders. The group issued a press release condemn ing "the organized homosexual leadership in Texas and throughout the United States for its socially destructive policies and its vindictive and unforgiving attitude toward ... Hampton."

Contra Costa T.F. **Needs Volunteers**

Volunteer training for the Con tra Costa County AIDS Task Force is scheduled to be held March 4, 5, 11 and 12 at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill

The four-day training, which immerses prospective volunteers in the medical, social, emotional and legal aspects of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, will be offered at a cost of \$25.

The AIDS Task Force is a group of more than 200 volunteers who provide emotional and practical support services for people in Contra Costa County with the HIV virus that causes AIDS and AIDS-related condi

For more information, call (415) 646-1253. Prospective volunteers must register for the training by Feb. 17.

Transvestite Found Dead, But Suspect Won't Talk

by Dennis McMillan

A transvestite male prostitute believed to be a street person was murdered Thursday, Feb. 16. San Francisco police are looking for a cab driver who probably picked up the victim in the area of Ellis Street between Polk and Larkin Streets, a walking strip known by police for transvestite pro-

This was apparently the territory where Steven Hernandez worked. Police have been told that the suspect, Kelly Nichols, was seen earlier that morning around 3:15 a.m. in a cab which he took to the 1900 block of Broadway Street where he borrowed a sum of money and, it is suspected, he proceeded into the upper Tenderloin area where he

made statements to other people. thought was a girl, discovered the partner, Art Gerrans.

person was a cross-dresser, and used the excuse of mitigating circumstances to justify his alleged actions

"This cab driver could be very beneficial to us as to whether the suspect knew what he was picking up at the time," said Byrne. 'We are hoping the driver will come forward and give us the information we need."

Police were told the cab company was Luxor, but upon thorough search of the bills made out by the drivers, no evidence was gathered. They were unable to find a taxi driver who had a pickup in that area.

"However, I've had cases in the past where, especially in the early morning hours like that, a lot of these cabbies working the streets don't actually fill out their way bills," Byrne said.

A person who was supposedly a friend of Hernandez, another transvestite called "Yolanda," frequents the Black Rose bar. Police have left word there that they would like to question the second "Yolanda." "We especially want to learn if there was any prior relationship between the victim and the suspect," Byrne said.

Police are requesting anyone But police allege that he has with a pertinent information, especially concerning the cab They believe his defense will be driver or Yolanda, to call that he picked up someone he 553-1145 and ask for Byrne or his **First Visit Private Phone**

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Brian L. Quirk

Brian L. Quirk passed on, at peace and without fear, Feb. 22, with his spouse David K. Elkins, and his "buddy," Ed Gibbons at his side.

Brian had ac-

complished much in his life, but his greatest achievements were those he made on "the journey inward" Building a truly meaningful re lationship which was sealed in mat rimony Feb. 11;

Living with his back injury; Overcoming alcoholism and drug

Accepting responsibility for his life and

actions: Coming out to family and friends, rerealing both himself and the illness he

was fighting; Detaching with love from a difficult

Dealing with AIDS, dying and death, and facing his own mortality

Striving to be his best; And keeping his sense of humor, his appreciation of nature and his love of life

to the very end. Brian's love and support are with all

he left behind His ashes will be spread in The Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota on his

24th birthday, May 6. A celebration of Brian's life will take

place Sunday, March 5 at our home (568-1219). Donations may be made to The Center,

3421 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland, CA 94609, or donor's favorite charity in his memory.

Ben B. Olsen, Jr.

Oct. 28, 1928-Feb. 15, 1989 Ben Barth Olsen, Jr., died peacefully in his sleep at home in San Francisco or Feb. 15. He had lived with AIDS for more than two and a

half years. Ben was a marvelous combination of musi artist,

cian, composed and philosopher, and his unique gifts for friendship onversation, and humor lighted the lives of everyone who knew him. His

friends will miss him very, very much. Ben was born and raised in Independence, Missouri, and studied piano and composition at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music. After moving to San

Francisco in the 1950s Ben continued composing and teaching music. Many of his compositions were performed locally. In the 1960s Ben was executive director of the Community Music Center in San Francisco.

Ben was preceded in death by his companion of 18 years, Don Jung, who died on Aug. 14, 1986. Don was the founder and president of the Golden Gate Wrestling Club, and he helped organize the n for the first Gay Games. Ben and Don operated several businesses together, including "Glass Blast," a company that produced etched art glass pieces.

Donations in Ben's memory may be made to Visiting Nurses of San Francisco, Box 7999, San Francisco, CA 94120. V

Bill Pennington

Bill Pennington died at Coming Home Hospice on Oct. 11. 1988. The staff of Coming Home Hospice will miss "Swami Shanti" and his

"Hi, guy... Hi, girlfriend!" We'll miss his "Great, great, great!" and "Oh, nooo!" Bill had a quiet dignity and inne

peace that is an inspiration to us all. Bill slipped away from those he loved with his hospice family privileged to be at his side. In quiet moments we still feel his peaceful presence. Hi, guy, we love you and miss you, girlfriend

Robert E. Van Camp Feb. 19, 1952-Feb. 23, 1989 Growing up in Oroville, CA, Bob mov

ed to the city over 13 years ago, after taking a BA degree from UC Davis. Working as a computer specialist for Wells Fargo Bank until his poor

health forced him to "retire," Bob loved life and he loved San Francisco. Bob passed away early in the

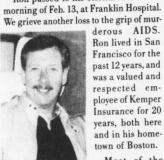
morning of Feb. 23, after a valiant 21/2 year battle with AIDS. Throughout his illness, his incredibly upbeat spirit and total lack of self-pity won the admiration of all who knew him. This great spirit will live on in our many warm and wonderful memories of the good times we shared with Bob.

During his many stays at the "Ralph Davies Hotel," as Bob jokingly referred to it, he was lovingly attended to by his lover of seven years, Shinji, and his parents, Lloyd and Laura, as well as many friends and family members. All of us would like very much to thank the staff of the second floor at Davies for their tireless work in keeping Bob comfortable.

A memorial service was held in Oroville this Tuesday, Feb. 28, while Bob's ashes were scattered by plane off Land's End and the Golden Gate. Donation's in Bob's memory may be made to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

> **Ronald F. Olson** 1947-1989

Ron passed to his eternal rest on the



him to us.

Most of the time Ron was quiet and reflective. Then there were moments when he would do something like his version of Julia Child making elephant soup and break the party up. These moments will always endear

surance for 20

Ron is survived in family by his sister Donna. His father, Elmer, died just four days before him. His Boston pals, Tommy, Keith and Father Greg and the endless names Jim, Chuck, Ed, Crystal, Bill, Jerry, Joe, Alan and the Kemper staff say farewell to our loved one. During his illness Ron would want to have his penpal Dot Wilson mentioned, to whom he wrote and loved so much. At his request, Ron's memorial was

held immediately at Mission Dolores. His remains will be committed to the waters of the Golden Gate. Any donations are requested in his name to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

So long, Edith Ann, we miss you,

Marc Armstrong Dec. 11, 1944-Feb. 4, 1989

The Bernal Bear has died. He passed away easily and at home with his cats. oommate and electronic gear, as he had

wanted. Thanks

are due to the

medical help

given thru Hos

pice/PPMC.



He was also proud of actually fixing up a fixer-upper house, being a certified

electronic technician, and his early associations with Mattachine on the East Coast. He was a good man. Marc was enthu-

siastic and honest. He managed his life well, and so too his disease. He will be well remembered by neighbors and friends, those he worked with, and Dick Reed, his roommate of many years.

Michael "Bumblebee" Herthneck

On Feb. 26, as the sun was rising, Michael passed away peacefully at home from AIDS related complex, surrounded by his lover,

and



American economics from Boston University. He also attended Crozier Seminary for a few years. Michael moved to San Francisco in

1972 and became very active with the gay liberation movement, with the Prairie Fire Group and the American Indian Movement. Later he did counseling for the Shanti Project for a couple of years. Michael worked for the law offices of Tamburello, Hanlon, Bresciani & Waggener for the last 12 years.

He was a very special person who en-joyed life to the fullest and a lot of us will remember him for his fabulous parties, especially the Academy Awards parties. Michael's pleasures in life were traveling ethnic art and food, shopping and most of all meeting people.

We wish to thank the staff at Davis Medical Center, Physicians Home Care, Home Care Specialist and Life Source for their warm and nurturing care. Michael is survived by his lover, his

parents Russ and Martha from Naples, FL, his sister Nancy and her family, his loving aunts and uncles, and many caring friends who will all miss him very

An informal memorial service will be held on Sat., Mar. 4 at 3 p.m. at 4317 19th St., S.F.

Richard Irwin (aka Irwin Irwin) 1949-1989

Performance artist, poet and art critic Richard Irwin died of AIDS complications on Feb. 19. Richard was a vital part of the art scene in New York, Los Angeles and most recently San Francisco where he was a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute in video and performance

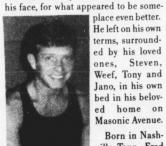
Under the stage name Irwin Irwin, Richard produced and organized "1980 at the Hotel Utah," and performance pieces including "The Invisible Theatre," "In One Era and out the Other" and "X-Communications." His last formal production was funded and performed at Franklin Furnace Gallery in New York City in 1987. Not to be limited to any one medium,

Richard became a writer/critic for Art Comm and High Performance magazine and incorporated poetry and word-play into his work. As a part of the North Beach poetry scene Richard has published three books, "Letters to Theo," "Trashcantations," and "Magicantations" in press.

He is survived by his mother, two brothers and of course all of us. Babe, this is for you.

Charles "Fred" Hart Aug. 12, 1947-Feb. 24, 1989

Fred Hart left this wonderful world on Feb. 24, at exactly 9 a.m., with a smile on



ville, Tenn., Fred found his real place in the world when he moved to San Francisco in 1973.

Fred was a brilliant spirit wrapped in a beautiful body. Fred was thoughtful, oving, honest, funny and free. We could go on forver but the simple truth is there are no words special enough to describe him ... to know him was to love him.

A gathering of friends will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 3 at 1237 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco.



in the future.

wide to join them.

battered bodies of our brothers





and Chicago and had only recently com "home" to the city he loved best. A graduate of Charles Stewart Mott Community College, Michael became a member of RSROA and achieved much success participating in state, regional, and national roller skating competitions.

lilting laugh.

Program.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

The controversial Kellogg's commercial.

Stockholder To Lead Kellogg Battle

passage of the Chicago Human tive." Rights Ordinance behind them, activists with the city's Coalition Against Media/Marketing Prejudice (CAMMP) say they will resume "full-force" their action against the Kellogg cereal company in Battle Creek, Michigan. Kellogg broadcast a television commercial for most of last year which CAMMP members say promoted violence against the gay and lesbian community. The company has yet to apologize for the ad or offer to be more careful

Key to the stepped-up action against Kellogg are plans for a major gay/lesbian presence at the company's annual meeting of stockholders April 28 in Battle Creek. CAMMP activists have secured a "hospitality suite" across the hall from the meeting and are inviting activists nation-

"We want to be a physical presence and urge the company to take an ethically responsible position," said CAMMP's Rick Garcia. "We're pursuing this to send a message that we will not tolerate for one moment an insensitivity to anti-gay and antilesbian violence. The slashed faces, the broken bones, and the

Michael L. Hurlburt Jan. 10, 1955 - Jan. 3, 1989

On Jan. 3, Michael Hurlburt, 33, died at home in the presence of his lover, Ken ed mother, Mary. His

passing marked the end of a brave four year struggle with K.S. Originally from Flint, Michigan. Michael first mov

ed to San Francisco in 1979. He returned to Flint before living briefly in Detroit

His friends will also remember Michael's love of the earth, his compassion for animals, his willingness to help others and always, his ready smile and

Survivors include his loving parents, Mary and Harold, his lover Ken and many caring and supportive family members and friends. The family requests donations to Visiting Nurses & Hospice of San Francisco/AIDS Home Care and Hospice

CHICAGO-With the and sisters impel us to be asser-

Plans are underway for CAMMP to be joined in Batttle Creek by activists from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, New York's Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, and San Francisco's Community United Against Violence. All three groups were involved in anti-Kellogg activism throughout

A second key to the April plans is a shareholder's resolution that has been introduced by a 70-yearold gay stockholder who is also a relative of the Kellogg family.

Joseph Norton, grand-nephew of one of the original Kellogg brothers, owns \$150,000 of Kellogg stock and has seen to it that stockholders will vote in April on requiring Kellogg ads to present in a non-prejudicial manner any members of groups victimized by hate crimes, including ... lesbians and gay men."

CAMMP's Garcia says Nortion is eagerly seeking other stockholders to sign or endorse the resolution.

The Kellogg ad in question, for the company's Nut 'N Honey cereal, is no longer running in most U.S. markets.

-Rex Wockner

Aug. 7, 1953-Feb. 6, 1989 The Baby died at home after two years with HIV-related progressive multifocal

John Karl Giosi

cephalopathy. He is survived by two cats, a dog and his lover of

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nigrant forebears had discarded during the Mussolini era. He was royal in attitude, yet humble of heart. With a terrier's nose for unconsidered

treasures, John hunted the thrift stores and burrowed at the flea markets to become a premier collector of antique Christmas lights and ornaments. He was often consumed with a reckless passion for small objects of beauty.

Ceremonial dispersal of ashes has already been observed in the Baccarat room at Gump's. For additional memorial information, please call Douglas Montgomery at 552-2223.

Thank you, Bill Piatt. Thank you, Ray Huttig. Thank you, Allen Wilson. Thank vou, Anita.

Good-bye, joyous one.

Manitoba Gays Tackle Mayor

WINNIPEG-The Manitoba (Canada) Human Rights Commission is set to consider a complaint against Winnipeg Mayor William Norrie, who has twice refused to issue a mayoral pro-clamation for Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. The complaint was brought by the Gay and Lesbian Resource Centre, the Oscar Wilde Memorial Society, the Council on Homosexuality and Religion, and the Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee.

Gay activists in Winnipeg say Norrie routinely issues proclamations for other groups and events, including Football Officials of Canada Week, Manitoba Model Soldier Society Week, German Shepherd Dog Week, Slovac Independence Day, Neighbors Night Out Day, Yellowhead Appreciation Week, International Right-of-Way Association Week, and Maharish Ayurveda Week.

But Mayor Norrie says all of these things differ from Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. In a 1987 letter to Oscar Wilde president Chris Vogel, Norrie wrote, "Inasmuch as I would not consider issuing a proclamation on heterosexual behaviour, neither do I consider it appropriate to issue one dealing with homosexual behaviour."

In 1988, Norrie added, "Sexual preference is in my view a very personal matter and is not in my opinion a subject which lends itself to mayoral

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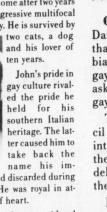
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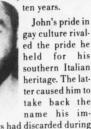
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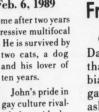
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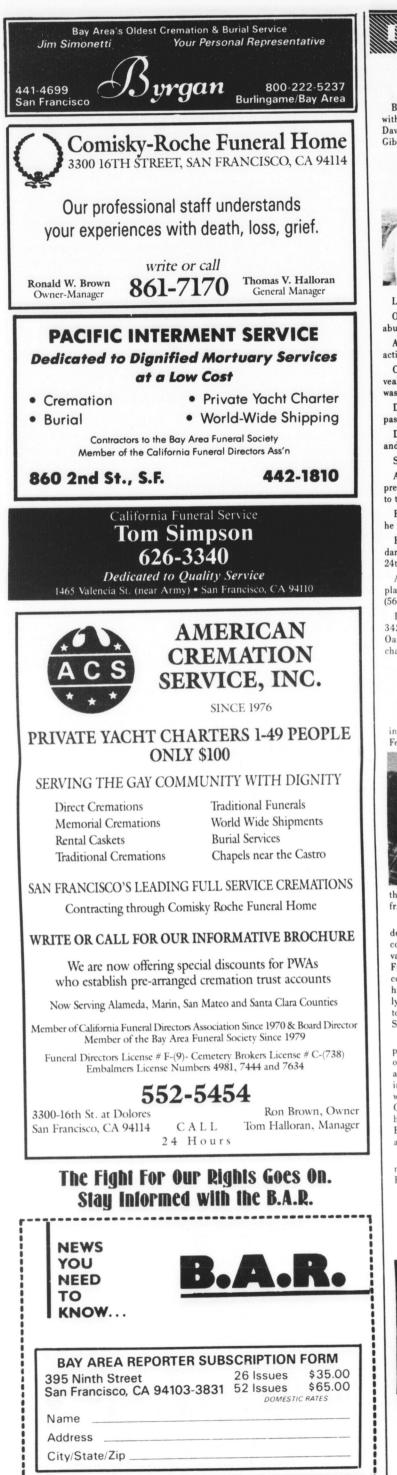
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Brian L. Quirk

Brian L. Quirk passed on, at peace and without fear, Feb. 22, with his spouse David K. Elkins, and his "buddy," Ed Gibbons at his side



Brian had acomplished much in his life, but his greatest achievements were those journey inward"

he made on "the Building a truly meaningful re lationship which was sealed in matrimony Feb. 11;

Living with his back injury; Overcoming alcoholism and drug

Accepting responsibility for his life and

actions Coming out to family and friends, revealing both himself and the illness he

was fighting; Detaching with love from a difficult

Dealing with AIDS, dying and death, and facing his own mortality;

Striving to be his best; And keeping his sense of humor, his apreciation of nature and his love of life

o the very end. Brian's love and support are with all he left behind.

His ashes will be spread in The Bounlary Waters of northern Minnesota on his

24th birthday, May 6. A celebration of Brian's life will take

place Sunday, March 5 at our home (568-1219).

Donations may be made to The Center, 3421 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland, CA 94609, or donor's favorite charity in his memory.

Ben B. Olsen, Jr.

Oct. 28, 1928-Feb. 15, 1989 Ben Barth Olsen, Jr., died peacefully n his sleep at home in San Francisco on Feb. 15. He had lived with AIDS for more than two and a half years

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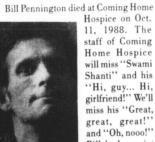
hilosopher, and his unique gifts for friendship. nversation, and humor lighted the lives of everyone who knew him. His friends will miss him very, very much.

Ben was born and raised in Independence, Missouri, and studied piano and composition at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music. After moving to San Francisco in the 1950s Ben continued composing and teaching music. Many of his compositions were performed locally. In the 1960s Ben was executive direc or of the Community Music Center in

Ben was preceded in death by his companion of 18 years, Don Jung, who died on Aug. 14, 1986. Don was the founder and president of the Golden Gate Wrestling Club, and he helped organize the Games. Ben and Don operated several usinesses together, including "Glass Blast," a company that produced etched art glass pieces.

Donations in Ben's memory may be nade to Visiting Nurses of San Francisco. Box 7999, San Francisco, CA 94120. 🛡

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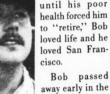


11, 1988. The staff of Coming Home Hospice will miss "Swami Shanti" and his "Hi, guy ... Hi girlfriend!" We'll miss his "Great, great, great!' and "Oh, nooo!" Bill had a quiet

dignity and inner peace that is an inspiration to us all. Bill lipped away from those he loved with his ospice family privileged to be at his side. In quiet moments we still feel his peaceful presence. Hi, guy, we love you and miss ou, girlfriend.

Robert E. Van Camp Feb. 19, 1952-Feb. 23, 1989 Growing up in Oroville, CA, Bob mov-

ed to the city over 13 years ago, after taking a BA degree from UC Davis. Working as a computer specialist for Wells Fargo Bank until his poor health forced him o "retire," Bob loved life and he loved San Fran-



morning of Feb. 23, after a valiant 21/2 year battle with AIDS. Throughout his illness, his incredibly upbeat spirit and total lack of self-pity won the admiration of all who knew him. This great spirit will live on in our many warm and wonderful memories of the good times we shared with Bob.

During his many stays at the "Ralph Davies Hotel," as Bob jokingly referred to it, he was lovingly attended to by his lover of seven years, Shinji, and his parents, Lloyd and Laura, as well as many friends and family members. All of us would like very much to thank the staff of the second floor at Davies for their tireless work in keeping Bob comfortable.

A memorial service was held in Oroville this Tuesday, Feb. 28, while Bob's ashes were scattered by plane off Land's End and the Golden Gate. Donation's in Bob's memory may be made to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Ronald F. Olson 1947-1989

Ron passed to his eternal rest on the norning of Feb. 13, at Franklin Hospital.



time Ron was quiet and reflective. Then something like his version of Julia Child making elephant soup and break the party up. These moments will always endear him to us.

Donna. His father, Elmer, died just four days before him. His Boston pals, Tommy, Keith and Father Greg and the endless names Jim, Chuck, Ed, Crystal, Bill, Jerry, Joe, Alan and the Kemper staff say farewell to our loved one. During his illness Ron would want to have his penpal Dot Wilson mentioned, to whom he wrote and loved so much.

held immediately at Mission Dolores. His remains will be committed to the waters of the Golden Gate. Any donations are requested in his name to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

The Bernal Bear has died. He passed mate and electronic gear, as he had



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He was also proud of actually fixing up a fixer-upper house, being a certified electronic technician, and his early associations with Mattachine on the East

He was a good man. Marc was enthu-

Michael "Bumblebee" Herthneck

On Feb. 26, as the sun was rising, Michael passed away peacefully at home rom AIDS related complex, surrounded by his lover, and



and later went on to receive a graduate degree in Latin American economics from Boston University. He also attended Crozier Seminary for a few years.

Michael moved to San Francisco in 1972 and became very active with the gay liberation movement, with the Prairie Fire Group and the American Indian Movement. Later he did counseling for the Shanti Project for a couple of years. Michael worked for the law offices of Tamburello, Hanlon, Bresciani & Waggener

He was a very special person who enjoyed life to the fullest and a lot of us will remember him for his fabulous parties, especially the Academy Awards parties. Michael's pleasures in life were traveling, ethnic art and food, shopping and most of all meeting people.

for the last 12 years.

We wish to thank the staff at Davis Medical Center, Physicians Home Care, Home Care Specialist and Life Source for their warm and nurturing care. Michael is survived by his lover, his

arents Russ and Martha from Naples, FL, his sister Nancy and her family, his loving aunts and uncles, and many caring friends who will all miss him very much An informal memorial service will be

held on Sat., Mar. 4 at 3 p.m. at 4317 19th St., S.F.

Richard Irwin (aka Irwin Irwin) 1949-1989

Performance artist, poet and art critic Richard Irwin died of AIDS complica tions on Feb. 19. Richard was a vital part of the art scene in New York, Los Angeles and most recently San Francisco where he was a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute in video and performance

Under the stage name Irwin Irwin, Richard produced and organized "1980 at the Hotel Utah," and performance pieces including "The Invisible Theatre," "In One Era and out the Other" and "X-Communications." His last formal production was funded and performed at Franklin Furnace Gallery in New York City in 1987.

Not to be limited to any one medium. Richard became a writer/critic for Art Comm and High Performance magazine and incorporated poetry and word-play into his work. As a part of the North Beach poetry scene Richard has published three books, "Letters to Theo," "Trashcantations," and "Magicantations" in press.

He is survived by his mother, two brothers and of course all of us. Babe, this

is for you.

Charles "Fred" Hart

Aug. 12, 1947-Feb. 24, 1989 Fred Hart left this wonderful world on Feb. 24, at exactly 9 a.m., with a smile on his face, for what appeared to be some-



found his real place in the world when he moved to San Francisco in 1973.

Fred was a brilliant spirit wrapped in a beautiful body. Fred was thoughtful, loving, honest, funny and free. We could go on forver but the simple truth is there are no words special enough to describe him... to know him was to love him.

A gathering of friends will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 3 at 1237 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco.

and Chicago and had only recently come 'home" to the city he loved best. A graduate of Charles Stewart Mott Community College, Michael became a member of RSROA and achieved much success participating in state, regional, and national roller skating competitions.

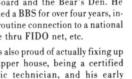
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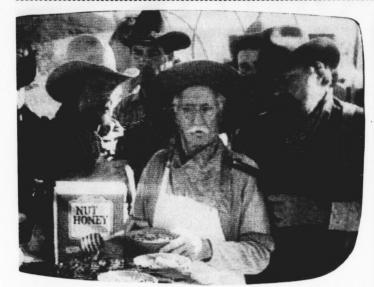
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His friends will also remember Michael's love of the earth, his compassion for animals, his willingness to help others and always, his ready smile and lilting laugh. Survivors include his loving parents,

Mary and Harold, his lover Ken and many caring and supportive family members and friends. The family requests donations to Visiting Nurses & Hospice of San Fransisco/AIDS Home Care and Hospice Program.









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Ron is survived in family by his sister

At his request, Ron's memorial was

So long, Edith Ann, we miss you, brother.

Marc Armstrong Dec. 11, 1944-Feb. 4, 1989

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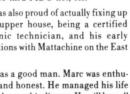
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Marc was best nown as sysop of Bear's Board and the Bear's Den. He maintained a BBS for over four years, including routine connection to a national



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

The controversial Kellogg's commercial

Stockholder To Lead Kellogg Battle

passage of the Chicago Human tive." Rights Ordinance behind them, activists with the city's Coalition Against Media/Marketing Prejudice (CAMMP) say they will resume "full-force" their action against the Kellogg cereal company in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Kellogg broadcast a television commercial for most of last year which CAMMP members say promoted violence against the gay and lesbian community. The company has yet to apologize for the ad or offer to be more careful

in the future.

Key to the stepped-up action against Kellogg are plans for a major gay/lesbian presence at the company's annual meeting of stockholders April 28 in Battle Creek. CAMMP activists have secured a "hospitality suite" across the hall from the meeting and are inviting activists nationwide to join them.

"We want to be a physical presence and urge the company to take an ethically responsible position," said CAMMP's Rick Garcia. "We're pursuing this to send a message that we will not tolerate for one moment an insensitivity to anti-gay and antilesbian violence. The slashed faces, the broken bones, and the battered bodies of our brothers

DW VBIKS

Michael L. Hurlburt

Jan. 10, 1955-Jan. 3, 1989

On Jan. 3, Michael Hurlburt, 33, died

passing marked

the end of a brave

four year struggle

Originally from

Flint, Michigan.

Michael first mov-

ed to San Francis

co in 1979. He re-

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before living

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with K.S.

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CAMMP to be joined in Batttle Creek by activists from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, New York's Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, and San Francisco's Community United Against Violence. All three groups were involved in anti-Kellogg activism throughout

is a shareholder's resolution that has been introduced by a 70-yearold gay stockholder who is also a

Joseph Norton, grand-nephew of one of the original Kellogg brothers, owns \$150,000 of Kellogg stock and has seen to it that stockholders will vote in April on requiring Kellogg ads to present in a non-prejudicial manner any members of groups victimized by hate crimes, including ... lesbians and gay men."

is eagerly seeking other stockholders to sign or endorse the resolution.

The Kellogg ad in question, for the company's Nut 'N Honey cereal, is no longer running in most U.S. markets.

Plans are underway for

A second key to the April plans relative of the Kellogg family.

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WORSHIP AT GOLDEN GATE M.C.C.

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Sign language provided at the

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Aug. 7, 1953-Feb. 6, 1989

with HIV-related progressive multifocal

The Baby died at home after two years

titude, yet humble of heart. and burrowed at the flea markets to

Ceremonial dispersal of ashes has already been observed in the Baccarat room at Gump's. For additional memorial information, please call Douglas Mont-

Thank you, Bill Piatt. Thank you, Ray



southern Italian the Mussolini era. He was royal in at-

With a terrier's nose for unconsidered treasures, John hunted the thrift stores become a premier collector of antique Christmas lights and ornaments. He was often consumed with a reckless passion for small objects of beauty.

gomery at 552-2223.

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Good-bye, joyous one.

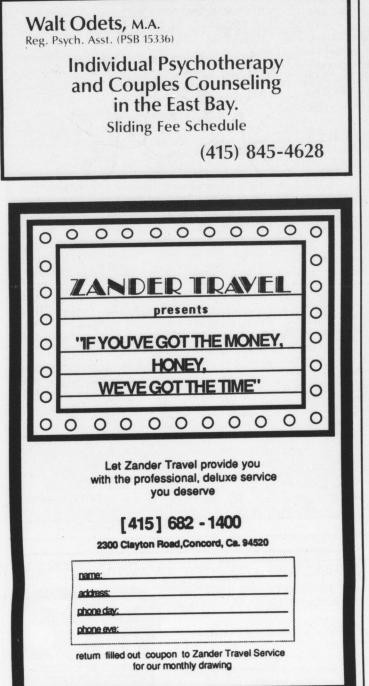




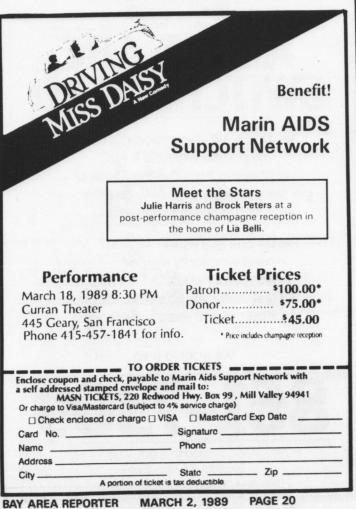
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BAY AREA REPORTER GREATER BAY NEWS



WHAT'S THAT MR. MARCUS UP TO? **FIND OUT IN BAZAAR**



Marin Youth Group Honored by Award



Members of Rainbow's End honored for speaking out for gay youth.

People Speaking, an organization which recognizes people speaking out in their communities, has awarded the Pioneer Award to Rainbow's End. Rainbow's End is a gay/lesbian/bisexual youth project sponsored by the Ministry of Light. The award was presented to members of Rainbow's End on Friday, Feb. 24, at Fort Mason at the annual People Speaking awards dinner.

People Speaking honors Rainbow's End for pioneering a youth project which supports gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, enabling them to communicate to each other, and the general public about issues surrounding their sexuality and self-esteem. In classrooms throughout Marin County high schools, these courageous youths share their sexual orientation issues and experiences with other youth.

Rainbow's End meets the first, second and third Thursday of each month for support and discussion. Ages from 15-21 years. Ministry of Light offices, 1000 Sir Francis Drake, San Anselmo. For further information call 457-1115.

BAYMEC Celebrates with Gay Pride Dinner

The Stonewall Revolt is 20 years old. In 1969 a small group of gay men fought back when the police raided a bar in Greenwich Village. Since that time, lesbians and gay men, along with their non-gay allies, have been fighting back against injustice and inequality wherever it exists. Much of the progress has come in the political arena.

BAYMEC, the Bay Area Muicipal Elections Committee, was formed in 1984 to promote the rights of lesbians and gay men in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties. By lobbying elected officials and supporting

BAYMEC has increased the visability of the community and strengthened its power at the hallot hox To celebrate the cause of human freedom and equality,

BAYMEC is sponsoring a dinner at the Hyatt Mediterranean Center in San Jose on Saturday, April 8. Keynote speaker will be Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, and many local officials from the tri-county area are expected to attend

Like last year, the dinner will be more than a political event. It will be fun. Music, comedy, and to purchase tickets, call Board even a juggler will grace the President Paul Wysocki at (408) the candidacies of its allies, center during the Social-Event- 293-3135

ner are \$100 each; benefactors (individuals or organizations that buy or sell a table of ten seats for \$1,000) and sponsors (those buying or selling four seats for \$400) will be listed on the formal invitations going out next month, as well as on the dinner program. Also, people are encouraged to buy tickets on behalf of people

then attend the dinner. For more information about the dinner, or about BAYMEC, or

of-the-Year for the lesbian and gay community. Tickets for the din-

with AIDS or ARC who could

Vallejo Tense After Rest Stop Murder

by Dennis McMillan

A married man, who may have been the victim of an alleged gay-bashing, was murdered in Vallejo at an I-80 rest stop on Sunday, Feb. 19. The victim was identified as Kevin Sherrill, 33, of Suisun City.

Vallejo police have arrested three suspects who have been charged with homicide. Two of the suspects are juveniles.

One police official said that several non-fatal assaults have been reported at the rest stop. The official added that there have been some complaints of general harassment of gays in the vicinity.

Municipal court Judge Paul F. Dacey of the Vallejo/Benicia district courts placed a gag order, not allowing any further details to be released. When Bay Area Reporter went to press, Rosalie Greene of the district attorney's office was unavailable for comment.

Detective Dave Causey of the Vallejo homicide division is currently working on the case, but was reluctant to reveal much information.

Causey declined to state whether the murder involved anti-gay Nazi skinheads or Ku Klux Klan activity, which has been on the rise lately. A Nazi ral-

ly has been scheduled near I-80 between Amador and Tuolomne. It will be hosted by Dr. Howard Lonsdale on Saturday, March 4.

Causey admitted that he has received many testimonies from men who have experienced threats and gay harassment at this particular rest stop.

Police warned people who may be inclined to use the area as a potential cruise spot that the vicinity is dangerous and should be avoided.

For information about protesting the upcoming Nazi skinhead rally, call 864-1278 or 330-5363.

AIDS Food Bank.

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payment of the donations. Again several days later, EBAF was informed that, yes, indeed, the check (note the singular) was in the hands of the transporter and would be so delivered at the EBAF meeting on Monday, Feb. 20. Said transporter not only did not deliver the check (note singular) that night, but also he failed to show up for the committee meeting the next night.

out:

The Check Is In The Mail

INTANGIBLE BENEFACTION

(A "Money, Money, Who Has Got the Money?" Nose)

About a month and a half ago there was an auction down Hayward way. The recipients of the proceeds were the AIDS Food Bank and East Bay Assistance Fund. I was told that a gracious "thank-you" was received from

There was a very good reason that no "thank-you" was received from East Bay Assistance Fund. No, I repeat NO, monies were ever received by EBAF from

Circumstances in the scenario are as confusing as the missing money (well, not actually cash money, as it were). At an EBAF committee meeting, one member was astonished and taken aback that the donation had not been delivered. He immediately got on the phone and called the "powers that be" and was informed that everyone assumed it had been sent but he would look

Several days passed and the "powers that be" called EBAF to state that things were in process and not to worry, as all the checks (note the plural) were made out to East Bay Assistance Fund. Another day or four brought forth the information that the check (note the singular) was to have been mailed from Los

To add credence to the tale, EBAF was told that because the holder and mailer of the checks (note the plural) thought the surcharge for the use of the credit card machine at the auction was excessive, the holder and mailer of the checks paid the difference out of his own pocket.

A call to EBAF several days later informed a shocked "power that be" that, no, NOTHING had arrived via the post office, Federal Express or Pony Express from Los Angeles or anywhere else. Again, the "powers that be"

Again, several days later, a call to EBAF revealed that, lo and behold, the checks (note the plural) had been misaddressed and returned to sender. When the "power that be" actually had the checks in hand, he immediately put them into another envelope for delivery. Delivery, by the way, by the same committee member who was so astonished and taken aback at the non-

Several items must be pointed

1) The original advertisements for the auction did not mention EBAF as a beneficiary.

2) It is not clear if there is one check or many checks for EBAF. 3) If the checks were made out to EBAF, who is to blame the writers for stopping payment because of non-cashing?

4) Why wasn't EBAF paid the same time the AIDS Food Bank? Why was there ANY delay?

5) What possible reason could there be for anyone going from Hayward to Los Angeles to mail proceeds back to Oakland?

6) Why didn't the "final" transporter call anyone to tell that he had the check or checks, wouldn't be at any of the meetings, and would get them to EBAF, asap?

7) With all the good intentions, what can trusting auction bidders think when their checks to an organization are neither livered nor cashed?

It's going on two months since that auction down Hayward way. AIDS Food Bank has sent its gracious "thank-you." EBAF would like to, but has no idea to whom to send the "thank-you" since nothing to date has been received.

Maybe some pressure from those who bid for and paid for auction merchandise, who were wanting to assist EBAF, against the "powers that be" and the "transporter" might bring forth a plausible solution???

EXIGENT HAPPENSTANCE

(A "Donating" Nose) Little Mother-sans Juan (Capistrano?)-will have another of her famous auctions at Town & Country on Sunday, March 5. from 4 to 8 p.m. She does need more items to auction off. If you have any such saleable goodies, give her a call at 562-9826, or bring them to the Town & Country the morning of the auction.

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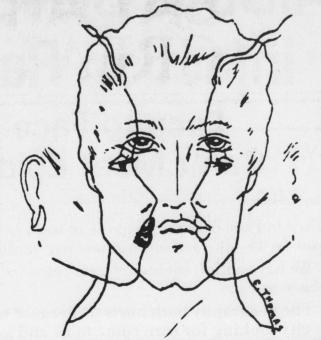
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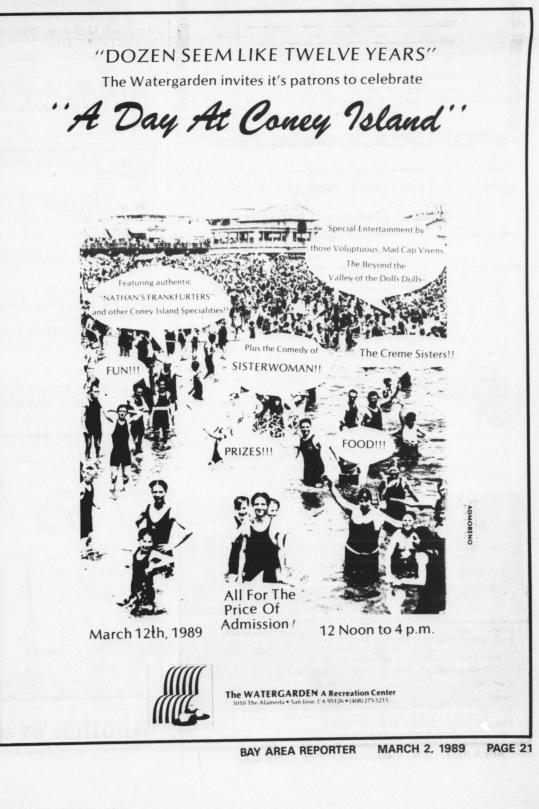
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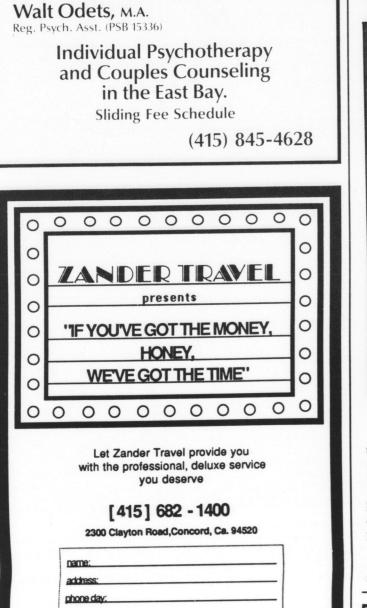
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Marin Youth Group Honored by Award



Members of Rainbow's End honored for speaking out for gay youth.

People Speaking, an organization which recognizes people speaking out in their communities, has awarded the Pioneer Award to Rainbow's End. Rainbow's End is a gay/lesbian/bisexual youth project sponsored by the Ministry of Light. The award was presented to members of Rainbow's End on Friday, Feb. 24, at Fort Mason at the annual People Speaking awards dinner.

People Speaking honors Rainbow's End for pioneering a youth project which supports gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, enabling them to communicate to each other, and the general public about issues surrounding their sexuality and self-esteem. In classrooms throughout Marin County high schools, these courageous youths share their sexual orientation issues and experiences with other youth.

Rainbow's End meets the first, second and third Thursday of each month for support and discussion. Ages from 15-21 years. Ministry of Light offices, 1000 Sir Francis Drake, San Anselmo. For further information call 457-1115.

BAYMEC Celebrates with Gay Pride Dinner

The Stonewall Revolt is 20 years old. In 1969 a small group of gay men fought back when the police raided a bar in Greenwich Village. Since that time, lesbians and gay men, along with their non-gay allies, have been fighting back against injustice and inequality wherever it exists. Much of the progress has come in the political arena.

BAYMEC, the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, was formed in 1984 to promote the rights of lesbians and gay men in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San- be more than a political event. It the dinner, or about BAYMEC, or ta Cruz counties. By lobbying ted officials and supporting

by Dennis McMillan

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vicinity.

A married man, who may

have been the victim of an

alleged gay-bashing, was

murdered in Vallejo at an

I-80 rest stop on Sunday, Feb.

19. The victim was identified

as Kevin Sherrill, 33, of

Vallejo police have arrested

three suspects who have been

charged with homicide. Two of

One police official said that

several non-fatal assaults have

been reported at the rest stop.

The official added that there

have been some complaints of

general harassment of gays in the

the suspects are juveniles.

BAYMEC has increased the visability of the community and strengthened its power at the hallot box.

To celebrate the cause of human freedom and equality, BAYMEC is sponsoring a dinner at the Hyatt Mediterranean Center in San Jose on Saturday, April 8. Keynote speaker will be Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, and many local officials from the tri-county area are expected to attend

Like last year, the dinner will will be fun. Music, comedy, and juggler will grace the even a the candidacies of its allies, center during the Social-Event- 293-3135.

Municipal court Judge Paul F.

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district courts placed a gag order,

not allowing any further details

to be released. When Bay Area

Reporter went to press, Rosalie

Greene of the district attorney's

office was unavailable for com-

Detective Dave Causey of the

Vallejo homicide division is cur-

rently working on the case, but

was reluctant to reveal much in-

Causey declined to state

whether the murder involved

anti-gay Nazi skinheads or Ku

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buy or sell a table of ten seats for \$1,000) and sponsors (those buy will be listed on the formal invitawell as on the dinner program. Also, people are encouraged to buy tickets on behalf of people

then attend the dinner. For more information about to purchase tickets, call Board

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of-the-Year for the lesbian and gay

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Vallejo Tense After Rest Stop Murder

It will be hosted by Dr. Howard Lonsdale on Saturday, March 4. Causey admitted that he has received many testimonies from men who have experienced threats and gay harassment at

ly has been scheduled near I-80

between Amador and Tuolomne.

this particular rest stop. Police warned people who may be inclined to use the area as a potential cruise spot that the vicinity is dangerous and should be avoided.

For information about protesting the upcoming Nazi skinhead rally, call 864-1278 or 330-5363.

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The Check Is In The Mail

INTANGIBLE BENEFACTION

(A "Money, Money, Who Has Got the Money?" Nose)

About a month and a half ago there was an auction down Hayward way. The recipients of the proceeds were the AIDS Food Bank and East Bay Assistance Fund. I was told that a gracious "thank-you" was received from

There was a very good reason that no "thank-you" was received from East Bay Assistance Fund. No, I repeat NO, monies were ever received by EBAF from

Circumstances in the scenario are as confusing as the missing money (well, not actually cash money, as it were). At an EBAF committee meeting, one member was astonished and taken aback that the donation had not been delivered. He immediately got on the phone and called the "powers that be" and was informed that everyone assumed it had been sent but he would look into the matter.

Several days passed and the "powers that be" called EBAF to state that things were in process and not to worry, as all the checks (note the plural) were made out to East Bay Assistance Fund. Another day or four brought forth the information that the check (note the singular) was to have been mailed from Los

To add credence to the tale, EBAF was told that because the holder and mailer of the checks (note the plural) thought the surcharge for the use of the credit card machine at the auction was excessive, the holder and mailer of the checks paid the difference out of his own pocket.

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Several items must be pointed

1) The original advertisements for the auction did not mention EBAF as a beneficiary.

2) It is not clear if there is one check or many checks for EBAF. 3) If the checks were made out to EBAF, who is to blame the writers for stopping payment be-

4) Why wasn't EBAF paid the same time the AIDS Food Bank? Why was there ANY delay?

5) What possible reason could there be for anyone going from Hayward to Los Angeles to mail proceeds back to Oakland?

6) Why didn't the "final" transporter call anyone to tell that he had the check or checks, wouldn't be at any of the meetings, and would get them to EBAF, asap?

7) With all the good intentions, what can trusting auction bidders think when their checks to an organization are neither delivered nor cashed?

It's going on two months since that auction down Hayward way. AIDS Food Bank has sent its gracious "thank-you." EBAF would like to, but has no idea to whom to send the "thank-you" since nothing to date has been received.

Maybe some pressure from those who bid for and paid for auction merchandise, who were wanting to assist EBAF, against the "powers that be" and the "transporter" might bring forth a plausible solution???

EXIGENT HAPPENSTANCE (A "Donating" Nose)

Little Mother-sans Juan (Capistrano?)-will have another of her famous auctions at Town & Country on Sunday, March 5. from 4 to 8 p.m. She does need more items to auction off. If you have any such saleable goodies. give her a call at 562-9826, or oring them to the Town & Country the morning of the auction.

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AIDS Is Sleeping Giant In Sonoma; Infection Rate Near Top In State

Face to Face Stands Alone In Services; **Can't Meet Epidemic Without More Funding**

by Jay Newquist

Face to Face is the only game in town in Sonoma County against the AIDS epidemic where the infection rate is one in 44-the second highest per capita in California.

"We have a high incidence rate yet we're a rural county," says Sharon Tomas, the outgoing executive director of Face to Face.

"The geography both hurts us because we serve a large area without centralized services and yet people from the city looking for care come to us and get it all, that's the beauty of doing it all.



The staff at Face To Face.

"The numbers are getting to be such that we'll have a hard time meeting the demands of all who need us.'

Face to Face began in 1984 when people came together to help themselves-the archetypal genesis of most AIDS organizations-and they've been growing by leaps and bounds every since.

Sonoma County has, however, proved to be a problem in several areas.

"It's so different here than in San Francisco where AIDS is in the forefront of the critical agenda," said Jacqueline Robb, the Face to Face office manager. "and it's not true here. There are a lot of gay and lesbian people here and AIDS has not been addressed at the county level at anywhere near the degree that it will have to happen.

"The county would like the state to do it and the state would like the federal government to do it and the federal government would like individual donations to take care of it.

"We have an incredible amount of individual donation support in this agency, I am amazed by the broad base of support, but AIDS is not a big topic yet. It will be soon."

Face to Face provides a catchall variety of services for people with AIDS. They maintain an emergency fund on a one-time only basis where up to \$800 is deistributed to a client to pay rent, the PG&E bill, or the

In 1987 to 1988, 15 percent of the budget went for the fund.

They also provide emotional support volunteers to serve at least six months and at least two hours a week on behalf of their AIDS/ARC clients as well as sup port and various group meetings.

Face to Face also provides inhome care-cooking, cleaning and bedside care. People with AIDS also receive benefits counseling to help slice through the bureaucracy to reserve SSI and SSA benefits.

• State grant, 44 percent. • Special events, 23 percent.

• Individual donations, 32 per-

• Revenue (T-shirt sale, training), 1 percent.

The majority of the revenue

from individuals came from \$5, \$10 and \$20 increments, but since then Face to Face has focused less on a lot of small special events and more on mass mailings and large events like the recent arrival of the Quilt in Sonoma County.

"There's no way of knowing," said Tomas, "but the speculation is strong that support has come from the gay and lesbian community in this county that we would be their charity of choice. We have a broader base of people supporting us who've been touched by AIDS."

Dr. Helen Wilbur, a psychologist and interim executive director, said she had similarly found that Face to Face has become the charity of choice in the caregiving, professional community as

(BAR Photo

A final service is a Home

Health Care grant of \$118,000 for

40 clients. "It is truly a research

grant to collect data on people

with AIDS and ARC that pro-

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The program provides an RN

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provide anywhere else."

Tomas said.

The special events for Face to Face have included Romanovsky and Phillips, Marga Gomez, Torch Song Trilogy from S.F. State, the River Regatta, Human Race, AIDS bike-a-thon and the

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"It's the first time the Quilt has been other than in a large urban center," said Robb, "so that's real exciting. What's fascinating is the amount of interest generated in Sonoma County. So many people want to get involved. We've had calls from people that we've had no contact from before.

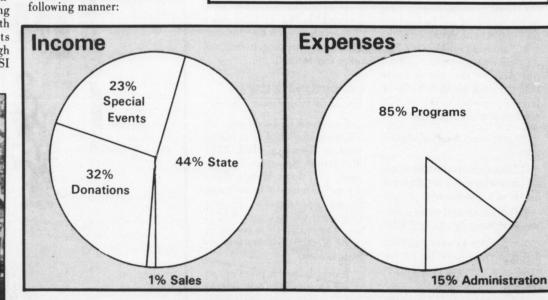
"If the excitement in the couny holds, I think the money to Face to Face could be substantial. I think people realize it's an opportunity to break through the denial, a way to touch people like names on posters don't touch. It's really personal. They get to people

"It could have a profound importance and shift inertia here around service needs for people with AIDS."

Wilbur said interest has emerged in other areas. "Schools (Continued on next page)

Face to Face

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Volunteers
Income:
State grant
Special events
Individual donations
Other Revenue (T-shirt sales, etc.)1 percent
Services: Emotional support for people with AIDS/ARC, emergency fund, in-home care, benefits counseling, home health care.



Another in a Series on AIDS Organizations



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(BAR Photo Face To Face offices in Guerneville. BAY AREA REPORTER MARCH 2, 1989 PAGE 22

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have gotten involved and children of school age will be given credit who go and report on the Quilt." Sharon Tomas said the agency

was increasingly sophisticated how to reach the individual donor. "We're developing a pledge program where people can pledge monies and with more pledges that could represent a more stable course on the kind of

"We're more likely to have events like the Quilt and things that will have lower expenses and

"That's the direction we're go-

There are from 4,000 to 7,000 infected with HIV in Sonoma and Face to Face serves 150 people with AIDS/ARC, although there may be another 50 the agency is not reaching.

and two part-time employees. A sample of salaries include the ex-

ecutive director (\$20,000); program manager (\$18.000); director of client services (\$20,000); and fund development specialist (\$16,500).

The staff includes four straight women, three gay men and two esbian women. Some 85 percent of the operat-

ing budget goes into direct services, while the remaining 15 percent is for administration, salaries and overhead.

Face to Face served 205 clients in 1988 of which 94 percent were gay white men, and among their minority clients were three Blacks, seven Hispanics, one Native American, and one Asian.

Tomas said the number of Hispanic people as clients was on the rise as well as IV drug use. "It's starting to show itself, but it's difficult to capture. There doesn't seem to be an ethnic attachment to it, it just started." Face to Face is on a reasonable

solid ground, but it needed a

\$60,000 emergency grant recenty from the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to stay afloat.

"It's a double edged gift and spent," said Robb, "and we're left thinking we have to come up with another crisis

"How can we show the county this (money) is a continuing problem that in their long-term best interest be best dealt with on a county level. I believe that it left the supervisors feeling as if they had heard, addressed and met the needs of the people with AIDS in Sonoma."

Thomas said Face to Face had taken care of the AIDS problem since 1984 and that a change in perception was required.

"People have to realize the problem of providing AIDS services) is such that Face to Face has a harder time meeting the service needs and so we have to shift that perception and get the money coming from the county.



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East Bay Demos Elect New Officers

At a Feb. 15 meeting, the executive board of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club completed its process, begun at the club's January meeting, of selecting club officers for 1989.

Elected as president was Allan Shore of El Sobrante. Shore, active in the last year with the club's political action committee and with Mobilization Against AIDS, replaces Bob Kegeles, who was elected in January to a leadership post with the Alameda **County Democratic Central**

Selected by the executive board as vice-president was Karin Hardison of Oakland. Previously club treasurer, Hardison served last year as co-chair for the No on 96/102 campaign in Alameda County. Replacing her as treasurer is Eric Hsu of Oakland, who was selected to continue in his role as editor of the club's



Taking on the position of club secretary is Tom Brougham of Berkeley, a former club president and, since 1987, an elected member of the local Peralta Community College Board.

Reelected to the executive board were Rose Holmes of Oakland, Kate Leyden of El Cerrito, and Barry Warren of Berkeley. Joining the board is Albert Lucero of Berkeley, who served

last year as a Jesse Jackson alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

In accepting the presidency of the club, Shore stressed the hope that, in a non-election year, the club can strengthen its base throughout the East Bay, achieving increased participation by women and by people of color.

"We have an opportunity to work with other groups to focus on issues like violence, domestic partner benefits, and AIDS policies," he said.

"This year will be a good one for coalition-building.

The next meeting of the club was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 23, at the West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Avenue. Guest speakers from Mobilization Against AIDS, the East Bay AIDS Response Organization. and Black and White Men Together have been invited to at-

For additional information about the club, contact Allan Shore at 222-8957 or Karin Hardison at 547-8935.



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ty as a way of life. So much so that Laird recently was asked to join the board of directors of the local chamber of commerce, a lessthan-liberal organization.

"I think this is something that would have been unheard of even two or three years ago," said

When he ran for office this past year, the local conservative

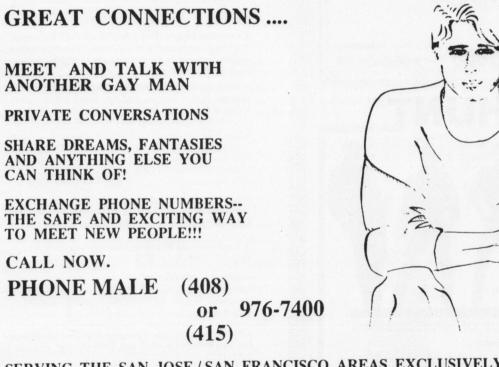
"The way to do it is bit by bit,"

While the changes in public opinion are important, the role Laird plays in the gay community is even more important to him

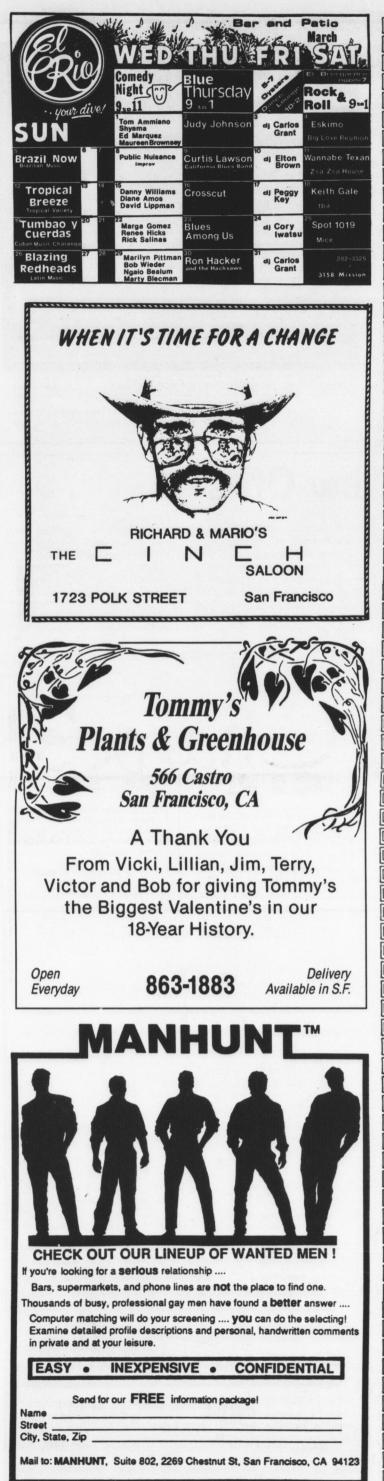
"I still have people come up to me regularly and say that they feel they can do things they might not have been sure of because they see me being out there

Electing its own officials is one of the ways the gay community can control its destiny. "It teaches us that we can control things-and that we should never

"Always realize you have power-even if it might not ap-



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THS WEEK

FRIDAY 3

• No Exit: by Jean-Paul Sartre, presented by North Beach Repertory, plays from March 3-26. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Theater, 301 8th Street (at Folsom). \$10, call 621-4423 for tickets.

· Seven Sundays: a play by Michael Scott Reed about an AIDS patient and the stranger who visits him will be at Grace Cathedral March 3,4,10,11 at 8 p.m. Call 776-6611 or BASS, 762-2277 for tickets.

· Saliva: starring Keith Hennessy in a rowdy dance/word performance by a man under a freeway, presented by CONTRABAND. March 3,4,5 at 8 p.m. at Clementina between 1st and 3rd Sts. \$5, no one excluded for lack of funds, dress warmly, lots of parking.

 Mindset: a playground is transformed by artists into a life-size chessboard of chess pieces that honor great thinkers of the past. March 3-4, 9-12 and 16-18; 8 p.m.-12 a.m. March 12 matinee 1-5 p.m. 455 10th Street. \$4 at the door

• Scandals: dance with Linda Lane and the Western Electrics. 9 p.m., no cover, no minimum. 162 Turk. 673-5153.

• El Rio: DeeJay Dance/Lounge features Carlos Grant, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover. 3158 Mission. Call 282-3325. · Fetish Night: 746 Clementina, Apt 2 from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Exhibit the fetish of your choice. Males 18+ Non-stop movies, refreshments. More info 621-1887 • Hospice Volunteer Training: will be held March 3, 6:30-9:30 p.m., AND 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Hospice by the

Bay, 1550 Sutter, 3rd floor. 673-2020 for reservations. • Art Exhibition: Watercolors, oils, screens, and Zen calligraphy by Richard Bolingbroke on display March 3-5, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at 347 Dolores. Opening reception March 3, 6-9 p.m. 863-0212 or 255-1928 for details. · Free Meditation Workshop: by Murray Edelman, Ph.D., is a chance to open to higher energy and con-

sciousness without cult, dogma, or institution. Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. March 3 and 4 in the Castro. For info and to register call 647-8771. · Cycling: Different Spokes and S.F. Bicycle Club spon-

sor gay and lesbian weekend recreational rides and touring for all levels. Call 771-0677 for information.

SATURDAY 4

· Women's Dance at Stanford: at the Elliott Program Center on campus. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. with \$3 cover. Call (415)725-4222 or the Events Tape (415)723-1488 for details

• "Our Comedy, Ourselves": an evening of enlightened, raunchy humor features Marga Gomez, Diane Amos and Renee Hicks. Noe Valley Mininstry, 1021 Sanchez. 8:15 p.m. \$8.

• A Different Light: Author David Leavitt reads from his new novel, EQUAL AFFECTIONS. 489 Castro from 3-5 p.m.

· Fraternal Order of Gays: Post Mardi Gras Trip Social, 7:30 p.m., Fog House, 304 Gold Mine Drive. Prize for the most outrageous outfit. Details call 641-0999. \$3 members; \$4 non-members.

· Sisterspirit Bookstore/Coffeehouse: presents man dolinist Robin Flower and keyboard player Libby McLaren at 8:30 p.m. at 1040 Park Ave., San Jose. Doors open at 8 p.m. Sliding scale \$4-\$8. (408)293-9372. • Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom: Civil rights attorney Mary Dunlap and Stanford Law School Dean Paul Brest to speak at 8th Annual Legal Careers and Issues Conference at Golden Gate University, 536 Mission. Workshops begin at 9 a.m. 841-0873. Free

 EastBay FrontRunners: Marina Green to Fort Point Run-meet at the intersection of Marina Blvd. and Scott. Up to 4 miles, flat. Info: 939-3579 or 865-6792.

 San Francisco Wrestling Club: workout from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Jim at 538-8490 for information

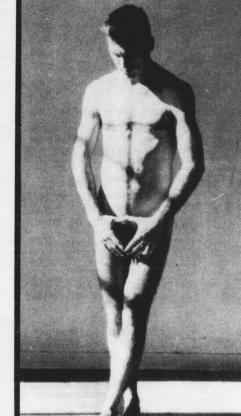
• Scandals Saloon: dance with Linda Lane and the Western Electrics, special appearance by Barbary Coast Cloggers. 9 p.m. 162 Turk. No cover or minimum. 673-5153.

• El Rio: Urban Rocker Saturdays features Eskimo and Bib Love Reunion, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. 3158 Mission. \$5 cover. 282-3325.

• Phallic Fellowship: 746 Clementina, Apt. 2, 8 p.m. -6 a.m. Sexy movies and refreshments. \$7 donation Males 18+ welcome. Doors open until 2 a.m. 621-1887.

 Comedy at the Rose: Franchesca Bon Journo appears at 6 p.m. as Dorothy Parker in "Boys, Booze and Broads." Rose and Thistle, 1624 California. \$5 cover.

 Personal Power: A supportive environment for gays and lesbians to learn self-defense. Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church, Room. 205. Suggested \$7 donation per lesson. Call 826-6486



Keith Hennessy of Contraband in Saliva, an outdoor dance performance happening this weekend.

SUNDAY 5

 Butch Fashion Show: Show at 8 p.m., dancing from 6:30 p.m.-12 a.m. at Amelia's, 647 Valencia. \$5. • Gay Artists and Writers Kollective: Meeting at 7:30

p.m. Call John Sugar at 731-2424 for details. • SF Freedom Day Parade Committee: Booths Subcommittee, 36 Rausch, 7 p.m. Call 864-FREE for info.

· G40 Plus Club: "Community Radio in the Age of AIDS," by Philip Maldari, Co-Director of Public Affairs for KPFA. Also bring contributions for the AIDS Food Bank. 552-1997

• El Rio: Sunday Garden Parties features Brazil Now from 4-8 p.m. 3158 Mission. \$7 cover. 282-3325. · Bisexual Men's Support Group: meets at Bay Area Bi sexual Network, 2404 California St.-4, from 7:30-9:30

p.m. Call Andrew for details, 922-5288. Free. · Bi-Friendly San Francisco: Sunday Potluck Brunch at 1406 Cole (at 17th) from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring dish to share. 753-0687.

· Lecture: Historian and gay activist Alan Berube will speak on "The Politics of Grief" at the Valencia Center 777 Valencia at 7 p.m. \$3-\$5 suggested donation. Call David at 626-1694 for more info.

 Different Spokes/San Francisco: Crystal Springs to Canada Road. Just a few low hills, few cars and beautiful! Helmets recommended, bring lunch, rain cancels. Meet at North end of Sawyer Camp Trail at 10 a.m. Call Irv at 695-0660

 Electric City: in San Francisco, Cable 35 every Sun day night at 11:30 p.m. South Bay: every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. on KCAT. In Oakland tonight only at 10 p.m. on Cable 50. The latest in the lesbian/gay community on television.

· AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Monthly service at 2:30 p.m. at Congregation Rodef Shalom, 170 North San Pedro, San Raphael. 457-1129.

• Dignity: Liturgy for gay/lesbian Catholics and friends at 5:30 p.m. at Dolores Baptist Church, 15th and Dolores. For information call 255-9244.

 Marin MCC Services: MCC of the Redwoods has worship services at 6 p.m., 8 Olive St., Mill Valley. Call 388-2315 for information

 San Francisco MCC: Worship services, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (with childcare and signing for the hearing-impaired) and 7 p.m. Call 863-4434 for more information.

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

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

• MCC Santa Rosa: Worship service, 515 Orchard St., 11 a.m. Call (707) 526-HOPE for more information.

Andrea Marcovicci plays the peasant girl turned warrior in ACT's production of the George Bernard Shaw classic Saint Joan.

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· Noh Oratorio Society: presents "The Road to Happiness," a program of French and American music and verse. 8 p.m. at the Hatley Martin Gallery, 41 Powell. Tickets are \$8 (\$7 members); for info and reservations

• Buddy Night: 735 Tehama from 8-11 p.m. Enjoy a night at our South of Market Hole-In-The-Wall.

• HIV+ Spiritual Support Group: Meeting, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F. Call 863-4434 for more

• Alanon: Meeting for people with AIDS/ARC/HIVpositive concerns, Rest Stop, 134 Church St., S.F., 7:30-9 p.m. Call 621-REST for more information. Emergence/San Francisco: Gay Christian Scientist

group meets at 7:50 p.m. Call 221-HOME fore more Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders: Support group

for older gay men (60+), Operation Concern, 1853 Market St., S.F., 7-9 p.m. Call 626-7000 for more informa-

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

TUESDAY 7

• Ministry of Light: Gay men's support group from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., room 18, San Anselmo. For information call 457-0854 or

· Slightly Older Lesbians: Small group discussion, Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, 7-9 p.m.

· Richmond Youth Rap: Lesbian/gay youth group, 3654 Balboa, S.F., 6-7:30 p.m. Call 668-5955 for more

· Asian Gay Men's Support Group: Meeting, the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 6:30-8 p.m. Call 548-8283 for more information.

 Gay Male Drop-In Group for Alcohol/Substance Abuse and HIV Concerns: individual and group process available, 7-9 p.m. at Operation Concern/Recovery, 1853 Market. For intake appointment call 626-7000. Master Your Mind: Support group for people with

AIDS and the worried, led by Mary Richards, 4th floor, 333 Valencia St., S.F., noon-2 p.m. Focus on meditation, visualization, empowerment, and health; not affiliated with the S.F. AIDS Foundation. Call 945-0941 for more

· Gay Support Group for People With ARC: and alcohol/ substance abuse, Operation Concern, 1853 Market St., S.F., 7-9 p.m. Individual and group process. Call 626-7000 for intake appointme

 Evening Group Orientation: For people with AIDS or ARC, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 333 Valencia St., 4th floor, S.F., free, Assistance in interpreting financial benefit systems, applying for government assistance programs, and information on social service agencies and discounts available. Call 864-4376 to reserve a



WEDNESDAY 8

· Improv Comedy: Public Nuisance at El Rio, 3158 Mission, 9-11 p.m., \$5 cover. 282-3325.

 Modern Times Bookstore: Monika Kehoe will discuss her book "Lesbians Over 60 Speak for Themselves," and other pertinent issues. 7:30 p.m. at 968 Valencia. 282-9246.

• Federal Lesbians and Gays (FLAG): meets with speaker Ann Jennings, California Deputy Attorney General and activist with the Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU at La Pinta, 510 Larkin, at 6 p.m., \$2. No host cocktails, Mexican snacks. Call 695-9471 for more information.

 International Womyn's Day Demonstration: at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center in front of San Francisco City Hall. March (at 5:30) for women's and lesbian liberation. Sponsored by Women Against Imperialism & the IWD Democratic Committee, 995-4735.

• Gay and Lesbian Older Writers (50+) Group: meets every Wednesday from 6-8 p.m., at Operation Concern, 1853 Market. Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE), 626-7000, Free,

 Operation Recovery Alumni, Inc.: Group of gay men with at least one year commitment to recovery from alcohol and drug abuse. 6-8 p.m. every Wednesday. Call 550-8561 between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for location and information

· Santa Cruz MCC: Lenten Living Room Series focusing on self-esteem every Wednesday during Lent. Call (408) 479-4242.

 A Self-Defense Class: Learn practical skills in a Castro Valencia Community College class. Free. Call Chris Anderegg at 861-3523.

• Seth Group: For people concerned with AIDS/ARC/ HIV issues, Rest Stop, 134 Church St., S.F., 6-8 p.m.,

\$1-\$3 sliding scale (waived for PWAs and PWARCs). · AIDS Caregivers: Spiritual support group, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7:30 p.m. Call 863-4434 for more information.

• Stockton Connection: Gay rap group concerning safe sex, AIDS, health issues, and lifestyle management, sponsored by the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation, 4410 N. Pershing Ave., Suite C-5, Stockton. Call (209) 476-8533 for more information

• Sexuality and Spirituality: Adult education class sponsored by the 7th Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call 843-0326 for more information. Living Well With AIDS/ARC: Support group based on the principles of attitudinal healing, Rest Stop Support Center, 134 Church St., S.F., 4-6 p.m. Call 621-REST for more information.

· Couples Support Group: One or more of whom have AIDS, evening. Sponsored by the Shanti Project. Call 777-CARE for more information

THURSDAY 9

• El Rio: Blue Thursdays features Curtis Lawson, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. \$2 cover. 3158 Mission St., 282-3325. · Lambda Amateur Radio Club: meeting 8 p.m. Radio hams or those interested welcome. Call 863-1196 for details.

• Outlook: monthly lesbian/gay video magazine. 8 p.m. on Cable 30 in Cupertino, Los Altos. 8:30 p.m. on Cable 30 in Mountain View. The Castro Country Club and attorney Mary Dunlap are featured.

• SF Freedom Day Parade/Celebration Committee: multi-divisional, 36 Rausch, 7 p.m. 864-FREE for details Agenda: application packets.

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• Older Gay Men's Friendship Group (60+): meets at 2:45 p.m. in the Friendship Room, 711 Eddy. Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE), 626-7000. Free.

• Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post 448: meets at 7 p.m. in the Veteran's Memorial Building, 401 Van Ness, room 213, 431-1413. Gay, lesbian, bi, and straight vets welcome.

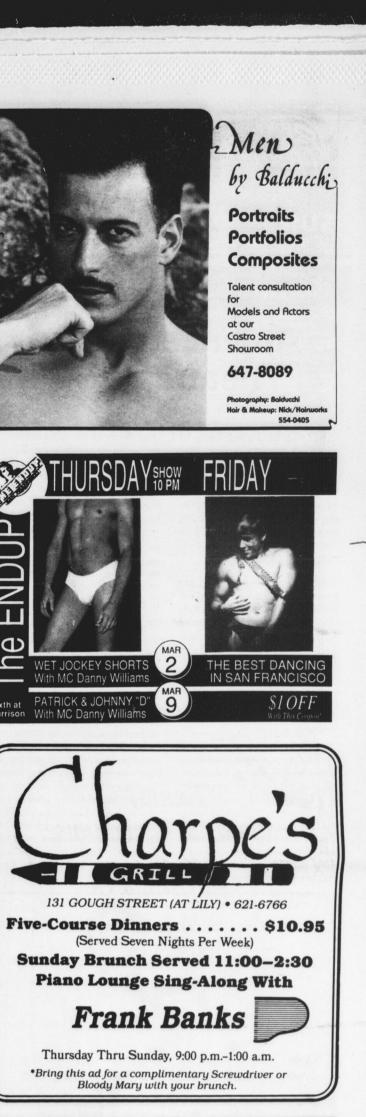
• HIV+ Support Group: meets weekly at 6 p.m. at Operation Concern, 1853 Market. No fee or advance registration. For information call 626-7000.

· Grief Recovery: A weekly support group from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hospice By the Bay, 1550 Sutter. Call 673-2020.

 ARC Support Group: meets every week at 6 p.m. at Health Center No. 1, 3850 17th St., Room 206. No fee, no advance registration. All persons with ARC are welcomed. For information call Operation Concern at 626-7000.

• S.F. Water Polo: Practices are held from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Berkeley. Men and women of all ability levels welcomed. For information call John at 621-0783 or Laurie at 255-9091.

 Asian/Pacific Island HIV: Support group for bisexual and gay men, Rest Stop, 134 Church St., S.F., 8-9:30 p.m. Call 621-REST for more information.



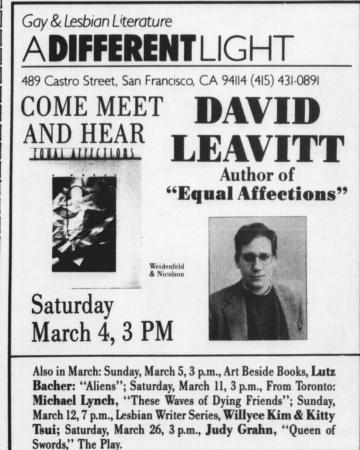
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Keith White

American Ballet Theatre at 50

merican Ballet Theatre occasionally can a moment of unloaded a half dozen of its moving vans at War Memorial Opera House for a first week repertory of old and new works, classics revived and revised, and the promise of a surpris-ing second-week gala featuring mistresses than any ot pany on the continent. an entire evening of dances by the company's new artistic asso-ciate, Twyla Tharp.

ABT has its requisite Russian guest star, young Andris Liepa of the Bolshoi, who danced the lead roles in the first performances of La Bayadere, Act II and the new Baryshnikov staging of Swan Lake. But it is the company's more familiar principals and soloists, and the unified ensemble feeling throughout its corps, that have impressed audiences this season.

About a fourth of the corps dancers are new. All this week the Civic Center area has been overrun with gorgeous young people: boys and girls with long legs and fresh, touchingly youthful faces. But this year the dancers' youth doesn't seem like the disadvantage it has sometimes appeared in the past. The technical levels have never been higher, and only

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uncertainty be glimpsed through the luster of excellent coaching the corps has been given by ABT's artistic staff, which maintains more ballet masters and mistresses than any other com-

As usual, the first evenings were programs of mixed repertory, and though the success of these works was just as mixed, none lacked interest. The most popular new work was Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, contemporary choreographer Mark Morris' first commission for ABT, set to Virgil Thomson's "Etudes for Piano," played onstage by Michael Boriskin. Much has been said about the ballet's structure, which is unpredictable in the extreme, and its rule innovations, including introspective passages for the men, and unexpected partnering reversals-women partnering men. Yet the entire work is cloaked in a prevailing subtlety, gliding by in a twilight of softly surprising comings and goings. I found it far less subversive than most of the works Morris makes for his own company, and perhaps, less memorable.



Susan Jaffe and Andris Liepa star in American Ballet Theater's production of Swan Lake.

Company member Clark Tippet's choreographic hallmark has seemed to be his fondness for his fellow dancers, and in his new Rigaudon, to Britten's "Simple Symphony," he still seems very aware of his compatriots' charms.

Wallace's dazzling pyrotechnics in Rigaudon, Carld Jonassaint, partnering Susan Jaffe in Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, and the appealing and versatile Jeremy Collins, who turns up often in demi-soloist roles.

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-Keith White

mented as it traveled-quite far-from its original premise, court dancing (an idea the score embraced quite easily). Visually, Gary Lisz' costumes didn't help: an assortment of short, pinked tutus for the women, and breaches and jerkins for the men, each costume different from the others and altogether looking expensively tatty, as though an adventurous dressmaker had gotten access to a couturier's scrap

Gaite Parisienne, last season's sensation, was packed out after a single, cheerful performance on opening night. Bourree Fantasque (Chabrier), one of the campiest of Balanchine's circus ballets, was back, as was the La Bayadere "Kingdom of the Shades" scene, by now a company staple.

ABT's reported shortage of principal men was not very apparent in these early performances, with Danilo Radojevic a perfect cast for the Peruvian in Gaite, and looking better than ever in La Bayadere, with Marianna Tcherkassky at her most gracious. Several soloists took major parts with great success. Ricardo Bustamante looks especially good this season; Ethan Brown seems ready to take on greater challenges; and Wes Chapman's dancing looks more miraculous every year. A number of corps dancers made prominent appear-ances, too, including Robert

The local premiere of Agnes de Mille's The Informer (1988), was the outstanding disappointment. In her reflection on Ireland's "time of the troubles" between 1916 and 1921, de Mille seems to have wanted to explore Irish stepdancing and Celtic songs in a quasi-dramatic setting. The action took place in seven segments involving scenery changes and considerable histrionics. But I never understood what was happening in the story, and noticed it of coughing in the house. Of some interest was the Irish dancing itself, which de Mille employed liberally throughout, the steps gaining some extra spring from these ballet dancers' super-energized thighs. That, and the bounce of lead dancer Kathleen Moore's splendid red hair were for me the highlights of a work that is far from being de Mille's magnum opus.

The highlight for everyone, not only of this tour but perhaps of the company's entire 50th anniversary season, is the new production of Swan Lake that opened on Friday for a run of six performances, each featuring a different pair of principal dancers. In restaging the classic, artistic director Mikhail Baryshnikov has restored some of the score's integrity by removing the Drigo interpolations that have been traditionally used for certain solo variations, notably those of the "Black Swan" pas de deux in Act III. Baryshnikov

went even further by dressing the Act III swan queen, Odile, in white, to more closely resemble her Act II counterpart, Odette. Finally, he instructed his designer, Pier Luigi Samartiani, to costume the corps in longer Romantic-style tutus, a rather major departure from the short classic tutus that are traditional for Swan Lake.

Samaritani has given Act I the simplest setting, a few liac bran-ches painted on a backdrop shot through with rays of sunlight, and a costume color scheme of lilac. mauve and white with accents of spring green. Act II's lakeside resembles the nave of a cathedral -a very effective idea-and is the most visually complex of the settings. The castle backdrop for Act III is also simple, but handsome: a tapestry backdrop as opposed to the Gothic buttressing we see in older productions.

The entire ballet is danced behind a scrim, which makes it look a bit like lifesized television, but none of the more obvious innova tions is very shattering in actuality. If anything, Baryshnikov's Swan Lake has a slightly updated look, with smooth continuity and admirable dramatic coherence. The shattering aspect of the opening night performance was Susan Jaffe's completely realized, otherworldly performance, an amazing balance of spirituality and sensuality (and perfect physical control) in the lakeside white act; and sharp precision and elegant hauteur in the third act ballroom scene.

The level of talent among ABT's principal women and the quality of coaching provided by the company's classics specialist, Elena Tchernichova, probably guarantees that there is no such thing as a poor Odette-Odile performance at an ABT Swan Lake. But on opening night there was no doubt in anyone's mind that they had seen one of America's greatest interpreters of the role in Susan Jaffe.

stage on a puff of wind, carusan Dambroff enters the rying a large laundry basket while she is blown about in a structure which is only fortified paper. For the next hour, she takes us on a trip through the house of her memories and observations, a house whose walls are fragile yet tenuous.

to take it all.

For reservations and information, call 776-8999. Tickets also available at STBS/Union Square and BASS.



Cynthia Harvey and Ross Stretton in Romeo and Juliet. BAY AREA REPORTER MARCH 2, 1989 PAGE 26

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Susan Dambroff's 'Wind, Shoes, and A Paper House' **Bearing Witness for Chuck Solomon** Scorching!!!

by Mary Richards

Wind, Shoes, and A Paper House is conceived, written and acted by Dambroff in the onewoman performance currently appearing at Centerspace, part of the Theatre Artaud complex.

We watch Dambroff as she flings herself about, alternately stretching her arms and legs every which way in unorganized confusion, or flopping down on the floor when she gets too tired

The performance is a strong one, and Dambroff enlists our empathy as she takes the opportunity to bear witness for her dear friend, a playwright who has died of AIDS. The show is dedicated to Chuck Solomon, and we share Dambroff's moments with him as she tells

Linke's 'Time Flies' Extended To Mar. 12

Life On The Water announced recently the extension of Paul Linke's Time Flies When You're Alive at its Fort Mason Theater through Sunday, March 12. The one-man performance work chronicles the fascinating and life-affirming 10-year relationship between Paul and his wife, Francesca, and their shared experience in confronting Francesca's untimely death by cancer at the age of 37. In this personal odyssey of conscious living, Linke shares the bewilderment, bonding, and potent reaffirmation of life with his audience.

The Northern California premiere of this production opened at Life On The Water on Jan. 11, and has received critical praise from the local press. Linke, a veteran theater actor who enjoyed six years of TV success on the television series Chips, performed Time Flies a year ago at Santa Monica's Powerhouse Theater to rave reviews and followed that run with a performance at the Mark Taper Forum. The one-man show has recently been produced as a film that will be presented on HBO this spring.

Performances of Time Flies When You're Alive are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. through March 12. Ticket prices are Wednesday and Sunday (both shows), \$10; Thursday, \$12; Friday and Saturday \$14.

their story. Her reminiscences why. But there they are, they are angry, tender and amusing. We are never subjected to the overly dramatic, tense type of eulogy which can become embarrassing to the memory of the loved one, as well as to the one who loves.

We are reminded of ourselves as our protagonist seeks to bring some semblance of structure to the everyday reality of a life which threatens to overwhelm her. Her floor is inundated with papers, she can't find a thing, none of her clothes are right. Most of us, at some time or another, have been there before, but in her case the symptoms only intensify and underscore the loss of her friend.

She has retained a pair of his shoes, and she's not quite sure won't go away by themselves. At one point she puts them on, and she is a sorry sight, standing there, painfully attempting to find the man who once filled them.

Dambroff has been writing and performing in the Bay Area over the past ten years in works such as Contents Under Pressure and The Kishka Sisters: An Evening of Jewish Women's Theater. Her published works have been included in anthologies: Ghosts of the Holocaust and Of Shadows Emerging.

Memory of Bone, her book of poetry, was published by Black Oyster Press in 1984.

The small area which Centerspace occupies is particularly suited to a one-person perform-



Susan Dambroff in her one-woman show, "Wind, Shoes, and a Paper House."

ance, and the audience is almost part of the stage. Last Friday's show was seen by about 50 people, most of them women who seemed to enjoy Dambroff's art.

Iris Landsberg and Gail Golden co-directed Wind, Shoes, and A Paper House, and they are both well qualified to share in the

success of the performance, having experience in many phases of artistic expression.

Tickets to the show are \$8 or \$10, and can be obtained by calling Centerspace (415) 861-5059. The performance runs through March 11.



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George Heymont

An American Classic

7 ery few American operas have achieved enough critical acclaim and/or popular success to be regarded as integral parts of the standard repertoire. It took George Gershwin's Porgy And Bess 50 years to reach the stage of the Metro-politan Opera House and, although Kurt Weill's Street Scene, Robert Ward's The Crucible (based on Arthur Miller's prize-winning play about the Salem witch trials) and Marc Blitzstein's Regina (which is based on Lillian Hellman's The Little Foxes) are occasionally revived, not one of these operas has gained the kind of audience popularity which would enable a singer to use it on a regular basis as a personal vehicle or a professional meal ticket.

Of the handful of operas written by European composers which take place in America, Puccini's Girl Of The Golden West (which had its world premiere in New York's original Metropolitan Opera House on Dec. 10, 1910) is by far the best known and most difficult to cast. Until its splendid presentation in 1984 by the Opera Theatre of St. Louis (a production which marked the opera's professionallystaged American premiere) and its recent release on compact disc, Benjamin Britten's Paul Bunyan was virtually unknown in the country whose folk hero it celebrates.

I doubt that anyone would weep if Douglas Moore's Cary Nation, Robert Ward's Minutes to Midnight, George Rochberg's The Confidence Man and Andrew Imbrie's Angle of Repose were never revived. And, unlike Gershwin's Porgy And Bess (which is chockfull of hit tunes), "black" American operas of impressive artistic merit such as Thea Musgrave's Harriet Tubman: A Woman Called Moses, Anthony Davis's X: The Life And Times of Malcolm X, Duke Ellington's Queenie Pie and Scott Joplin's Treemonisha are extremely difficult to sell to largely white and conservative subscription audiences.

What operatic Americana remains active in the repertoire? Of the important American works composed during the past two decades, two of Carlisle Floyd's operas (Willie Stark and Of Mice And Men) continue to pop up from time to time. Stephen Paulus' The Postman Always Rings Twice has received separate productions from the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Minnesota Opera, Fort Worth Opera, Washington Opera and Greater Miami Opera Association. Thanks to the way in which it was co-commissioned by three arts organizations, co-produced by five different companies, telecast as part of PBS's "Great Performances" series and released in LP, CD, and cassette formats, John Adams' Nixon In China



Baby Doe (Amy Burton) demonstrates her love for her second husband, Horace (Brian Steele), during their wedding ceremony in the Central City Opera's production of The Ballad of Baby Doe.

now seems assured of finding its niche in the repertoire.

Ironically, only two American operas, both of which were written in the late 1950s (Carlisle Floyd's Susannah and Douglas Moore's The Ballad of Baby Doe) seem to have become genuine staples of the repertoire. Thanks to the lurid media coverage of recent sex scandals involving televangelists Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker, Susannah has acquired an astonishing level of newsworthiness (last summer, Swaggart's lawyers even threatened to sue the Cincinnati Opera for infringing on the defrocked minister's copyright by quoting him in its advertising for Susannah). In recent seasons, Moore's classic about the love affair between Horace A. W. Tabor and his second wife, Elizabeth "Baby" Doe, has been performed in Seattle, Milwaukee, Detroit, Dayton, Long Beach, New York and Central City, Colorado.

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Thile the score of The Ballad of Baby Doe does not always strike the listener as great music, much of Moore's opera captures the roughness and rowdiness of Colorado's silver mining days. A good deal of Baby Doe's charm comes from the fact that it is based on a tale of uncompromising love and, when writing for his heroine, the composer rose above the commonality of Leadville's miners and Denver's pseudoaristocracy with three big romantic arias: Baby Doe's Willow Song, her "Silver" aria at the end of Act I, and her touching farewell to Horace in the final moments of the opera.

The Ballad of Baby Doe received its world premier at the Central City Opera on July 7, 1956 and, last summer, I traveled to that historic Colorado mining town to see Moore's opera performed on the stage of the 800-seat Victorian opera house in which it had its premiere. My trip to Central City proved to be well worth the effort.

Using Donald Oenslager's original sets and Patton Campbell's costumes, Central City Opera's production of The Ballad of Baby Doe (which was directed by Michael Ehrman) seemed fresh, warm and, especially because of the size of the theatre, deliciously intimate. Musically, this performance was by far the strongest of the four productions I attended in Central City and I must confess that experiencing Moore's opera on its native turf added a historical glow to the proceedings.

Under John Moriarty's baton, the rubbery-faced Dana Krueger

held forth as the rigid Augusta while baritone Brian Steele created a powerful impression as her husband, Horace Tabor. Most notable was Amy Burton's winsome portrayal of Baby Doe; a vision of loveliness that could make any miner's heart melt. All in all, it was a delightful performance which upheld the legacy of the Central City Opera.

URBAN COWBOYS

fter an absence of nearly 14 years from its repertoire, the New York City Opera revived The Ballad of Baby Doe last October as a vehi cle for soprano Faith Esham. Watching over the proceedings with a critical eye was NYCO's outgoing general director, Beverly Sills, who had starred in the opera's 1958 New York premiere and recorded it for MGM Records (Baby Doe has since been reissued on Deutsche Grammaphon). Under Rhoda Levine's stage direction, Esham did very nicely with the title character, capturing the healthy glow of Baby's charm and rising nobly to the challenge of her final aria.

A sudden replacement for Timothy Nolen (whose new-found stardom in Broadway's The Phantom of the Opera forced him to bow out of this revival) baritone William Parcher scored a major career triumph as Horace Tabor. Parcher's acting captured much more of Tabor's pioneer spirit than many other baritones who sing the role and Sills later confessed to me that even she was surprised at how much his portrayal reminded her of Walter Cassel's interpretation of the Colorado Silver King.

Mezzo-soprano Joyce Castle scored strongly as Augusta Tabor and, with conductor Hal France guiding matters from the podium, the opening night performance was a smashing success. Judging from the enthusiastic cheering after each one of Esham's arias (as well as during curtain calls-when it seemed as if the New York State Theatre was filled to the rafters with Baby Doe queens) this revival was embraced with the kind of deep-throated enthusiasm reserved for very special occasions in the theatre.

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Music Director Herbert Blomstedt returns to Davies Hall to conduct the San Francisco Symphony after an extended international tour.

usic Director Herbert Blomstedt returned to the podium at Davies Hall last week after an extended international guest conducting stint that included performances in Germany, France and the Netherlands. It may be safe to assume that his homecoming was every bit as anti-climactic for him as it was for disappointed sym-

phony patrons. The program certainly looked good on paper-one sure-fire hit (the Pachelbel Canon), an easily digestible 20th Century suite for orchestra (Paul Hindemith's soberly majestic "Noblissima Visione"), and the appearance of respected Hungarian pianist Andras Schiff in the monumental Concerto No. 2 in B-flat Major by

Surpassing the excitement and sustaining the momentum built over the preceeding two weeks by Dallas based conductor Eduardo Mata proved impossible for Blomstedt. He walked an authentically scaled chamber group through the elegant paces of Pachelbel's Canon and Gigue, but could not invest this overexposed exercise in Baroque minimalism with more than passing admiration. Amazing, that a brief, centuries-old, undoubtedly beautiful piece should remain virtually unheard until 20 years ago. Now, it's rapidly becoming classical Muzak.

'Seven Sundays' at **Grace Cathedral**

Michael Scott Reed's critically acclaimed play Seven Sundays will be performed at Grace Cathedral for four evenings, March 3, 4, 10, and 11, at 8 p.m. The play is about an AIDS patient and the stranger who visits him on seven Sundays.

Tickets are available through Grace Cathedral (776-6611) or BASS (762-2277). General admission is \$15/preferred \$20 donation. All proceeds benefit the AIDS ministry of Grace Cathedral. For more information, call Grace Cathedral at 776-6611.

Blomstedt was at his best in the suite from Hindemith's ballet score depicting scenes from the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. The sumptuous London/Decca recording of various works by this infrequently performed, but formerly influential modern composer has created positive notice for the San Francisco Symphony both at home and abroad. The Maestro's obvious empathy could well generate a strong Hindemith revival and nudge the orchestra into international prominence.

The dignified, meditative opening pages glowed with the intensity of Blomstedt's sure grip, building to the exalted final Passacaglia. The connection with the similarly Baroque contrapuntalism of the Pachelbel Canon was clear and, despite the blurring acoustics of Davies, one hopes that more Hindemith will be scheduled in future seasons. Vance George's admirable Symphony Chorus is ready for the great Requiem to words by Walt Whitman, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd."

t was the second half of the long program that dulled the impact of "Noblissima Visione." The Concerto No. 2 of Johannes Brahms is arguably, with the exception of Busoni's gargantuan Opus 39, the most epic in length of the genre. Kaleidoscopic in moods, it seems to encompass all of the profound grandeurs of Brahms without once resorting to obvious effect or empty rhetoric. Never easy to pigeonhole, it remains a bravura showcase for the soloist, while placing strong responsibilities on the orchestra. Blomstedt, unfortunately, allowed Andras Schiff to willfully ignore the important relationship.

The orchestra sounded thin and brightly lit. Violins lacked a burnished tone and, even the usually reliable First Chair Cellist Michael Brebanier missed his great opportunity with a poorly intoned, overly businesslike solo in the Andante movement. Schiff set the mood with a poundingly declamatory opening movement, unbalancing all that followed in the 50 odd minutes.

Other pianists, notably Emil Gileles and Claudio Arrau, have attacked the beginning Allegro with fire and determination, but they were willing to bend for the glorious melodic emotionalism of the Andante. Blomstedt followed Schiff's unsmiling technique and missed the lovely trees for the austere forest. The soloist's ability was never in doubt-with few errors, he was in complete control. The overriding effect was strident and unimaginative, exciting, but curiously impersonal

This week, symphony patrons will be treated to Blomstedt's interpretation of Mozart's Mass in C minor. The greatest choral work of the master will feature sopranos Sylvia McNair and Juliana Gondek, tenor Jeffrey Thomas, bass Dale Travis and, of course, the symphony chorus, led by Vance George. A rarity by the unfairly maligned Max Reger: Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Mozart will open the program

Welcoming Herbert Blomstedt back with affection should be easier without a headstrong start turn by a visiting soloist.

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Still More Dangerous Liaisons

ollowing the dramatic dance spectacle he created for the S.F. Ballet, there were few surprises in Michael Smuin's subsequent projects. There was little surprise in his jumping but glitzy Broadway shows like Sophisticated Ladies and Anything Goes to music spectacles like Linda Ronstadt's Canciones di me Padre, to a glossy music video like the Ronstadt/Jiminy Cricket duet on "When You Wish Upon a Star," or even to direct ACT's Faust, which Smuin agreed was a spectacle with some ideas attached. But to direct George Bernard Shaw's St. Joan? Now there's a

"It's sort of ballsy taking on a major piece of literature like this." Smuin told me as we talked just before a final rehearsal of the show. "But if you know me," he pointed out, "I sort of go to danger."

The dangers of St. Joan are great, presenting Smuin with a brand new style of theatre. Shaw called it a pièce à thèse-a play of ideas. How did our local master of razzle-dazzle come to St. Joan?

"The idea of the heroic woman has always appealed to me," Smuin confided, echoing with the Balanchine-esque sentiment that "the whole idea of women appeals to me. In so many superior animals."

He'd created ballets for Medea and Cinderella and Juliet. Naturally, he first thought of doing St. Joan as a ballet. But it never came to fruition. "The bottom line was I thought doing it as a ballet would be trivializing it. Joan, as I came to know her. was not something that could be told just in visually dramatic imagery.

t needed words, he realized, and after exploring the literature, he found Shaw came the closest to depicting the real Joan. And so his knowledge of ballet and musical theatre was brought to bear on the verbally dense Shaw.

"All these things have their own logic," he said. "If you listen to the music or the lyricist or the author, you have some background, some craft and some discipline, it tells you what to do. It's really a question of common sense; it's as complicated and simple as that."

"I think my strongest suit is visual storytelling," Smuin said. Yet it was the musicality of his background and craft that was the key to unlocking the challenge of Shaw's words.

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Although his musicianship

may help the flow of words, will

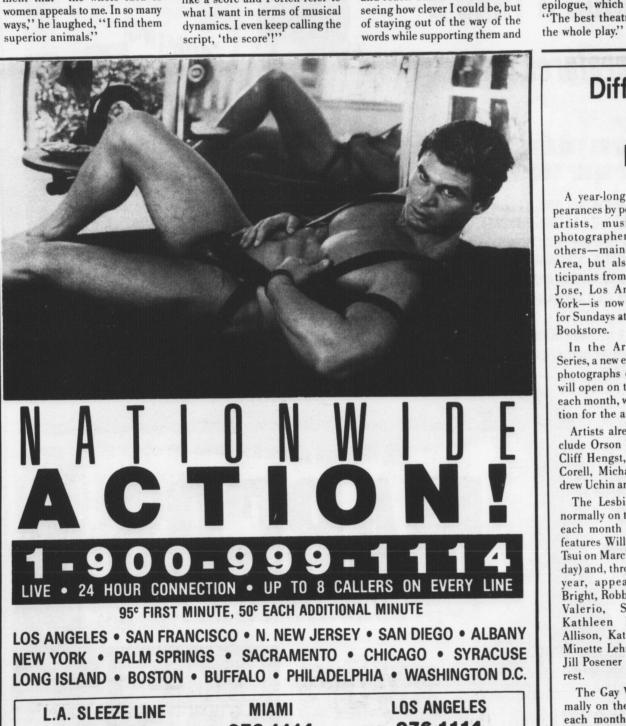
"The staging has to be somewhat still," he explained,

"because people talk and listen

and react. This wasn't a case of

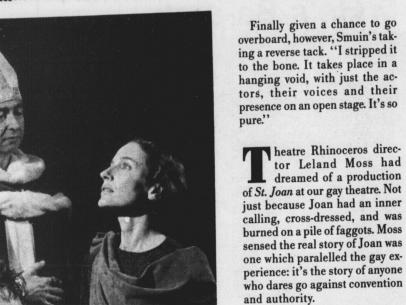
his actors be tap dancing?

"These are conceptual ideas that can only be expressed in terms of words," he said. "But words have music. So I treat it like a score and I often refer to what I want in terms of musical script, 'the score'!'



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"Absolutely," declared Smuin. "Joan's ideas were totally rebellious, and for them to come from a 17-year-old girl was mindboggling. She was obviously a genius. They had to kill her—it's the problem of anybody who is extraordinary in any way, because that frightens people.'

It's the conflict of an avant garde or minority element of society coming up against the conservative powers who need to maintain their status quo. It's not only the story of Joan, and in so many ways that of gay people, but in some ways the story of Michael Smuin, whose expansive view of ballet theatre led to his being fired from the San Francisco Ballet-an ultimately lucky event which gave him the freedom to pursue so many other creative projects.

Theatre, will play through April 7.)

Andrea Marcovicci is Joan, Howard Swain (foreground) as the Dauphin – later Charles VII – and Drew Eshelman as the Archunderlining them with light and sound. It was just focus." That focus, however, won't

(St. Joan, now at ACT's Geary

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pearances by poets, performance artists, musicians, writers, photographers, painters and others-mainly from the Bay Area, but also including participants from Sacramento, San Jose, Los Angeles and New York-is now being scheduled for Sundays at A Different Light Bookstore.

strangle Smuin's well-known

sense of theatre. As emotional

release, Shaw provided an

epilogue, which Smuin called,

"The best theatrical conceit of

In the Art Beside Books tion for the art and the artist.

Artists already scheduled include Orson Titus Marquelani, Cliff Hengst, Steve Wedgeman Corell, Michael C. Brown, Andrew Uchin and Pansy Bradshaw.

The Lesbian Writer Series, normally on the third Sunday of each month at 7 p.m., already features Willyce Kim and Kitty Tsui on March 12 (a second Sunday) and, through the rest of the year, appearances by Joyce will continue to host weekly book Bright, Robbie Summers, Anita signings and readings by local Kathleen Ritchy, Dorothy and George Melton (Beyond Allison, Katherine Sturtevant, Minette Lehman, Julie Murray, Jill Posener and Katherine Forrest

The Gay Writers Series, normally on the second Sunday of each month at 7 p.m., already features Bruce Boone and Kevin Killian on March 19, and Rob **Goldstein and Darrel Yates Rist**

A year-long program of ap- of the year, Thom Gunn, Jack Collins, Aaron Shurin, Jerome, Cliff Hengst, Stephen White, D.L. Alvarez, Adam Klein, Mark Spainhower, Robert Gluck, Steve Abbott, Michael Lassell, Gavin Dillard and Jerry Thompson.

Other Community Space events through 1989 include members of ACT UP/SF on March 26, a presentation by Tom Jennings of HomoCore Maga-Series, a new exhibit of paintings, zine on May 28, and the flute and photographs or installation art guitar jazz duo of Leslie Lind and will open on the first Sunday of Brook Schoenfield on July 23. ach month, with a 3 p.m. recep- Members of GLOE, the lesbian and gay seniors writing workshop, have been invited to present their work, and Radical Faeries have been asked about putting together an Oct. 29 event.

> Final schedules for all four series will be set early in March, and interested participants are invited to contact coordinator Darrell-Lynn Alvarez about space still available.

In addition A Different Light Valerio, Suzette Partido, and national authors. Wil Garcia AIDS) were guests on Feb. 25, Daniel Curzon (Curzon in Love) on Feb. 26. David Leavitt (Equal Affections) will be featured on March 4. Autograph parties and readings are also planned in coming weeks for Larry Kramer, Neil Miller and Michael Lynch.

For further information call on April 9, and, through the rest Richard Labonte at 431-0891.▼

by Will Snyder





Gay people make a gay paper. Bay Area Reporter.

Beautiful Documentary About Michelangelo

Robert Snyder's Michelagniolo plays at the Roxie Cinema March 8-14.

hank God for documentaries. Only Hollywood itself would know for sure how many times it has butchered history for the sake of The Almighty Entertainment Dollar. But documentaries give us truth because they rely on either actual footage, or historical writings which give the filmmaker a chance to present facts for people who care about facts.

Robert Snyder is a filmmaker who has devoted most of his life to the presentation of documentaries. In 1950, he produced an Academy Award-winning documentary about Michelangelo called The Titan. Now, almost four decades later, Snyder has another documentary out about the great artist/sculptor called Michelagniolo. It will play a oneweek run at the Roxie Cinema beginning on March 8. If you want to lose yourself in the glory of great art, get thee to the Roxie. Snyder receives special permission from the Vatican to photograph the great treasures of Michelangelo. For all the difficulties most of us have had with the Church of Rome in recent years, at least we should thank them for allowing Snyder's color cameras to focus in on the Sistine Chapel ceiling, David, the Pieta, etc. It should be noted the Snyder was able to film the Pieta before it was vandalized.

The story line in this documentary is based on letters from the great artist to a friend. We find out many things about his private life: his apprenticeship at age 13, his father's opposition to his becoming an artist, his devotion to the Medici family as well as its devotion to the patronage. of the arts.

An interesting sidelight in the Michelangelo/Medici relationship is the antagonism both felt from a man who seemed to be the city of Florence's chief fundamentalist of the day, Savanarola. The latter could not stomach Michelangelo's fascina-

tion with the nude body and the support he received from his patron. There were calls for hell, fire and brimstone by Savanarola, who literally got burned in the end for his prudery.

The major disappointment of the film is that Snyder could not draw any light on Michelangelo's homosexuality. There were certainly hints of it in the great artist's letters to his friend, but he was reluctant, apparently, to go into detail.

But that's the only disappoint ment in what is otherwise a fascinating study of a great art-ist. With Snyder's voice acting as Michelangelo's voice in the let-ters, you'll find out about the agony of Michelangelo's life. Ah, but when you get close-ups of the beauty he created for all of us, you'll be driven to ecstasy.

★ ★ ½ Michelagniolo Roxie Cinema 3117 16th St., S.F. March 8-14 Information: 863-1087

'Diamond Lil,' 'Breaking The Code' Honored **Rhino Get 7 BATCC Nominations**

Magic Theatre's production of Breaking the Code received 10 nominations for drama and ACT's staging of Diamond Lil garnered 11 nominations for musical in Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle voting.

Theatre Rhinoceros' productions picked up seven nominations: Doug Holsclaw for script and Priscilla Alden for principal performance in In the Summer When It's Hot and Sticky; Jane McFagan, supporting performance in Kudzu; Carole Landes, supporting performance for It's Only a Play; In Circles/Talking to the Sun for outstanding musical; Christopher Berg for score and for musical director, *Talking to* the Sun.

Terry Baum, who produced her own show, One Fool at the Rhino was nominated for solo performance.

In announcing the nomina-tions, Critics' Circle president Jerry Friedman stated that the Circle's 18 voting reviewers saw 144 productions during the past year and from those plays made



Bowerv Rose (Svdnev Walker) from Diamond Lil.

179 nominations in 34 categories.

Recipients of awards for production, acting, direction and various design categories will be announced at the Circle's 12th Annual Awards Gala on Monday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., at the Venetian Room of the Fairmont Hotel. Tickets are \$12. For reservations, call 558-9941 or 861-5839.

Other nominees in the outstanding drama category are ACT's The Immigrant and Woman in Mind, Charles H. Duggan's production of Steven Banks' Home Entertainment Center, Marin Theatre Company's Noises Off, Berkeley Repertory's Prelude to a Kiss, and the Eureka Theatre's Road.

Nominees in the musical category also include Theatre-Works' Pacific Overtures and Dreamgirls, the Lamplighters' Where's Charley?, San Jose Civic Light Opera's Chicago, ACT's Side by Side by Sondheim, Theatre on the Square's Phantom of the Opera, and a cabaret production of Irving Berlin's Official 100th Birthday Party by F. Allen Sawyer and John F. Karr.

Unique in the results of this year's voting was the nomination of Sydney Walker for outstanding supporting performance in a drama, Prelude to a Kiss, and in a musical, Diamond Lil.

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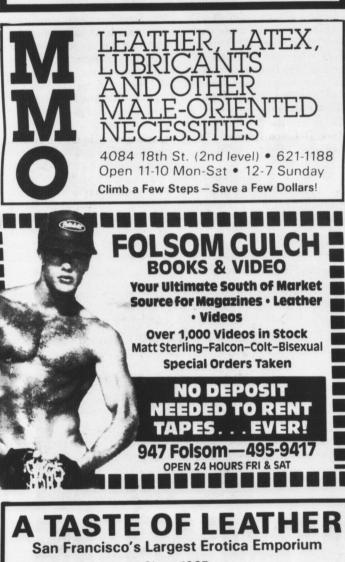
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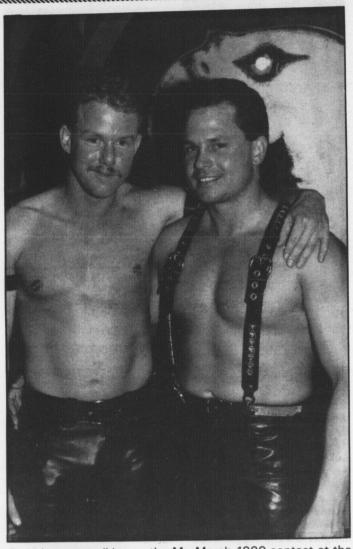
Stars In **Our Laps**

mixture of no less than eight gay men and lesbians were elevated to stardom since we last dished in this space. Tell me people aren't pumping up, boning up on their responses to judges or getting their competition gear together for upcoming events, and I'll call vou a non-believer.

It all started last Thursday at the S.F. Eagle where the competition was on for the Mr. March spot on the 1990 Bare Chest Contest. No less than seven bundles of muscle and sinew tropped to the stage for the interviews and questioning by the judges. A couple hours of madness ensued and in the end 24-year-old Brett Lancaster won out over his competition. The 1st runner-up was Rodney Felix in his second attempt at it. The next contest for Mr. April 1990 will be next Thursday, March 9, beginning at 2200 hours and I hope to see more of you humpy dudes onstage for the \$100 prize and stardom forever.

Saturday night, as thousands (well, not thousands, hundreds maybe?) cheered, the divine Pat Montclaire was named Empress and Jerry Coletti assumed the title of Emperor. Since I was out of town, I missed what I heard was a jubilant night for Pat and Jerry as well as Phoebe and Stan. The campaign is over and the division of factions is but a mere memory. Time to unite and do good works together and remember, there's always a next year! Before the royal festivities, the final round in the Mr. Watering Hole leather contest culminated early and after a month-long search, John Ferrari made it to the top and will represent the Watering Hole in the Mr. S.F. Leather contest on April 7.

In the far off Valley of the Sun, the sparkling, shining citidel of Phoenix emerged into the world of leather full force with their

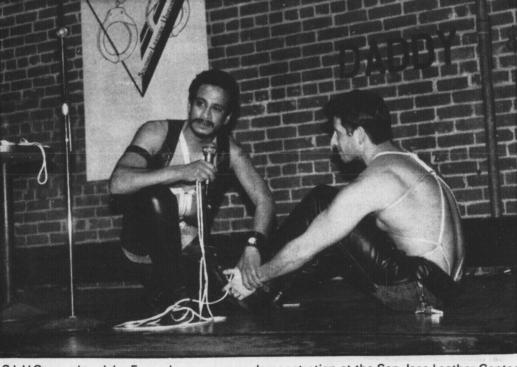


Brett Lancaster (I.) won the Mr. March 1990 contest at the Eagle last Thursday; here with 1st runner up Rodney Felix. (Photo: Marcus)

premiere leather bar, the Bum Steer staging what for me, was one of the most delightful leather competition preliminaries I've ever been involved with. This was a no-nonsense, frontier style event with nothing overlooked to present a class act for the desert foxes who believe in the honor of leathermen and do their damndest to fulfill the profile.

No expense was spared to construct one of the most professional stages ever to be found outside of a disco bar. Thanks to Jim Kester, the most up-to-date electronic components for sound, video and lighting was installed; three zoom-capable videos con-

trolled by computer not only taped the show, but allowed the indoor patrons to witness the entire event. Close to 400 men viewed the seven candidates go through the paces not unlike those demanded of the Intl. Mr. Leather contestants in Chicago, the ultimate goal of the grassroots candidates. Intl. Mr. Leather Mike Pereyra from San Diego shared judging responsibilities with leather/metal creator Haven Sanborn and a gentleman from Vancouver, BC. Their's was not an easy task. The contestants belied their laid back western machismo with cogent and intelligent answers and dem-



S.L.U.G. member John Escueda gave a rope demonstration at the San Jose Leather Contest last Sunday. (Photo: Marcus)



The 24th Empress de San Francisco Pat Montclaire. (Photo: Pruzan)

onstrated a complete understanding of the leather code(s). In the end, a 46-year-old leatherman who co-owns a computer software company in Phoenix, owns a Harley Davidson bike and is definitely into leather, Jim Meyer, took the gauntlet for the Bum Steer and will compete in the Mr. Leather Arizona on March 25, produced by Tuff Stuff. The runner-up was Rick Conder, a sometimes biker, camper, leather designer and also definitely into leather, followed by the 2nd runner-up Butch Haywood, a bartender at the Bum Steer and into most leather activities. If there was ever any doubt that there was no leather in the Valley of the Sun, that assumption was forever erased last Saturday night. Jerry Barnes, owner and his lover, Spike (who is the out-going Mr. Arizona Leather), are the catalysts and nucleus of a bornagain leather community. Only the previous week, San Francisco's Cal Eagles MC trooped to Phoenix for the Copperstate Leathermen MC weekend party and hung their colors at the Bum Steer. With the demise of the Sons of Apollo some years ago, it was thought that leather was gone. Inspired by Jerry Barnes, Phoenix has emerged as a leather community to be reckoned with, to wit: effective this year, Phoenix has been chosen (and the Bum Steer in particular) to conduct the Mr. Southwest Drummer Contest, a coup indeed leaving a Texas metropolis without a leather outpost! If you're into leather and if you're ever in Phoenix, there's only one place to visit and that's the Bum Steer. It's as close to a San Francisco leather bar that you'll ever getand without the fog! Thanks Jerry and Spike for a wonderful leather-fun weekend, and thanks to bartender Doug, Mr. Lee, and especially thanks to JCP.

loser to home, the leather women of Sacramento Were conducting their own competition to send a candidate to Intl. MS Leather (March 25th!). Before that, last year's winner Jolanne Tierney stated that the year of her reign wasn't long enough to fulfill the goals

she established as the incumbent. In another first in leather trysts. Jolanne managed to get reelected, re-chosen, re-judged to get another year with the title. The 1st runner-up Neva will also be in the IMsL competition next month. And at this gathering, the event was not without its stars. Intl Ms Leather Shan Carr, Ms SF Leather Nina, Mistress Kathy, the delightful Audrey Joseph and other female luminaries were there.

Another rebirth of a leather community was on Sunday as SLUG (South Bay Leather/Uniform Group) managed to pack the Club St. John with over 400 people for their first Leather Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest. While the six candidates in each category managed to assuage the leather appetite in their ap-



The 17th Emperor of San Francisco Jerry Coletti.

pearances onstage, Ms. Rainbeau proved herself to be the consummate dance entertainer once more. Casting aside her usual creative gimmicks, La Rainbeau used no props other than a metal chair to enhance her sensual gyrations to 120 bpm music. And the crowd loved it! Another stunning performance-a strip that had even the hardest-boiled men stomping their appreciation. The benefit for the South Bay ARIS Project and the SF AIDS **Emergency** Fund earned net almost \$2.500-a job well done! And leather in San Jose? Well, bet your boots it is there, it is viable, living, breathing and emerging full steam ahead. With all due respect to the other members of SLUG, John Escueda should give himself a healthy pat on the back for working his ass

off to make this event a success. Pity that SLUG members aren't allowed to compete. And yes, there is now a Leather Daddy and a Leather Daddy's Boy in San Jose. Our own Boy, Rick Ramirez, was chosen to award the medal-lions while the MC Intl Mr. Leather Mike Pereyra announced the winners. San Jose Leather Daddy's Boy I is Rick Bernard with the 1st runner-up being Andre Cormier and 2nd Runner-up Mark DeCicco (formerly Mr. Financial District).

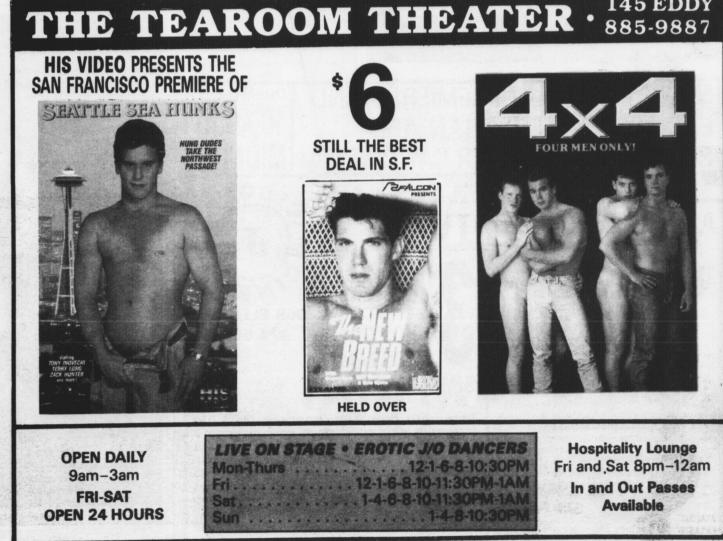
(Photo: Pruzan)

In the daddy department, I didn't envy the judges with the task. All six of the contenders definitely knew what being a leather daddy is all about. The udges: Mistress Kathy, Tony DeBlase and Andy Charles of Drummer; Mr. San Jose Drum-

mer Michael and SLUG member Ken chose Al Jones to be Daddy I; the 1st runner-up was Duane Micetic with David Olarte taking the 2nd runner-up spot. San Jose leather mavens should seek out SLUG. They're creating a leather atmosphere in San Jose; who knows, next year San Jose will have a Mr. Leather. Congratulations SLUG. You pulled it off and pulled it off grand. As for those who feel the term "prune picker" is a derogatory, nay, I say nay. Some of the proudest dons, landowners and farmers worked long and hard to earn San Jose the name Prune Capital of the World. And San Jose prune pickers were the most skilled of the harvesters. In San Jose, prune picker is synonymous with honor and success. Were I a San Jose resident and someone called me a prune picker, I'd be damned proud! SLUG should feel honored as well.

ey, this is a leather world as far as I'm concerned —here's what's happening for your pleasure: Tonight, Thursday, March 2-a benefit auction at The Special (have you met the new manager Terry II?) for Coming Home and Open Hand-surprise celebs will auction great objets d'art so get on down to 469 Castro (love that address); Friday, March 3rd, when Jose the Magnificent Mr. Powerhouse I will relinquish his title to Mr. Powerhouse II at their contest beginning at 2200. The winner will receive a round-trip for two to Mazatlan! The Golden Gate Guards trip to South Lake Tahoe is this weekend too for only \$99. Saturday night it's the Cable Car Awards at the Galleriacome as you are and see your brothers and sisters get their just rewards for all the hard work they did last year. Congrats to my colleague Mike Hippler going into the Columnist of the Year Hall of Fame-I was getting lonely sitting in there all by myself. Tickets are still available at all Headlines and lots of \$10 unreserved seats are available too. Sunday night, the women take over with the Outcasts holding their Butch Fashion Show beginning at 1830 at Amelia's, so Outcast Sheila tells me. The Outcasts are putting Officer Betty into the IMsL (Continued on next page)

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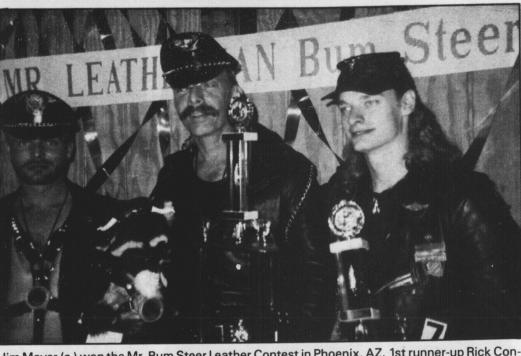


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Jim Meyer (c.) won the Mr. Bum Steer Leather Contest in Phoenix, AZ. 1st runner-up Rick Conder (I.) and 2nd runner-up Butch Haywood. (Photo: Marcus

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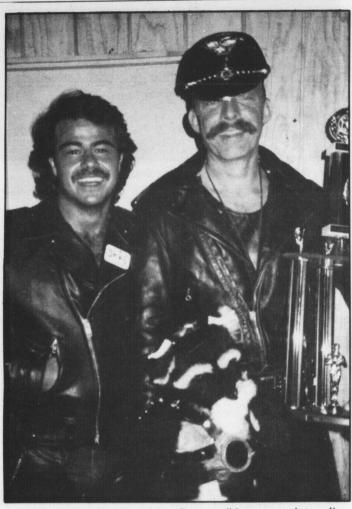
(Continued from previous page) competition and this is a fundraiser for her. Don't miss this one! Gayle Rubin will not be amused if you don't show! The Gay Men's Chorus will serenade you, swoon you (some wear eather!), feed you and arouse you Sunday at the Eagle Beer Bust from 1500-1800. Gary Garrison will be onstage for good crotchwatching. Colt Thomas returns from his month stay in Aussie Land and Eagle barman Derek will be hung over after his birthday party just two nights ago. Reserve your spot now for the AIDS Emergency Fund 1989 kickoff dinner in the Peacock Court of the Mark Hopkins Hotel on March 12th. Thank Bob Ross, Danny Williams and the charming Louise Molinari for a job well done last year and welcome Gail Wilson and Supervisor Richard Hongisto as the new co-chairs. Tickets are only \$50 and you can call Mary Russi to reserve at 873-3725. Make plans for the big leather weekend in San Diego March 30-April 2nd. Mr. Drummer Ron Zehel will be there, but more on that next week. Hope you win an award at the Cable Cars and again congratulations to Pat and Jerry, the community wishes you a fun and rewarding year! Until next week then, enjoy your freedoms and while you're giving a lot, live a little, laugh a little and love a little—but do it in leather!

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International Mr. Leather Mike Pereyra (I.) congratulates Jim Meyer, Mr. Bum Steer Leather in Phoenix last Saturday night. (Photo: Marcus)



runner-up Andre Cormier (I.) and 2nd runner-up Mark DiCicco. (Photo: Marcus)



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Sweet Lips

Coronation Ball Was Great



The Imperial Family welcomes the new Emperor and Empress of San Francisco. (Photo: Jennifer)

them.

guest speaker so we'll be looking

Robert Ward and Les Stephens

would like to say "Thank You" to

all their many friends and the

staff of both the Rendezvous and

Reflections on Polk Street for

making life a lot easier for them

and for the wonderful love sent to

Had a letter from Roxie aka Rick Donely of the old Sausalito

days who is living in New Castle,

Pennsylvania and he says a

O.K. ... you can tell us now Jackie Mei Ling, what is the big

secret about the 9th of March?

The Gate Restaurant is now

serving Sunday brunch (buffet

style) and dinners nightly from 6

on except on Sunday and Monday

nights . . . and the food is really

It is spelled "Chip"...o...

Cinch Saloon ... had their

Grand Opening over last week-

end and it seemed as if everyone

in town was there to wish them

course they have made the place very clean with a great atmos-

well on their new venture and of

H. L. Perry was in town for a

few days and it was amazing how

he has kept that "natural"

blonde hair for all of these

decades... but you did look nice

Billy Bunz is on vacation in New Orleans till the 5th and

Albert Carpenter is doing the

The 1989 Cable Car Awards

at the ball, dearie.

Richard and Mario's ... The

great so give them a try.

special "Hi" to Les Balmain.

for you all to attend this one.

special "Thanks" to Steve and Lily for a fun filled year and Congrats to our new Emperor Jerry and Empress Pat . . . and your Coronation Ball was great Lily and Steven and a well represented group of nice people.

Belated Birthday greetings to Mark Freise, Tuesday the 28th, and I apologize for missing your

party

Had a nice long chat via New York City, with the ever-popular Joe Urban who does miss this city and his many friends, especially Zee aka Willis. Joe promises to come for a visit soon. Thank you Ronnie Sue Fields of DeQuincy, Louisiana for the nice Valentines gift, and when are you coming home for a visit?

Who went to Reno from Ginger's Too instead of going to the Coronation? But I did see you at the Coronation Eddy Chan.

The New Bell has Totie on the planks noon till 7 Tuesday through Saturdays and of course the one and only Wayne Friday on Saturday nights with the popular Bob Sandner on the keyboard.

Sorry to say that one of my favorite co-workers at the old Sally Stanfords Valhalla and more recently of Big Mama's in Hayward passed away recently Gene Leach you'll be missed by a multitude of people who loved

Tuesday the 7th of March is the next S.F. Tavern Guild meeting at 1 p.m. at the Yacht Club at 2155 shifts for Billy at the Hob Nob. Polk Street and the president Mr. Le-Ona promises to have a great

and Show is this Saturday, the

Steve and Lily, leaving after a year's reign (Photo: Darlene/Photographics)

4th, at the Gift Center Pavilion and the doors open at 7 p.m. The show starts promptly at 8 p.m. and you still can get tickets at all Headlines stores. This is usually a wonderful event that shouldn't be missed and it is always correct ly staged and runs on time.

Don't forget to keep Saturday and Sunday the 1st and 2nd of April open for the Twentieth Hanging of Sweet Lips... Saturday night from 6 till 9 will be a buttet dinner, done by the great Beverly, at Ginger's Too for only \$7.50 which includes a special anniversary pin. Tickets will be on sale by the 15th and must be purchased in advance. This promises to be a great dinner and then at 10 p.m. Char and Kenny of the Kokpit, yes you too Greta, will be hosting a special show. The theme for the weekend's festivities is "A Garden Party" and on Sunday the 2nd, it starts at 9 a.m. in costume at the Kokpit and does 14 bars on a cable car . . . but more about this later

Yes, Lucious Lorelei has put together the 10th Hanging video that has not been seen by anyone except him, and from the reports he gives me it is hysterical with lots and lots of celebs in it.

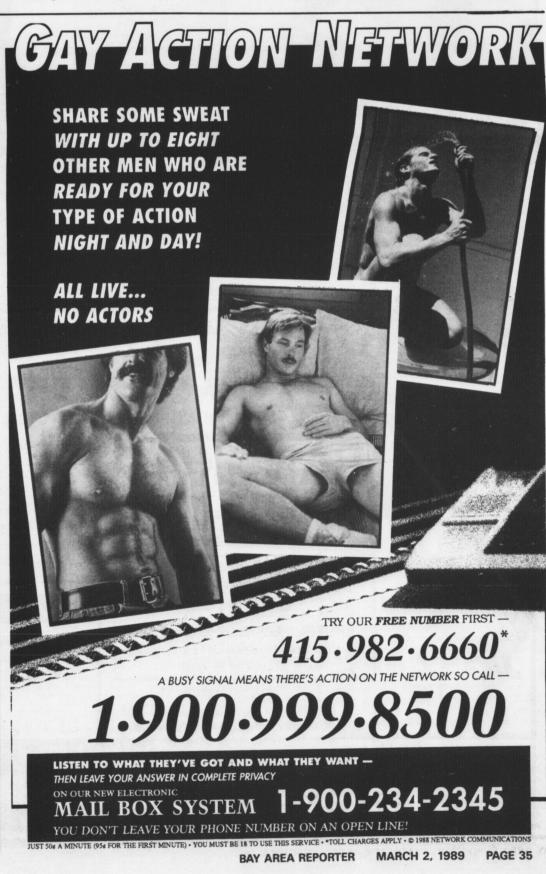
The White Swallow on Polk Street is certainly packing in the customers, as usual, and everyone seems to be having a great time, right Tom Morgan



Candidate for Empress-Pat's presentation.



Candidate for Emperor - Stanley Boyd's presentation of "Bye, Bye Birdie." (Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)



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Bendoski Male Nudes at Whitman

The Walt Whitman Bookstore, in its new location at 1429 Polk Street, will host an exhibit of 25 drawings and three oil paintings of the male nude by Hayward artist Larry Bendoski from March 1-31. Bendoski had his last San Francisco exhibit, 25 oil paintings of the male figure, at Walt Whitman in June of 1987. A public reception will be held at the gallery/bookstore on March 5, 1-3 p.m.

Bendoski has been an active artist as long as he can remember, but it wasn't until his retirement from teaching that he was able to devote every day to

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painting. Primarily an oil painter of landscape, portrait and figure, he has also had much experience with drawing, block- and silkscreen printing, and has recently taken up sculpture and spent last July in Carrara, Italy, sculpting in marble for the first

Bendoski's art education began in California public schools, continued at Cal State universities at Fresno and San Jose. Later, he worked with wellknown East Coast painter Robert Brackman of New York's Art Students' League during two summer sessions. In 1983 and

1985 he showed his Greek landscape and still-life paintings at important exhibits in Athens, Greece. He has drawn from the model with a drawing group in Castro Valley for more than 25 vears.

Some of the drawings in the Walt Whitman were produced in those meetings. In 1987 a catastrophic fire in Hayward destroyed his studio and wiped out a large collection of his figure drawings. Most of the drawings in the current show have been produced since that time.

GTV Announces New **Changes As Premiere Time Nears**

which only formally started business last Fall, announced new additions and changes in the overall plan.

Some of the biggest changes have taken place in GTV's program offering 3. The game shows have been postponed and several new shows have been added. Super Fag, a campy and funny adventure series, starring Alex St. James was announced to the gay community and media just weeks

Palm Beach Gardens, ago. Already, we've been FL-Gay Television (GTV), swamped with requests for a demo tape," says GTV's Vice President of Programming Bill Hatcher.

> The other new show is Men of the Month, a hot, fashion video calendar which features gorgeous male models. "All of the men in this program are hot and we are expecting quite a following to this program," says producer Anthony Stevens.

> Part of the excitement around GTV's Men of the Month is the concept of the baseball type trading cards that GTV will be using for promoting the show. "We think it will be fun to have these cards in circulation and trading them like baseball cards. Who knows? They may one day be collector's items," says GTV's innovative president, Kay Masters.

Another major change at GTV s the delay of the worldwide premiere. Originally scheduled or January, the date has now been set for May, 1989. "The response to GTV has been incredible and we have been absolutely buried with phone calls and requests for information.

"People are requesting a demo tape and we've decided to simply take the time to really do GTV right. Our investors and advertisers understand that when we go on the air, we want to have a very slick and high quality product and to do that, it takes time. Even without the demo tape, we've sold more than 50 percent of our available advertising on the May 1 premiere and we know that once the demo tape is completed, we will sell out the rest and many of the programs for the following months.

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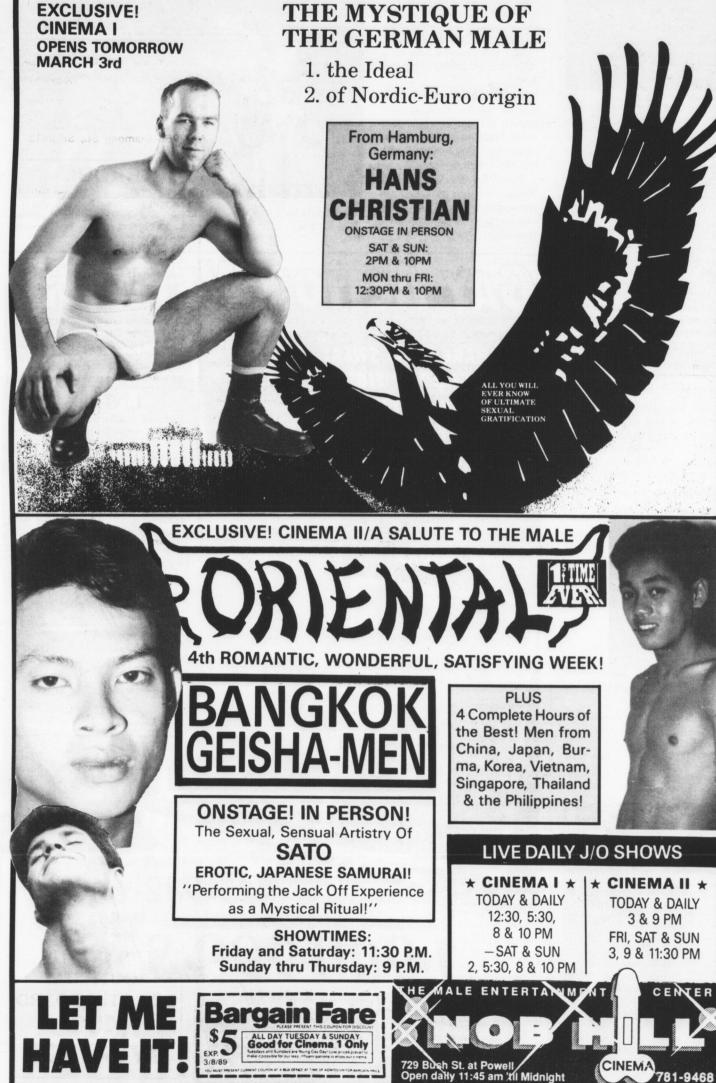
GTV has also selected the site for it's production facility in West Palm Beach, Florida and expects to take occupancy within the next 60-90 days. In the past few months, many new staff members have been hired and almost all of the programs have gone into production. "We're bumping into one another around here and all of us will be thrilled when we get settled into our new headquarters," adds Masters.

GTV has also started adding gay cable systems to their affiliate list and has added more than a half million subscribers in the U.S. and Canada in the past few weeks. "There's a tremendous interest in our programming from local cable producers and we will work with them as much as possible," says Hatcher. "Many cities want our programming and we are going to do our best to provide it to them. If you can't find a bar or restaurant that is carrying GTV, you will find it on your local cable system."

By the time GTV premieres in May, it expects to have several hundred gay establishments signed up as GTV affiliates and at least 3-5 million viewers around the world.

GTV is also negotiating with the organizers of the 1990 Gay Games. With Masters strong credentials in television and sports marketing, a deal between the two groups could be exceptionally profitable to everyone.

For additional information, 781-9468 please call (407) 624-0045.



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Gay Men's Chorus Looks Ahead To 2nd Decade

The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, far from resting on the laurels of a sold-out 10th anniversarv season, is embarking on its second decade of performances with considerable energy.

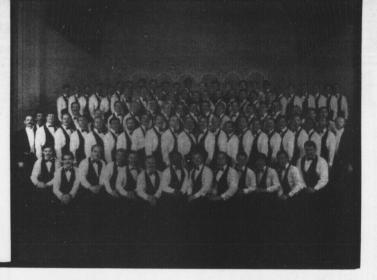
Already planned is a full concert season including a spring concert at Herbst Theatre, a summer performance with guest artists the Windy City Gay Men's Chorus of Chicago, an appearance at this year's GALA conven-

tion in Seattle, and the traditional Holiday Concert in December. The chorus also elected new general manager John McLeod, who will oversee a new search to replace artistic director Gregg Tallman.

"Gregg's work with the chorus over the past three years has been outstanding," McLeod noted, "and his decision to pursue other endeavors is a notable loss to our organization. We are fortunate

that he will continue to direct the chorus through its appearance at GALA this summer, providing us with an opportunity to conduct an extensive nationwide search for a new artistic director."

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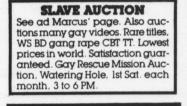
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Scorching!

Halstead Scores With 3 More 600+ Series

by Richard McPherson

J.C. Halstead continued to ravage the lanes in the Tavern Guild Leagues at Park Bowl for the fourth consecutive week shooting another three 600+ series. On Feb. 15, bowling for the Pilsner Quackers in the Wednesday Tavern Guild League (TGL) Halstead topped even himself in his current striking spree shooting a magnificently consistent 690 set on games of 230, 225 and 235. J.C. began the week with a 641 in the Monday TGL and finished with a 602 effort in the Thursday TGL.

The sheer quantity of his 600+ scores boggle the mind. Get this: in a one-month period, in his four weekly leagues, Halstead has shot 680, 650, 623, 653, 646, 619, 635, 619, 641, 690, and 602. No one has been on a hot streak such as this, ever, in the Tavern Guild League history. Also in the TGLs Tim Benton, 183 average, and Hugh Smith (178) both had 644 sets. In the TG Trios, Benton's series contained games of 245, 216 and 183 while Smith's MTGL score contained 224, 236 and 184 games.

Don Gambell, 170, had a 607 set highlighted by a 206 and Frank Rauch, 176, had a 601 with 210, 191, and 200. Rauch also had a 239 later in the week.

Rob Levi, a 166 average, heads the 215 and over game list for the week of Feb. 13-16 with a 241 effort. The others include: David Birch (167) 232; Tim Mulvenon (189) 229; Jeff Hettmansperger (190) 225; Nathan Hauser (191) 225; Arne Prince (197) 224; Dick Cavanee (178) 218; Lew Watson (167) 216; Pat Conlon (166) 216; Kevin Ahart (169) 215.

There were some great overaverage achievements, also, in the TGLs, highlighted by Steve Moore's 166, 201, 197/564 set, an American Bowling Congress award winning 162 pins over his average. (By the way, any bowlers shooting 100 pins over their average for a single game or 150 pins over in three games should let their league secretary know of the accomplishment so an award form can be filed. The league secretary may not catch it when looking over the recap sheets).

Chris Lewis, a 135 average, shot 84 pins over his average with a 219 game, followed by Michael Lucey with 226, 80 pins over his 146 average and David Ervin, 74 pins over his average with a 209. In the Hawaii league David Dunne, 134 led Birds of Paradise to a four-game victory with a 199, 177, 167/543. The 199 represents his lifetime high. Too bad he just couldn't get that one extra pin. It was fun watching David's scoring achievement on the lanes, even though I was on the team he smeared.

Honorable Mention (160 average and under): Bill Chapman (156) 239; Danny O'Connell (157)



Cable Car Award Nominees, for Sportsman of the Year in bowl ing: Dave Lilly (I.), Arnie Prince (c.) and Randy Peterson (r.).

214; Mike Beckman (148) 212; Daniel Sherman (157) 210; Herman Fleming (151) 209; Jim Markey (157) 202; Andre Lalias (150) 200.

David Arnold trounced Japantown Bowl again in the Sunday Reno League on Feb. 19 shooting a fine 678 score. After shooting the pits the week before, and dropping his average below the 200 mark, he came back this week with games of 255, 203, 220 to bring his average back up deuce. (Now here's a word for all you slang fans!)

Following are the 210+ shooters in the Community Leagues the week of Feb. 12 to Feb. 19: Jim Shay (162 average) 221; Bruce Gresham (173) 221; Lew Gilmore (166) 215; Bob Sulewski (182) 214; Richard Cooper (172) 213; Jerome Olfton (154) 210.

Special congrats to Kelly Spangler, a 138 average in the Wednesday Community on a 221 game, 83 pins over average.

Honorable Mention (160 average and under): Brad McCarty (156) 209/564; Frank Jones (142) 205; Del Oplinger (152)200; Eric Ensley (142) 200; Jean Butler (150) 200.

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi came down to Park Bowl to support the BEAR's first major fundraiser (Bowler's Emergency Aid Relief) last Saturday. What a warm and gracious person ... details next week.

Congratulations to the Cable Car Nominees for Sportsperson of the Year: Bowling. In the men's division Dave Lilly, Randy Penterson and Arne Prince were those honored by the nominating committee. By coincidence, all three men bowl in the Wednesday Tavern Guild League at Park Bowl. Lilly and Prince were honored for outstanding scoring achievements last year, both

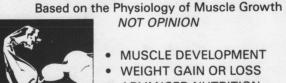
shooting up in the 750 series range ... twice each. And both average among the top scorers. shooting in the 190+ range. Peterson was honored for his hard work in promoting gay bowl ing over the past several years especially in chairing the SFNTIT '87 event. Tough choice.

Sportswoman of the Year nominations went to Sara Lewinstein, Virginia Brusco and Elizabeth Yesowitch, all S.F. Women's Business League members. Lewinstein, a highly skilled performer on the lanes, is one of lesbian sports primary voices. Brusco, also a 160 + average bowler and winner of a recent Apex Award for Woman Bowler of the Year, has been secretary of the S.F. Woman's Business League for two years, and as SFWBL veteran of many years, she has been one of the leagues biggest supporters. Yesowitch, a bowler in oth lesbian and gay leagues at Park Bowl, has been an active participant and volunteer in gay leagues and tournaments over the past couple of years. As a straight married woman, she is a vocal supporter of organized gay/lesbian bowling.

The Cable Car Awards & Show is this Saturday night, 8:00 p.m. at the Gift Center Pavilion. It should be a great show, as usual. Good luck to all nominees!

The Tri-City Team Tournament is less than a week-and-ahalf away. Organizer Mal Garcia says that he's had many sign-ups from San Jose and Sacramento, "but its S.F. that is slow in getting their forms in." Bowlers are asked to get forms turned in to Mal, ASAP.

There are three squads for the Saturday, March 11 event at Park Bowl: 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. For more info call Mal at 752-2366.



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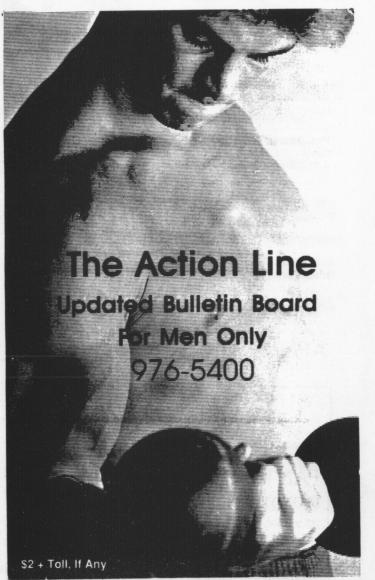
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Get Winning 'Pot of Gold' Against Rainbows **Slammers One Game Away From Title**



The Slammers are so close to the SF Rec & Park "A" division championship title they can taste (Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

by Hal Herkenhoff

Led by Alice Butler and Annie Banks, San Francisco's lesbian basketball team, the Slammers, moved to within one game of their first S.F. Rec and Park "A" division championship title by using good second-half shooting to pull away from the Rainbows, 50-39, last Thursday night at Kezar Pavilion.

Tonight, however, the Slammers will have to get by the bruis-

ing Hamilton Rec Center Stars at Kezar in an 8 p.m. game. A win would ensure sole possession of the first-place seeding in the playoffs.

Starting slowly against the Rainbows, it looked as if coach Susan Kennedy's Slammers were jeopardizing their one-game lead in their five-team division. Last week, the Slammers had pulled off a decisive win over the defen-

ding champions from Mission Rec Center to gain a season split of their series and take over first place.

At halftime, the Slammers trailed 22-20 and looked as if they missed injured Nancy Warren, out with a severe knee problem. "Sitting on the sidelines is so difficult for me," Warren lamented. "I hate to have to sit out and not be in there." But a tough half-

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time talk from Kennedy put the Slammers in the right frame of mind for a comeback.

Karen Dinardo hit two outside shots to start the half, then a tight lefense under the basket led by Katherine Martin, the only player on the team to play for the S.F. women's team in Gay Games II, put the Slammers back into the lead for good.

The Rainbows, led by M. Singer's driving layups and uncanny outside jumper, pulled to within 31-29 just before the end of the third quarter and even had the chance to tie. However, the Rainbows held the ball for the last 25 seconds, going for the final shot, only to see Singer's off-balance jumper barely miss tying it all up.

With a deeper bench, the Slammers were ready to keep up the pressure and the pace in the fourth quarter. They used the high-scoring Butler to lead an exciting fast-break. They also threw a sagging defense on the tiring Rainbows, and shot out in front with a 16-6 spurt.

> L.A. Gay Rodeo Set for March 31-April 2

Greater Los Angeles Area be \$10. Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA) is pleased to announce that the Fifth Annual Los Angeles Gay Rodeo will be held the weekend of March 31-April 2. For the fifth consecutive year, the two-day amateur rodeo will be held at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank. The facility offers a proximately 3,500 spectators, country western dance floors.

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Olivia Records is hosting the first women's cruise in history. This five-day/four-night Bahama cruise will depart from Miami, Fla., on Feb. 19, 1990, with more than 700 women from across the country. A \$100 deposit is all you need to reserve your place! To charge by phone, call (800) 631-6277. Reservations are on a first-come basis. Due to the expected demand, we urge you to make your reservations mmediately

This celebration of music will include stops at Nassau and Little Stirrup Cay, a small private island reserved exclusively for our cruise. In addition, there will be over 200 activities to choose from including concerts, swimming, beachcombing, snorkeling and much more. Come bask in the warm sun, enjoy delicious foods and wonderful nusic and share the experience with us!

With a 50-35 lead with 1:42 to go, the Slammers could finally savor the win and think about closing in on their first title. Last year, the Slammers were next to last in the standings, but as team leader Nancy Warren explained, 'We knew the level of play in the 'A' division and wanted to play against these teams and get to their level of ability."

Once again, Butler led the winners, this time with 16 points. She was matched by inside shooter and rebounder Banks. D. Meyer led the Rainbows with 10 points, followed by Singer's nine points.

The Slammers' record is 6-1 for the season. The game against Hamilton is the last regular season game. A single-elimination tournament is used for the playoffs, with the top team getting the advantage of an extra game if they lose one. For all other teams, one loss and you're

Come out and watch exciting, fast-moving basketball tonight at Kezar Pavilion, Stanyan and Waller, Admission is free.

LOS ANGELES-The 31. Admission for this event will There will also be the Mr., Ms. and Miss GSGRA competition

again this year. These individuals qualify for their titles by raising money for charitable organizations, and proving themselves in horsemanship, western wear, and personality competitions; a talent contest is held for the "Miss" contestants. The winners hold covered arena which seats applenty of parking, and room for Ms. and Miss IGRA competition eligible to compete in the Mr., retail booths, two stages, and two at the International rodeo finals. Festivities will begin at 7 p.m. on There will be the usual 13 Friday night, and at 12 noon on rodeo events each day which con- Saturday and Sunday; starting sist of, four rough stock events, with the Grand Parade and

The Los Angeles Gay Rodeo at-Rough stock events include: tracts over 12,000 spectators durbare back bronc riding; wild bull ing the 21/2 days of activities, riding; wild cow riding; and chute making it the largest gay rodeo dogging. Horse events include: in the country. Tickets are availpole bending; barrel racing; and able in advance by telephone, or flag racing. Roping events in- on the day of the event at the roping on horseback; and team mission will be \$12 in advance, calf roping on horseback. \$15 at the gate. Reserved Box 'Camp'' events include: goat Seats will be \$20. Parking will be dressing; steer decorating; and \$3. To order tickets, or for additional information contact the This year there will be a fund. Rodeo Hotline at (213) 498-1675 raiser for AIDS Project Los between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. seven

Threshold of a Dream

by Lauren Ward

Serious pool players often be-moan the lack of respect the sport receives at the hands of the media and the sports world in general. The skills required for top pool competitors rival those of top golfers and bowlers, but competitive opportunities in this country do not yet even approach parity with those sports or many others which make celebrities of their top players.

In England, their popular cue game of snooker rewards star players with millions in prizes and hundreds of hours of live TV coverage. American players salivate at the thought of pool even approximating that kind of popularity over here.

There are people currently working to change the perception of pool in America. The latest concept to explode upon the na-tional pool scene is the formation of a National Professional Pool League.

League Commissioner Bill Smith was at San Francisco's Family Billiards last Sunday answering questions about the league and observing tryouts by

Track Mag Honors S.F. Duo by Rick Thoman

California Track & Running News, one of the leading publications in the field of track competition for California, recently announced its 1988 Athletes of the Year. This year, two San Francisco Track & Field Club athletes were among the finalists.

For the second year in a row, Marjorie Larney received honorable mention for Masters Women, age 50-54. Larney is a former US Olympian and current American record holder in her age group for the discus and shot put. She won the Cable Car Award as Outstanding Female Track & Field athlete last year and has been nominated for the same award this year.

In addition to Larney, Barbara Racine received honorable men tion in the same category. This is the first time Racine has been so honored. In 1989 she'll begin competing in the 55-59 age group where she hopes to improve her standings. Racine is also up for the Cable Car Award for Outstanding Female Track & Field Athlete this year.

Larney and Racine are the backbone of the San Francisco Track & Field Club's women's field event squad and the club is proud to acknowledge their achievements.

For additional information regarding the S.F. Track & Field Club, call 626-8784.

Free Tax Help

Free tax assistance is available during March at the S.F. AIDS Foundation to qualified persons. A diagnosis of AIDS or ARC is

not required. Trained tax preparers will help individuals fill out state and federal incometax forms, free of charge, if the person earned \$16,000 or less in 1988 and no more than \$2,000 for each family member. This service will be provided on Monday evenings through the month of March. Appointments may be made by phoning the On-Duty Social Worker at 864-5855. V

local players hoping for a spot on the roster of the S.F. team, one of the league's newest charter mem-

"We're starting up with a women's league because we feel we can make the fastest inroads for media and fan support with women's competition," he explained. "We also believe that the public's perceptions of pool can only be elevated with greater participation by women players."

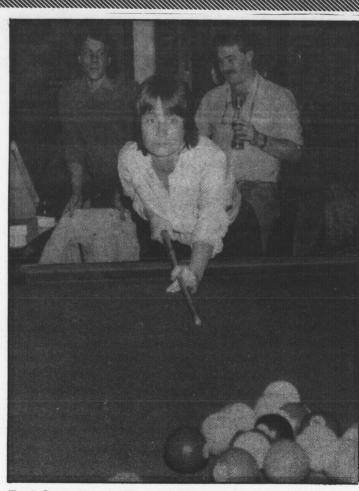
He went on to describe the first season's format. "There's a fourwoman roster with up to four alternates. Competition begins next Saturday in the Western Division, which includes Reno, Sacramento, Las Vegas, San Diego, and others. We're scheduling six home matches and five away, with all players' expenses covered by the franchise owners. Matches consist of a round robin race-to-five played between the teams on four tables concurrently, and are expected to last 3 to 4 hours. BCA 9-Ball rules will apply and special cash prizes for some competitors are being developed. S.F. Pool Association players, Karen Brandman, Torri Connelly, Lisa Duncan, Toni Macante and Lauren Ward were on hand with about a dozen others to demonstrate their skills for local franchise owner, Delbert Wong, who expects to dub the team the "S.F. Breakers."

"I realize how difficult it is to judge your competitive capabilities in one afternoon," he said, "but we only recently committed to getting involved and we haven't got any time to spare to get the team together."

No definite decisions were made Sunday, but Debra Aarens, a fine local player with extensive professional level experience, would appear to have an inside track for one of the slots.

The promoters envision a fullscale NFL-style league featuring both men's and women's competitions in special billiard arenas across the nation. We players hope we are standing at the threshold of a dream and can only wish that it soon comes to fruition.

Dial JOE-POOL for SFPA information.



Torri Connelly of "Maude's Makeshifts" 'breaks' with Badlands adversaries looking on. (Photo: Rink)

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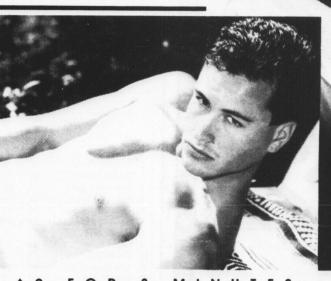
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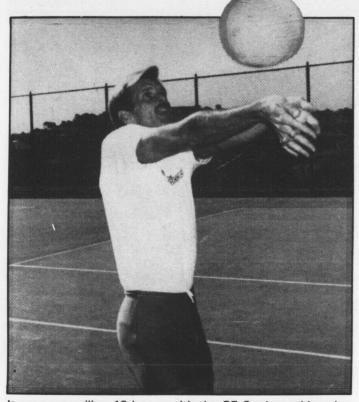
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Take First Place

S.F. Quakes Shake Up S.J. Volleyball Tourney



It was a gruelling 12 hours with the SF Quakes taking the championship followed by Team Long Beach and the San Jose Spankers. (Photo: S.Savage)

by Rick Thoman

A "pick-up" team of San Francisco volleyball players came "out of nowhere" to capture the third annual San Jose Gay Volleyball Tournament. The Feb. 18 event at San Jose City College had the largest turnout in its short history as eight teams from California competed for the championship title.

It was the San Francisco Quakes, an amalgamation of some of the city's top players,

who surprised the field by marching through the preliminary rounds and into the championship game, where they hung on to narrowly defeat Team Long Beach by a score of 13-11.

The win by the Quakes was similar to last year's tournament when another unknown group of San Francisco players, billed as "S.F. Champagne," swept their way to the San Jose tournament

This year's competition lasted 12 grueling hours, a demanding round of games that Tournament Team Director Dan Rotramel said "truly tested the stamina and skills of those involved."

Finishing in third place after the S.F. Quakes and Team Long Beach were the San Jose Spankers, followed by last year's second place finisher, the San Francisco City Islanders. In fifth place was Team San Diego, trailed by a new team of gay volleyball enthusiasts, the Tulare County Wild Things, then Team Sacramento in seventh, and the San Jose Bees rounding out the field of competitors.

Tournament Director Jim Henderson was pleased with the growing participation in the tournament, which for the first time attracted two teams outside the Bay Area. Three teams, the San Francisco City Islanders, Team San Diego and Team Long Beach were all recent tournament winners and are indicative of the level of competition the San Jose Gay Volleyball Tournament is succeeding in attracting. It is expected that a majority of the teams that participated here will be competing at this year's next big tournament, the NAGVA National Championships in Minneapolis over Memorial Day weekend.

The San Jose Tourney was cosponsored by the Peninsula Area Games Association and the South Bay Volleyball League. The league is currently reforming its team rosters and anyone interested in participating in the league can contact Tom Ammon at (415) 965-2758.



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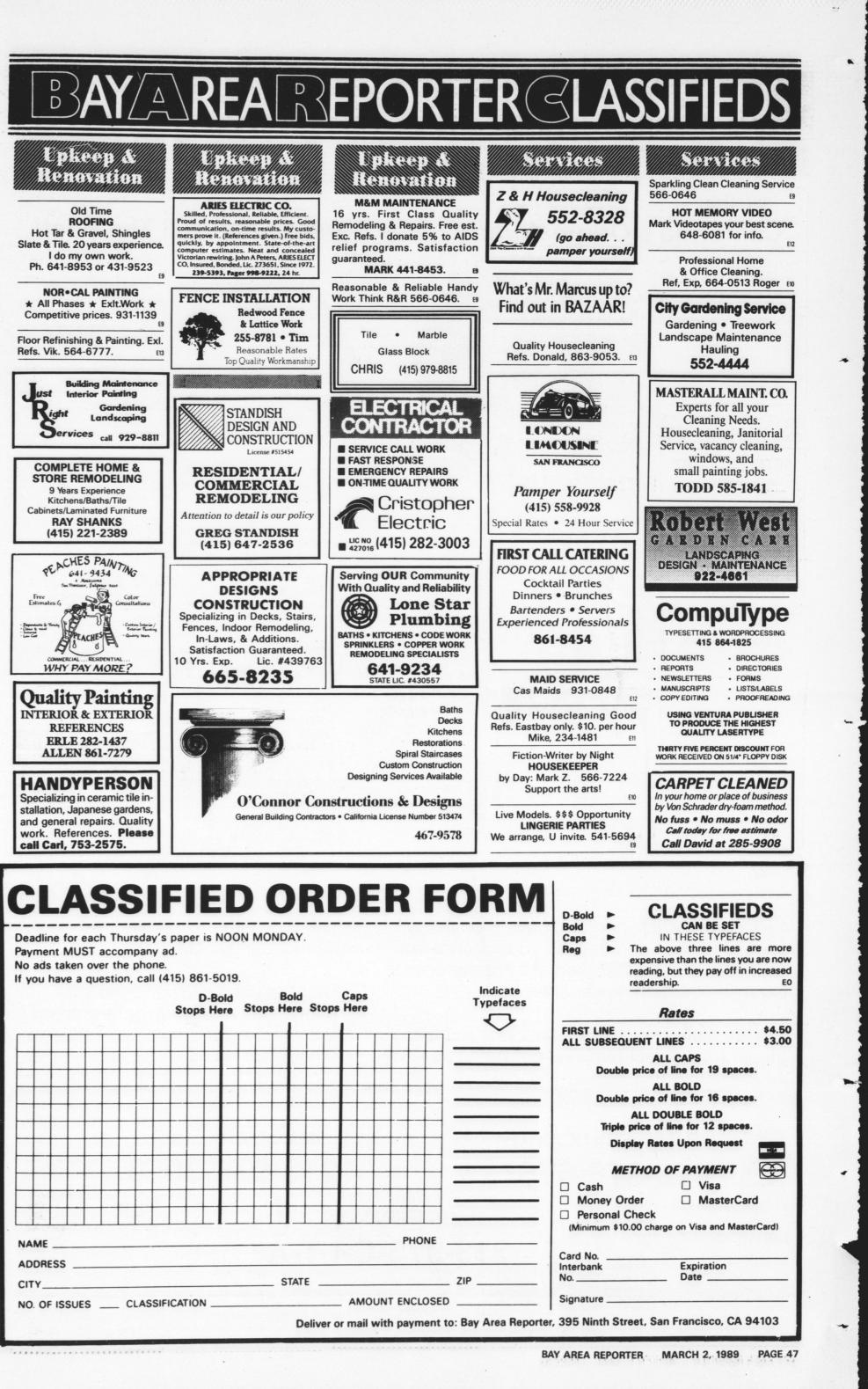
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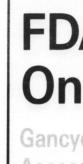


by Allen White

turn left heading north on Franklin.

At Grove Street the parade will head towards Civic Center passing between the Opera House and Davies Symphony Hall. For the first time in several years, the





by Jay Newquist

To Start on Castro St.

Market Street Repairs Force Route Change; To **Commemorate Stonewall's 20th Anniversary**

The route of the 1989 San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade was announced this week as plans continue for the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion. There will also be many exciting changes for the Civic Center Celebration. The 1989 parade will begin Sunday, June 25 at 11 a.m. at the corner of Castro and Market streets. The parade will then proceed down Market to Franklin Street. The line of march will

route will take both the marchers and the floats into Civic Center. In Civic Center, the floats will turn right on Polk Street and leave the parade. The marchers will then move into the Civic

Center Plaza. Once inside the plaza, participants will find a completely redesigned Freedom Day Celebration. A major change this year will be the return to an enlarged main stage directly in front of City Hall.

Flo Tumulo, co-chair of the day's festivities, said, "In addition to the large main stage there will be four smaller stages throughout the area." This year, she said, "we plan to fully use all of the side streets." She noted that in previous years the streets

were closed for a full block beyond the Civic Center plaza. We are going to put booths and other activities in these streets,' Tumulo said.

She said there will also be four smaller stages located in the area. One stage will be used for a disc jockey and be adjacent to a dance area.

Tumulo has been working on the parade for several years. This year, as co-chair, she expects to put the knowledge she has learned working on many parades toward the 1989 event.

Steven Lindsay, the other 1989 co-chair, said, "This year we will start the parade at the corner of Castro and Market streets. We believe many people want the



The Parade Celebration at Civic Center

Project Inform's Martin Delaney

FDA Eases Rule On CMV Drug

Gancyclovir To Be 'More Accessible'; Feds Stung By Critics

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), reacting to intense outside pressure, decided last week to make the drug gancyclovir more easily available to peo-

ple with AIDS. The drug is effective in treating people who are losing their eyesight to to cytomegalovirus (CMV).

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(Photo: Rink

Judge Approves Demand For HIV Test in Bite Case **Deputy Sheriff Wants Prop. 96 Law Enforced**

by Gregory Douthwaite

A woman who bit a court bailiff must be tested for AIDS, a San Francisco judge ruled last week. It was the first ruling on a Prop. 96 request in California. Municipal Court Judge Perker L. Meeks, Jr., expressed concern for the constitutional rights of the woman. Although he would not declare the mandatory testing statute unconstitutional, he did delay testing until an appeals court makes a ruling.

nto the hand of a bailiff, Depu- said ty Sheriff Evelyn Parkell, while she was being removed from juvenile court after a child custody hearing. The bailiff later requested the test.

Johnson's attorneys argued that involuntary taking of her blood is a violation of the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable search and seizure.

"The electors of California can't override the Fourth Amendment," said Ruth Borenstein, an attorney working in cooperation with the American Civil Liberties Union.

"A search of this nature must be based on probable cause, not irrational fears," she said. "The (Sheriff's) Department lacks probable cause to believe that Johnson may have transmitted the virus to the deputy by a bite," Borenstein told the court.

"HIV is not transmitted through casual contact, saliva, or biting. To order the test will only

The woman, Johnetta undermine the medical truth of Johnson, allegedly bit deeply how HIV is transmitted," she

Sheriff's Department attorney Jim Harrigan, representing Deputy Parkell, admitted that the chance of AIDS transmission from a bite was "highly remote." However, he noted that Prop. 96 also allows testing for other communicable diseases, such as hepatitis, TB, and herpes simplex.

Prop. 96 was passed by 62 percent of California voters last November. The statute allows mandatory blood testing for sex offenders and anyone accused of interfering with a police officer, firefighter, or paramedic and found to have transferred bodily fluids.

Ironically, San Francisco Sheriff Mike Hennessy was the only county sheriff in California to oppose the proposition. He is required by the law to honor the deputy's request.

According to the statute, test results are to be sent to the head of the facility where the accused



Attorney Matt Coles (Photo Rink

is detained, to its chief medical officer, and to the victim of the assault

The results will not be confidential, said Matt Coles, an ACLU staff attorney. In this case, efforts to prevent more widespread disclosure are bound to fail because "the deputy is free to confide her concerns to family members, fellow deputies, or, indeed, anyone at all," he said.

Judge Meeks also expressed (Continued on page 3)