On the 4th of July

"What America Means to Me" by Randy Stallings

Do you remember the "What America Means to Me" essays we all wrote as children? You should try to write one now. It will tell you something about yourself and your country.

My sixth grade essay was filled with praise for our country and its marvelous constitution, the very model of modern democracy. I remember using the phrase "land of opportunity" at least once. The thing was titled something like "Freedom and Justice for All."

But even at age 10 I was, like many other Americans, becoming increasingly horrified at the inequality of the races in America. I was too young to be aware of women's oppression, the agony of the gay population, or how elderly or disabled people are treated in our society. But, all in all, as a white, privileged boy in the sixth grade, son of a Marine officer, America was O.K. by me.

Not too many years after that, America was a political leader was murdered. Names that are remembered include Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, George Moscone and Harvey Milk. The incredible power of the major corporations, banks and utilities grew more and more apparent. Corruption in government became a given assumption for many Americans, and Ali, Amin and the assassases of the FBI and the CIA only verified it. The plight of women and gays was rarely given much attention.

As I grew older, I became more and more aware of the basic unfairness of American society until I came out as a gay man. Even though I was not suffering economically like many other Americans were, I learned for my safety on the streets, having been beaten several times.

As you can see, Coming Up! has expanded its format. It is doing, we are also expanding our staff. If you would like to work in an exciting, energy-filled, rewarding job and gain experience from a working newspaper, please join our collective for an Introductory potluck dinner on July 18th from 6-9pm.

We have jobs in ad sales (on a commission basis), writing, editing, photography, design, bookkeeping, distribution or anything else in our format. In so doing, we are also expanding our membership.

If you have any questions, please call 431-8181 or 473-5885. You can also write us at Coming Up! Box 45, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Coming Up! Wants You

As you can see, Coming Up! has expanded its format. It is doing. We are also expanding our staff. If you would like to work in an exciting, energy-filled, rewarding job and gain experience from a working newspaper, please join our collective for an Introductory potluck dinner on July 18th from 6-9pm.

We have jobs in ad sales (on a commission basis), writing, editing, photography, design, bookkeeping, distribution or anything else in our format. In so doing, we are also expanding our membership.

If you have any questions, please call 431-8181 or 473-5885. You can also write us at Coming Up! Box 45, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Local cost-class in MACE defense

A low-cost race training and self-defense course is now available through the SF Community Chorus. Dr. Tim Wolfred of the College Board offers this course to organized groups, provides free instruction in the use of MACE, for training groups at sites of their choosing. The course costs to students are $6.75 for a state certificate and $15 for a certificate of canister use. Lesbian and gay organizations can arrange for training for their groups' members by calling Jerry Zane, coordinator of the course, at 262-7402.

Classes are 6 hours long and require minimum enrollment of 20 students. The sponsoring organization may choose the site, or the College Board will arrange use of a neighborhood school building.

The course is also taught every week at Marina Middle School. Phone 557-8210 for information and registration.

Womansong

Choral groups double billed at the Palace

by Rosamund Ferguson

"Ach, the glorious days!
Oh,stand by to bring the house lights down.
Ach, the glorious days!"

That cute little engineer's waving the go­

ahead. 'Whose to start? The house is packed. Now, is

everything covered?" "What do you mean, the piano's missing?"

The San Francisco Lesbian Chorus will premiere a pioneer edition into the 'big Time' of performing arts production in a first­time joint appearance with the Los Angeles Lesbian Chorus at the Palace of Fine Arts. Performing under the direction of Janet Drayton, a sold­out house Saturday, July 18th, at 8pm in the Palace of Fine Arts. American-Canadian-English commentator-Pat Bonf, of Men's Own fame.

Scheduled for the evening is an artistic musical presentation which includes songs from cultures around the world and highlights contemporary political and social struggles. The San Francisco Chorus plans to open their performance with a song new to the chorus, "Twenty First Century Women," written by Kay Gardner. A brass sextet will accompany the chorus. Electric and bass guitar will be used in a choral arrangement of "You're

coming Up! (continued on page 7)

FREE

4000 WOMEN IN THE WOODS!

CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE... BUILDING OUR MOVEMENT...

The Second Annual West Coast Women's Music and Cultural Festival

September 10-13, 1981 Thursday through Sunday

at Camp Mather, 500 beautiful, wooded acres near Yosemite, CA (3 1/2 hrs. from S.F.)

Four Full Days of Music, Politics, Culture, Spirituality, Sports...

Sponsored by West Coast Women's Music and Cultural Festival Committee

Four Full Days of Music, Politics, Culture, Spirituality, Sports...

The Second Annual West Coast Women's Music and Cultural Festival

September 10-13, 1981 Thursday through Sunday

at Camp Mather, 500 beautiful, wooded acres near Yosemite, CA (3 1/2 hrs. from S.F.)

Four Full Days of Music, Politics, Culture, Spirituality, Sports...

You Don't Have To Be Straight To Be A Good Cop.

The SFPD is now hiring police officers, and your sexual orientation isn't a barrier to employment.

Lesbians and gay men seeking hiring information may contact the GAY OUTFRACH PROGRAM, a volunteer community group, at 597-2572.

You Don't Have To Be Straight To Be A Good Cop.

The SFPD is now hiring police officers, and your sexual orientation isn't a barrier to employment.

Lesbians and gay men seeking hiring information may contact the GAY OUTFRACH PROGRAM, a volunteer community group, at 597-2572.

You Don't Have To Be Straight To Be A Good Cop.

The SFPD is now hiring police officers, and your sexual orientation isn't a barrier to employment.

Lesbians and gay men seeking hiring information may contact the GAY OUTFRACH PROGRAM, a volunteer community group, at 597-2572.

You Don't Have To Be Straight To Be A Good Cop.

The SFPD is now hiring police officers, and your sexual orientation isn't a barrier to employment.

Lesbians and gay men seeking hiring information may contact the GAY OUTFRACH PROGRAM, a volunteer community group, at 597-2572.
Two months ago visited Mexico for the first time, and I felt on of the most exciting days of my life with my gay group and around Mexico City. I scarcely exaggerate. The experience made a deep impression on me. I had longed for but never dared to make the trip, for fear of being violently expelled from this fascinating city for being gay. It was a revelation to learn that the laws of Mexico do not criminalize sodomy, and that one can be gay and live with little fear of being murdered or attacked. The threat of violence is much less than it used to be, but it is still there. The police are not always helpful, and the legal system is not always fair. But overall, the experience was wonderful.

Mexico: A Movement Under the Gun

by John Kyper

The harrowing and violent events of this past summer in Mexico City and Tlatelolco, Mexico, have left a deep impression on me. The events have had a profound effect on the gay community and on the broader society. The government's response has been brutal and repressive, and it has only served to加深 the divisions and divisions among the people.

Pluto was discovered in 1930, so this will be the first time in this historic cycle that this has happened. The Sun moves into Leo on July 22 at 3:41 PM. The 80s are the period of ingress, the disintegration of old forms and structures; the period of revolutionary upheaval and social and political change. The 80s are the period of marriage and of marriage equality. Pluto moves from retrograde to stationary and again it crosses Neptune's orbit and becomes the outer most planet in 1999. This twenty

Three months ago visited Mexico for the first time, and I felt on of the most exciting days of my life with my gay group and around Mexico City. I scarcely exaggerate. The experience made a deep impression on me. The experience was wonderful. The harrowing and violent events of this past summer in Mexico City and Tlatelolco, Mexico, have left a deep impression on me. The events have had a profound effect on the gay community and on the broader society. The government's response has been brutal and repressive, and it has only served to deepen the divisions and divisions among the people.

Pluto was discovered in 1930, so this will be the first time in this historic cycle that this has happened. The Sun moves into Leo on July 22 at 3:41 PM. The 80s are the period of ingress, the disintegration of old forms and structures; the period of revolutionary upheaval and social and political change. The 80s are the period of marriage and of marriage equality. Pluto moves from retrograde to stationary and again it crosses Neptune's orbit and becomes the outer most planet in 1999.
"Les Nickellettes Present Zany New Comedy"

A zany new show opens Thursday, July 8 at the Performance Space, 1300 Walker Street in San Francisco. The nickellettes present a place where the imaginative and the absurd find a home. No nickelettes and no nickelettes are allowed in the show. The audience is encouraged to bring their own nickels and dimes to contribute to the production. The show is directed by Allan Estes. For reservations and information call 415-548-2570.

"Earnest Players seek lesbian & gay scripts..."

San Francisco's gay theater company, Earnest Players, is looking for original one-act and full-length plays by gay men and women for its 1982 season. "Our purpose, when we founded the group two years ago, was to produce plays by gay men and women, and we have been very interested in and about gay men. We have been primarily interested in and about gay men. We have been very pleased to see that lesbian playwrights who we know are interested. We are excited!"

"Les Nickellettes Present Zany New Comedy"

A zany new show opens Thursday, July 8 at the Performance Space, 1300 Walker Street in San Francisco. The nickellettes present a place where the imaginative and the absurd find a home. No nickelettes and no nickelettes are allowed in the show. The audience is encouraged to bring their own nickels and dimes to contribute to the production. The show is directed by Allan Estes. For reservations and information call 415-548-2570.

"Earnest Players seek lesbian & gay scripts..."

San Francisco's gay theater company, Earnest Players, is looking for original one-act and full-length plays by gay men and women for its 1982 season. "Our purpose, when we founded the group two years ago, was to produce plays by gay men and women, and we have been very interested in and about gay men. We have been primarily interested in and about gay men. We have been very pleased to see that lesbian playwrights who we know are interested. We are excited!"

"Les Nickellettes Present Zany New Comedy"

A zany new show opens Thursday, July 8 at the Performance Space, 1300 Walker Street in San Francisco. The nickellettes present a place where the imaginative and the absurd find a home. No nickelettes and no nickelettes are allowed in the show. The audience is encouraged to bring their own nickels and dimes to contribute to the production. The show is directed by Allan Estes. For reservations and information call 415-548-2570.

"Earnest Players seek lesbian & gay scripts..."

San Francisco's gay theater company, Earnest Players, is looking for original one-act and full-length plays by gay men and women for its 1982 season. "Our purpose, when we founded the group two years ago, was to produce plays by gay men and women, and we have been very interested in and about gay men. We have been primarily interested in and about gay men. We have been very pleased to see that lesbian playwrights who we know are interested. We are excited!"

"Les Nickellettes Present Zany New Comedy"

A zany new show opens Thursday, July 8 at the Performance Space, 1300 Walker Street in San Francisco. The nickellettes present a place where the imaginative and the absurd find a home. No nickelettes and no nickelettes are allowed in the show. The audience is encouraged to bring their own nickels and dimes to contribute to the production. The show is directed by Allan Estes. For reservations and information call 415-548-2570.

"Earnest Players seek lesbian & gay scripts..."

San Francisco's gay theater company, Earnest Players, is looking for original one-act and full-length plays by gay men and women for its 1982 season. "Our purpose, when we founded the group two years ago, was to produce plays by gay men and women, and we have been very interested in and about gay men. We have been primarily interested in and about gay men. We have been very pleased to see that lesbian playwrights who we know are interested. We are excited!"

"Les Nickellettes Present Zany New Comedy"

A zany new show opens Thursday, July 8 at the Performance Space, 1300 Walker Street in San Francisco. The nickellettes present a place where the imaginative and the absurd find a home. No nickelettes and no nickelettes are allowed in the show. The audience is encouraged to bring their own nickels and dimes to contribute to the production. The show is directed by Allan Estes. For reservations and information call 415-548-2570.

"Earnest Players seek lesbian & gay scripts..."

San Francisco's gay theater company, Earnest Players, is looking for original one-act and full-length plays by gay men and women for its 1982 season. "Our purpose, when we founded the group two years ago, was to produce plays by gay men and women, and we have been very interested in and about gay men. We have been primarily interested in and about gay men. We have been very pleased to see that lesbian playwrights who we know are interested. We are excited!"

"Les Nickellettes Present Zany New Comedy"

A zany new show opens Thursday, July 8 at the Performance Space, 1300 Walker Street in San Francisco. The nickellettes present a place where the imaginative and the absurd find a home. No nickelettes and no nickelettes are allowed in the show. The audience is encouraged to bring their own nickels and dimes to contribute to the production. The show is directed by Allan Estes. For reservations and information call 415-548-2570.
Polk, Duboce Street Fairs
July 4, 5, & 26

Barry Greenhouse:
'Polk Street Male Prostitutes'

Gay AA Hosts
Sober, Strong & Free!
July 3, 4, 5

'The Revealing Image'
544 Natoma • July 13th

Phone the Gay Events Tape 861-1100 for weekly updates on community happenings

JULY

— KPFA, 94FM.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.

In the spotlight this week: Nancy Pelosi, California Democratic Party Chair. 7pm, Women’s Bldg, 56:30pm. Free.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.


Feminist Writer’s Guild — Annual mtg featuring Luisah Teish reading from her new book, ‘This Bridge Called My Bach.’
552-5990.
thursday

With-water rafting — at a risky Donnana houseboat hotel on the Amur river's rocky rafting company, 3:30pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.

"The Freedom is to me" — Black, Jewish Gay Lesbian speakers & entertainers unite in an evening of storytelling & comedy, 7pm. Ine. Old Woman's fractious, one hour, $85. Spons: W. Guinloy 2-4771.
COMING UP!
July, 1981

• Social Activities
currently doing. LGAES is meeting and organizing to re-establish themselves in our society. On their release, prisoners are given $200 to find employment — remains to be seen, he says. And bigotry is a major target of the rally. Initially envisioned as a gay response to the Christian Right, planners ultimately decided to include representatives from the Black, Jewish, and Latino communities. and so forth. We decided 'Wouldn't it be great to form an historic united front in response to the forces with other populations under attack by the Religious Right. Men's Chorus (whose repertoire spans old and modern music), the City Clinic is conducting free testing for syphilis, gonorrhea, the City Clinic is conducting free testing for syphilis, gonorrhea, and many other sex-transmitted diseases. Testing dates, locations and times are as follows:

July
Saturday August
8th 11am-3pm, Castro St.; Same time at 14th St.; 11am-3pm; 5pm-8pm.

For more info about the free testing and counseling call Fruit of the Loom Health Center, 420-5555.
COMING UP!

Events this week include a gutting of the Voting Rights Act, an effort to triple military spending, and the abandonment of the Family Protection Act. These actions are being pushed to curb inflation; however, they undermine the democratic process. Most people do not vote, and political activists are often left out by the system.

The narcissism of the Seventies must be replaced by a social consciousness in the Eighties or there will be no measure left by the Nineties.

You Are Cordially Invited To
A Reception Honoring
HON. ART AGNOS — ASSEMBLY MEMBER
HON. PHYLLIS LYON — VICE-PRESIDENT
SF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
HON. DEL MARTIN — COMMISSIONER
CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND VIOLENCE

for their work on behalf of the victims of violence and the Community United Against Violence (CUAV).

Thursday, July 16, 1981
5:30 to 8:30pm
at a "special" location on Gary Street, SF
Ten Dollar donation requested.

For further information and reservations, R.S.V.P. CUAV at 864-8347.
During the reign of Nero, Roman colonizers occupied what is now southern Britain, having forced the Celtic tribes who lived there to
down; we who remember who we are;
secret circles, rings and covens;
Our men went with us.
And so we went to war.
I, Boudica
BUT GERTRUDE
CRUISEY
SOUND SYSTEM
• WEDNESDAY MOVIE NITE
• THE RESTAURANT
• PARTY RENTAL
Oakland, California
(415) 893-9454
1591 Madison Avenue
© Judy Grahn, 1981. From The Queen of Wands.
Judy Grahn will be reading from works in progress &
celebrating her birthday in two performances this month. Our current schedule for July 25 & 30 has details.

COMING UP!
July, 1981

Page 8

COUNTRY/ROCK
We're HOT!
Come to the East Bay
Get Out of the Fog ...