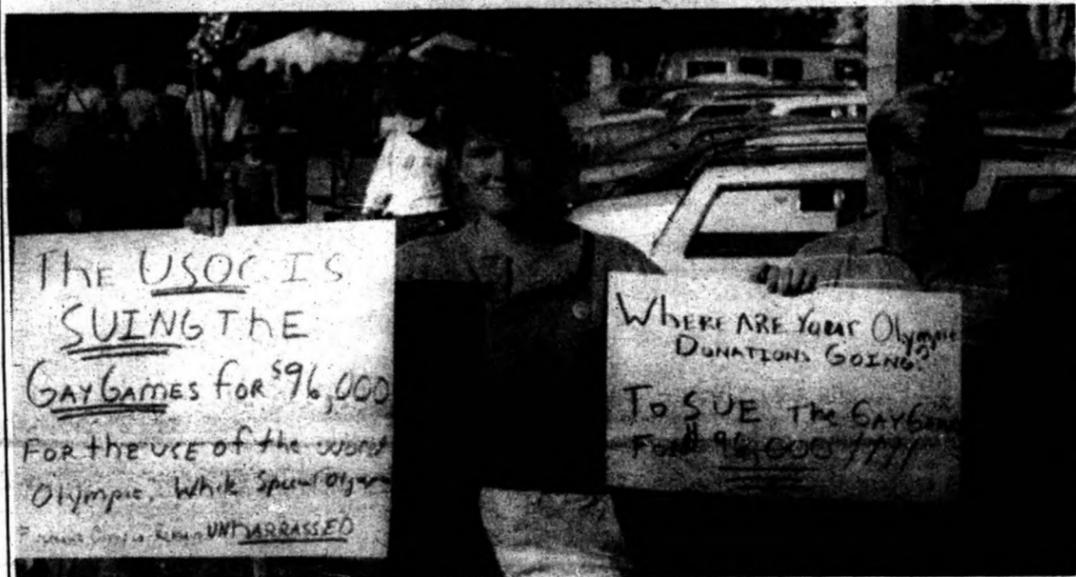


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### OLYMPIC PROTEST



by Ted Sahl

As the official banner of the 1984 Olympic soccer trials at Stanford University waved high in the air, Gay men and Lesbians down on the ground protested

against the Olympic Games Committee (U.S.O.C.).

Setting up a table close to the main gate and handing out leaflets to a somewhat bewildered crowd, they got their message

across.

Gerard Koskovich, a spokesperson told me, "We are here to demonstrate this evening to show our support and solidarity with the organizers of

the Gay Games in their two-year struggle against the vindictive and unjust actions of the U.S.O.C. and to ask members of the public regardless of sexual orientation to join us in supporting the cause of justice and equality.

"We call ourselves COAH - the Coalition Against Olympic Homophobia. We are an ad hoc committee against the United States Olympic Committee's harassment of the San Francisco Gay Games."

The first Gay Games were held in San Francisco in 1982 - Gay Games II will be held in San Francisco in 1986.

Organized by Dr. Tom Waddell, a 1968 Olympian and Mark Brown, the Gay Games involved over 1300 participants from 22 countries in 15 different sports events during an eight day period.

The U.S.O.C. for two years has hounded the organizers of the Gay Games in a court battle - punishing organizers for using the word "Olympic" in the games title.

The U.S.O.C. suit has currently won a court order to prevent the Gay Games from using the term "Olympic" and has

received a second judgement ordering San Francisco Arts and Athletics to reimburse the U.S.O.C. for a staggering \$96,000 in court costs incurred in the initial suit.

Both Decisions are on appeal to the 9th District United States Court of Appeal.

Koskovich said, "COAH is an entirely independent group. While we act in support of the Gay Games, organizers of the games bear no responsibility for our words or actions. The Gay Olympics is the only group the U.S.O.C. has chosen to harass."

"We see such actions as unmistakable evidence of homophobia on the part of the United States Olympic Committee."

Homophobia is the irrational fear and hatred of Gay men and Lesbian womyn and underlies much of the discrimination directed at Gay men and Lesbians,

As I took pictures of the pickets handing out leaflets, one group was discussing the information. A young woman said to another woman, "Homophobia is having a fear of one's self..."

That says it all - you should have been there!

### City officials raise funds for National Gay PAC



City Councilwoman Iola Williams (L) exchanges humor with Mayor John Laird of Santa Cruz (R) while host Larry Marcus (Center) looks on. Contributors donated over \$1,000 to the fundraiser. Photo by Ted Sahl

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### Victories for Gays

#### Democratic Convention

by Rick Osmon and Michael Helquist

The Lesbian and Gay movement won remarkable victories at the Democratic convention in San Francisco.

Strategic gains occurred on several fronts including commitments in the party platform changes in rules for delegate selection, and recognition from the podium.

Many of the 65 Gay and Lesbian delegates and alternates said they felt particularly welcome on the convention floor and at the several receptions and parties held during the week in their honor.

Most delegates expressed great enthusiasm over the many successes but acknowledged that Gay rights still has a long way to go in the Democratic party.

On the opening day of the convention, delegates adopted changes in the party rules by Minnesota State Representative Karen Clark, a lesbian and a Mondale delegate.

The new rules guarantee that the Gay/Lesbian caucus will have representation on all major committees.

Gays presently serve on the Platform, Rules, and Arrangements Committees.

Although the Democrats officially recognized the Gay and Lesbian Caucus in 1982, this is the first year that the party has taken steps to bring the caucus fully into the decision making process.

Delegates also agreed to specifically recruit lesbians and gay men in outreach programs and in voter registration drives.

The Democratic Party in each state must now create a program to incorporate formerly under-represented constituencies with efforts to include "recruitment, education, and training in order to achieve full participation in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs."

There will be one Lesbian and one Gay man on the Fairness Committee to oversee state compliance and to prevent the party from ignoring or forgetting the commitment.

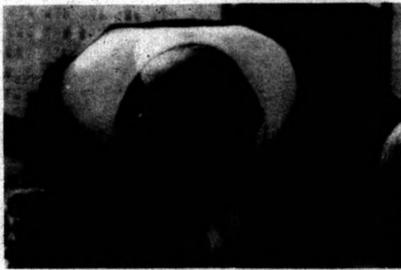
The changes in party rules follow full acceptance of the Gay-related items for the party platform.

Vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro chaired the platform committee and initially

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## Announcement

The First Annual Multi-Cluster Picnic will be held at the San Jose Historical Museum on Saturday, August 18. This first is being sponsored by South Bay Gay Fathers in the hopes of producing a strong networking system among the 25 or so gay and lesbian organizations in the county.



Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the gate. There will be group introductions, beer and soft drinks, games and more. The event begins at 11 a.m. Special guest will be *Sister BOOM BOOM*. For more information, call (408) 985-2864.

## Night of Nights

by Ted Sahl

\$19.84 or more was the reason Gay men and Lesbian womyn came together to raise funds for the Human Rights Campaign Fund at the home of Larry Marcus.

John Laird, Mayor of Santa Cruz, Council member Iola Williams, and Senator Alquist

that body numbers, voices, and dollars will make a difference in campaigns like the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

He continued, "Trying to get the politicians to catch up to the people will be the wave of the future. We're here, we have to just not go away."

"We are growing and must keep on having meetings and

that body numbers, voices, and dollars will make a difference in campaigns like the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Kerry Woodward told the guests, "Throughout the U.S. there are over 700 federal political action committees (PACs) and the Human Rights Campaign Fund ranks 17th in terms of money raised and con-



Senator Alquist (l), host Larry Marcus (center) and Kerry Woodward (r), co-chair of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, exchange ideas at the \$19.84 fundraiser. Photo by Ted Sahl © 1984

were invited guests for the evening.

I mean all in the same house, at the same time which made for an interesting time.

Guest speaker John Laird told the guests that he meets problems head on in such gatherings as

helping others to grow with us, both on the political and community level."

A video film was shown in which Rep. Bill Green and Rep. Gerry Studts pleaded for support for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, reminding those watching

tributed.

"For example, with help from PACs Lloyd Duggan of Texas won by 1/10 of 1 per cent."

Lots of small talk took place before and after the speakers. You should have been there. ●

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## Sonia Johnson — Citizen for President

Karen Hester and Katy Kay

"One glance at the present line-up of males loudly proclaims the two major parties are still slamming the old boys' clubhouse door shut in women's faces. Men are not just nudging us, they are hurtling us toward planetary annihilation," states Sonia Johnson, the Citizen's Party nominee for President of the U.S.

Sonia Johnson spoke before a wildly enthusiastic group in San Jose on July 21. Using a distinctly feminist process, she led us in an exercise to explore what each of us would do on our first day as President. To set the stage for the exercise she told us that when she decided to accept the nomination, she knew she "had to believe it was possible, to believe she could do it. I had to know what I would do if I were President, and I do know what I would do."

"Now I'd like all of you to stand up, imagine yourself in January, 1985, President of the U.S., alone in the Oval Office, walking to your desk, and shout out 'If I were President, I would....'" From the group came, "End intervention in Cen-

tral America", "Child care for everyone", "Support workers' right to organize in unions", "Clean up toxic wastes", "Talk to the Soviets", "Provide affordable housing for all", "Dismantle the CIA", "Redistribute the wealth and resources", "Try peace for a change", "Pass the ERA", "Gut the military budget".

"Everything I heard you say was feminism, and part of my program", stated Johnson when we finished the exercise. One participant said she had felt empowered by the exercise. Sonia continued, "Most women I know could do far better as our leader than most of the male leaders we have had so far. We have to continue to reject being talked to by the 'big boys' and make our voices heard. To change our reality and create new life, we must each create the dream within ourselves and live it. We need a clear picture of our world", she continued, "as it now exists and how we want it to be. We have got to know it, see it, build it out of the stuff of the spirit. Taste it, feel it, and then every step we take will lead us there."

Two questions come to mind.

What is a leader? Power — what is it and who has it? The recent Democratic convention is a prime example of a power struggle. Whatever commitments to peace, workers'/minorities'/gay and lesbian/women's rights have been put into the platform, none were given. They were struggled for during many battles covering years.

Under patriarchy there is the reigning mindset that only males are qualified to lead, and females, to support and follow. Every alternate political party's entrance into competition with mainstream candidates is a light in the dark. Sonia is even more to many of us who watched her make history when she was excommunicated from the Mormon Church because she supported the Equal Rights Amendment. She has been in the forefront of the women's movement, inspiring many of the locked-out to know power in themselves, to believe in a different approach to issues. "Feminism is the basis of my platform. It is the only new philosophy and analysis and program which can save our planet from extinction," Sonia stated.

About Mondale and Reagan, she said, "Neither of the two men we will elect to the Presidency is going to do the things we said here today."

At one point, Sonia related that a woman had recently asked her how she could support Sonia, when her main concern was defeating Reagan in November. Sonia responded with a question, "What are you going to do for the next nine months, wait to vote for the Democratic candidate?" She went on to add that there were many things people could do in support of her campaign which do not conflict with dumping Reagan in '84.

When asked why she is running for President, Sonia responded, "I am running to win. Because in a campaign such as ours, winning does not only mean occupancy in the oval office. It means many things, some of which are: the image of women taking ourselves seriously, which means that others also take us seriously. Instead of the demeaning image of women asking permission from men to be allowed to run as

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## News Analysis

### Beyond the Convention

by Michael Helquist and Rick Osmon

The Democratic convention gave lesbians and gay men a unique opportunity to shatter the invisibility that so often shrouds them with political obscurity. Lesbians and gay men — as delegates, convention hosts, street activists, and San Francisco residents — took that opportunity and propelled their identities and concerns into the national spotlight. By week's end there could be few convention participants or observers who had not encountered the gay local and national presence several times over.

Rallied by their political gains and high profiles in the media, gay Democrats recognized that opportunities inevitably lead to further challenges. In this case, the challenges rest both with the more immediate November presidential elections and with the longer term efforts to make further inroads into the Democratic Party structure.

The size of the National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights projected the most dramatic statement to date about gay visibility. The March drew 100,000 participants, thousands of sidewalk observers, and a worldwide television and newspaper audience of several hundred million. Equally important was the kind of coverage the March received. National newspapers generally resisted the hackneyed, stereotypical "freak show" coverage they so frequently featured in the past.

The March commanded equal importance and media treatment with the huge labor union demonstration held earlier on the same day. San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt, who granted interviews to all four major television networks, noted, "The media has finally tired of their own stereotypes of gays. They told me they wanted feature stories on what's really happening with the lesbian and gay population."

The National March was the most prominent but not the only demonstration during convention week with a strong gay presence. The protest against the Moral Majority's Family Forum and the following day's ritual tongue-in-cheek exorcism of Jerry Falwell and Phyllis Schlafly by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence indicated the gay community's challenge to the New Right. Major demonstrations including the Labor March, the anti-nuclear "Peace '84", and the non-intervention in Central America sported gay contingents and projected the varied concerns of many in the gay community.

The 6000 delegates and alternates could not avoid reminders of the newly assertive minority in their midst. Across the street from the Hilton Hotel, one of the major sites of caucus meetings, delegates received a billboard welcome sponsored by a local gay businessman. The message read "Best Wishes For A Successful Convention — From The Men And Women of San Francisco's Gay Community." Several other billboards in the city proclaimed AIDS awareness messages ("The Best Defense Against AIDS is Information... And Action") In the subway stations signs promoting the National March asserted "We Are Everywhere" while others returned the focus to AIDS with sober, direct advice about practicing safe sex to protect yourself and your partner.

The 65 members of the gay and lesbian caucus wore broad red, white, and blue ribbons around their necks granting them immediate recognition from other delegates. Gays hosted many of the receptions and parties for the state delegations. Local gay attorneys, philanthropists, and politicians treated the South Carolina, Oregon, and Pennsylvania contingents, among others, to a personal view of San Francisco city life.

On the convention floor itself delegates and a worldwide audience heard the Rev. Jesse Jackson recognize the needs and rights of lesbian and gay citizens. This was a first from a major presidential candidate. Several gay delegates reported that their state delegations cheered the inclusion of gay rights in Jackson's speech.

Other speakers granted similar recognition from the podium. In an earlier address, Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts sparked a minor floor demonstration by the gay caucus when he affirmed the party's intent to stand by the rights of gay men and lesbians. The last mention from the podium came from Judy Goldsmith of the National organization for Women (NOW), who had pledged her organizations' support of gay rights throughout the convention week. The high spirits among the gay audience dimmed somewhat when the convention's other major speakers named them by Senators Gary Hart and Teddy Kennedy and nominees Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro neglected to name lesbians and gay men as rightful members of the "Democratic family." The omissions underscored the sometime transient nature of visibility and the paramount importance of ongoing political power.

Gay and Lesbian Democrats have achieved much of that solid political power within their party in just a few short years. Much of the credit for these gains must go to the national lesbian/gay organizations and to the several active gay democratic clubs across the nation. In 1980 the Democratic Party platform noted the rights of those who had a different "sexual orientation." Author Rita Mae Brown has questioned, "Does that mean we're all facing north?" Two years later the party recognized the gay/lesbian caucus as one of a half dozen special interest groups within the party structure. This year the Democrats took the boldest steps mentioning lesbians and gay men by name and including their health and political concerns in the party platform.

Due to the pre-convention successes, gay and lesbian delegates had little reason to place further demands before the assembled delegates in San Francisco. The members of the gay caucus shared the excitement of the Ferraro nomination and the curiosity over the roles of Jackson and Hart, but they also joined in the nuts-and-bolts meetings which usually centered on voter registration.

The Democratic Party sees millions of new voters as their best hope at the ballot box in November. The party's dependence on massive voter registration drives provides another chance for a gay show of strength and power. Leaders were already aware of the opportunity before them. Last fall Virginia Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, declared that gay voter registration was crucial. Apuzzo stated, "Politicians have one real across-the-board capability: They know how to count. The only time we count (to them) is when they count us."

The Mondale campaign has targeted certain states as crucial to electoral success. Gay and lesbian activists have the opportunity to

## Politics '84

by Ted Sahl

Well folks...the Convention was nip and tuck for awhile. Hart kept fighting to the end.

Governor Cuomo stole the show — until Jackson wowed them and made them cry!

The voting was slow to begin with, but Fritz had momentum, unions and big business on his side.

Bitterness divided the Jackson people who booed Andrew Young when he spoke. Ms. King tried to patch things up.

Fritz Mondale hemmed and hawed as Minnesotans do. Jackson kept up his registration of Blacks.

The tension began to build as the nomination for the Vice Presidential spot approached.

Fortunately, Mondale was always in need of a fourth pinochle player, it was beginning to look like his home was becoming a dating service for couples. They, men and women, were coming and going out the door. Meanwhile, the N.O.W. national organization was saying "Cool it, Fritz Baby" — you all better pick a female for V.P. or else, lots of walking is gonna take place — out of the Convention, that is!

LULAC, the largest Hispanic group told Fritz to kill that Simpson Bill by coming out strong against it or lots of walking is gonna take place — out of the Convention.

Meanwhile, Jackson's people are putting pressure on Fritz for his rule change.

Well, hold your hats, kids, Wally ain't been fishin' them Minnesota lakes for pike all them

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# The Democrats decide

by Dan Siminoski, PhD

Although I preferred Rev. Jesse Jackson's positions on foreign policy, the economy, and Gay/human rights, I eventually endorsed Senator Gary Hart as a strong second choice for the presidency, in the belief that Rev. Jackson could not win in San Francisco and that Vice President Mondale could not win in November.

Well, as it turns out, Mondale has been nominated to lead the Democratic campaign.

Representative Geraldine Ferraro is being nominated to join him as I write. Both of the candidates are friends of the Gay community. They are liberals, feminists, opponents of nuclear proliferation and military escalation abroad.

Their campaign offers us a substantive alternative to the rhetoric, style, and policies of the Reagan Administration.

Their election will be difficult, but we all know that real change never comes easily. I want to use this column to suggest how the ticket might prevail and to indicate the standards by which we should choose in November.

By conventional wisdom, the national and statewide polls look bleak for the Democrats. Mondale leads President Reagan in only a handful of states and needs to score stunning upsets in a great many if he is to have a chance at victory.

He must win the lion's share of the major industrial states and he must do better than Jimmy Carter did four years ago in the sunbelt. It seems likely at this point that the Ferraro candidacy will help Mondale in New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts, and key races for the Senate by liberal Democrats in Texas and Illinois might help increase voter turnout there.

However you analyze it, the campaign will be difficult for the Democrats everywhere in the country.

The situation may look gloomy but I don't believe it is hopeless. For there are three wild cards that have to be played throughout the campaign, each, really for the first time.

First, of course, is the historic candidacy of Geraldine Ferraro as the first woman ever nominated by a major party convention. War and peace will be a central issue for the Democrats, and polls have shown women to be significantly more attentive than men to that and related issues.

If the "Gender Gap" predictions hold true in November, and if additional women support the ticket nationwide because of Ferraro's candidacy, untold numbers of voters could come to the polls to support the Democratic ticket.

These could be enough to tip close races to the Democrats. It was this analysis that urged Mondale's choice of Ferraro in the first place.

The second wild card is the possibility of increased voter registration leading to increased turnout of voters likely to support the Democrats.

The campaign of Rev. Jackson brought Hispanic and White voters to the polls, especially in urban areas that are critical to the Democrats and in southern states that Reagan carried very narrowly in 1980. Massive voter registration campaigns are planned by both parties.

The Democrats can probably expect to be helped by similar campaigns planned by feminist, civil rights, social welfare, and nuclear freeze supporters.

If Rev. Jackson is encouraged to play a substantial role in the registration campaigns, and if Sen. Hart also works to bring out his constituency, it is reasonable to expect positive results. It has been true historically that the greater the registration, the higher the turnout, the greater the likelihood of Democratic victory in any election, in any region.

The third wild card is the hardest to call, it is the possibility that the Democratic party might actually be able to wage a united effort this fall, struggling together as a family to form the coalition majorities necessary for victory in state after state.

Early in the primary season, Walter Mondale won the endorsements of the leaders of key Democratic interest groups — labor, civil rights groups, teachers and women. If the members of these groups are motivated to work and vote for the Democratic ticket, it could be possible for the ticket to prevail.

It should be remembered that Jimmy Carter lost in 1980 largely because of the historic rejection of his record by traditional Democratic voters. If the Democrats can win those life long supporters back through a united, vigorous (and lucky) campaign, their victory should be possible.

But it will not come easily, if anything can be said about the coming campaign, it is that it looks like an obvious Republican victory.

But these are not ordinary times, and predictions have failed the experts throughout the campaign this year. Months ago, I predicted in this space that Jesse Jackson would play a major role in the campaign, that Mondale would not win it quickly or easily, and that Hart would emerge a major contender.

Few of the experts agreed. Now the same experts are telling us that the presidential race is already over. Don't believe it! We make our own history by acting in agreement with one another when we face challenging obstacles.

As Gay people, we know there is no alternative to action based on hope. We know we cannot return to our closets when defeated, and we know that our struggles have to be for long term progress, not for short term gains.

Don't let anyone tell you it is impossible to win civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians. And don't let anyone convince you that a Black presidential candidate or a female vice president are day dreams.

Don't believe it when you read that victory for a human rights coalition built around the campaigns of Mondale and Ferraro is impossible. It is all possible. But it has to be fought for and won.

Lesbians and Gays come in all colors, classes, sentiments and styles. We support the various parties and differ on all the issues that divide other Americans.

There are as many qualities dividing us as those that bind us to one another and to other Americans who share our goals.

We are not a voting block or an interest group and we do not have

# Your Opinions

## Embarrassed by meekness

To the Editor:

I was embarrassed recently by how meek the gay community can be when given the chance to confront one of its opponents.

Anti-gay rights Senator Alfred E. Alquist surprised the gay community by attending a pro-gay fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. More surprising, however, was the submissive and quiescent reception he enjoyed.

Having voted against AB 1, it was startling to find the Senator in attendance at all. But host Larry Marcus graciously asked the Senator to make a few remarks to the assemblage of 40 guests, and he did.

He said that he voted against AB 1 because (a) it was "clear" that the San Jose community did not favor the Bill and (b) that it was "obvious" that Governor Deukmejian was going to veto the Bill, so why vote for it?

When asked if he personally favored the legislation, he said that if the gay community expects support from the rest of the population, they should stay out of the public toilets. (Yes, he really said that!)

Now, I would have expected outrage or anger from our gay friends at those remarks. But no, the Senator received polite applause for his "past support" and kindness!!

How can we expect to make progress in our long overdue struggle for human rights if we kowtow to the likes of Senator Alquist? He is just the man we need to defeat at the next election, not pander to for occasional crumbs of support.

I was embarrassed by our collective refusal to confront the Senator squarely and tell him we expect his full support or he will be defeated. We no longer need to bow and scrape to people like Senator Alquist. We have muscle, let's use it.

## Rick Rudy

*Editor's Note: To keep the record straight, several people did confront Sen. Alquist about his vote against AB-1 — including Johnnie Staggs, who questioned why the Senator voted "no" instead of taking a walk, as his staff had promised. Ms. Staggs and Will Burkhead also challenged the Senator's remarks about Gay vs. straight behavior in public places. Certainly Alquist needs to hear from more people, and his address is: Sen. Al Alquist, 11th Dist., 100 Paseo De San Antonio, Suite 209, San Jose, CA 95113. Phone (408) 286-8318. As the Senator was a guest in a private home, possibly muted criticism and polite applause was appropriate under the circumstances. Do we have a Miss Manners among our Gay readers?*

## Letter to Sen. Alquist

*(This letter was written to Sen. Alquist after a recent Human Rights Campaign Fund fundraiser held at the writers' home. A copy was sent to OUR PAPER for our readers information. — Ed.)*

Dear Senator Alquist:  
I want to thank you for taking the time to be in attendance for the Human Rights Campaign Fundraiser held at my home July 26, 1984.

"leaders" who can deliver us to one party or another on election day.

Candidates must win our support. That used to be thought of as the major function of the electoral process in a democracy.

I believe we have many alternatives as Lesbian and Gay voters. We can vote strictly on self-interest, based solely on the stand taken by candidates and their parties on central issues.

If we choose to vote our "Gay" interests, I believe the record clearly suggests a vote for the Democratic ticket.

If we choose to balance our concern for human rights issues with commitment on the economy, on "fairness" or on foreign policy.

Your presence and remarks were real contributions to the evening. I'm hoping that yours and Mrs. Alquist's being there was equally rewarding for you both.

Your remarks about your reasons for voting NO on AB 1 in the State Senate earlier this year were heard, but I have a sense that they were still hard to swallow by most in attendance that evening.

You mentioned that your reasoning was caused by your listening to the consensus of the constituency in the 11th Senatorial District regarding their position on AB 1.

I know that you are aware that there are many gay and lesbian people in that constituency.

Also in attendance that evening were many of the gay and lesbian leaders from the community. I am not sure how well each accepted your views on AB 1 and homosexuality in general.

Here is a quote from the newsletter I just received from a prominent gay men's organization in the area: "A surprise attendee was Sen. Alquist, who had voted Against AB 1, but who seemed to think he could make political points by showing up for a gay fundraiser."

His brief words included such thoughts as, "why vote for the Bill when it was clear that Gov. Deukmejian would veto it?" and "until homosexuals stay out of public toilets, they won't improve their image with the general public."

"Remember these gracious sentiments when you go the polls next."

You see Senator people listen very closely to you too.

I'd like to close by addressing your remark about gay men in public toilets.

I am not at all aware of your knowledge about gay lifestyles, but until recent years it has been a pattern of gays seeking out companionship of other gays to meet in places where they would be free from the all so familiar harassment of people with different beliefs.

It's too bad that we get a label from those few that make a habit of public restrooms, but as you said the other evening — through education the image can be changed.

I also say to you Sen. Alquist (as I would say to anyone else who is in the position to further the cause of gay rights) to work to give us the freedom to meet in respectable places.

Give us the freedom to come out from hiding.

Give us the freedom to live as equals.

As Councilwoman Iola Williams said that night, "gay rights are a matter of civil rights!"

Respectfully,  
Larry Marcus

## Partner Benefits

Dear Friends:

As you may know, the courts have ruled that state and local governments and public utilities in California may not discriminate, in their employment practices, on the basis of sexual orientation.

Similarly, private employers may not discriminate against employees or job applicants because they are openly gay or lesbian.

The Campaign for Family Partner Benefits (CFPB) believes that this is

whole community has benefited equitably from recovery, we should support the incumbents.

As Gay people, we choose how to view ourselves, as voters and as people.

We can isolate ourselves and build our own communities or we can reach out and build networks between ourselves and the larger culture.

This election offers us a chance to accomplish both goals. It will also determine the policies and actions that will shape our history to the end of this millenia.

The voices of Gays and Lesbians must be heard in the coming debate — loudly, clearly and eloquently.

Dare to Struggle/Dare to Win

If we feel we are better off financially, and if we believe the

more than just a question of hiring or not hiring.

In their view, non-discrimination means hiring people on equal terms.

Thus, if an employer provides health benefits to the spouses of heterosexual married employees, then those same benefits should be provided to the family partners of unmarried employees (gay or straight).

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Yours Truly,  
Marilyn Pearman  
President, CFPB

## Away From Home

Dear Editor:

Just a short note to you and all my friends to let you know that I am still alive and well.

Leon and I are doing a lot of traveling, but we are getting a little homesick.

We both look forward to receiving OUR PAPER so that we can keep up when it was clear that Gov. Deukmejian would veto it?" and "until homosexuals stay out of public toilets, they won't improve their image with the general public."

There are (or at least were) several people involved with the two leagues (over 100) and I am sure that some of their events could be newsworthy.

Maybe no one is contacting you with the information. In that case, you could contact the bowling centers and they could have someone return your call with the needed information.

I realize that the Pool Tournaments are important to you and your readers. However, there are several other gay sports activities going on and I think it would be nice to give some coverage to these events as well.

(Of course, I also realize that if you are not given the information, it is difficult to print).

In closing, I want to commend you for turning out a fine product and I am proud that I was able to be a small part of it in the beginning.

Please keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
Lou Grosso

## A Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Editor:

All too often, criticism is readily available within the Gay community. Be it an individual, an organization or a business — all are fair game.

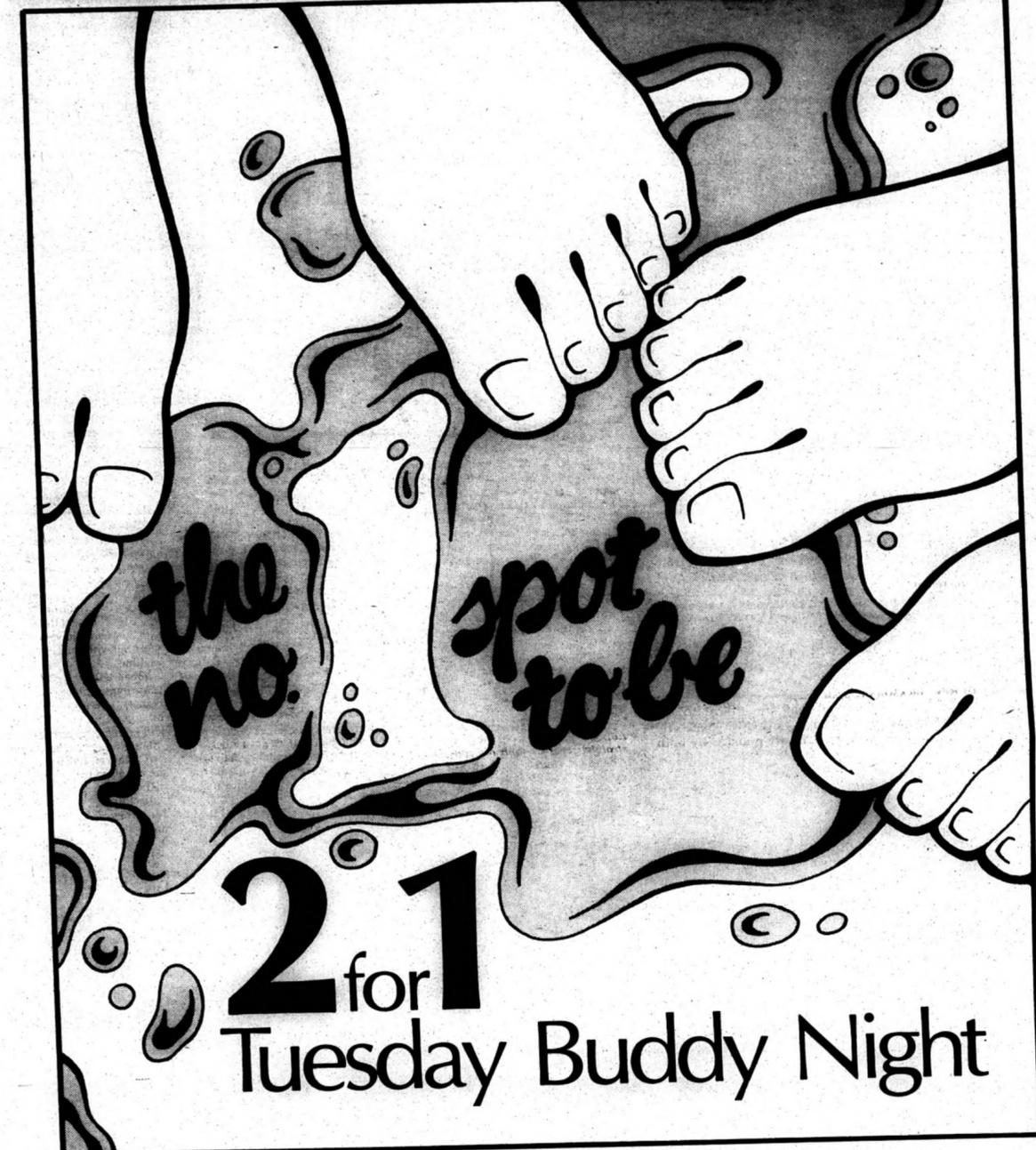
On a different note, I want to express my appreciation/gratitude for the quick action and concern given to me by the Toyon staff a few weeks ago.

While trying to help someone jump the battery on their car — the car was accidentally started (with one of the cables in my hand).

Fortunately, due to the quick action and care of the Toyon staff, I avoided at the least severe burns, and at the worse, who knows.

Thanks again,  
Teri Espy

# What's On Your Agenda?



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**CONVENTION ANALYSIS**

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focus their efforts as well in these states and give solid evidence of the "gay vote." With Mondale's great concern over Texas and all the Southern states, registration drives among gay voters in Houston, Dallas, Atlanta, Miami, New Orleans, and the many smaller Southern cities could demonstrate gay clout and ability to deliver the vote.

The many gay and lesbian delegates from Louisiana, Mississippi, Minnesota, Texas, Maine, and Washington delivered a clear affirmation that the lesbian/gay rights movement is not simply a big city, bi-coastal concern. There is gay voting strength in the nation's mid-size cities and in the rural areas. The challenge will be for the lesbian/gay communities in all these cities and towns to not only register new voters but also to advertise their accomplishments to party officials.

The convention in San Francisco provided lesbians and gay men with a lesson about the interplay between visibility and solid political power. Several black leaders, bolstered by the surge of black voters during the primaries, threatened only tepid support for the Mondale-Ferraro ticket if black leadership and concerns weren't incorporated into the presidential campaign. Lesbian and gay leaders presently do not command the same influence or power to make such veiled threats during negotiations with the party leadership. The potential exists — as has been seen in local elections across the country from Philadelphia to Boston, Minneapolis to Houston and San Francisco.

The challenge to lesbians and gay men is not only to maintain their visibility, but also to document and promote their political activities from voter registration to getting out the vote in November and beyond. With such a visible, documented show of strength, the Democratic party and much of the American public may come to agree with Representative Barney Frank when he observed, "There's no big deal about lesbian and gay rights; they're just like the rights that every American wants and expects."

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**POLITICS '84**

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years for nuthin'.

He did it — furor, excitement, ecstasy — pandemonium broke out when Fritz announced his "running mate" (that's a joke, son) would be Geraldine Ferraro, Congresswoman from New York. Hey! We need New York, right? "Vice Presideeentt", Gerry said, "That sounds sooooo good."

Well everything was coooool — the Demo's back on the track.

Until...Fritz blitzed the media with the firing of Charles Menatt as the party's National Chairman and replacing him with Bert Lance formerly with the Carter administration.

Well...it seems Fritz boobooed real bad — I mean someone wanted to nominate Carter for Prez.

Fritz, being the good fisherman that he is, apologized. I mean South or no South, Menatt was back in the saddle and Lance was given a job cleaning out the stables (Demo; that is).

But after all that, peace once again blesses the Democrats.

Gerry, as the girls like to call her, sort of sniped at Reagan — remarking that he was not a good Christian.

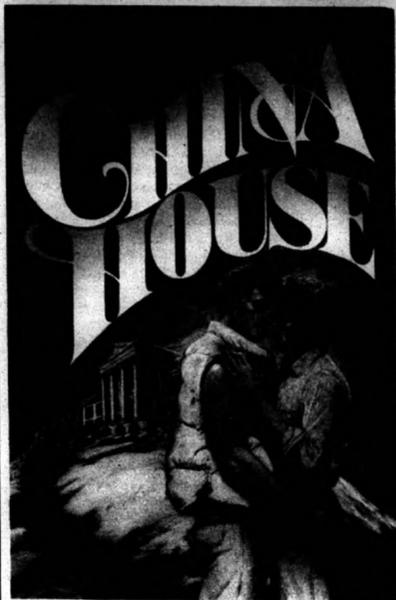
The President, known for his stone-age view of women, simply turned the other cheek!

Senator Hart has gone back to wherever he came from. Jesse is still "marching" and not forgotten.

Fritz is keeping an eye on him, as he travels to Cuba, Syria, and possibly Russia — just in case he wins — so he'll know what to do when he's in office.

Balanchine claims that Diaghilev loved ballet only because of its sexiness. He said he heard Diaghilev mutter "Beautifull!" at the premiere of "Appolo," and when he agreed, the impresario said, "Not the ballet, you ninny! Lifar's ass!"

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**COMING OUT RIGHT: A handbook for the gay male**, by Wes Muchmore and William Hanson, \$6.00. This book can make entry into the gay world easier, with advice not only for those who are just coming out, but also for men who are still learning about certain aspects of gay life — such as gay bars and baths, cruising, first love, coming out at work, medical and drug problems, and dealing with the law, and the like.



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# Out Of The Shadows

## Curtis, Stuart, and the Dance: A Love Story With Graceful Definition

by Ron Schmidt

"Personality and habit wise we're opposites. Paul is the master teacher - he has the keen eye for detail. I'm the choreographer and designer - I get the broad scope. It's taken me a long time to like teaching but I love it now."

Watching his partner of eighteen years through understated spectacles, Paul Curtis smiles his response. "I'm Gemini lowering. Shawn is Scorpio rising," he muses.

Shawn Stuart returns his grin beneath his loose, peppery Afro. A thin ring of gold pierces the lobe of his left ear as he exhales a smoke stream into the paneled foyer charmed with the combined glows of antique desk lamp and the Los Gatos morning.

A hurried call from the mother of a budding ballerina scheduled for rehearsal at 11:00 interrupts the mirrored calm of the 16 Lyndon Avenue studio...and our conversation.

The chiffon folds of her daughter's costume have been missewn. Will Shawn help? Of course.

Their arrival will shorten the interview, but that must be my concession to this couple's commitment and my toehold on the rest of their story, the first installment of which this is.

It is a love story—a *menage a trois*, in fact, for both men brought to their union a deeply satisfying, previous, indeed life-long, intimacy—the *Dance*.

It is a liaison whose issue have pirouetted from the polished hardwood of the Los Gatos Academy of Dance to the world stage: San Francisco Ballet, New York City Ballet, Ballet Theatre, Houston, Dayton, Japan, National Ballet of Israel, Lido de Paris, and Le Ballet Trocadero de Monte Carlo. Impressive credits, yet only a wide-angled reflection on the paired statures that gave such issue rise. Changing the lens sharpens the focus...

"I'm fifty-seven, going on death," quips Paul Curtis, his soft, sand-colored waves a careless coiffure accented by the mustached smile in his easy, aristocratic features. His eyes should be blue; I have recorded only that they are bright.

"I was born wearing toe shoes," says this tall, slender native son whose father managed the First National Bank of Los Gatos in the days before it sold to American Trust.

"My mother took me to the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo in San Francisco in 1939. Box seats at the old San Carlos Opera cost \$1.75 at that time; an orchestra seat was \$2.50. There was only one seat left. She took standing room. I was about eleven. Anyway, that was it. I just fell in love (with ballet). I knew that was what I wanted to do."

"I had a picture of Roland Gerard wearing very heavy makeup. He was very effeminate, but I later found out he was straight. I showed the picture to a sitter I still had at that time when my parents went out to dinner. She was a Baptist. She was shocked. 'You don't want to grow up to be that! It hit me like a baseball bat, because inside I was saying, 'I do! I do want to grow up to be like that...'"

His eyes are very bright. "We all know pretty early that there's something different..."

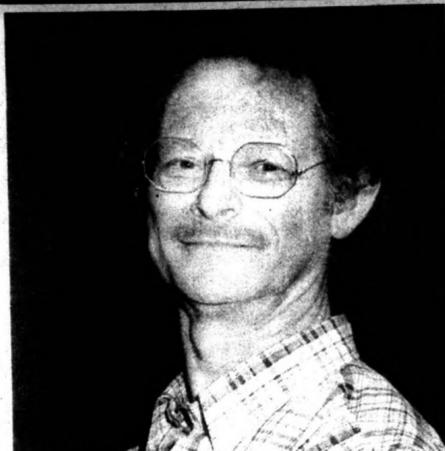
Shawn Stuart leans forward against his crossed legs. "We've talked many times about the difficulty between coming out to oneself and coming out to the public," he interjects. "We've thought it was so much easier coming out today because so much more is understood, but the pressure on a teen now is so much greater because so much is known you're pegged."

"What you read in *Time* today," Curtis agrees, "would have had to be in a brown paper wrapper when I grew up here in Los Gatos."

"I knew I didn't want to date girls so I worked...here at the Los Gatos Theatre. I was busy. I couldn't go to proms...I didn't want to."

Yet he found time to involve himself in Los Gatos High theatrical productions. Smiling, he recites the yearbook legend applied to him by classmates whose dance productions he choreographed: "Who's the guy who strings the dollies and hopes someday to be in the follies?"

Curtis' eyes widen behind his



Paul E. Curtis, Jr.

Photo by Ted Sahl © 1984

bifocals. "Today that would be like painting you lavender!"

Another reminiscence comes to mind... "There was a metal worker, one Miss Jennings, who made the lighting fixtures in a fabulous old Bernard Maybeck building and who live in the mountains with another miss—and everyone thought, 'Isn't that wonderful! A woman can do a man's work.'—and I didn't know!" Curtis laughs.

The war years coincided with graduation and Curtis also didn't know when he would be drafted. He'd begun taking tap—dance with a difference—evolving from folk (the clogging of Irish jigs was a forerunner of tap) and folk dance tended always to be masculine. Besides, Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire were tapping their toes off across the Silver Screen and that helped.

"Kelly and Astaire brought an aesthetic sense to folk dance," Curtis says emphatically.

Then as now (despite the preponderance of straight males in modern ballet), the fully rococo dance originating in the court of Louis XIV heaped stigma upon the heads of its male practitioners. Men are begrudged the attribute of grace.

"The general public," Shawn Stuart adds, "still lumps ballet dancers with hair dressers."

Paul Curtis left Los Gatos for the Pasadena Playhouse where the draft intervened in his second year—but he went back.

"Charles Pierce was in my class...Joan Taylor, Robert Hansen (*Days of Our Lives*), Gene Evans, George Nader.

"The Playhouse offered fen-

Curtis Pauses. "Three days before my audition my back went out."

The bright promise ended, Paul went home. Betty McClendon, a girl he had studied with in Los Gatos (and who lives there still) called when he arrived. "Bud," she said, using his nickname from school, "why don't you teach?" She said she would manage it.

Thus occurred the detour that routed Paul Curtis from an on stage presence to an off stage influence guiding, perfecting performers through thirty years of the *Dance*.

The Los Gatos Academy of Dance initially housed in the small, old American Legion Hall on Park Avenue (another Bernard Maybeck style with "marvelous beams and a fireplace made of boulders from the Los Gatos Creek") grew into the present spacious Lyndon Avenue quarters purchased in 1964, two years before Curtis and Stuart met at Aquatic Park in San Francisco.

Paul's affair with the *Dance* blossomed. In 1960 he brought *Nutcracker* to the Los Gatos High School stage... "not complete—based on a chopped down version of Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo."

Later, artist Robert Valla offered to design and paint the sets for the entire *Nutcracker*. Valla's sets turned out to be so heavy that no theatre around could hang them, so the first production of what has become and eighteen season tradition of San Jose Dance Theatre's *Nutcracker* opened at San Jose Civic Auditorium in December 1966...

Paul E. Curtis, Jr., Artistic Director. Now, at fifty-seven, going on life, Curtis does it all with grace—vigorous and lovely.

Next issue, *Out Of The Shadows*...sharpens the focus on Shawn Stuart in the second of three installments.

They did *Aida*. It was marvelous. Eleven men and eight women in the chorus, and they were great!

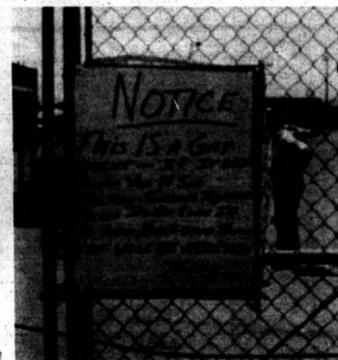
"It just kind of went on from there to San Francisco and then to New York for an audition with Ballet Theatre..."

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## RENO RODEO '84



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Rick from San Jose carries the American flag. photo by Alvin

### Announcement

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### Gay/Lesbian Arts Council Formed

Formation of an arts council to identify the emerging Gay and Lesbian San Jose community was announced by Jack McCleskey, publisher for the group, following its August 8 meeting at the Broadway restaurant.

"Gay and Lesbian people have had a presence, if not a dominance, in both fine and performing arts for generations," said McCleskey explaining that the arts Council's formation is a natural step in the process of developing any identifiable community, either cultural or geographic.

"Nationally and locally, Gay and Lesbian communities are coming into the open as society as a whole begins to understand that being Gay or Lesbian is a natural condition. The council intends to encourage that understanding."

"The express purpose of the Arts Council of Gay and Lesbian San Jose," according to Ron Schmidt, chair of the newly formed group, "is to coordinate the creative energies of South Bay Gays and Lesbians in council-sponsored events that reinforce self-esteem within our community while providing identifiable, positive presence for our culture within the community at large."

Believing that the South Bay contains its share of straight human rights advocates as well as those who simply enjoy good art

### Announcements

The Women's Collective of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford will hold weekly socials for lesbian and bi-sexual women every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. They will be held upstairs at the Old Firehouse on the Stanford campus. Refreshments will be available.

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## IN THE OFFING...

BY Ron Schmidt

The bad news is: the date has yet to be announced. The good news is: **The Savoy Is Reopening** in the old Lawrence Lounge at 3456 Flora Vista (Lawrence Square Shopping Center) in Santa Clara.

Three hundred women turned out to make **Moonstruck** into a fantastic success. Plans are already in the works for **Moonstruck II**. Speaking of success, that term applies to TD's new owner Grand Opening August 5 as well. If you missed those two, you can still set your cap for HMS's **Mad Hatter Tea Party**, August 24-25. No cover to those in proper attire...and, before leaving that topic, hats off to **Becky O'Bryan** for the interesting tidbits she passes to you via me.

La Craft Boutique (next to Silver Fox) hosts an invitation-only champagne reception for sculptor Joseph Addotta from 5-7 p.m., August 17, preceding the 7-9 public viewing of his internationally acclaimed bronzes... "conceived in artistic genius...depicting the uniqueness of the human form and the magic of the animal kingdom." This four-hour span marks the only South Bay showing of the **Addotta Collection**. (408) 257-2303. 10073 Saich Way, Cupertino.

**Gallery IV** in the San Jose Museum of Art exhibits the work of San Jose potter **Barbara Sebastian** through August 19. Ms Sebastian will be featured in the **Out Of The Shadows...** column this fall.

That networking picnic you've been reading about has mushroomed into **The 1st Annual Multi-Cluster Picnic** from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, August 18 and the **San Jose Historical Museum** (next to Kelly Park, near the intersection of Senter and Keyes). **Bring your own food**. Beer and soft drinks can be purchased there. Sponsored by **Gay Fathers**, the event seeks to provide networking among South Bay Gay and Lesbian organizations. Admission is \$4 advance or \$5 at the gate...and it's worth that just to meet the City's **Sister Boom Boom** on pilgrimage in the Country. Bill Davis or Larry Dow can fill you in further: (408) 985-2864...There will also be Drag Races for those with proper attire.

SJSU's music department will host the San Jose District Auditions for the Pacific Region of the Metropolitan Opera National Council September 23 with preliminary hearing at 10:00 a.m. and final hearing at 4:00 p.m., according to James Lawrence Hancock, Director of Public Relations for Opera San Jose. The San Jose District, directed by Irene Dalis, and encompassing Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, convenes for auditions in the concert hall of the music department at 7th and San Carlos in San Jose. **Deadline for application is September 10**. For application forms contact: Elizabeth Skemp, 12 So. First St., #900, San Jose, CA 95113. (408) 288-8882.

Paul Masson Mountain Winery in Saratoga is the setting for the September 1 benefit dinner/auction for **The New Dance Company San Jose** following the George Shearing/Mel Torme jazz concert. Tickets are \$50. Call (408) 996-2040.

**Eight days later**, also at Paul Masson Mountain Winery, the **San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus** performs at 3:30 p.m. (408) 725-4275.

**Passion, Power and Pleasure** is the topic of the Humanist Forum at 7:30 p.m., August 17, with Lloyd Moglen, M.D. Public welcome. Admission free at the Saratoga Community Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga. (408) 251-3030.

Ann Caffrey, Marilyn Cook, Karen Hester, and Mary Jeffries form the foundation of **Sisterspirit**, a non-profit organization "founded primarily to establish a women's bookstore/coffeehouse in the South Bay Area for the purpose of promoting women's culture and community." You can contact them by writing Sisterspirit, P.O. Box 3045, San Jose, CA 95156 or calling (408) 377-2007. Your check will help build this community project; so will your participation.

## Announcement

Affirmation/Gay and Lesbian Mormons will meet in Phoenix, Arizona during the weekend of October 12 - 14. The theme of the national conference will be "The Gospel, Affirmation and You."

The purpose of Affirmation is to bring together all Gay and Lesbian Mormons and interested friends for 1) social interaction, 2) education and dialogue, 3) spiritual development.

All interested members of the Gay and Lesbian community are encouraged by Affirmation to support them in their planning of this conference. For more information contact Lee Grant at (602) 997-4309 or Nephi Williams at (602) 899-6302.

## ALCOHOLISM

### Where to go for Help

by Mark

In past columns, I have talked about the availability of AA to help you with your drinking problems. This is probably the best and least expensive (it's free) resource that you have.

However, many of us — myself included — find our disease so advanced and our lives in such a mess that we require more than AA to get our lives straightened out. Where do we, as Gay and Lesbian individuals, turn for this help?

There are numerous drug rehabilitation centers and programs available to people today. But how welcome as Gay and Lesbian people are we? I had occasion to go through the alcohol recovery program at O'Connor Hospital.

When I first entered the program, I agonized as much over my sexuality as I did over my alcoholism. I knew part of my drinking problem was caused by things in my sexual life, but how could I talk about these things in groups of straight people? When

they found out about my sexual preference, what if they rejected me and wouldn't listen? How then could they help me?

I agonized and was terrified of these thoughts for days after entering the program, but finally realized I either had to be up front about my life or the program would be a waste.

When I informed the staff and patients at O'Connor, my worst fears were not realized. Totally the opposite happened. The outpouring of warmth, caring and love was tremendous. These people could have cared less about my sexual preference. All they really cared about was me as an individual and helping me conquer my crippling disease.

Everywhere I have gone in my months of alcoholic recovery, the feeling has been the same. People have cared about me as an individual and a human being, and have paid little or no regard to my sexual preference.

Where can we go? Anywhere that help is offered for our

disease. In all my years as a Gay person, this is the first time in my life that I have found my sexual preference simply didn't matter. If you are staying away from rehabilitation programs because of the fears I had, don't. Your fears are unfounded.

If you decide to go into a recovery program, check it out before you make a commitment. There are many different methods used and the methods are as varied as are the number of programs. Find one whose methods let you feel comfortable. These programs are also very expensive. Most medical insurance plans will cover the cost. Check with your employer and see if your plan covers recovery programs.

Speaking of employers, I will talk about that in my next column. How will your employer accept the fact that you need to enter an alcohol or drug recovery program?

Be good to yourself and take it one day at a time. If you have questions concerning alcoholism, write:

Mark  
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## From the Center

by Wayne Herriford

**Get Ready!** This Saturday is the first annual **Multi-Cluster Picnic** at the San Jose Historical Museum in Kelly Park, near Senter and Keyes in San Jose. The picnic will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last until 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the gate. There will be soft drinks and beer available at the picnic and Bar-B-que pits (bring your own coals!)

The picnic is being sponsored by the South Bay Gay Fathers and has been endorsed by over twenty-five separate organizations from Monterey to San Jose to Redwood City and Fremont.

This is an excellent chance for people to meet members of other organizations and understand what each other are doing; to just

make new friends; or to simply have a good time in the sunshine. You need not be a member of a sponsoring organization to attend! For more information or for tickets, call (408) 985-2864.

With United Way drives around the corner, please remember that you can earmark your donation for any non-profit organization, including the Billy De Frank Center! Companies have various ways of doing this, but usually you just indicate on the appropriate form who you want your money to go to, if they are not an "official" United Way Agency. (You can, by the way, just call us the "Billy DeFrank Community Center.")

The Center is always in need of increased monetary support, not only to expand programs and facilities, but to simply stay

open! This is an important way you can help in this effort, and even get your company to support us! We have recently offered space to the AIDS Foundation, and are considering extending our support to several other new programs and projects in the Community. We can continue to provide this much needed service through your support — please help us.

There is talk of another one of the somewhat infamous softball games in Palo Alto in September. This time the Whiskey Gulch Saloon staff and regulars are playing the staff and regulars of the Garden. The game is set for September 2 at Greer Park in Palo Alto. Proceeds from this event will help go to the Community Center. More information will be forthcoming.

Don't forget to register to vote! Hope to see you at the picnic!

## Another Country ... Slightly lopsided

by Ron Schmidt

"Fame or infamy — what's the difference? I shan't be forgotten," muses the debilitated English aristocrat turned Communist spy as he commences a tape recorded interview of his life story for the pert, pretty reporter dismayed that someone of his class and background could commit treason.

**Another Country** emerges from the exquisitely photographed past of Guy Bennett in Julian Mitchell's powerful focus on British upper crust

hypocrisy that perpetuates head-in-the-sand pretensions and, thus, closets. Bennett, arrogantly beautiful and Gay, moves luminously across the screen in the sensitive features and gestures of actor Rupert Everett, unashamedly pursuing his classmate in the 1930's prep school where homosexuality is a rampant naughtiness that can lead to expulsion. The film is clouded from the outset, in fact, by the tragedy of one such perpetrator (who at the age of 10 was convinced he would never love women) hanging himself in the vaulted chapel.

Cary Elwes brings impetuous conviction to the role of James Harcourt, the fresh and sensual object of Bennett's affections. Their initial, clandestine restaurant meeting radiates a captivating sensual vigor dependent upon contact no more physical than a handshake. It is a stunning scene.

The other lens for author Mitchell's focus is Bennett's intense Marxist friend Tommy Judd whose answer to the aristocratic web entangling them is revolution. Toward this end he waits and broods. Colin Firth does justice to this significant part so concerned with justice.

A vast gap leaves unexplained, but for Bennett's obvious bitterness at the status quo victory of

establishment values, his tradeoff (especially as a homosexual) with Moscow. It is this that clouds the ending, lending some nebulous credibility or justification to denial of government security clearances to homosexuals.

"Everything beautiful," Bennett once laments, "is slightly lopsided." Between those two clouds, the suicide and the treason, director Marek Kaniévka gifts the audience with a drama that is powerful and moving... and beautiful, if slightly lopsided with decades-old trademarks of Gay literature.

**Another Country** screens nightly in the comfort of Camera Three at 2nd and San Carlos Streets in San Jose.



## Sonny Cline Captures Mr. Drummer '84

Twenty-two year old Sonny Cline, a garage mechanic from San Francisco, and the current Mr. Northern California Drummer, walked away with the 1984 Mr. Drummer title at the annual finals held during Gay Freedom Day weekend in San Francisco. The always-smiling Sonny captured the largest number of votes in the spectacular leather event that capped ten regional Mr. Drummer contests during the year.

The capacity crowd watched as Sonny almost burst into tears when he was named; the com-

petition had been the stiffest of any Mr. Drummer finals, and the 5'9" and 145 pound Sonny was pitted against men nearly twice his size and age.

The best example was First Runner-up Ken Bergquist (Mr. Southeast Drummer) who stood an impressive 6'2" and weighed in a muscle-packed 185 pounds, making him the tallest of the 1984 Mr. Drummers.

John Rush (Mr. Southern California Drummer) took the Second Runner-up slot.

As is usual with the Mr. Drummer finals, the contest was

a multi-media event played out before an audience of over 2000 leathermen from all over the world. The ten contestants (nine of whom were Mr. Drummer regional title winners; the tenth a special invitational contestant) appeared before the crowd in person as well as on video presentations that had been taped prior

to the night of the contest.

The most popular section of the diverse contest was unquestionably the staged leather fantasies; each contestant offered the audience a choreographed look at his own unique leather signature — and the fantasies ranged from the severe to the outrageous, each completely capturing the crowd's undivided at-



Special guest Ron Moore (Chicago's International Mr. Leather) was introduced to the audience just before this year's winners were announced. MC chores for the winning announcements was handled by last year's Mr. Southeast Drummer and Finalist in the 1983 Mr. Drummer contest David Earl Lee. He and **Drummer** publisher John H. Embry gave the results of the audience ballots.

A special highlight of the contest was the live appearance of Mario Simon, who performed the song he had written for the contest, **Drummer Men**. The audience gave him a prolonged and near-deafening ovation, second only to that awarded Sonny Cline when he was announced winner of the Mr. Drummer 1984 title.

## A Boisterous Shrew at VITA

by Rick Rudy

Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* was one of three offerings the Valley Institute of Theatre Arts (VITA) Shakespeare Festival performed at the lovely Paul Masson Mountain Winery in Saratoga this summer.

A frequently done comedy, *The Taming of the Shrew* sets an immovable object (the shrew Katherina) against an irresistible force (Petruccio the avid suitor looking for a wealthy wife) and the sparks that are generated light up the whole play. In theory.

This production gave full reign to the boisterousness in Shakespeare's bawdy wit, but failed to pay much attention to the crafting of the lines, the smooth subtlety of the verse.

Director David Hammond reset the play into the 1850's from its Elizabethan origin, with consequent alteration in the costumes. But little else changed, so why did he bother? After a short while one hardly noticed the difference anyway.

John Hertzler (Guest Artist) played Petruccio loudly, but his body language seemed to belie his belief in the male chauvinist character he was supposed to be playing. The play was written long before the feminist movement, why be ashamed of its origin?

Taylor Young was the hot blooded Katherina, who shouted

with the best, but was totally unconvincing in either her initial hatred of men, or her final capitulation to her husband. She first appeared to be conning her father, then conning Petruccio.

Some of the smaller roles were very finely played: Al Blair was an excellent Baptista, Katharina's vexed father; William Howard charmingly facile as Tranio the servant turned master; Harold Cropp very sympathetic as the elderly but spry Vincentio; and Bill Peck a marvelous Grumio.

The three suitors to Bianca were a mixed bag, James Andreadis an appealing, boyish Lucentio, Dennis Martin a stuffy Hortensio, and Bob Cohen a brittle Gremio with a Brooklyn accent.

Overall, the schizophrenia which plagued this production (attempting to stage a male chauvinist play without offending the players or audience) must be laid at the feet of the director. Hammond refused to let the classically stereotyped characters behave like themselves. They said one thing, but behaved quite differently. While the action was fast-paced and engaging, the characterizations were awkward and unbelievable.

*The Taming of the Shrew, The Merry Wives of Windsor* and Alfred Noyes' *Robin Hood* continued in repertory through August 3rd.

## Liedermann Recruiting

They say they're looking for a few good men who want to be all they can be. What, have the Marines and Army combined their recruiting efforts? No, this time it's Liedermann, the gay men's chorus of San Jose, who is doing the recruiting. They are looking for singers, not killers.

"We have positions open for two baritones, one second tenor, and three first tenors," said Jim Clark, the chorus's director. "We believe in controlled growth, and these are the voice types we need at the present to achieve the balanced sound we are looking for."

Liedermann performs a variety of music for a number of different occasions. They have three performances scheduled so far this fall. The musical numbers range from Broadway tunes, to folk songs, to classical pieces.

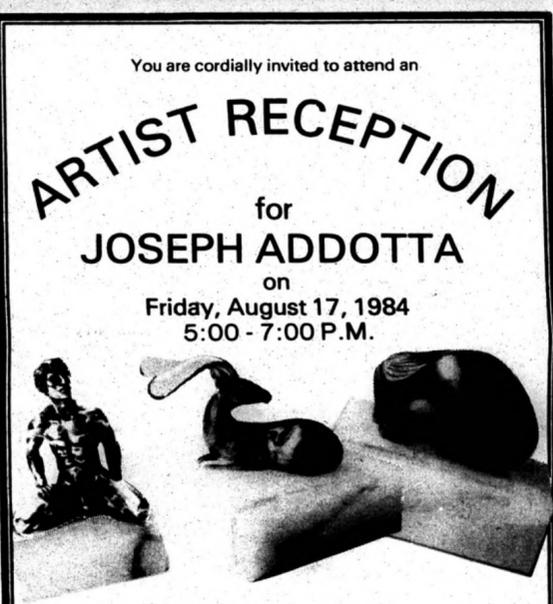
Anyone interested in joining Liedermann should come to one of its rehearsals to audition. They are held each Monday at 7:30 pm in the Campus Christian Center at the corner of 10th and San Carlos in downtown San Jose. For further information call Jim Clark at (408) 358-3032, or Larry Marcus, the general manager and founder, at (408) 280-6297.

## Announcement

The F.L.S.G. (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) meets once a month for a potluck in the South Bay. Everyone is welcome to come. To receive the F.L.S.G. newsletter, which announces the monthly potluck as well as other events of interest to women in the South Bay, send \$9 for a 1 yr. sub. to: F.L.S.G., P.O. Box 70933, Sunnyvale, 94087. Our next potluck will be Friday September 14th. Call 973-1778 or 996-0954 for directions, time, etc.

## Announcement

S.O.L. (South Bay Slightly Older Lesbians 30 plus) meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the DeFrank Center, 86 Keyes St., San Jose for a support/discussion group. Everyone is welcome. For more information call (408) 293-4525 between 6 and 9 p.m. Topics for August include: 21st Our Mothers; 28th Games Lesbians Play and September 4th) How Our Jobs Affect Our Lives/Classism.



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**SONIA JOHNSON**

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Vice President, the image of women empowering ourselves and running for President.

the idea that all violence in the world has its roots in violence against women. That massive global revolution in the status of women is therefore essential for the survival of the human family. (We begin this revolution at home by ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment.)

the idea that our strongest defense is not military but, instead, is the new feminist mind (as opposed to the old rapist, military mind) that can envision a world without war and knows it is entirely possible — soon — if we will only believe it and act on our belief.

Winning also means saying over and over again until the public hears without alarm,

the truth that either all war is finished or we are.

the understanding that the U.S. must take the initiative in disarmament, leading in the development and use of peaceful, non-military, cooperative methods of resolving conflict.

the idea that we must respect the absolute sovereignty of other

nations as we wish them to respect ours, and bring our troops, advisors, weapons, ships, and agents provocateur home at once from the Middle East and Central America.

Winning means interjecting into the debate ideas about the economy that are unpopular with the Administration:

the idea that in a democracy, citizens have certain inalienable economic rights, among which are the right to a decent job, with equal pay for comparable value, affirmative action, public childcare and the right to a democratic and healthful workplace.

the idea that Americans must reject any economic system which depends for success, as our present one does, on women being the crypto-servant class.

the fact that the obscenely obese military budget, which impoverishes all but a very few of us, threatening our national security, must be drastically cut.

As the first woman in the century to run a national campaign in the general election for President, I do a great deal of thinking about the dynamics of discrimination and oppression.

To begin with, I know that being female in a male-dominated society is living behind enemy lines, vulnerable to

deadly physical, emotional, and economic assault at every moment from birth to death. I understand that, because there is no safe place on earth for women — or for those persons perceived to be "womanly" — there is finally no safe place on earth for anyone at all.

Anyone with a sexual orientation other than heterosexual challenges the powerful patriarchal imperative of the male-headed nuclear family. To love women and the womanly in a woman-hating society is to break the deepest taboo. By loving serving, and identifying with women instead of men, lesbians live in constant dangerous rebellion.

Free access to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" is not possible in life-threatening and spirit-crippling circumstances. So we begin by demanding that all citizens have equal legal and social rights:

that all candidates for office, including President, promise to appoint persons living openly as non-heterosexuals to critical, visible offices. (I would, for instance, immediately appoint Andrea Dworkin as Attorney General. And that's just the beginning!)

that discrimination based on sexual orientation be banned in all federal, state, and community

government hiring and promotions, in immigration, in housing and employment, in child custody, in health care, in funding for research and treatment of diseases such as AIDS.

passage of the lesbian/gay civil rights bill now pending in Congress.

an amendment to the Constitution similar to the ERA ensuring the protection of lesbian/gay rights.

What is needed is a rejection of all the values of the masculinist, androcratic culture which is destroying us all and an embracing of those values associated with women, with life:

instead of violence, intimidation, and humiliation as means of control, tolerance, compassion, negotiation, and the processes that empower everyone;

instead of competition, cooperation;

instead of nationalism, the perception of all people as citizens of the world;

instead of profit as the overriding goal, high quality of all forms of life;

instead of materialism, spirituality;

instead of exploitation of the earth, a harmonious, healthful relationship with nature.

We are participating in the greatest era of human rights struggle in the history of the world. Everywhere on the planet, people are rising and demanding justice, dignity, the right to live fully and freely. We here today

are linking arms with all people on earth who are feeling the irresistible call to liberty and answering it with courage and passion."

A leader is many things to many people. To many of us who know Sonia, she is indeed a leader of the rarest and greatest gifts, so long missing in most of our past and present leaders. Her feminist leadership and vision of the world as it must become is for many of us, the only sane voice in the darkness of the patriarchal world leadership.

Because Sonia is speaking the truth about our lives, we need to make sure her voice is heard throughout the next few months of the national campaign. Help is needed to raise \$5000 in at least 20 states, which will qualify Sonia's campaign for primary federal matching funds. This will make third party and women's history. Finally, the government will recognize a voice for us.

With these funds — and the increased credibility the funds will bring the campaign, Sonia's campaign will be a national platform for all of us. Checks payable to: Sonia Johnson, Citizen for President, may be sent to: 1101 North Highland St., Arlington, VA 22201.

"History is demanding of each of us that we have more courage, be more outrageous, and take more risks than any other people who have ever lived. That's why I am running for President."

The race may be a marathon but Sonia Johnson is off and running hard.

**Book Review**

by David Lambie  
*Double Play: The San Francisco City Hall Killings*  
by Mike Weiss  
Addison Wesley Publishing Co.  
422 pp., \$17.95

On a cool November evening, the last weekend of his life, Harvey Bernard Milk, Gay America's protean politician, exhilarated by a final night at the opera, scribbled a note to a friend. "Life is worth living." Five nights later, Harvey's body would lie in state, in that same opera house, fulfilling a prophecy he had tape recorded a year before.

Two nights before, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone had shared with political con-

fidants his desire to win a final term in office by rubbing his opponent's "dick in the dirt."

Monday morning, November 27, 1978, former supervisor Dan White paced up and down the basement den of his modest District Eight home. White knew he would not regain his seat on the Board of Supervisors—his political dick is in the dirt, and George Moscone and Harvey Milk are to blame.

*He was torn piecemeal by his wounded vanity...He had been honest and independent...he had stood up for what was right...and it had brought him to this pass, this nauseating, dizzying, perverse sense of freedom. There was*

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**TD's Grand opening**



by Ted Sahl

Never have so many been treated so royally as at TD's Grand Opening with an all remodeled bar.

400 to 500 men and womyn crowded into TD's to eat food fit for a king all day long — caviar, shrimp and lobster mix was a real treat and didn't last long. A favorite was the salad by Ancre, and by 9:30 most of the food was almost gone.

But the best part of all for TD's patrons was put this way. New owners, new attitude, and all Gay-owned.

You should have been there.

**Desperados**

by Ted Sahl

An evening of soul music rocked Desperados, a favorite disco bar located in Campbell at 1425 Hacienda Avenue.

Viola Willis excited everyone with her soul style, a mixture of Aretha Franklin and Big Mama Thornton.

Maybe *This Time, If You Could Read My Mind* and *Up on the Roof* were some of the favorite numbers. Ms Willis thrilled all. You should have been there.



**Moonstruck Dance**



by Ted Sahl

Three hundred Moonstruck womyn danced under the stars. Romance was in the air for couples who danced close. Roses for lovers, carnations for those who were "unattached". The food looked delicious and the long lines waiting to be seated told it all.

The ladies dances to the music of *Sisters of Fate*, an all womyn quintet which plays jazz to boogie without missing a beat — a fantastic group. I think I was moonstruck, too! You should have been there.

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# Gossettown Gazette

## Is Now the Time to Buy?

by Paul Wysocki

Buying a house is one of the biggest financial decisions a person can make. Complicating that decision is the current economic climate — high interest rates, combined with strong economic growth, especially here in Santa Clara County. Is now a good time to buy a house?

Recently, the *San Francisco Chronicle* asked their Panel of Economists that very question. The responses are timely and important enough to pass along. Here's what the experts had to say:

Robert G. Hall is a professor of Economics at Stanford University. He's also a Senior Fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institute and Director of the research program in Economic Fluctuations for National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, Mass. The gist of Mr. Hall's comments were: "It's silly to wait." Two very important points were made by Mr. Hall. One, that high interest rates are not as important today as they were a few years ago — because of new adjustable-rate mortgages. "It used to be that when mortgages were high", he states, "people would feel it was best to wait so they could get a better mortgage when rates went down. With an adjustable-rate mortgage, the rate will come down automatically."

In addition, Mr. Hall acknowledges most peoples' fears that interest rates will increase within the next year, but he goes on to say that "the longer term outlook is that interest rates will come down again." The second point made in Mr. Hall's talk was that most people expect their earnings to rise in line with inflation.

If inflation continues along at 5 percent per year — as expected — over the next 5 years, that means your earnings go up 28% over those same 5 years. So, if you're now taking home \$1500 a month, in 5 years your expected net income will be \$1920. Thus mortgage payments that seem staggering now, may be a lot more comfortable later on.

The second panel member is James L. Pierce, a professor of Economics at U C Berkeley, former senior staff member of the Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D.C. and former economist for the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Pierce sounds a note of caution to the prospective home buyer. With prices and interest rates as high as they are, "this is a terrible time to buy a house," he warns. However, in the good old news-bad news syndrome, he says, "things will probably get worse before they get better."

Mr. Pierce feels that interest rates will continue to rise, so that buying a house makes sense only if you can afford it, and are buying it as a place to live, and not as an investment. However, he does concede that "rents are high now, too", which doesn't leave much choice, and he ends his comments by saying that housing is "...a lousy investment but I'm shopping for a home myself right now."

John Oliver Wilson is a senior Vice President and Chief Economist for Bank of America, and a professor in the Graduate School of Public Policy at U C Berkeley. His feeling is that paying rent is a losing proposition, and that, if you're



## MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen



### Announcement

Dreams will be the topic of a workshop to be held August 16 at Delta, 2444 Moorpark Ave., San Jose from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Workshop leader will be Celia Medina, a licensed clinical, social worker, who uses dreams as part of therapy. There will be a small fee of \$5 for the session. For information call: (408) 288-7744.

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## Womyn's Unity Celebration

by Ted Sahl

Womyn bring out their best to St. James Park to the Second Annual Celebration of Womyn's Culture.

Bea Robinson, Executive Director of WOMA described the day's beginning with a free run to Williams Park in East San Jose and back — for openers — whew!

A family type setting for, by, and to womyn. Crafts and arts including a *Womyn's Struggle Quilt*, 15 by 8½ feet which took two years to make by forty-six

womyn from nine countries which had been exhibited at a peace conference in Prague last year.

A clown for the kids — face-painting and balloons. Coke and beer for the "big kids" at this celebration.

Lots of Ferraro buttons - information booths — food for the hungry.

Entertainment rang out all day from break dancers to the music of *Sisters of Fate* — and more. You should have been there!

## BOOK REVIEW

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nothing left to lose, they had seen to that. It was not God's will, it was George's. And Harvey's, working against him behind his back, a two-faced faggot snivel. They had cheated him out of what was rightfully his, they had killed his good name and his self-esteem. There was nothing he could lose.

*Double Play* is reporter Mike Weiss' novelistic rendering of the terrible truths of San Francisco's sexual integration crisis turned Greek tragedy.

Weiss has done his homework. He has shaped hundreds of hours of interviews into a multiply empathic stream of consciousness account of what made Milk, Moscone, and White tick, and what set them on an explosive collision course that dramatically changed the once liberal bent of San Francisco politics.

Weiss' major achievement is the fully sculptured portraits of Moscone and White, drawn against the backdrop of a small blue collar town that was too quickly shaped by tourism and big corporations into a citadel for "knowledge workers" and "tour packages... (the) marketing of the ephemeral... bound... to sap the city of its distinctive vitality... (making) its skyline... all but indistinguishable from Houston's..."

George Moscone suffers as much under Weiss' reportorial microscope, in some ways, as Dan White does. The seamier side of Moscone's life and his city's politics that Dan White's lawyers threatened to bring out at his trial finally emerges in *Double Play*.

Weiss documents some of the times that a young and up-and-coming Moscone was protected by police officers from arrest as the customer of prostitutes and the user of fashionable drugs, officers who would later become enraged at his appointment of a classic outsider as chief of police.

Ultimately, Moscone's reign would be marked by an expansion of power for Gays and other minorities, while at the same time in other ways "George wasn't an effective mayor (because)... he wasn't very interested in the job (and)... would rather sit and drink and shoot the breeze and chase tail than run the city."

If George Moscone was the product of "Peter Principle" politics, Dan White was the classic innocent at City Hall, albeit an armed innocent.

Weiss skillfully employs the baseball metaphor in the title to demonstrate the fatal flaw in White's character: a macho pride and vanity that took everything personally. White was, in the strictest sense of the term, constitutionally unable to engage in the messy, sometimes squalid, and even corrupt bargaining and jockeying for position and compromise that lie at the heart and soul of the American system.

Harvey Milk is the only one of the tragic trio who emerges with his image in life intact after death. Weiss finds little reason to disagree with the lengthier portrait of Harvey drawn by Gay reporter Randy Shilts in his book *The Mayor of Castro Street*.

Weiss shows Harvey Milk openly lobbying Mayor Moscone not to reappoint Dan White, a position many of Harvey's colleagues on the board shared, but were too prudent to express publicly.

Ironically, at the end of his life Harvey Milk stood at the height of his political career, possessing that supreme and fatal moxy that led him to go for White's political jugular, going out with a final faggot smirk as he faced the armed and maddened White.

## A Legal Eye

### Adopting a Lover

By Henry Walter Weiss  
Via GPA Wire Service

A recent letter asked the following question: "My lover and I have been living together for six years. Neither one of us gets along with our families. I've heard that I can adopt my lover. Is this a good idea?"

The idea of adoption of each other by lovers has received considerable publicity. It seems to be an idea whose time has come.

The process works simply. In a state which permits adults to adopt each other, one lover petitions the court to adopt the other or both may cross-petition for similar relief.

If the petition is granted, the two have achieved societal recognition of a status relationship.

Whatever legal rights (and responsibilities) flow from the parent-child relationship are now available to them.

It seems simple. And it is a

process which many attorneys have advocated.

For myself, I have been wary of adoption.

Some see it as a solution for the problem of establishing a recognition of gay relationships. I do not.

My concerns revolve around the following issues:

1. Adoption is not a substitute for marriage.

The same society which sanctifies marriage also provides a means for terminating marriage (i.e. divorce).

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To this list of concerns, I must now add yet another: It is possible that the petition for adoption will be denied!

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By Tycho

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** Your playfulness turns to inspiration, but the inspiration is now something hidden away. It's much like a child who puts treasures in a box that is hidden in a closet to be rediscovered. In finding secrets, you may discover a secret part of yourself.

**Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)** A relationship that involves a considerable difference in ages could come to the forefront of your life. Some heavy judgements from others may color the picture, but the line of communication between the May-November lovers is strong and probably unbreakable.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** You continue to work hard at your main relationship. You're confronting some issues that you haven't considered before. While this is not the easiest of times, it is one of considerable learning. Answers may come from unexpected quarters, but they come, nonetheless.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Perseverance pays off, and you'll find out. You've stuck with it and done the necessary groundwork, so now you can sit back and enjoy what you've done. This, no doubt, involves another person - as in "it's so nice to have a man around the house" (or a woman, for those so inclined).

**Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)** Did you forget that you have a helper? You've been carrying such a load, been so concerned with getting things done that you seem to have forgotten your able assistant. This is a time to say thanks and give thanks, and welcome back someone who's been there all the time.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)** Investigating the past and going back to what was once very familiar may bring you some big surprises. There's a kind of time warp in your life right now, and no matter how vibrant the present may be, the past has a strong pull and strange effect.

**Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)** While some Virgos may be involved in a past-oriented time warp, for Libras, it's the future that holds the key. Everything now is directed toward what's out there waiting for you. A psychic occurrence or telepathic moment should not be disregarded.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)** Your attention to detail and ability to get things "under control" will be paying off this week. An unusual reward for a job well done is in the picture. You'll feel satisfied, a bit relieved, and just about ready to tackle a new project.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)** Summertime, and the living is easy. Business has settled down, and you're back on your feet with a new-found infatuation. Why not just settle down and enjoy what's good about summer? Every week doesn't have to be momentous.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)** How about a jaunt that combines learning with loving? A field trip where you get to bed down in the field? Look to a Leo for some interesting conversation, or seek a Sagittarius to turn your mind around, then try to line up that quick trip to a hot spot.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)** Are you going to the chapel, and are you going to get married? Commitment is the key word and main thought in your life. You're ready for a change, and it looks like you're headed in the right direction. Will it be a catered affair?

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** Getting physical and practical at the same time sounds good. A physical discipline that requires real stamina, long-distance reward, and accomplishment are in the picture. Hang in there baby! The '88 Olympics are just a few years off.

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**CONVENTION**

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opposed the inclusion of specific and controversial measures.

However, the 184 member committee unanimously accepted a final platform that supports a legal ban on employment discrimination—including the military—on the basis of "sexual orientation." It calls for increased funding for AIDS research and services, an end to anti-gay immigration policies, and equal access to federally funded legal services.

The platform also commits the Democrats to investigate and stop "violent acts of bigotry, hatred, and extremism aimed at Gay men and Lesbians."

When questioned about Gay-related segments of the platform, Congresswoman Ferraro told the *L.A. Times*, "Some people in my district might not like it very much, but I can't imagine they would expect me to favor discrimination against anyone."

Paul Tully, political director of the Walter Mondale presidential campaign, defended the platform in the same *L.A. Times* article, "There is homophobia in and around American life and politics, just as there is sexism and racism. And if you take a clear stand on these issues, some people won't vote for you. But, there's also a right and a wrong aspect. And to discriminate against homosexuals is wrong."

While the delegates debated affirmative action and run-off primaries during platform considerations, there was no challenge of any of the Gay planks.

They eventually approved the platform on a lopsided vote.

Bolstered by the solid recognition of Gay and Lesbian concerns in the platform and rules committees, the Gay caucus next sought public acknowledgement on the convention floor and from the podium by party officials.

The day before the convention began the 100,000 strong National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights presented a dramatic show of numbers to the Democrats and the media assembled in San Francisco.

California Senator Alan Cranston was one of the first to address Gay issues from the podium.

Cranston demanded that the government "stay out of the bedroom."

Representative Barney Frank, Mondale delegate from Massachusetts, caused a stir later when he urged acceptance of the

social justice segment of the platform.

Frank stated, "We affirm that Gays and Lesbians are entitled to the full rights of citizenship in this country."

Pennsylvania delegate Mark Segal reported that Frank's brief reference set off a spontaneous five minute demonstration on the convention floor by several Lesbian and Gay delegates.

The message "Gay Vote 84" flashed briefly onto the monitor screens.

Frank reflected later at a special reception for Gay rights advocate and Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas, "It's unfortunate that so much needs to be made of my using the words 'Lesbian and Gay.'"

Frank continued, "There's no big deal about Lesbian and Gay rights; they're just like the rights every American wants and expects."

On the convention's first night New York Gov. Cuomo delivered the kind of riveting keynote speech that delegates hope to hear.

While Cuomo spoke of the may coalitions that comprise the Democratic family, Lesbians and Gay men had to settle for indirect references, such as "minorities who have not yet entered the mainstream" and "people of every orientation."

Vicky Monrean, executive director of Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) commented that, "using the terms Lesbian and Gay is very important. 'Sexual orientation' should not be used as a term to hide behind."

Bert Henningson, Gay alternate from Minnesota, reacted more strongly, "We were looking for a strong statement of concern about our issues and our rights."

"Cuomo's reference was totally inadequate."

"New Yorkers thought it was great, but many of the rest of us took exception to it."

The emotional high point for Lesbians and Gay men came when Rev. Jesse Jackson became the first major presidential candidate to recognize the Gay community from the convention podium.

Jackson affirmed that "The Rainbow Coalition includes Lesbians and Gays. No American citizen ought to be denied equal protection under the law."

"We must be unusually committed and caring as we expand our family to include new members."

Jackson's call for recognition of Gay rights met a generally positive response from several state contingents, according to

Gay delegates.

Jerry Mays of Texas said, "The Texas delegation was very supportive of Jackson's call for Lesbian/Gay rights."

Larry Dahl of Washington State remarked, "There was applause from a number of people, definitely from several in the Washington delegation."

Minnesota Henningson credited Jackson's statement, "Of all the people it's not surprising that it took Jesse Jackson to say 'Lesbian and Gay' and to swell on our concern."

Pennsylvania Congressman Pete Kostemeier, a co-sponsor of the federal Gay right bill, remarked, "I think this is a very important issue. Jackson gave a very good speech."

Midge Costanza, a former aide in the Carter administration, offered some perspective in the podium references:

"Yes, a Democratic candidate mentioned Lesbians and Gay men today, but a Gay man or a Lesbian could not announce for the presidency today and have any hope of being taken seriously."

"We've got a long way to go together."

Although further references were made by podium speakers Judy Goldsmith president of the National Organization for Women (NOW), and Marion Barry, the Mayor of Washington, D.C., the neglect from speakers Gary Hart, Geraldine Ferraro and Walter Mondale created an air of partial disenchantment among Gay delegates.

Meeting the last day of the convention for a press conference, Gay caucus members chided party officials for their timidity.

(New York) — Buttons and posters with "Lesbian/Gay Voter '84" as a logo are the centerpiece of a visibility campaign initiated in New York City by Gay and Lesbian Independent Democrats, and now being promoted across the country by the National Gay Task Force.

NGTF has already distributed information on ordering the posters and buttons to its mailing list for "'84 and Counting," the nationwide voter registration and education drive targeting the Lesbian/Gay community.

"Unlike other voting groups, Lesbian and Gay people do not have the advantage of immediate visibility."

"Consequently, we are consistently ignored in political polls, the press and the media."

"Through this campaign, we hope to make a more immediately visible presence in the national political process," explained Eddie Marriott, creator and coordinator of the campaign and a GLID officer.

Virginia Apuzzo, executive director of NGTF noted, "The visibility campaign is in keeping with the spirit of the entire '84 and Counting drive, which is based on the premise that local and national organizations work together in pursuit of a common goal—registering Lesbian and Gay voters."

NGTF is pleased to be able to sponsor on the national level a campaign which GLID successfully initiated on the local level." ■

Dale McCormick, a Hart delegate from Maine observed, "The party in Maine knew what they were doing when they decided to send me here as a delegate. I'm from a little town of 5,000; everyone there was waiting for 'L word and the 'G word.'"

Joe Herzenber, Mondale delegate from North Carolina, suggested Mondale officials may be misreading voter sentiment among Southerners.

He related, "There is no evidence that the party in North Carolina has backed away from me and from Lesbian/Gay issues."

When asked if the Gay caucus would agree to more discreet support of the Gay rights issue by the Mondale campaign to possibly improve election possibilities, Peter Vogel of New York asserted, "Absolutely not. We will not accept any downplaying of our issue by the Democratic National Committee."

The Gay caucus agreed to send a thank you note to Jesse Jackson and a reprimand to Mondale and Hart for their public neglect of Lesbian and Gay concerns.

Carole Migden of California urged the other delegates to not "nitpick" over minor issues, but rather "to focus on what we've gained: the strongest platform in the history of the party."

Nevertheless, Minnesota delegate Dick Hanson suggested, "In every state that Fritz goes to, we need to be there, be visible, and help him change his attitude."

All the politicking didn't occur in meetings and convention sessions: the list of parties and receptions for the delegates always commanded more print space in the local dailies than did the official business roster.

Preceding the convention, two receptions honored the Lesbian and Gay community. ■

The first was held at the home of Lia Belli, a Democratic candidate for the State Senate in California.

Belli hosted a National March fundraiser which drew more than 100 guests who paid \$25 each to discuss the movement with some of the March speakers, including Ginny Apuzzo of the National Gay Task Force and Morris Kight of Los Angeles, a 30-year veteran for Gay rights.

The next, held at Sutter's Mill, a Gay bar and cabaret in the city's financial district, invited the community for a huge party for the Gay caucus members.

Hundreds of people packed the bar and poured into the street while they rubbed elbows with the movers and shakers of the Gay movement from around the country.

Washington delegate Larry Dahl grinned from ear to ear. "Almost every important Gay leader in the nation is in town for the March and the Convention, and most of them are right here in this room."

The throng parted briefly for Senator Alan Cranston of California, co-sponsor of the Senate Gay rights bill, to reach the makeshift stage.

Cranston recalled his days as a journalist in Berlin early in the Nazi era, "First they went after the Communists, beating and murdering them in the streets. No one cared because they were Communists. Then they went after the Gays and no one cared. Then the Jews."

"Seeing all of this I decided to leave journalism and go into politics. I will never quit the fight for human rights."

Sustained applause and cheering greeted his remarks.

Throughout the reception excitement ran high in anticipation of the coming week.

This boisterous and felicitous welcome set a pace that did not slow all week. ■

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