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**Halloween: The Gay Holiday**

By: Arthur Evans

Every year on the night of October 31st a ritual is re-enacted in the Gay ghettos of San Francisco and other cities. Gay people pour into the streets, often dressed in the clothes of the opposite sex, and revel into the early hours of November 1st. All of us have witnessed or performed this ritual so often we take it for granted. It’s fun, but has no deep significance. But perhaps there’s more to it. The year has many holidays and many occasions to party. Halloween always tops them all.

Why is it a special time for us? And even more puzzling — why does this big gay holiday fall on a day traditionally associated with witches?

The answer to these questions lies in the history of Lusitani and Gay-male culture, a history that has been systematically ignored and suppressed by societal and cultural academics. Recently, remnants of this history have emerged into the light, and the implications for our Gay identity are astounding.

The holiday we can trace back once was the most important religious festival of all the ancient Celts. The Celts, an ancient people who moved into Europe over a thousand years before Christ. The Celts came in waves, absorbed the ways of the people already living in Europe and set up a uniform culture that reached the whole way across Europe from Ireland to the Black Sea. The Celts didn’t know a distinction between religion and sex. For them, sex was one aspect of religious power, and their religious rites often included festivity, dancing, and orgying, both heterosexual and homosexual. Further, they didn’t think of the opposite sex as these rites was thought to be on the woman is essential.

As a result of these values, transvestites and Gays also had their own special role in Celtic religious rituals. This was especially true of the great holiday of death and rebirth, Samhain, which happened each year on the night of October 31st.

The Celts were eventually conquered by the Romans, who tried to destroy their religion. Roman priests especially disliked the high role of women in Celtic religion and society. They were offended to find that Celtic women were warrioresses and teachers of the arts of war. During a battle in Wales against the Celts, a Roman ob- server was shocked by the forceful behavior of Celtic women: “On the shore stood the opposing army with its dense array of armed warriors, while between the ranks dashed women in black attire like the Furies, with hair disheveled, waving brands.”

The Romans were also offended by the open homosexuality of Celtic men. In reality, Roman literature is not so un- common (which is true of all cultures), but for Romans it was often associated with shame (and hence cruelty, decapitation, and worse).

Roman writers were fascinated by the casual promiscuity of Celtic men. Dio-Dorus of Siciliaa Greeks with Romans values, hadn’t heard anything about the Celtic men he observed: “Although they have good-looking women, they pay very little attention to them, but are really crazy about having sex with men. They are accustomed to sleep on the ground in the nude and roll around with male bedmates on both sides.Needless of their own dignity, they abandon without a qualm the bloom of their bodies to others. And the most incredible thing is that they don’t think this is shameful. But when they propose someone, they consider it disgraceful if on the contrary I accept the offer!”

Christian Repression

Despite repressive Roman values, Celtic religious practices persisted, especially in the countryside and in the forests, and most commonly among women and rural slaves. But with the triumph of Christianity in the 4th century, there came an even greater force for repression.

The Roman Empire became Christian, but not because masses of people flocked to the churches to be converted. Quite the contrary; the leading officials of the Roman government and the Roman army converted to Christianity and then violently imposed their new religion on the rest of the populace. All other religions were banned, and any- one who disagreed ran the risk of imprisonment, torture, and death.

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**DISCOGRAPHY!**

They’ll be “dancing, dancing” to a disc jockey in the Le Disque hosts its four-day “Deep City Discothec” this Oc-

tober 27-30 at the Civic Auditorium in the Heights.

Pick your favorite platter-spinner as San Francisco’s top disc jockeys vie for your vote as the best in the city. Every drink you buy during the discothon can be a vote for your favorite deejay.

What’s all this madness for? A benefit for Operation Concern, the local lesbian and gay mental health service. The $1

cover charge collected over these four nights goes to Operation Concern, as does a portion of the bar’s receipts. Operation Concern has helped thousands of lesbians and gay men deal with coming out, drug abuse, alcoholism, mental anguish, and other long

lated consequences of being different in a frequently hostile world.

So, put on your dancy shoes and check out Le Disque’s marathon boogie at 1904 Haight St. For details, consult our calendar listing for Thursday, October 4.

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**GAY RADIO SLIGHTED**

Fruit Punch, California’s oldest gay men’s radio show, may lose up to 90 percent of its listeners when a management of KQX to continue the program’s current time allocation of 45 minutes an hour. Register your com-

ments by writing to KQX-FM, 2201 Shal-

tuck Ave., Berkeley 94704, ATTN: War-

er John Van Norden, Manager.

Fruit Punch’s October schedule is listed on the above pages, under Wed-

nesday’s listings.

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**MASCARADE BALL**

Organizers pledge tight security

“Smaller feels better,” according to Margo St. James, founder of the prosti-

tutes’ organization C.O.Y.O.T.E. and prime mover behind the annual Hosili-

er Ball in San Francisco.

St. James, talking about this month’s Mascarade Ball, says “only five thousand tickets will be sold, guaranteeing a small enough crowd for everyone to enjoy themselves without the crowd-

ing and hassle of previous years.”

The ball will be held October 28 at S.F. Civic Auditorium. Recent ball have been accompanied by violence and threats of violence di-

rected against women and gay men by gay radio station KPFA. The 1979 event, however, maintain that to insure safety of party-goers the security staff (continued on back page)

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**NOVEMBER AT THE BACCHANAL**

The Bacchacan, a feminist bar in Al-

bany, advise us all that its programs for the month of November (such as the following question) will be devoted to women’s sexuality. Exclusive listings in next month’s Coming Up!
Candidates Nights
October 3 & 17
James Lick Junior High
San Francisco Free
See listing for details.

October 14
National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights

October 21
Robin Tyler speaks out on Comedy and Society
See listing

Monday

1
Join Shep Zacher, the gay Jewish synagogal, for his show on KPFA FM, from 10a-noon, as the Berkeley Women's Health Collective. Call KPFA at 552-5990 for details.

8
Final Day Voter Registration... You must be registered by 5pm today (that is, voter registration by 5pm). If you're registered but haven't voted, you can vote today. If you're not registered, you may register to vote and vote today. If you're not sure if you're registered to vote, you can vote today. If you're not sure if you're registered to vote, you can vote today.

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Should Dr. Joe Freeman prosecute the Mayor for his statements? He's been prosecuted by the FBI, the Department of Justice, and the Department of the Interior. He's been prosecuted by the FBI, the Department of Justice, and the Department of the Interior. He's been prosecuted by the FBI, the Department of Justice, and the Department of the Interior. He's been prosecuted by the FBI, the Department of Justice, and the Department of the Interior.

16
Columbus Day benefit for the Earnest Cook Boys and Girls Club. Call KPFA at 552-5990 for details.

17
Pun intended. Logos & comics, with B.A.G. (Bay Area Gay Rights), San Francisco. 8pm, at the Bacchanal.

Tuesday

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Heterosexuality: Disease or Way of Life? How can you fight against the forces of heterosexuality? How can you fight against the forces of heterosexuality? How can you fight against the forces of heterosexuality?

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Downtown快餐 evening at the Market Kitchen, 2103 Divisadero St., S.F. 7-9pm.

12
Women's March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights: Call KPFA at 552-5990 for details.

13
Fruit Punch broadcasts excerpts from the 1963 program "Liveand Let Live." Call KPFA at 552-5990 for details.

15
Supervisors Candidates Night: Friends of Noe Valley, 7:30pm at the Firemen's Fund Building, 308 8th St., S.F. 3-5pm. Info at 731-8950.

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Wednesday

3
The Main Event: Collectivist Brewer's panel discussion on the effects of the recent labor strike. Call KPFA at 552-5990 for details.

10
Woman's March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights: Call KPFA at 552-5990 for details.

12
Women's Campaign Fund meets at the location of a Women's Rights Action Center. 300 Fillmore St., S.F. 6-9pm. Info at 552-5990.

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ALL DAY HALLOWEEN!
“Rocky Horror” at the Strand

Witchcraft, costumes & M. P. Lowenfled on KPFA FM, from 8am-noon. Tune in and discover all sorts of ghoulish glee in celebration of Samhain— or, as we call it, Hallowe'en. Vincent Price is in the role of a druid at UC Theatre's Hallowe'en show: "The Abominable Dr. Phibes." The Fugly, plus The Fat & the Pendulum. 2008 University Ave. by KPFA for times. 943-6267. "Witches & Warlocks" — Halloween costume party at 9pm showing of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" — A ll day at the Strand. 2036 University Ave. S.F. Info at 943-6267.

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**4 Saturday**

"Death Beesèhoven" at La Digue.  1:00, 2:00 St., 3:00 St. (Today, this Saturday) 7:30 pm & 9:30 pm.  (Same time & place as Friday).  $15.00 cover.  Benefit for Operation Concern.

Theatre Rhinoceros presents the Robert Pat­

rick play "Kennedy's Children." Thurs­

So., Nov. 12, 3:00 & 8:00 at the South­

west Theatre, 426-3371.  $3.00 cover.

Candids - Poignant performances of
Trevor Grifflin's London 8 way hit at the
Embarcadero Theatre, 2006 Market S., S.F.
Thursday thru Sun.  Nov. 3.  Call for times &
prices: 666-7130.

25 SF Feminist Democrats meet 6pm at 350

McAllister St., S.F.  Monday.  The sec­

ond meeting of the year.

Friday Night: Theatre Rhinoceros presents
"Mephistos & Other Health Concerns of
Women in the Middle Years."  Four days
(friday, 10/19 thru 10/22), 3:00 & 8:00 con­
certs of 4 sessions.  2299 - 24th Sf.  Sat.

Alan Porter's "Midnight Express" along with
"Fortune and Men's Eyes" at the Strand
Theatre, 1141 Sutter St.  Call for prices:
666-7130.

11 Third World Gay Caucus.  The council-

met before the council's 1st meeting for
November.  Moscone Bldg.  1115 Geary.
(S.F.).  8pm.  $5.00 cover.  863-7133.

12 Third-World Lesbian & Gay Conference.

Oct. 26, 1980 (2:00 - 6:00 P.M.) at the Good­

man Bldg.  1115 Geary.  S.F.  (Benefit for
ZAM)  Phone 626-3131 for more info.

13 SF Repertory Co. production of Desire
Under the Elms - an O'Hare tragedy
nominated for best in New England househoul.
Opens tonight, plays Thurs­

So., Nov. 12, 8:00 & 10:30 pm.  (Benefit for
ZAM).  Phone 626-3131 for times &
prices: 431-8308.

14 Playhouse on the Square.  "Mad Cows" - a

play about women's rights in our society.
543 Geary St.  8pm, 8:30pm.  $5.00 cover.

15 "Menopause Non-Members, advance arrangements
Dinner is $10.00 and includes $2.00
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Halloween (continued)

In contrast to the old religious beliefs in Ireland, the new religious beliefs and practices were in conflict with the old beliefs. In particular, they pointed their finger at the practice of the old religious beliefs and practices. In this conflict, the old religious beliefs were gradually replaced by the new religious beliefs.

Women and men were treated differently. Women were often accused of witchcraft and were sometimes burned at the stake. Men were also accused of witchcraft, but they were usually not burned at the stake. The old religious beliefs were gradually replaced by the new religious beliefs.

Eventually, the inquisitions were successful in turning religion into witchcraft, and their spiritual successors, the intellectuals, turned witchcraft into a harmless fairy tale. As modern Lesbians and Gay men, we have yet to discover the true depth and meaning of our Gay identity. We are different from the straight world, not only because of our sexual preferences, but because of our history. By denying us our history, the straight establishment has crippled our Gay identity.

Among Gay men in particular, the quest for Gay identity has been swallowed up by the invasive ideology of the hetero-capitalist society, and all its appendages of conformity (plaid shirts, blue jeans, disco, butch posturing). The trivialization has been aided by privileged elements in the Gay male ghetto (the owners of bars, banks, and Gay media). But the possibility for spiritual power and authenticity of life still lies within us, for it is a part of our history and identity and runs most anxiously deep. Perhaps someday it will be revived.

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M. J. Lallo Trio

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9:30 & 11pm
Hotel Utah
4th & Bryant, SF — $3

October 13, Saturday
Artemis Club
23rd & Valencia, SF
9pm — $2.50

October 27, Saturday
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susan colson — bass
susan salisbury — sax

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