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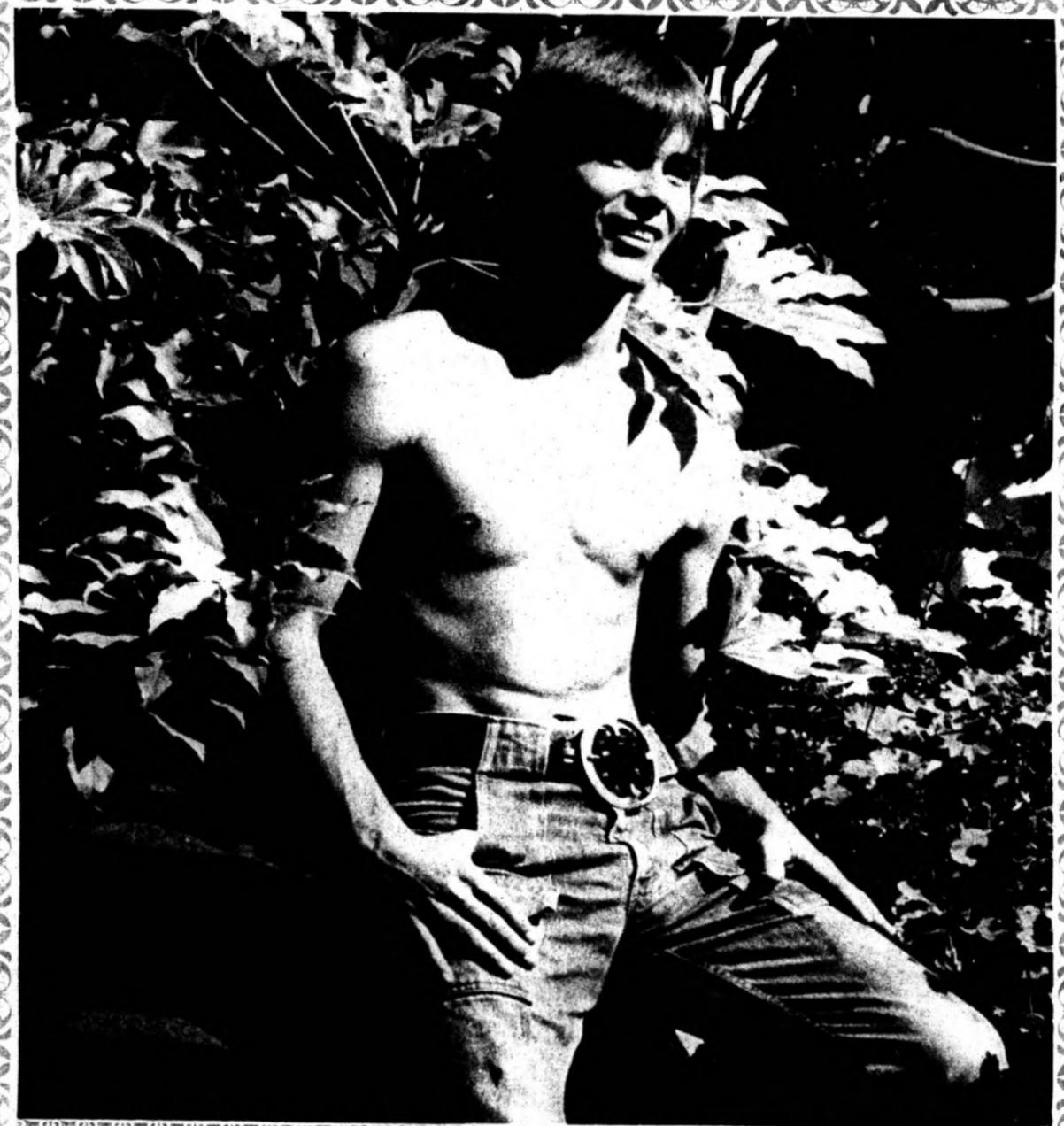


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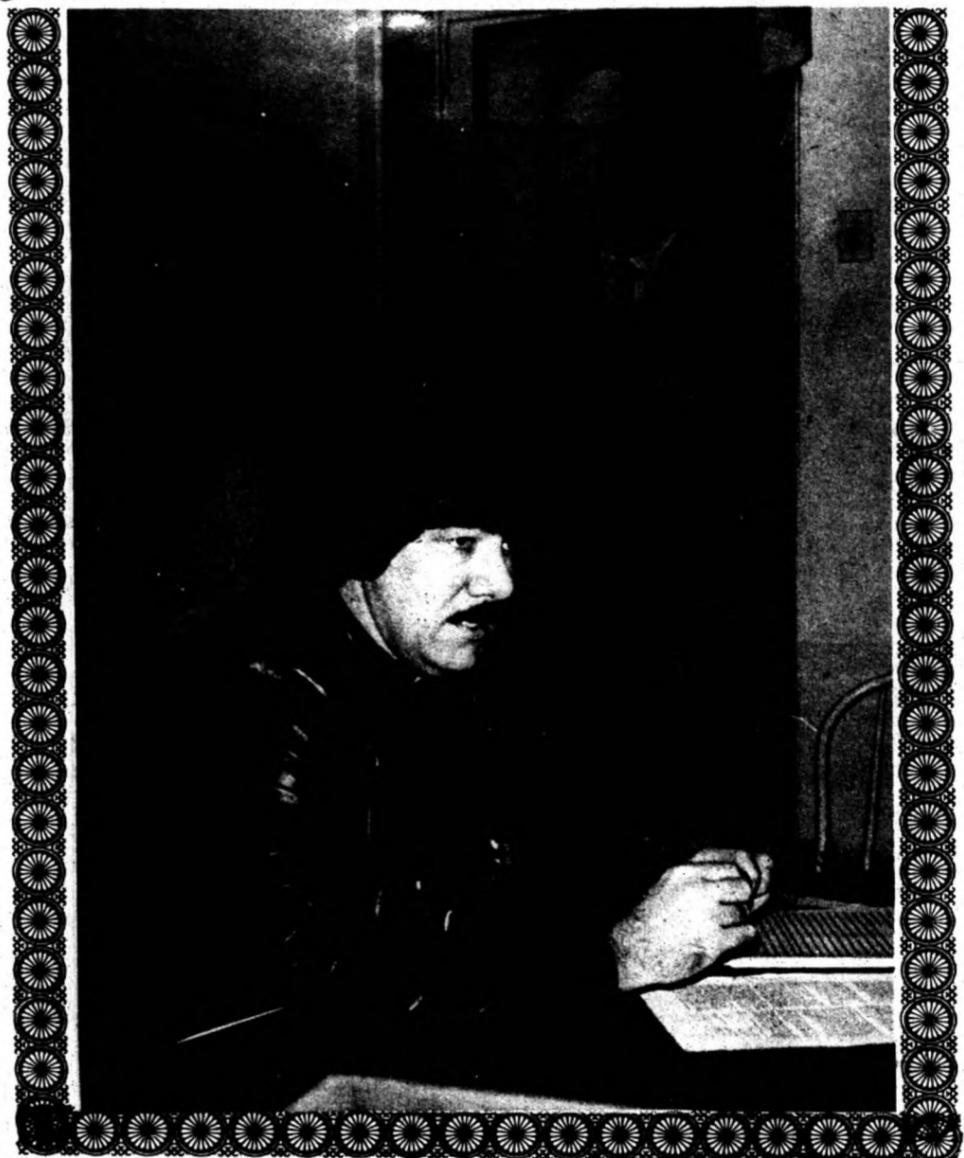
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PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY TO HOLD STATE CONVENTION HERE

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Several candidates have already announced their candidacies for statewide office on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket, among them being C.T. Weber and Morris Knight of Los Angeles County for Governor. There is a strong chance that Dorothy Healey will be the candidate for U.S. Senator. Anthony Russo, of Pentagon Papers fame, is strongly rumored to soon be a candidate for Governor or Secretary of State.

Meanwhile, in local elections in San Francisco, former candidates in the recent supervisorial race Kayren Hudiburgh and John Webb have announced their candidacies for the State Assembly. On the congressional level, Gay Crusader editor Reverend Raymond Broshears is seeking the post vacated by Congressman William Maillard.

Whatever the outcome of the convention, the Peace and Freedom Party promises to be the strongest third party in the history of this state. Gays throughout the state have been deserting the Democratic Party and registering in the Peace and Freedom Party. This is due to the strong pro-gay plank in the Peace and Freedom Party platform, which makes the Gay plank in the Democratic Party platform look about as strong as balsam wood.

For further information on the State Convention of the Peace and Freedom Party, or for information on any of its activities here in San Francisco, please call the Peace and Freedom House at 552-2366.

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Dennis McCauley on GOD....

THE NEED FOR SYNTHESIS

by Dennis McCauley The need for synthesis has risen to an epidemic level, this being almost entirely due to the overwhelming amount of division in religion. The time is long since past when we could allow such satanic tactics in our religious environment. It is for the same reason that homosexuality is frowned upon by other segments of our culture that magic is so persecuted by Christians: they simply fail to understand what it is all about, leaving themselves hopelessly trapped in their limitation.

An historic event will take place on Friday night, February 8, at 8:30 p.m. at the HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER, 225 Turk Street. Gina LaRouch, star of the old Vallejo Street Emmaus House, Vector Magazine, and Talk of the Town, will be doing a 90 minute special benefit at the HELPING HANDS CENTER. A \$2.00 donation is requested. This is a comeback performance for Gina, who achieved renown with her performances of "I've Got a Cancer in My Tropic", "From Rubles to Rubbish", "Ballad of the Bay of Pigs" and "I've Had It With Castro Oil."

Gina LaRouch was seriously injured in an auto accident in early 1973 and is now confined to a wheelchair, but he has lost none of that wicked Cuban humor and is now working to put together an all-star cast with which to surround himself in his comeback. Gina claims that his comeback will make Jane Froman's look like she never was.

If for no other reason than to hear Gina LaRouch rip into "Father Raye" (verbally, of course), you should all come out to see and greet Gina and welcome him back into the mainstream of the Gayworld. Remember, that's Friday, February 8 at 8:30 p.m.

GINA LAROUCH RETURNS TO THE STAGE - CUBAN OVERSHADOWS JANE FROMAN COMEBACK

GINA LAROUCH COMEBACK PERFORMANCE Friday, February 8th 8:30 p.m. 225 Turk Street, SF



LANDLORDS LOSE!

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT IMPOSES IMPLIED WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY ON SLUMLORDS

(Released by the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation)

In a landmark decision filed Tuesday, the California Supreme Court held that landlords who refuse to make rented dwellings livable cannot evict tenants for non-payment of rent.

In Green v. Superior Court, tenant Roger Green refused to pay \$300 in rent because his landlord, Jack Sumski, failed to repair several housing code violations on the premises, including: (1) the collapse and non-repair of the bathroom ceiling; (2) the continued presence of rats, mice and cockroaches on the premises; (3) the lack of heat in four of the apartment's rooms; (4) plumbing blockages; (5) exposed and faulty wiring; and (6) an illegally installed and dangerous stove. When Sumski refused to evict Green for refusing to pay the rent, the Municipal Court refused to hear Green's claim that he should not have to pay the rent until Sumski made the place livable. The Court ordered Green evicted.

The Supreme Court reversed the eviction, holding that so long as Sumski refused to make the repairs, Green could not be evicted for refusing to pay the agreed-upon rent.

In so holding, the Court overruled a long-standing doctrine that the landlord had no obligation to the tenant to make repairs and could evict the tenant if the tenant refused to pay the rent for any reason. While the old doctrine arose when most rental agreements were for farmland, the Court said, "The geographic and economic conditions that characterized the agrarian lessor-lessee transaction have been entirely transformed in the modern urban landlord-tenant relationship." Therefore, whenever any landlord today rents residential property, he will be held to have made an "implied warranty" that the premises are "habitable."

The Court went on to spell out the implications of its decision:

- (1) The "implied warranty" is violated when the landlord fails to comply "substantially" with local and state housing codes. (2) The landlord cannot force the tenant to "waive" his rights under the Green decision by signing an agreement saying he waives them. (3) In an eviction lawsuit, the tenant can raise the defense that the landlord violated the warranty. If the defense is raised, the Court can order the tenant to pay his future rent payments into Court (so the landlord will be protected if the tenant can't prove the warranty is violated). If the tenant then proves his case, the Court decides what the premises were "reasonably" worth, and if the tenant pays that amount to the landlord (which could be as low as zero if the premises were worthless), he cannot be evicted.

The tenant in the case was represented by the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation. Gilbert Graham and Myron Moskowitz argued the case on behalf of Mr. Green.

For further information call Myron Moskowitz at (415) 524-9871 or Larry Curtice at (415) 626-5285.

VALENTINE & BIRTHDAY PARTY February 14 9 P.M. The Sanctuary 1601 Market St. 861-9462 join us in celebrating the 39th birthday of Rev. Ray Broshears.

"You know that old trees just grow stronger And old rivers grow wilder every day. Old people just grow lonesome Waiting for someone to say Hello in there...hello."

John Prine, "Hello in There" ELDERLY AND DISABLED BEING "MURDERED" BY BIG BUSINESS

The elderly and disabled who reside in the Tenderloin-Civic Center area are being murdered by the corporate interests as the city seeks to drive them out of their neighborhoods and replace them with high-rise office buildings and tourist facilities. One more step in strangling these neighborhoods was the closing of the only Safeway market in the area. (Safeway finds it more profitable to locate in the suburbs.) The Old Folks Defense League picketed City Hall on January 21 to protest the closing of this Safeway market, which will force the many poor people in the area to spend still more for their food.

A.A. Meeting for Gays Wednesdays 8:00PM 225 Turk Street Helping Hands Community Center (415) 771-3366

I hope and pray that it will be so, for I hope and pray daily that I may some day soon see the peoples of the world chanting the same prayer to the One, Only and Everliving God of righteousness, truth and Love. It is of the utmost importance that all people begin to know deep down inside that we are all fragments of His Endlessness, and no division need exist but the ones we create ourselves in our unconsciousness. When we all realize this in our true self, when it is the food of our very essence, then and only then will we embark upon the path to the Mountaintop of Love and Bliss.

into the fully integrated, aware, conscious new race we could be. We must work at it in ourselves through self-knowledge, and in others by helping them to find answers for themselves. One of the Zen koans (or questions) is, "If you cannot get the answer from yourself, who then may you go to?" The answer is, of course, no one. You must find it for yourself, although others may aid you. Ultimately, however, the decision of whether or not to accept it rests with you. In closing, then, I will say that we must

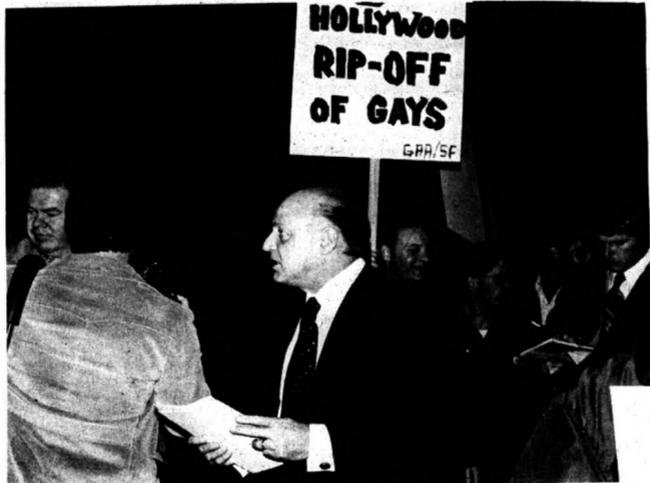
unite into a single stream of pure white light and love and truth...or condemn ourselves to remain but broken fragments of God's dream for humanity, with endless shadows of doubt, fear, and ignorance in between us. As a Working Brother of the Light, I bid you join me, for time grows short. With Love, Light, Hope I remain, Dennis James McCauley

We, as soldiers of Light, must constantly endeavor to help as many as possible to understand these truths; however, we must also remember, as Elbert Hubbard said, "No man may teach; all he may ever hope to do is to arouse sufficient impulse that they may teach themselves." We must learn to help one another upon the path, lest others become hypnotized and sleepy from the illusions and unconsciousness that the world is filled with. It should become first nature to keep an eye out for our fellow passengers on what Buckminster Fuller calls "Spaceship Earth." The destination? That, unfortunately, is up to us alone, for there is no guarantee that we will evolve

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Laughing Policeman no laughing matter

GAYS CONFRONT MAYOR ALIOTO



GAYS CONFRONT MAYOR ALIOTO DURING PICKET. Pictured from left to right: Officer Elliott Blackstone, cameraman from KGO-TV, Mayor Alioto, attorney B.J. Beckwith, Jerry Salazar of GAA/SF, Bob Cramer, and Chronicle reporter.

Two of San Francisco's most respected Gay leaders confronted Mayor Joseph Alioto during the picketing of the special benefit showing of the motion picture *The Laughing Policeman*. This film has been the target of Gay protests across the country due to its representation of Gays as "queers", "fags" and "sickies". The San Francisco Police Department gave consultation in the making of the film, and the special benefit showing was for a Police Department charity.

Bob Cramer, former Vice President of S.I.R. (Society for Individual Rights) and now an officer of both the PRIDE FOUNDATION and the YONKERS PRODUCTION COMPANY, and famed criminal attorney B.J. Beckwith met with Mayor Joseph Alioto head-on during the picketing of the benefit showing of this film.

The mayor arrived in his limousine, and as he alighted from the car he was immediately confronted by Bob Cramer and B.J. Beckwith, who wanted an explanation from the Mayor as to why the City had lent its assistance to a film which so blatantly insulted Gays and racial minorities. To the surprise of those present, Mayor Alioto stopped to talk with Cramer and Beckwith, saying that he would have to reserve judgment until he had seen the film. After a few minutes of conversation, he went inside with the promise that he would later issue a statement on the film. The Mayor later did so to the *Gay Crusader*, stating that "the film is a black mark on San Francisco's minorities and upon our police force."

On the picketline with Beckwith and Cramer were Alan Woods, James Tarplee, Jim Busey, Jim Boyd-Robertson, Perry George, Mike Dowden, Rev. Ray Broshers and Larry Reh (the new editor of *The Advocate*), as well as a number of others.

The picketing was met with a surprisingly positive response by most of the policemen and their wives who attended the film, with the only sour scenes being the snarls of Police Chief Donald M. Scott and an unpleasant "gesture" from the new supervisor and Ex-Police Chief Alfred Nelder.



HARVEY MILK BRUCE and LARRY LITTLEJOHN JIM BUSEY

A second picket, held at the Cinema 21 Theater's premiere for the general public of *The Laughing Policeman* was a tremendous success also. At this picketing, sponsored by the Gays Against Media Bigotry (GAMB), Gay leaders Harvey Milk and Larry Littlejohn joined the pickets. In an unusual development, the Police Department deployed six men in riot gear to the theater in response to a threat by non-GAMB persons to sabotage the picketing by disrupting patrons inside the theater. This threat, made by a group that had been earlier criticized by GAMB member Rev. Ray Broshers, was called by Rev. Broshers an act of hate. Broshers commented, "If they want to picket with us outside, that's fine. But they do not have the right to disrupt the showing of the film, for those who paid their money to see the film have a right to do so without disruptions from plastic would-be Gay liberationists."

JOHN JUVE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEED SUPERVISION

Judging by the bizarre behavior at meetings of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors lately, it is obvious that they need a little supervision themselves. And this certainly goes for some of the holier-than-thou aides to the Supervisors.

The bizarre behavior of Supervisor John Barbagelata and his administrative aide leave much to be desired in the way of legislative responsibility. Mr. Barbagelata's childish spats with his fellow members demonstrates to responsible voters that there are at least 90,000 childish voters who voted to keep Mr. Barbagelata on the Board of Supervisors.

While Mr. Barbagelata and a few other supervisors play verbal games with each other, and while a few others are busy running for other office, only a small group of three or so are actually taking care of the City's business. It is high time that John Barbagelata, Bob Gonzales, Quentin Kopp and John Molinari get on with the business of the City. Three of the aforementioned are running for re-election in 1975, and if they want to return to the Board, they had better be a hell of a lot more responsible as legislators—or else they are likely to find themselves back at their former jobs.

Don't Tell V.D. Truth..

V.D. CLINIC FILES NOT CONFIDENTIAL?

The Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) has charged Dr. Edwin Braff, M.D., of the San Francisco Health Department of not telling the truth when he says that the treatment records of venereal disease patients at the City's free clinic at 450 Fourth Street are completely confidential. GAA pointed out that various state and federal laws allow for medical records to be used by law enforcement agencies in the process of apprehending persons suspected of crimes.

A case in point cited by the GAA was the mass slayings in Houston. When Houston detectives came to California to hunt down suspects and gather information concerning the slayings, they were given the files of the Los Angeles V.D. Clinic files, according to Los Angeles' Don Slater. The Houston police officials used a California law in going through the V.D. records, one which pre-empts City and County laws.

Here in San Francisco, Braff's boys have either knowingly or unknowingly violated the confidentiality of a few persons using the clinic. This could just be their big mouths, or it might have actually involved the actual release of records; but the point is that however the information is released, by mouth or through legal release of documents, it has been released, and this must be stopped.

Joe Hill's Last Will

(Written in his cell November 18, 1915, on the eve of his execution)

My will is easy to decide. For there is nothing to divide. My kin don't need to fuss and moan "Moss does not cling to a rolling stone." My body? Ah, if I could choose, I would to ashes it reduce. And let the merry breezes blow My dust to where some flowers grow. Perhaps some fading flower then Would come to life and bloom again. This is my last and final will. Good luck to all of you.

Joe Hill.

New S.I.R. prexy

HECTOR NAVARRO NEW PRESIDENT OF S.I.R.

Hector Navarro, known as the "good fairy" to some, and to others...well, he is now the president of the Society for Individual Rights, succeeding Don Scott who resigned on Christmas Day. Hector is a person of unknown leadership abilities, but he has certainly exhibited strong leadership in the first few weeks of office. Let us all wish Hector well.

FRISCO KID...

HERB WHO? CAEN YOU?

Herb Caen, self-appointed arbiter of the good life in San Francisco, has once more written an item on the Tenderloin, in his best "holier than thou" attitude. Mr. Caen is generous in his inclusion of Gay items in his column, but unfortunately his references to the Tenderloin reflect his capitalist view of the area, in the eyes of Gay socialists.

Poverty abounds in the Tenderloin, and Mr. Caen finds it amusing to glamorize it. His columns are replete with amusing asides from drag queens, hustlers and prostitutes that are designed to entertain the upper crust: asides which conceal the genuine needs and concerns of people living in the Tenderloin. There are, of course, always those bar queens, in best alcoholic stupor, who will squeal at every Gay item and say "How cute!" But it isn't cute: it's vile and anti-Gay. Ann Landers denigrates us as sick; but is Herb Caen any less denigrating when he portrays us only as clowns? Certainly, there has to be a bit of the clown in all of us if we are not to become machines; but one does not have to lack a healthy sense of the absurd to still be able to see the subtle Snob Hill bias that colors his Tenderloin references.

We call upon all responsible Gay activists to shun the places he plugs and to let him know your feelings about his writings.

(Unauthorized note from typesetter. And be sure to blow razzberries at the newsprint when you read him over breakfast. -dk)

The Coming Age

To this earth we have been wed, But in days that are ahead, We will have a freedom new O, the joy there is in view.

Women wearing suits of gold, Flying high and very bold They will fly to farthest star, Searching regions near and far.

O the longing in our heart, As we take another start, From the depths of sin and shame To a place of joy and fame.

O this earth will have a place In the universe of grace. Women will do mighty things As they soar high on their wings.

They will bring this peace and rest To the earth that they know best, This will be an age of women, And an age of real livin'.

Written by Dorothy Sinclair

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ANNIE SICK ??

ANN LANDERS A REAL SICKIE

Ann Landers has done it again. In the January 13th *Chronicle* she writes, "I don't view deviant sexual behavior as something to be proud of." She wrote this in response to a pro-gay letter written by someone who signed their letter "Gay Pride."

The *Gay Crusader* learned of this latest example of the Landers-lie from Greg Gallipeau, who responded in a hotly-worded letter to Ann Landers.

Ann Landers' frequently-stated position that Gays are "sick" and "need professional help" is no doubt all too familiar to most Gays. She does so run off at the mouth that the staff of the *Gay Crusader* felt it necessary to explore what action could be taken in response to her continual slurs upon Gay people. The *Gay Crusader* staff has learned that Ann Landers is now on a speaking tour and that she is scheduled to come to San Francisco. When she does, we should all greet her. Contact the Gay Activists Alliance in the future for the time and date of the Landers invasion.

Picket of Ann Landers To be Announced

RICH MAN'S LOVE

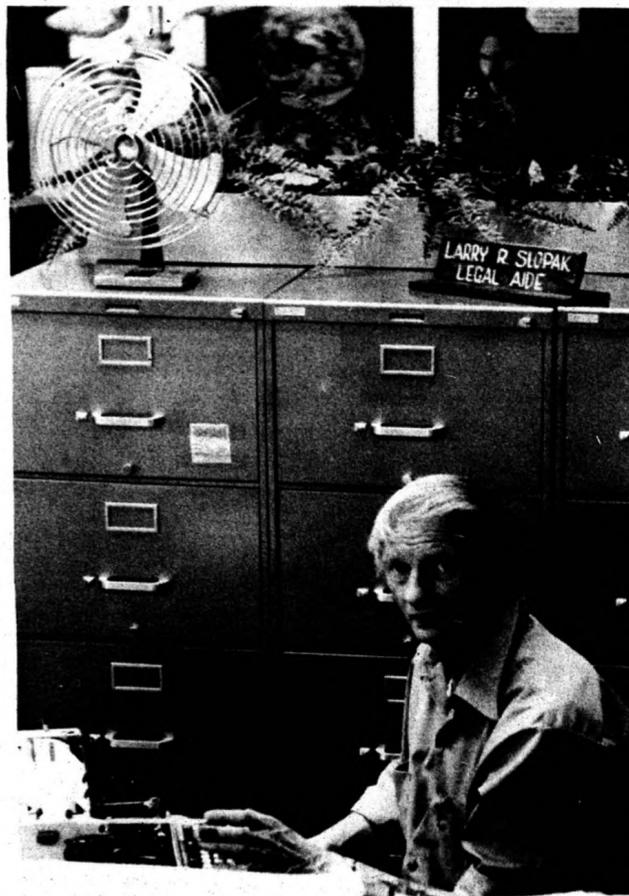
by Jim Michael Busey

I love you my dear. My dollar bill For you I'll push dope wreck lives and steal O great green God of generosity in your name I'd murder an entire country O pecuniary prince so fair By your leave I'd lie and pollute the air O emerald importer of my body and soul For you I'd take the poor's oil and their coal O mammoth master of mathematical miracles For you I'd peddle heroin and put Gays in our jails O my sacred savior of salvation so true I can love no other but you

To all the rich persons who fail to see the needs of the poor and oppressed in this world

CHAIN-GANG MENTALITY KEEPS GAYS IN PRISON?

By Sasha Gregory



Larry Slopak photo by Sasha

BATTLE TO FREE LARRY SLOPAK INTENSIFIES

The Oregon Parole Board's refusal to grant a parole to prisoner Larry Slopak (who is known as Oregon State Penitentiary's "gay jailhouse lawyer") is going to get heated up. This word comes from the militant San Francisco minister, the Reverend Raymond Broshers. Broshers told Gay News Service that he felt that the Bible-banging Jesus freaks on the Oregon Parole Board will never grant a parole to Slopak, and that other action is necessary. (The Oregon Parole Board in the past has denied parole to Slopak because Slopak refused to repent of his homosexuality before the Board and refused to agree with the proposition that "in the eyes of God, your homosexuality is wrong and you must recognize it as such.")

Broshers said he feels that Governor Tom McCall has been pressured unduly by the Jesus freaks in Oregon, and that he just might rebel in favor of Slopak if enough petitions were gathered outside of the prison by the Gay communities of Oregon and California. Broshers pointed out that McCall is a very probable vice-presidential candidate in 1976 and that he will think twice before turning Slopak down if enough signatures are gathered. Broshers called for Gays in Eugene, Ore., and Portland, Ore., to join with the Gay Activists Alliance of San Francisco in gathering signatures in support of Slopak's parole.



"The next gay prisoner we help may be you."



There is a gay brother who is slowly dying of despair in the Oregon State Penitentiary.

He will be 49 years old in April. He has been locked up in the Oregon Pen for 6 years—for a crime that now has a maximum sentence of 5 years (3 1/2 years with Good Time off).

His sentence is for 15 years. His original crime was a consensual sex act with a boy he thought was 14 years old.

It seems incredible, but if he has to serve out his full term (even with Good Time off) he will have spent nearly 7 more years in prison than the maximum sentence Oregon law calls for today.

Why are they keeping our gay brother locked up?

His name is Larry Slopak. Prison No. 33342.

He is an open Gaysperson. He refuses to deny it. He refuses to say it's bad. He refuses to say God's against it.

Why are they keeping our gay brother locked up?

He was the first State Pen inmate to testify before the Oregon State Legislature on behalf of prisoner rights.

He is a self-tutored lawyer. A jailhouse lawyer.

When his parole was denied because he wouldn't admit that God is against homosexuality, he sued them. And they refused to reconsider his parole until 1975—even though the prison administration has put him up for reconsideration three times.

He doesn't think they'll let him out in 1975, either. He'll be 50 then.

One of the members of the Parole Board is a minister. Another one is a lay minister.

Why are they keeping Slopak locked up?

His crime was non-violent and consensual.

They paroled a murderer a couple of months ago. The murderer only had to serve three years.

Why are they keeping brother Larry locked up?

The Oregon Constitution says that the purpose of prison is rehabilitation, not punishment.

He is an honor prisoner. Prison shrinks have declared him rehabilitated.

The deputy warden and warden have supported his release.

His prison counselor says he's ready for release.

They all agree further incarceration will ruin him.

He has learned a skill. He had some job offers as a para-legal aide.

He had an adult male lover waiting for his release until the relationship ended because it couldn't withstand the frustration and despair of continued denials.

Homosexuality and gay sex are legal in Oregon now.

Why are they keeping brother Larry locked up?

He helped a dozen inmates get out of prison or get reduced sentences with his legal skills.

He spearheaded the move to get prisoners some basic rights—like the right to a hearing before getting sent to the hole, the right to a hearing before getting kicked out of work-release, the right to a hearing before parole is denied.

He fought to secure these rights (and he is still fighting today) through over 200 Writs of Habeas Corpus filed in Oregon Courts.

He was responsible in part for an end to brutal beatings of prisoners.

His court work made it necessary for the prison to have hearings open to both prisoners and the public before making rule changes.

He has made them provide adequate heat in the joint—at considerable cost to the State of Oregon.

He's argued for the rights of gays and sex offenders in the courts.

He's working on getting the right to decent medical care established.

He's established a legal office in the prison. A legal library, too.

He's brought outside attorneys into the prison to help inmates.

He's been responsible for bringing prison conditions to public view.

He earns \$60 a month for providing legal services to 800 inmates. If they didn't have him they'd have to pay a high-priced legal staff.

Why are they keeping brother Larry locked up?

He initiated a law which would make the new criminal code and its penalties retroactive. (You could get life for two convictions of consensual gay sex before the new criminal code went into effect. Now you can't get anything. Larry wanted those lifers and others like them to be released automatically.)

His proposal lost in the legislature. What came out was a compromise—Senate Joint Resolution 41 (SJR 41) which asks the Governor to commute "deserving" cases.

Larry has written 50 petitions under SJR 41 for inmates. (About 200 petitions have gone in altogether after Larry brought in outside law students to help.)

Eight of Larry's petitions won some form of relief for inmates.

Larry is eligible for freedom under the provisions of SJR 41.

All Governor McCall has to do is sign. Larry applied for relief.

He was refused. They didn't even give a reason.

Why are they keeping our gay brother locked up?

There are a few theories.

Maybe it's because he's useful to the prison system—he provides legal services it would cost thousands of dollars to replace.

Maybe it's a chain-gang mentality keeping him in—maybe in Oregon he's not "rehabilitated" until he's broken, or maybe dead.

Maybe it's plain political reprisal, vindictiveness for embarrassing Governor McCall and his prison administration.

Because McCall wants to run for vice-president in 1976 and is running around the country boasting about how wonderful his administration has been to prisons and prisoners. Larry has been a source of bad publicity. Maybe that's it.

But there's another reason that we all had better consider. The real reason that Larry Slopak is being kept in the Oregon State Penitentiary, a gay political prisoner.

He has no gay support from brothers and sisters outside the walls.

He's alone. There are no demonstrations. No one, not a single gay group has contributed a dime to his help. Or even started a Free Larry Slopak Committee.

Oh, there've been a few gays who've tried. Whitman Center in Seattle, for awhile. The Second Foundation of Oregon, for awhile. Mainly hit and miss things. Really not any support at all.

That's why brother Larry Slopak is still in the State Pen.

He's going to be making one more try at getting out with his SJR 41 petition.

Maybe with enough active support from gaypeople he'll get out this time. Maybe even before his birthday on April 18.

Will you help? Or will you apathetically sit back and let this heroic gay brother die of despair alone in jail?

-Sasha Gregory

RALLY TO FREE Larry Slopak & ALL Gays eligible for release under SJR 41, in PORTLAND February 12th

MAVIS

MAVIS MOCKINGBIRD BLITZES THE BARS

SOUTH OF MARKET: The "in-place" to go South of Market Street is at 6th and Harrison, where the cutest chillun and studs found on earth are dancing their buns off at the ENDUP...the DJ, there is kissy-genius...and the owners are a hunk and a half.

Blitzed the BIG TOWN the day after and saw Frieda doing it up royal with that racy Portland crowd. And speaking of racy, saw La Kish there...Kish could have shown a bit better taste in the Merry Kishmas show by eliminating the unneeded--ever--racial quips. Big Bill Norrato is still selling pants at his lovely shop, BEYOND FUNK...read a number at BELL, BOOK & CANDLE, then zipper down to Jack's LAST CALL for a Marilyn Monroe. The shops at BIG TOWN are a must on anyone's weekly trips.

Ran across the street and bumped into Elmer Wilhelm of the ROUNDUP, which we did...inside, that is. Saw Big Jimmy and Tactless Ruth chattering away--or was that Jose? Heaven knows!...Left there and went into the RED STAR and freaked...ran westward and looked in another bar, but couldn't see a damn thing inside, but could sure hear some screams like someone's hair being pulled out. Don't know the name of that bar--don't think it had one.

Went on down and flirted with Joe at FOLSOM PRISON, and that is a bar that won't stop--good vibes...but the vibes were just as good at the BOOT CAMP, where portly grayhaired Marcus was holding court...the other numbers are nice...nice, young and slender.

POLK STREET PICKINGS: There's a wounded bird flopping on Post...and the once out-of-tune HOUSE OF HARMONY is beginning to sound alright once more...More and more speed freaks are abounding on the Street...cum to think of it, the Street looks like the Tenderloin did back in 1966...no frage yet, but Francesca is at the HOUSE OF HARMONY looking (but not sounding) like Terry Taylor...and then there is Jim at the POLK GULCH in his Sylvia Sydney hat...Tony Kulk in at the EARLY BIRD--on him, gray hair looks so sexy.

Then we have a 30's drag at the CLUB ROYAL in the ex-empire candidate, Don Berry...his teeth are so nice and bright that you need shades to look at him...The HAVOC HOUSE and the Silver Room with Gary von Schneider appears to many to be the Ted Mack Original Amateur Hour revisited...but you won't find a more fun spot in the City...Faye Roy makes it so.

After the blitz at the WILD GOOSE, where Robin was chirping loudly, I went by the so-fine Q.T. and saw Dorothy eating and beating her drummmmm...that's funny, laugh, damn you!...Saw the Andrews Sisters go into the F.S.--or at least I thought I did, but it was that David Dauber, Dixon

and Maxine...Had a note, so I dropped it in the MALE BOX, where the hostmaster general sat on his malebag...Carlton, what sexy stamps you have. As I passed by the SACK, I left a copy of the G.A.A.'s "Jailhouse Lawyer" for Ray Rule...Saw the radical Rev. Ray Broshears picketing all by his lonesome the RECORD HOUSE, heaven and Jack only know.

MID-MARKET GAYVILLE: 14th and Market at Church has become the new Gayville, with that sweet southern chile Bill McWilliam's TRUCK STOP and his lovely REAR END...and that nice waiter with the shift mustache, John, is a lovely sight, as is the daring Jonny Deleon waiting tables...Up the block is Wayne Williams and the MIND SHAFT...some nice help despite "s.l.r."...colorful bar and nice sound...handsome lads bouncing their buns on the dance floor, too...guess lighted bars are in to stay.

The NAKED GRAPE is doing well...you can tell because Mister Bill is smiling for a change...SCOTT'S BAR just up the block at 10 Sanchez Street makes it a real Gayville--women and men, that's a change...

RAMBLING ROSES: Out at PEG'S PLACE, brunch is better there on Sundays than anywhere...The LUCKY CLUB is so classy with the red rose carpet, makes me think of that time back home in Mississippi when...oh well, forget it...Then the "Lavender Club" and the "Lavender Kid" across the street, Phil at the MANHANDLER, which is still sold to a Mr. Escrow or something...There's no blues at the BLUE & GOLD when you see the golden-haired lads in that place...nice, so nice.

Pop into the WINDJAMMER and see a real nice bar...the new owners are nice people, and with the fantastic redecorating job, let's hope they make it big. The RED LANTERN is swinging with royalty now: Frieda can be seen there holding court...There's some mighty big timber at the LUMBERYARD HOTEL down on Folsom, and some mighty sweet pine...right, Michael Payne?

For three quick trips, run into the HORNEY OWL, TOTTIE'S and THE GANGWAY all within a period of an hour and you'll have taken a wild one...RENDEZVOUS WHO?...Sally?

The new MIDNIGHT SUN has the wildest and brightest decor in town...trippy. The CORNBY GROCERY BAR is holding out nicely, with fine music and friendly chatter...could make those bar seats a bit higher, though, as they're great for doing chinups.

The MISTAKE is not one...Al gave up the coverall for peoplewear and looks just as nice at the DOGFATCH SALOON which is now all by its lonesome at 18th and Valencia...The SANCTUARY'S Don is darlink...sorry that Big Frank has gone to Europe to work, but opportunity seldom knocks more than once...will miss him.

The TRAPP really is one! The BOY SHOP had a real one! And the FROLIC ROOM is right-on with Orlando and company. SCORE II is a place where you can...nice, too!

GAA FUN

JERRY SALAZAR wants to know when the fun begins at G.A.A. party.



Dick doing K.P. at G.A.A. Christmas Party. MIKE DOWDEN and JIM TARPLEE at G.A.A. Christmas Party. PETER CROWLEY at Gay Activists Alliance Party.

Harry Ho's spot is a LANDMARK! And the saga of the wandering ALLEY CAT is on...check with us next issue to find out where to next...What about 1001 NIGHTS? I don't know...ask Perry.

The FOX is so fickle that it makes Connie wonder WHY NOT? J.B.'S HOUSE is a nice one, better than most. The MINT is right-on with Tommy and Mike. By the way, is there a TOAD HALL or toad stool? I just saw a CABARET so that's why I blitzed Fern at JACKSON'S. Ever see royalty in a laundromat across from BRADLEY'S CORNER? I did...I rorared like a LION at Sacramento and Divisadero...so loud that I was heard up on CLOUD 7. I like ringing NEW BELLS, so I said hi to Maxine at one. That's when the GODFATHER showed up OFF THE LEVEE with John John and Monty fast behind him. Saw the laundered royalty again at FEEB'S...so nice to see Nick upstairs all ready to send out Valentine cards. The MONKEY POD looks like the old BARBARY COAST, except that Danny isn't there...Did see a look-alike at VI'S CLUB DRAKE in Fairfax.

Well, the blitz is about over. Be good to yourselves...and remember, all the others who call themselves Mavis are simply mad, for the Mockingbird was writing long before those hares came along. Just ask VANGUARD.

So went another Merry Christmas for those of the Tenderloin who have no car at Christmas. Our many thanks to those groups and individuals mentioned above who made this possible.

December 18 was a night of fun and frolic as well as eating and dancing at the HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER held their first annual Peoples Party, with the assistance of the G.A.A. (Gay Activists Alliance) and the Gay Crusader. Several dozen Tenderloin Gays were present to eat, dance and be merry in the dining hall of the Odd Fellows Building that night, and \$280 worth of gifts and gift food certificates were given away courtesy of the HELPING HANDS CENTER, G.A.A. and the OLD FOLKS DEFENSE LEAGUE. Food supplied by Officer Elliott Blackstone of the Police Community Relations Unit was consumed with gusto.

Peter Crowley acted as deejay for the affair. The evening was capped off with a speech by Larry Littlejohn concerning the need to have pride in one's Gays, and by words of praise from attorney E.J. Beckwith for those who stood up for their rights. Both Beckwith and Littlejohn urged those in attendance to join in the struggle for Gayrights and to stand up proudly.

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DONNA MAE DUZ IT!

FUN FUND RAISER...GREAT SHOW... HARD WORK...FEW PEOPLE

On Monday, January 7, DONNA MAE, noted personality of the Tenderloin and Polk areas, put together what has to be described as a "real together show" that ran for three hours, with auctioning in between, in an attempt to raise funds for the HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER. There were few people in attendance: some attributed this to the cold weather, but others attributed the small turnout to the fact that Paul Bentley of the Ramrod Bar/Hayloft Bar had threatened to picket the affair in retaliation for a picket that various Gays had put on at the Ramrod to protest the Ramrod's participation in an anti-Gay Hollywood film.

But, as Bentley never did make good on his threat, the show went on. It went on with a bang, with ORLANDO AND THE PLAYBOYS opening the program with good flash, flair and professionalism that Polk Street should cringe with envy. Orlando works at the FROLIC ROOM here in the Tenderloin. This write must say that they are much to be polished and professional to just remain in the Tenderloin, and hopes that they get the really big break they deserve at a really big location. You'll be hearing a lot about Orlando and The Playboys for some time to come.

Donna Mae, who succeed as well as performed, was sparkling with the many changes of costume. Donna did the first country music Hawaiian dance number ever, "Bluebird Island." Very, very good. Also, the interpretive dancing that Donna Mae did in other numbers was quite the highlight of the evening.

Another surprise was Tom, who performs behind the counter at Donna Mae's Coffee Shop from time to time. He did several nice numbers, and did it up royal with his English Ipswich number.

Robin, a performer of many talents, astounded all with a stripper number that he naturally found a mistake in the lyrics and harp on it. "Take it all off!" Robin did a no-no!

Ray-Roy of the HAVOC HOUSE, where all this enjoyable nonsense went on, was a charming host, as was David the bartender and the other Roy who served Elmer and Henry so nicely. David Dauber, Your Hyness turned up looking like the eternal 17 year old to pay his respects, and Eddie Van popped in to shoot some pictures.

A naughty note to the affair was that Elmer Wilhelm of the Harrison House "bought" Jerry Salazar and then left him at the HAVOC HOUSE and took Aubrey Bailey with him. Guess Elmer needed a haircut. Henry went home alone. Henry was "crowned" the Duchess of Dore recently by the Presiding Bishop of the Orthodox Episcopal Church of God, for his many kindnesses to the poor peoples of San Francisco and for his unselfish work to help the Helping Hands Community Center. So now there are two "grand(?)" duchesses and one duchess in San Francisco. Welcome to the Court of St. Valentine, Duchess Henry Pumar, Duchess of Dore (Street).

Al Hanken of the ENDUP did not show up, but sent the lifesaver of the auction in the form of two checks, one from the ENDUP and another from the ROUNDUP, for fifty dollars each. This brought the total brought in from the auction up to \$167.00. A good portion of this was due to He for his nice jewelry, and due to Donald, Jerry and Richard for their presence and purchases.

So, the affair was one of the best talents and fun-wise that ever hit pore ole Polk Street--and this was without the so-called "Stars of the Polk" in attendance.

Hats off to DONNA MAE, Bill, Tom, Robin, Shawny, Jerry and Faye-Roy for a fine, fun-filled festive fundraiser for the Helping Hands Community Center.

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING
On Sunday, February 17th at 1:00 p.m., at the Polk Gulch Saloon, Richard H. Pearson, Jr., and Mario S. Enriquez will be joined in the bond of eternal love. The ceremony will be performed by the Right Rev. R. Charles Arious Broshears. Friends of Brother Richard and Brother Mario are invited to attend.

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ANYONE CAN BE A MOVIE CRITIC: HOW NOT TO FIND LEADERSHIP

by Harvey Milk

One hundred people seeing the same movie can come out with one hundred different views. If those one hundred people are negative people there will be one hundred negative comments on that film. If they are positive people there will be one hundred positive comments on that film. For every film ever made has good points and bad points. The negative mind will search out and find the faults. The positive mind will search out and find the good points. That makes the film neither good nor bad. It only makes the film good or bad to each viewer based upon his or her own self-referential standards. In general, those who search for the bad point, the fault, the error, the mistake, will never let anything sway them from emphasizing what is wrong. The opposite is also true. People are generally either positive or negative and when we hear their comments we usually take them into consideration and automatically discount some of their comment.

Yet, when a person talks about a "leader" we somehow do not discount the frame of mind of the "viewer." And a person/leader is a lot more apt to make mistakes than any movie...for no one has the chance to edit over and over his actions and speeches the way a film is edited before it is released. We somehow expect a human being to be more perfect than a film. We allow a play to have weeks of out-of-town showings before it moves to the big city, yet we hang on every word and action of our leaders and allow them no margin for human error, for correction. When a person comments upon a leader, we never say to ourselves, "That person is a negative force and will naturally find a mistake in the lyrics and harp on it." Nor do we say that the person is a positive person and will look only at the good a leader does and overlook all faults. One reason why so many people in this nation today accept Nixon as a good president is that they are people who will only search for the good that he has done and overlook all his faults.

What must be done is to look at both the good and the wrong a person does and weigh it out. For there are no "perfect" leaders...no Christs...no Gods leading us today. We must find for ourselves what we want and who represents us "best" and not try to find out who represents us "totally." For in the end the only person who fully and completely represents us is ourselves. If we expect to find one other person who is exactly like ourselves we are in for trouble. We are in for 1984!

When we find this and that wrong with anyone who could lead us where we want to go the final result is that we end up in the wrong place, for we drive away many potential leaders by asking them to become all things to all people. How can one person present all views at the same time? And yet we chastise the leader for not being exactly like us. In a small community there can be a true "town hall meeting", but in a city, a state, a nation it is impossible...and we seek the impossible. Maybe the church is to blame for telling us that only GOD can lead us and then putting mortals in positions of leadership.

For whatever the reasons may be, there always seems to be more infighting, bitching and rottenness among gay brothers and sisters than among our straight neighbors. Maybe the rejection of homosexuals by the straight world causes homosexuals to try to be superior to other suppressed people...and thus comes the rejection of homosexuals by homosexuals. The snobbery, the attitudes, the comments made by gays about other gays is not to be found in any other suppressed group. The jealousy, the enviousness that gays have for other gays is incredible. It is a negative force. It is the tearing down rather than the building up. This gay "leader" is jealous of what that gay "leader" is doing, and he in turn is bitchy toward others. Rather than for all to lead and encourage others to lead so that we all can win what we want, we spend more time and effort in fighting each other than in fighting the forces of oppression. If all that negative energy was united and turned into a positive force there would indeed be heard a cry that would lead to freedom.

The first step towards this must be at the very least a cessation of bitterness towards leaders and groups that have differences from each other. Picture every straight club, church, society and organization spending most of their time fighting and bitching each other. There is indeed always room for different views...different thoughts...different opinions. No one person, no one group, is right, and no one person, no one group, is wrong. The idea is for all to be able to express their own views...to do what they feel must be done...for there is only one way to go and that is to gain freedom. Any energy spent looking for the negative in another person or group is energy wasted from gaining freedom for all homosexuals. It is easy to hate. It is easy to bitch. It is easy to find fault. It is hard to find the strength to love.

Leadership is needed. Joint leadership is needed. Many leaders are needed. Bitching is not needed. Jealousy is not needed. Hate is not needed. We are still a long way from freedom. Until we get freedom there is no room for self-destruction. That is freedom. Anyone who fights for that is needed; no matter how he fights, just as long as he fights the suppression! If he is so busy fighting other homosexuals, then HE is keeping us from attaining freedom just as much as the straight oppressor is.

A new era must take place. If joining of arms unfortunately cannot yet be achieved, then at least the stopping of self-destruction must take place. The greatest weapon, the

PARTY

HELPING HANDS

CELEBRITIES AROUND AT FIRST ANNIVERSARY PARTY FOR HELPING HANDS

Thursday night, January 24th, found over a hundred people thronging into the Helping Hands Community Center to celebrate the first anniversary party of the Center, which opened its doors in January, 1973.

Holdovers from the 1973 opening who attended the anniversary party included attorney B.J. Beckwith, producer Kim Cochrane, G.A.A. member Jerry Salazar, S.I.R. member Aubrey Bailey, Ferris Leyman, famed photographer Eddie Van, Larry Littlejohn of Pride Foundation, and the Center's Director, Rev. Raymond Broshears. On hand for the first time around were the "good fairy" and president of the Society for Individual Rights Hector Navarro, S.I.R. trustee Elmer Wilhelm, editor of Action magazine Walt, president of the C.T.C. Cliff Cliffor, Donna Mae, Terry, Donald and Richard of the Free Gaygaters, Tommie Asher, Harland Sharader-Rebel, Naomi Murdock, Don O'Brien of S.I.R., and all the GAA members and Helping Hands staffers. It was a fun event and one that celebrated a landmark in the San Francisco Gay liberation movement, the entry of the Helping Hands Center into its second year of operation.

Thanks for the refreshments go to Jerry Salazar, Rebel, and to the Center staffers, especially the new manager, Bill Davis.

SAINTS ARE SACRED SO PEOPLE WE PREFER

by Doug Oram - Vancouver, B.C.

he walked city streets and marched in the street protesting and calling for an end of the people being locked up and of those being fucked up for a society we could barely even bend so he took on an old store and opened up his door to help to get it together and the fight for the survival in spite of the rival of the finance and friction it could weather

and you probably never knew cause you never saw through all those thoughts that came onto you but those who could see and some of those who were free saw something much more than did you

a center for those into drag and for the ill fated fag and any that related to being gay who only wanted to try to get themselves high on life in their own being's way

and those who traveled the miles through their youth and their trials for the city all of us have sought could find a place they could cop with the heavy head and the hope that we all sometimes seemed to have caught

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and he fought 'gainst the laws discrimination and the cause that at times would weigh us all down and the anger of his fight to put something right did more than some could allow but for the old, the evicted the lost, the convicted the ones who knew how they stood he did to understand with the problem at hand and do with whatever he could

yet days ago someone said to me that's not how I knew it to be when I thought with what I'd heard and read and what you did you know that seems to contradict me so surely just not what I have said

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G.A.A.'S SATURDAY NIGHT RADICAL RAP GROWS

The Radical Rap of the Gay Activists Alliance, held every Saturday night at 8:00 p.m., has grown to such numbers that the G.A.A. is considering holding two Radical Raps a week in order to more easily accommodate the dozens attending. The Radical Raps are well-attended by Gays visiting from other cities as well as by resident Gays.

If you want to learn what's going on and what to do about it, or how to deal with life better, attend the Radical Raps of the GAA, held every Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Helping Hands Community Center, 225 Turk Street, San Francisco.

GAA RADICAL RAP Saturday Nights - 8:00 p.m. 225 Turk Street San Francisco

GOD Save Atlanta

REVEREND RIPOFF AND DEACON DICK

Robert Humphries and Richard Price, exposed in the December issue of San Francisco magazine for their fraudulent promotional activities, have decided to split for a while since things have been getting rather "hot" for them in the Bay Area. Humphries is still in San Francisco, soliciting still more funds for something called the "American Youth Rally" to be held in Oakland. Humphries and Price have contracted their services in the past to sell tickets for charity events, but have gotten into hot water for managing to somehow slip the bulk of the ticket sale proceeds into their own pockets with only a fraction ever getting to the charity.

The Dick Price, known as "Deacon Dick" for Harlem, Georgia, where he alleges Humphries is to join him. He left shortly before Christmas, after having ripped off a senior citizens group for a nice chunk of cash. He left behind him bills and more bills, plus having run up considerable bar debts owed to friends and associates. Humphries and Price are both homosexual and have the philosophy that ripping off heterosexuals is somehow "right on." In the past, they have made heterosexuals the target of their fraud: but in the past winter months, while Humphries seems to have stuck with that philosophy, Deacon Dick Price started ripping off any and all.

Their philosophy is a sick one to best. It gives Gays an image not to be proud of. Their "U.S. Missions" ploy, whereby they collect door-to-door donations for "non-existent" religious charities, is a dirty mark on the Gay communities of America.

Yet, while the evidence is stacked high against them in facts and figures, Morris Knight of Los Angeles continues to defend Robert Humphries as "a fine person, a person of great integrity, and a person who selflessly devotes himself to the cause of Gay Liberation."

Now Deacon Dick Price is near Atlanta, preparing to launch the "U.S. Missions" ripoff there. He alleges that Robert Humphries is soon to join him there. Well, Atlanta, Georgia, is welcome to Price and Humphries, and the Bay Area is well rid of this duo. Perhaps Mr. Knight can sing their praises to Reverend Gill and other Atlantans!

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SPECIAL NOTE TO INDIANA
This is a special note to Mike Dowden and Jim Tarplee...I never want you both to know that I can never thank the both of you enough for the many kindnesses that you both showed me. And to you, Mike, I shall ever be indebted. God bless and keep you both, and may your lives be successful and happy. Keep on keeping on!

—Rev. Ray Broshears

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HELPING HANDS HOLDS CHRISTMAS DINNER

A delightful Christmas dinner, prepared by various members and supporters of the Helping Hands Community Center, was served buffet-style at the Helping Hands Center on Christmas afternoon. A large crowd showed up to enjoy the affair and to partake of the plentiful ham, turkey and other culinary delights. Rev. Ray Broshears treated all to his home-brewed eggnog, which certainly had something in it that was a little stronger than sacramental wine.

This was the first Christmas for the Helping Hands Center, and it is planned that the Christmas Day Dinner will be an annual affair.

Much thanks must go to those who prepared and/or donated the food: to Jim Ward of the POLK GULCH SALOON, Gene, Jerry Salazar, Ellie Mae, and Reverend Ray Broshears.

NEW YEARS DAY FESTIVITIES AT HELPING HANDS CENTER

Nearly 70 people partook of a Texas-style buffet served on New Year's Day at the Helping Hands Community Center, 225 Turk Street. Most of the affair's goodies were prepared by famed attorney B.J. Beckwith, who created his infamous "Texas Chile". The chile was hot and good, and everyone enjoyed the afternoon of festivities at the Center.

With the able assistance of Sean Sullivan, Gene and Mr. Beckwith, the event's success proved once again the tremendous need for the Helping Hands Center. In order to conduct such affairs as these, the Helping Hands Center relies on the support of the community. If you haven't given your support to the Helping Hands Community Center, please do so today.

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The history of narcotics addiction in America is a history that you won't find in any textbooks. It is a history of the pain, greed, brutality, and corruption that has gone hand in hand with the making of the United States into the largest and most powerful military and economic empire the world has ever known.

It all started back in 1803 when morphine was first isolated from the opium poppy. Morphine is a potent painkiller and was widely sold in patent medicines and elixirs before the Civil War. The first class of consumers to get hooked in the United States were white, middle-aged houseworkers (wivvers). These women found that morphine not only eased their numerous aches and pains, but also provided an easy way for them to forget the drudgery of housework: drugged and calm, they could sail through the endless round of daily chores.

During the Civil War, morphine was freely dispensed as a battlefield pain killer. But after the fighting was over, 45,000 soldiers discovered they were still suffering from "soldiers' sickness"—morphine addiction.

By the end of the nineteenth century, the capitalists had discovered the virtues of having a drugged work force. Big Bill Haywood relates in his autobiography how the New Mexico mining companies sold opiates in cough syrup in the company store. The workers became addicted, and since they had no place else to purchase their goods, turned to the company store for more opium, thus increasing the store's profits and the workers' docile "loyalty" to their bosses.

As the problem of morphine addiction became more widespread, and widely publicized, scientists began to search for a cure. Bayer Drug Company, the future producers of aspirin (still the most widely used pain killer in America), came up with a cure in 1898. The company advertised their drug as an effective cure for ending the addiction to morphine. In addition, the drug cured coughs and helped people to sleep, and for the next 15 years, Bayer Cough Syrup was a best seller on the market. The active ingredient in the cough syrup was a drug called HEROIN.

The Government Steps In To Solve The Drug Problem

Around 1910, some scientists began to point out that the heroin in Bayer Cough Syrup was as harmful and addictive as the morphine it was intended to replace. The U.S. Government decided that the medical approach to drug addiction (substituting one drug for another) was a failure. So they tried a new approach, the criminal one. They reasoned that the best way to stop drug addiction was to make it illegal.

In 1914, the U.S. Congress passed the Harrison Narcotics Act, which made the use and sale of opiates illegal except under strict government control. With its usual foresight, Congress dropped all provision from the bill for treatment of the thousands of heroin and morphine addicts. Local doctors set up clinics to maintain the addicts or help them withdraw gradually. The Federal Government responded by arresting 30,000 doctors and jailing 3,300 of them.

Organized Crime Takes Over The Drug Trade

With the criminal approach to drug addiction in full force, the Mafia replaced the medical profession as the dispensers of heroin. The change of dealers was reflected in the change of customers. Before the passage of the Harrison Act, the ratio of white addicts to black was 2 to 1; the ratio of women to men was 3 to 2. After the Mafia got into the business, the ratio changed: blacks to whites, 3 to 1; men to women, 2 to 1. But the total number of addicts was still relatively small.

During the Depression of the 1930's, the heroin business began to grow. The havoc of unemployment, poverty and social unrest produced thousands of new customers seeking a way out of their pain. In response to the increased demand, the International Mafia perfected its drug network to ensure that smack was readily available on the streets of America's ghettos. The opium was transported by the Mafia across the Mediterranean to Sicily, and from there to Marseilles, France, where the Corsican gangsters transformed it into heroin in hidden laboratories. The heroin was then smuggled to Mafia families in New York City.

The illegal drug trade was carefully protected by government and law enforcement officials in Italy, France and the United States. The profit from the heroin was so great that the Mafia was easily able to buy off any attempts to disrupt its international enterprise.

However, the heroin trade suffered a severe setback during World War II. Opium-laden ships found it difficult to navigate safely through the war-torn waters of the Mediterranean. And the gangster organizations themselves suffered the ravages of war. In Italy, the Mafia sided with Mussolini; in France, the Corsicans supported the Vichy regime (the puppet French government set up by the Nazi occupation forces). Consequently, both organizations were almost destroyed, politically and militarily, when the Allied forces defeated the Nazis.

The Cold War: Making The World Safe for Democracy and Dope Dealers

The United States emerged from World War II as the most powerful country in the

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world. With its enormous wealth, it was able to lend European governments enough money to rebuild their war-torn economies—and incidentally, to provide new markets for American goods. The only hindrance to this plan were the powerful and respected left-wing labor unions, particularly in Italy and France, which had fought relentlessly against Nazi Germany's domination for so many years, and had no desire to replace fascist-controlled regimes with governments under the control of American imperialism.

In response to this threat to its plans, the U.S. government developed a two-fold strategy. At home, it convinced the American people that the biggest threat to democracy was the "Red menace." In Italy and France it quietly set about destroying those troublesome labor unions.

The foreign operation was carried out by the CIA. The Intelligence Agency quickly noted that the bitterest ideological enemies of the left-wing forces in Italy and France were the former fascist supporters: the Mafia and the Corsicans. So the CIA struck a bargain with the gangsters: the U.S. would supply economic and technical aid, plus political cover, if the gangsters would use their muscle to smash the labor unions.

The arrangement worked effectively; strikes were broken up by attacks of armed goon squads. The left-wing forces lost their power bases in Italy and France. The Mafia and Corsican organizations prospered and grew strong again. And thanks to America's generosity, they had enough money and equipment to re-establish their international heroin network.

Dope and Dollars in Southeast Asia

The CIA's strategy of using the international dope peddlers to suppress local liberation forces was so successful in Europe, that they decided to do it again in Southeast Asia.

Their intelligence sources quickly found out how the local dope trade operated. The opium poppies were grown by the Meo tribesmen in the hills of Burma, Laos and Thailand. The poppies were transported by mule caravans controlled by roving remnants of the Chinese Nationalist Army that had been driven out of China after the victory of the Communist-led revolution in 1949. The opium was processed into heroin in laboratories in Bangkok, Thailand; Vientiane, Laos; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and Saigon, South Vietnam. Local government officials from each of these cities arranged for the heroin to be transported either to Hong Kong or Marseilles, and from there to the United States. The immense profits from the heroin trade enable the reactionary governments of Southeast Asia to support their corrupt regimes and to build armies to fight the growing liberation forces in each of their countries.

By the mid 1960's, the Southeast Asian liberation forces were beginning to seriously disrupt the local heroin routes. The fighting had gotten too heavy for the Nationalist Chinese mule caravans to travel safely from the hilly homelands of the Meo tribesmen to the heroin laboratories in the capital cities. In the name of "fighting Communism", the CIA began to train the Meo tribesmen as mercenaries to fight the liberation forces in the hills. But the Meo tribesmen were more concerned about earning their living by growing poppies than they were in fighting wars, so the CIA arranged not only to pay the tribesmen for their time in the Army but also to provide safe transport for their poppies. The opium was loaded on the CIA's private airlines, Air America and World Airways. The planes, carrying military supplies and personnel, as well as opium, made their way unscathed to the local heroin laboratories.

The official U.S. government policy in Southeast Asia was to pretend ignorance of the heroin trade. But the lid blew off the cover when Vietnam vets started coming home with \$200-a-day heroin habits.

G.I. Junkies: Casualties of the Southeast Asia War

The war in Southeast Asia was not very popular among American enlisted men. Many of them sought to escape its horrors by any way they could. One of the cheapest means of escape was—junk. As a result of the nearby sources of supply, and the efficiency of CIA transportation, one-quarter gram of pure heroin sold on the streets of Saigon for between \$2.50 and \$10. The smack was so potent that G.I.'s could smoke it or sniff it and get as high, and as hooked, as they would if they injected ten times as much into their veins on the streets of New York where the same size bag of smack contained only 5% pure heroin.

The phenomena of the G.I. junkie created a national scandal on the homefront. A legislative investigating committee went to Vietnam and reported that in some units, heroin addiction among G.I.'s might be as high as 25% of the men. One serviceman told the committee: "It is ironic indeed that in the last two years of the war, our biggest casualty figures will come from heroin addiction, not from combat..."

Heroin on the Homefront

The heroin casualties had been increasing domestically as well as overseas, ever since the end of World War II. The rise in heroin use had accompanied the rise in unemployment, as thousands of Southern blacks who had migrated North during World War II to work in war

industries were laid off when the peace treaties were signed. But since most of the heroin victims were in black communities, nobody paid much attention to them (except the people in those communities).

The addicted population grew significantly after the Korean War. Heroin was readily available from South Korean drug peddlers, and thousands of G.I.'s responded to being thrust into a senseless war by turning to smack. But because the Korean war took place at a time when most American people still believed that their government was helping the world safe for democracy, no one knew about the G.I. junkies, except perhaps their friends and families at home. Many soldiers elected to remain in Korea after the war, in order to have easy access to the nucleus of those who came home were the nucleus of the new generation of American addicts.

But the heroin problem did not begin to reach epidemic proportions until the mid-1960's, when the situation in urban ghettos reached a boiling point, and rebellions spread throughout America's inner cities. In the wake of the rebellions came a deluge of poverty programs—and of smack.

By 1970, the estimated heroin-addicted population was around 600,000 people. In comparison to the 10 million Americans addicted to alcohol, the number of junkies in the rebellions came a deluge of poverty programs—and of smack.

The reason for this lies in the economics of the heroin market. A kilo of raw opium brings only \$50 to the Meo tribesmen, but the mark-up is so high that a kilo of heroin, cut with quinine and sugar, sold in retail baggies, is worth about \$200,000 on the streets of San Francisco. A heroin addict has to buy about \$50 worth of smack a day to support his or her habit, and the vast majority of heroin users are much too poor to be able to support their habits from "gainful employment." In fact, most heroin users are black, brown and poor white people who have turned to smack for the exact same reasons that Americans have used narcotics ever since the Civil War: to escape conditions in their daily lives that are too oppressive to face without some kind of support.

Heroin addicts have to steal or engage in prostitution in order to support their habits, and it is their illegal activities, rather than their personal misery which brought them to national attention. The junkie has become the national scapegoat. His hustling activities have been used to stir up panic about "crime in the streets", and to win support for law'n'order policies, and to justify enforcement budgets for local and national law enforcement agencies.

But neither nars nor helicopters have been able to stem the heroin epidemic. Every time a junkie gets arrested, it's the same thing: kick cold turkey, do time in jail or prison (where drugs are often easier to come by than on the street), get released without a job or a skill, and back to the street corner. Nothing stops the flow of heroin onto America's shores; it even comes in the caskets of dead soldiers. And nothing in the heroin user's life makes him or her believe that their life is worth facing without getting high. This is the only way they can deal with the reality of a life that is absolutely unbearable. The phenomena of drug addiction crosses class and race lines, but the people who are most severely affected by the drug plague are those under the yoke of racial and class oppression: black people, brown people and poor white people.

There are many short-term ways to alleviate the misery caused by drug abuse. Some of them are: sufficient detoxification facilities for every addict seeking medical assistance; enough community-controlled drug free treatment programs so that detoxified addicts can find the support they need to begin changing their life styles; de-criminalization of drug use so that addicts are not put behind bars; and real education about the true causes of drug addiction in this country.

But none of these measures can deal with the root of the problem. Drugs, whether legal or illegal, are an immensely profitable enterprise. Drug profiteers, whether legal or illegal, will continue to peddle their poisons as long as there is a market for them. The market for drugs will continue as long as millions of Americans face a daily existence of pain and suffering. And that existence will not change until the social and economic system which causes it has been completely overturned.

The American drug epidemic is a product of American capitalism. In order to stop the product, it will be necessary to destroy the producer. When the American people create a social system dedicated to the elimination of human suffering, the problem of drug abuse will be solved.



THE LAVENDER PANTHERS ROAR

San Francisco's Lavender Panthers, militant and mighty though small in number, who have in recent weeks concentrated upon crime in the Gay areas of The Strip and Polk Street, have had to shift gears and do more patrolling in the Folsom Street area. Death stalks Folsom Street and the surrounding areas, as a madman who has shot and killed seven persons for no reason has still not been apprehended by the police. The police, the Lavender Panthers charge, have been too busy playing "movie star" in the various Hollywood and television productions being filmed on location here, to do their work.

The Big Chief, Donald M. Scott, says "not so", even though San Francisco nearly passed Oakland in murders this past year, with well over a hundred—80% unsolved, of course. Perhaps the chiefie baby is not too concerned with this, since he is getting ready to hang up the old star, cut with quinine and sugar, sold in retail baggies, is worth about \$200,000 on the streets of San Francisco. A heroin addict has to buy about \$50 worth of smack a day to support his or her habit, and the vast majority of heroin users are much too poor to be able to support their habits from "gainful employment." In fact, most heroin users are black, brown and poor white people who have turned to smack for the exact same reasons that Americans have used narcotics ever since the Civil War: to escape conditions in their daily lives that are too oppressive to face without some kind of support.

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RAY....

Reverend Ray Broshears, a highly visible person about San Francisco, is a fascinating personality, full of seeming contradictions that somehow make sense. He is one of the better known civil rights leaders in the Bay Area. His work with the elderly, with the disabled, and with the Gay community, as well as his dedication to the eradication of the drug plague, have undoubtedly stood him in good stead with the working and poor peoples who recognize his dramatic sincerity.

Rev. Ray laughs when people tell him he would make a good voice in the House of Representatives, as Rev. Ray's speech is filled with street expletives that one would not expect to fall from a minister's lips. But they come naturally to him now after having worked the streets of San Francisco for the past eight years. At the age of 39, Rev. Ray can look back on a life filled with the pursuit of his ideals, even though those ideals and his personal ideas have changed radically over the years.

Rev. Ray has done just about everything where the eradication of injustice is involved, and has never been one to run from duty. Rev. Ray has served six months in prison and has as well been in a hospital for the mentally ill, in addition to his arrests in demonstrations and for defending people. He has never been one to try to cover up anything.

And that is what we need in Washington today: honesty, sincerity, dedication and a person who is not afraid to speak up, regardless of the personal cost. Too long the people have been represented by a person who was a hawk, a conservative, a person who thought what the wealthy would think, and not of the poor, the disabled, the elderly, and the low-income working class peoples.

We do not need another Burton in Congress: we have one now, and Lord knows that is one too many. We do not need another conservative back in Washington: there are too many there now. What we do need, and what Washington needs, is a person like Rev. Ray Broshears. He is the one person who can get the job done—and if he can't, he'll let you know why and how it can be done. Rev. Ray is the only way the people—the real people—of San Francisco will have a voice in Congress.

This takes money—lots of money. Neither the Peace and Freedom Party nor Rev. Ray has the backing of big business. That is why we ask you, the people, to send whatever you can to help elect Reverend Ray. Please send contributions to:

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NO-NO TO NATIONAL GROUPS

The National Gay Task Force headed by Dr. Brown and Dr. Bruce Voeller has received too much in the way of gay press coverage (primarily in the Advocate) considering the limited amount of work they have actually done. They have done little or no work, but run their mouths off like they were "speeding".

But, then, this is not too much different from previous national-oriented gay groups such as the late N.A.C.H.O. and N.C.G.O. groups: lots of words but little or no action.

This brings us here at the Gay Crusader staff to ask the question, "Do we in San Francisco and Northern California want a bunch of carpetbaggers speaking for us?" The answer is a unanimous "No!" Let the eastern carpetbaggers speak for the east, and let their cohort in Southern California join in with them: but Northern Californians need no outside interference from either the mouths of Los Angeles or New York. We'll take care of things here, and let them take care of things in their own bailiwicks.

With the trips the Los Angeles police have been laying on the heads of Pat Rocco and other National Gay Task Force people, it is obvious that they can't take care of Los Angeles, let alone meddle in our business in Northern California.

POETRY BY
SISTER BETHESDA MARYLAND
Some people will remember Raoul Ramirez (Sister Bethesda Maryland) as just another pre-operative nun. But those of us who really knew the Sister will always think fondly of her. Who can ever forget the precious way she had of saying the rosary over empty packing crates in dark alleys? Or that... that certain way she had of wearing her rented habit backwards. Here, taken from her soon-to-be posthumously published anthology of poetry entitled Catholic and Weird are two typical poems, expressing a gay consciousness that any of us would be proud of. Emotional? Yes. Sentimental? Yes. But then that's how those of us who loved her remember her.
—Mike Black

FRIENDS

by Sister Bethesda Maryland
"Hey, Sailor, new in town?"
"Hey, pretty boy, do you like it brown?"
My lithe, warm body invites them all:
"Husker du?" ("Do you wanna ball?")

I've got lots of friends to make tonight
And lots of pocketbooks to take.
Happy and cheerful I'll greet them all
So no one will know that's sorrow's wall.

Yes, I'm cheap and plenty of shame I've known
But the hurt of loving I've long since outgrown—
So give me a big dick and an easy dollar
And you'll never ever hear me holler.

GAY PRIDE IN SAN FRANCISCO

by Sister Bethesda Maryland

I walk down Turk Street
and old men vomit in my path
A sick gray cat stumbles
across the street
and is struck down by
a '64 Chevrolet Impala
The driver laughs and I think
of all the little cruelties
that I have committed
against those who have gotten
in my way
The barren naked trees
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And wish that they hadn't
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GAY ACTIVISTS COLLECTIVE
The Gay Liberation Movement was basically a revolutionary step towards the ending of the oppression of Gaypeoples. The Gay Activists Collective of the Peace and Freedom Party are revolutionary, not only because their methods are militant (using protest pickets and zaps), but because of the extreme dedication on the part of the workers involved, most of whom are prepared to go to jail to end oppression, as well as others prepared to even die to bring about an end to oppression.

The Gay Activists Collective of the Peace and Freedom Party in the Bay Area have exhibited much courage in the face of the fascist oppression of government—local, state and federal. Some have gone to jail; others have been "silenced"; and a few have indeed died in the past few years.

The Gay Activists Collective realizes that the current system of corporate democracy is but a system of fascists, and all Gaypeoples within this Collective realize that freedom for their sexual lifestyle can never come until this system is ended and is replaced with a system that is representative of all the people. The Gay Activists Collective is involved with many forms of revolutionary action in many areas, of which the Gay Community is but one part. The Gay Activists Collective realizes that Gaypeoples as a whole are a part of the very system that oppresses Gaypeople, and contribute greatly to the oppression of their sisters and brothers, some even knowingly. This knowledge of Gays oppressing Gays is why the Gay Activists Collective works in many different areas outside of the Gay Community in an effort to bring about an end to the very system which oppresses all low-income people, poor people, working class people, and the elderly and disabled who are "warehoused" in so-called mental institutions and in so-called prisons of rehabilitation.

The Gay Activists Collective of the Peace and Freedom Party is struggling to educate other Gays concerning this oppression while serving the total peoples of our area. The Gay Activists Collective is involved deeply in immediate action programs such as community centers in the central section of San Francisco, working daily to assist people with their efforts to find employment, housing and medical assistance, and providing them assistance in legal matters.

The Gay Activists Collective is working extremely hard to eliminate the growing drug abuse plague. They work to educate those living in areas that are saturated with drugs (most of which have been supplied by Uncle Sam in an effort to control the people), and working as well on programs of detoxification for those already hooked by the man on this shit which is so counterproductive to the movement. Drugs are the trip of Uncle Sam, Big Brother, in an effort to control the youth and the minorities, for a person addicted is a person controlled. The Gay Activists Collective urges all to join with us in this struggle to end oppression of all poor and minority peoples through the CIA program of "easy access drugs". Help us off the CIA pusherman, now!

RANDY

by Randy Johnson
Anyone who has been in San Francisco for a considerable length of time can tell the bullshits artists and phonies from the honest, real people that achieved and strive for a better living potential here in the gay capital of the world. Dishing and talking about one behind one's back solves nothing; yet I know no one (including myself, thank you) that is not guilty of it. Half the dishing is out of sheer envy or being just plain jealous of those we're dishing—think about it.

I know many people who leave nothing but "Gee, I can't help but to like him" thoughts in people, who are really only interested in what is happening with *themselves* and do not really give a damn about other things or people. These are people we could classify as "dumb as a fox." And we all know plenty of them, right?

But thank God there are people who others can depend on and count on, to lean on when they need a little support. Well, as the saying goes, it takes all kinds.

Bits and Pieces

Overheard in a bar: "Have you ever had a venereal disease?" "Of course not, I've never been in the tropics." You don't have to be in the tropics to get V.D.; you don't even have to leave your block. Get your checkup now. It doesn't cost a dime!

...Donna Mae teamed up with Rev. Ray Broshears and with the help of Dot Kilgallen's HAVOC House had quite a time of it. More auctions and fun to come!

...Ray Broshears entering the world of politics? Yes! I'll endorse him. Why? Well, there are people, including myself, who at times do not agree with him, but some of his tactics in getting jobs done. But the main thing is: he *does* get the job done. Am I right?

...Well, now that it's been raining lately there are lots of things to do inside, like go to your favorite bar, but I've been finding out that places like the Truck Stop, Castro Cafe and even Donna Mae's are just as cruisy as any bar. And coffee is cheaper than beer.

...A slight memorial (but never too late) to Lennie Hilton from the Trapp. Missed he is by all who knew him!

...Our new Empress here in San Francisco is Lady Freida, a good person to know—and a known person who will do good—we all know!

...And from the words of an old song. "Missed the Saturday dance, don't get around much anymore."

The best to you all!

—Randy Johnson

LEE MASON

FREE, FREE AT LAST!
Lee Mason, a kindly soft-spoken person 44 years of age, passed over on December 29 as a result of injuries suffered while riding a motorcycle when he was hit by a deranged hit-and-run driver.

Lee, a small-framed person, slightly balding with twinkling baby blue eyes, had been in the struggle for Gay freedom for many years, dating back to his days in Los Angeles with the old Gay Liberation Front. Lee moved to San Francisco a couple of years ago as a photographer and newspaper person for the *Advocate*, and quickly built many strong friendships here. Later Lee resigned the post as photographer-writer for the *Advocate* and became distributor for the paper here.

His was a familiar face as he buzzed about the City servicing the news-wending racks and other outlets for the *Advocate*.

In the past few years, Lee had withdrawn from the Gay liberation struggle, stating that he was tired and that younger persons could do the job. But while Lee was involved, he was a tireless and dedicated worker.

Lee Mason will certainly be missed by all who knew and admired him. Lee is free at last! Hold on, Chris!

U.S.V.A. SHOW



Last Members of the G.A.A. Christmas Show for Veterans. From left to right: KIMO, FAYE, LEE RAYMOND, NAOMI, SANTA (ED HUBERMAN), NANCY and MICHELLE. —Photo by Richard Hayward

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DEMONIC LOVE

by Jim Michael Busey

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DON'T LET THEM BUST YOUR PLEASURE!

by Tom McNamara

As you read this, there are people working to make sure you may not have a chance to read or look at any more pornography. Strange as it may seem to you, they seem to resent the pure pleasure pornography gives to those who like it. And, going against all scientific evidence that says how good pornography is both for the individual and society, these new puritans are doing their damndest to make sure that sex papers, magazines, books, movies and just about everything that is fun and pleasurable, open and free, disappears from the American scene. And if this happens, it will be because we sat on our hands when we weren't using them to diddle ourselves. If we get totally diddled on this, it will be our own fault. Not only do we have a right to read and view what we as adults want, every study published in recent years by psychologists and sociologists indicates the present state of free and open sales and distribution of pornography has had nothing but a beneficial effect. Many psychologists, in their case studies, tell how sex movies, books, and magazines have helped patients achieve mature sexual liberation. This has made for happier, swinging people, gay, straight and bi. The prigs, those who would like to put the clamps to the free atmosphere, have nothing to go on but their own clouded minds. They just don't like porn, they say (makes you wonder why they're always collecting it to "study" and why they're so obsessed with it). Now, buoyed by the recent Supreme Court rulings which give local

anti-porn vigilante committees much more power, the anti-porn bigots are operating as if they had the direct approval of God. I won't say there's no stopping them (we'll get to that later) but they can deprive an awful lot of people of an awful lot of pleasure, and if they're not stopped you can expect the porn scene in the late '70's to be worse than in the '30's.

Who are they? One is a Catholic priest named Father Hill who operates a slick Madison Avenue "mission" dedicated to wiping out pornography. Along with Fred Keating, his wealthy layman counterpart, Father Hill raises gigantic sums of money for his crusade through church sermons, mailings and other fund-raising devices. All this is done to bring lobbying pressure against congress and produce propaganda touting the "harm" of pornography. Fred Keating, a corporate-style power figure, has been operating for a number of years as "Citizens for Decent Literature" and has formed a nationwide organization dedicated to taking local action, getting adult bookstores closed, bringing local political pressure against erotic motion picture exhibitors, lobbying in state legislatures to ban certain publications, etc. Keating and his Citizens for Decent Literature have recently gotten into trouble with the Attorney General of the State of New York, since C.D.L. was skimming about 75% of the monies collected for the "crusade" off the top for "expenses." Sounds like an out-and-out racket to me. Well, know your enemy.

One of the great triumphs of the anti-porn "crusaders" has been the most recent Supreme Court decision on pornography. It has scared many Hollywood producers, for instance, and has made them think twice before investing in or producing more erotic or even controversial movies, particularly those with gay themes. Maybe it's just as well, from what I've heard about some of their recent products like "The Laughing Policeman." But the film of Hubert Selby's excellent creative novel "Last Exit to Brooklyn", which took years to find a producer, has been reportedly dropped because the producer just isn't about to drop a couple of million dollars on a film he can't get released. Judging by the book itself, this is a real loss artistically, and I for one hope that it is only a temporary setback.

One of the reasons the porn situation is in this upright state is the incumbent president, Mr. Nixon, who campaigned for reelection by, among other things, denouncing the findings of the commission on porn appointed by Lyndon Johnson. This presidentially-appointed commission had recommended the virtual elimination of restrictions on pornography. Nixon did not care what conclusions the committee had reached: he trusted them less than he appears to trust us. Pornography was bad and he was going to see that something was done about it, even though the commission report had stated entirely the opposite. Political observers point out that this is typical of the man's attitude toward matters of this sort. He consistently takes a "daddy knows best" attitude. And being against porn is, in many circles, being "for motherhood and against sin." It's good politics.

Already film producers, both gay and straight, have been hassled under the new atmosphere of local repression. "Nights in Black Leather", a superior gay film, was recently confiscated in Los Angeles. It has not come to trial as of this writing and it will probably not be banned, but such unbridled tactics on the part of local vice squadders in a number of cities can tie up available prints of a film for long periods of time, can deprive viewers of the opportunity

to decide for themselves what's "obscene", and can bankrupt small film companies with excessive legal fees and other expenses. Many small studios and theatres may just throw in the towel and decide the game isn't worth the candle.

What can you do to make sure your freedom to see and enjoy is preserved? It isn't easy. You might discreetly question your congressman, either in person or by mail, and see where he stands on the issue. Writing letters to liberal newspapers is a good tactic: you don't have to sign your real name and you have an opportunity to challenge and change public opinion. This is particularly good to do after the anti-porn forces seem to have won a local "victory." Find some way of letting off your steam and deflating their tires at the same time. The ultimate tactic is organization. It doesn't have to be any more than informal, casual discussions, letters to pen pals, informal get-togethers to change minds and mobilize action. If everybody talked to only two or three other people and expressed their real feelings, a pyramid of thousands of people would soon be actively discussing the issue pro and con all over America. The ballot box is the real secret weapon. If we'd only all show the political prigs who'd like to take away our pleasure what unemployment is all about by voting them out of office, this whole stupid madness would come to a fast halt. When all is said and done, it's up to you whether we're going to have better and better pornography in the years to come or whether we're going to have to go slinking around buying inferior stuff at high prices "under the counter" like we had to years ago. The future is in your hands.

Whoops! Prepare for "future shock"! Just a short time after finishing the above paragraph, I learned that a new bill in the House of Representatives not only would harass distributors of "obscenity" but is a so-called "law and order" package which would at the same time reinstate the death penalty, allow judges to jail those formerly classified as "insane", promote wide-spread "legal" wiretapping, would revive the Smith Act making it a major crime to belong to any organization which calls for revolutionary change even "at a future time" or that wants to bring about such change as "speedily as possible", would continue the existing hard laws on marijuana and—get this—would put the burden of proof on the defendant to prove he was "unlawfully entrapped" even though the agent used "deception" or provided "facilities or an opportunity" and used "active inducement" in the commission of a crime. This last section would make the defense of entrapment inadmissible when it appears the defendant was "predisposed" to commit the crime. This bill is said to be one of Nixon's personal pets and the pressure is on to push this fascist piece of repression through into law this year unless we do something about it. Three of the items directly affect your civil liberties—the "anti-obscenity" provision which is the first step to raids on "porn stashes" in private living places; the anti-marijuana provision which gives hostile cops unlimited opportunities to harass anyone who they don't like the looks of (ethnics, "hippies", gays); and the "entrapment" provision which gives local vice squads free rein to use all sorts of come-ons to get cruising gays into the clink for long periods of time. This abomination is known as House Resolution 6046. Since it is an omnibus bill that incorporates the principal anti-obscenity provisions along with a lot of other repression, you're probably against it if you stop and think about it. All you have to do is write your congressman and tell him what you think of it in general.



HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER ONE YEAR OLD

The Helping Hands Community Center celebrated its first year anniversary on January 24th, with several persons in attendance who have had much to do with the Center's success. The Center was given little or no chance to last more than ninety days when it opened, as it had the almost unanimous disapproval of "establishment" Gay groups such as the Tavern Guild, the Metropolitan Community Church, Golden Gate Gay Liberation House, Society for Individual Rights, Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club, Whitman-Radcliffe Foundation, Join Hands, Inside Out, Daughters of Bilitis, Lesbian Mothers Union and Gay Info Line. All those groups disapproved then, and still disapprove, of the Helping Hands Community Center. Yet, despite their disapproval, the Center is still going strong into its second year, still serving the outcasts, the transients, the visitors, those arrested, those needing a friend, those who are lonely, those who just want a place to drop in and have a free cup of coffee, those who just want to be with other Gays, those who want to know what's really going on in San Francisco, those who are concerned with the problems of the aging, and those concerned with the problems of those addicted to drugs or alcohol. The Helping Hands Community Center is truly a place where you can find a little bit of everything.

During the first year of its operation, 82 people were released from prison, both state and local, directly through the Helping Hands Center's intervention. Over 6,000 persons have come through the doors of the Helping Hands Center during its first year of operation. The Center has established the first Gay drug abuse prevention, counseling and research program in Northern California. The Center and the Old Folks Defense League, whose headquarters are at the Center, gave away more than \$1,470 in gifts and food to the elderly of the Tenderloin area during its first year of operation. The Center found employment for 311 people during that year. The Center provided clothing for those who needed it, and also provided emergency housing and clothing for victims of fires in the area. The Center found housing or paid housing for 497 people during the first year of operation. The Center helped to save the lives of 22 persons who attempted to take their own lives. The Center fed well over 2,000 people during the first year of operation (although the Center itself has no cooking facilities). The Center gave

away 12,000 cups of coffee during the first year, as well as untold amounts of tea, lemonade, soup, cookies and popcorn. When you add it all up, the Helping Hands Community Center has truly been hell of a lot of people, in so many ways.

The Center has no regular source of funding except from Rev. Ray Broshears, the Director of the Center, who pays approximately 40% of all expenses out of his own pocket. The Center gets the rest of its income from various fundraisers in the form of entertainment shows and auctions. Unfortunately, only three of these could be considered substantial successes. Luscious Lorelei and Paul Bentley raised \$800 at one benefit, and Terry Taylor raised another \$900 at two more benefits. This \$1,700 was a truly great help to the Center. The monthly operational expense of the Center is \$490, and while this is much less than the other downtown organization pays for its rent, it is still a continual struggle to raise that amount, inasmuch as the Helping Hands Center continues to adhere to its policy of refusing to accept or apply for funding from any governmental agency. Helping Hands has seen how other organizations must compromise their confidentiality when they accept government funding, and the Center does not want to become an accomplice in the government's "Big Brother" requirements in providing to the government confidential information on clients served by the Center. Helping Hands says "Fuck that!" to the supplying of names and addresses of those who use the Center's services to the government. Some Gay organizations have kept going by taking governmental funding (like the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles and the Gay Students Union at Stanford). They can have their blood money from Big Brother. Helping Hands will continue to rely on the shows, auctions, donations and *Gay Crusader* for its income. Oh, yes, the GAA's publication *Gay Crusader* does supply the Center with income. If it wasn't for the *Gay Crusader*, the Center would have closed long ago. This is why certain antagonistic bar people try to persuade advertisers not to advertise in the *Gay Crusader*, for they know that the profits from the paper, small though they may be, go entirely to the support of the Helping Hands Community Center. The Helping Hands Center is deeply



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BLUES FOR JIMMY

by Peter Crowley

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