Gay Men & the E.R.A.

By Del Martin

The success or failure of efforts to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment can have a profound effect on the future of the gay movement. The strongest outside support for gay rights has come from women. At the same time, few other segments of American society have been so active in the fight for gay rights. In fact, they have been very effective in mobilizing women around issues and gaining support for them. And yet, the limits that women's support is capable of imposes on gay rights groups may be the result of discrimination. For many years, gay organizations have refused to hold their conventions or excursions to states that do not plan conventions or excursions to states that have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment. But we must keep the pressure on.

In the last year, lesbians have become active in the fight for gay rights. In fact, they have been very effective in educating heterosexual women about the issues. Similarly, the impact of Willie Brown's consensual sex bill in California was felt in Seattle through the efforts of delegates to the National Women's Caucus on Crime Control and Violence Prevention. At the time, they were able to capture the gay experience and mount nothing new. But when they do so specifically about the issues.
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Sharon Mohlit's "Six and Out every Wednes­day," 7pm. Also, "Clap For the Two," 6-10pm.


Play with the Lavender Harmony Band. 7:30pm open rehearsal at Henry Miller Arts Ctr, 300 Scott. Info: 692-4594.

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Blessed Corner drop-in group tonite — every Wednesday, 7:30pm & 9pm at SF. Info: 929-5000.

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Lilith, a woman's theatre, presents Double Feature: Star Dust; "Weird Costumes" — well costumed, avant-garde. 7:30pm. SF. $5. Info: 457-7008.

Mother Courage" continues its Thrust-Sun­ run through April 2nd at the SF Theatre, 3611-16th St. SF. $5/$4 students. Info: 495-3333.

Working Asian Rage, in a project that's widely produced, includes interviews with women who have experienced discrimination and victim­ ization. More women at the Women's Bldg, SF. Info: 457-7008.


Barb Schneider's "Sunday's," 7:30pm con­ tinues at SF Elc PARTY house this month. Info: 381-0101 for info.

Beyoncé Knowles, with Frank Peavy & dancer Kathy Barkat at a benefit concert for the Women's Bldg. SF — 3rd Saturday. Info: 381-0101.

"Silly Days" alternate comedy night. West­ end House, 555 Hayes. 7:30pm. Free. Info: 861-5059.


Larry Rinder performing "What Women Do for the Men" tonight at Our Bar, 832 Sonoma Blvd, Hayward. SF. Info: 776-1848.

Pamela Brooks — Preview performances of Pasolini's "Wednesday" this month. 5:30-8:30pm at SF's Goodman. 1115 Geary. SF. Info: 381-0101.

Arts Ctr. 50 Scott, SF. Info: 626-4594. Info: 431-1180.


Cris Williamson in concert, 7:30pm. SF. $2 benefits the new gay synagogue. 7:45pm. Fri­ day's at Temple Emanuel. 690 Sutter St. SF.

Outdoor Adventures, recreational outfit­ ing, 7pm. SF. Info: 866-7224.

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Spring Solstice Dance Concert!


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March 8th:

It's Women's Day at SF Civic Center

Get ready for San Francisco's fifth Annual Day in the Park for Women's Rights celebrations to be held March 8 — International Women's Day — at Civic Center. The day brings with it continuous entertainment, a host of speakers, women's activities and information throughout the day. Festivities start at 11:30am and continue to 4:30pm. Performing at the rally are headline entertainers like Nichola, Gloria & Winge; female singer with Holy Nose. Robin Taylor, Lesbian feminist group music timer Gerrizahl; and Georgie, finger pinch poet. Performances in San Francisco Union building at 11am, noon and 4:30pm. The day will focus on other priority issues: reproductive rights, educational equity, employment discrimination, lesbian rights, violence against women, and civil rights.

Transcending, turning pages? No, but seriously, folks, an all women poetry favorites reading of Bay Area Lesbian Poets' latest, media production in SF. Consult the calendar for March 14.

Outdoorsy Women

"We want to encourage more women to participate in camping and related outdoor activities," says Barbara Ashton, coordinator of Great Outdoor Adventures' Women's Division. G.O.A. started as a co-sexual group, but last month added special trips for women only. "It's not that we're separating ourselves," Ashton says, "but one of two women would wind up on an outing with twenty-five or thirty men, and that's a little isolating." The Women's Division is patterned after the local G.O.A., offering catered meals on weekend camping trips, backpacking trips, and whitewater rafting, as well as occasional day trips. Everyone participates in planning the trips on a volitional basis. Tickets are available at a variety of groups and activities for gay men and women. For more information, call Ashton at 824-9695.

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