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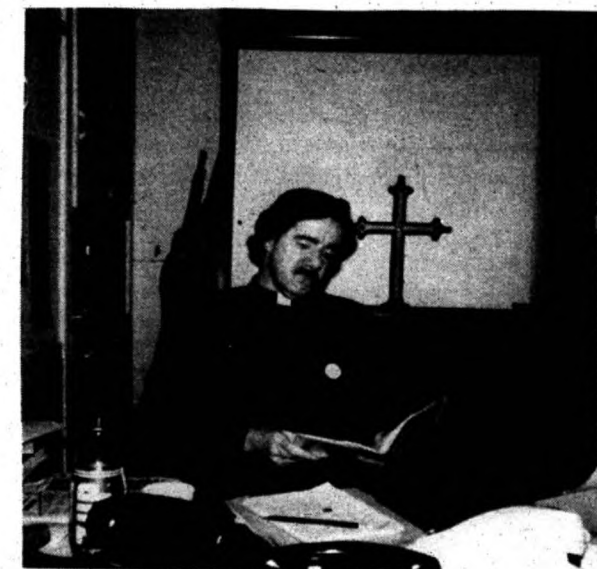
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Randy Anderson †

LONGTIME WRITER FOR CRUSADER.....

Randy Anderson, who has written poetry for the CRUSADER for the past couple of years, died in early February by taking his own life.

Randy, who was just a young man, came to San Francisco a few years ago to escape the hateful oppression of the small town of Missoula, Montana, and the non-understanding parents he left behind.

Here in San Francisco, he found happiness with a few friends, and he was creating a whole new life for himself. But Randy, unfortunately took the poor advice of a doctor who advised Randy to change his lifestyle to which Randy seemed quite happy, and a week after doing as the doctor advised, Randy became extremely despondent, and took his own life.

Randy was a very fine person, and a person who tried so hard to help other people. We here at the CRUSADER miss Randy deeply, and shall miss his poetry. God bless you Randy for all the nice times we shared together.

The staff of the CRUSADER and The Staff of the Helping Hands Center.

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory...

"MAYOR" BILL BRANDHOVE PASSES OVER

The Tenderloin's "Mayor," Bill Brandhove age 57, died of a heart attack while visiting friends in Long Beach on February 16th.

Mayor Bill was with the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union for many years. Bill met many different people over the years and used his contacts to help his friends. Bill was the kind of a political person who really knew people in City Hall, law enforcement, and in most government agencies. He was what one friend called "a real arranger." He helped many gay businesses over the years get various permits that they were having difficulty getting, and was a good friend to so many hundreds of people.

Mayor Bill Brandhove was a real catalyst, and a real warm understanding human being who will be missed by all his friends and associates here.

Hal Call told the CRUSADER that, "He was a great friend to so many gay people. He will be greatly missed."

Don Black (Foxhole Tillie) told the CRUSADER that, "Bill Brandhove was a fine man and a real fine gentleman who we all shall miss."

Operation Concern Expands Programs and Fund Raising Times.

Chairperson of Operation Concern, Ron Ross, informed the CRUSADER that Operation Concern has expanded their programs in several directions.

Ron Ross said that now that Jim Stoll has moved their mental health program in the Pacific Medical Center, he now handles forty-four cases a week himself, and that he has taken on volunteer counsellors who work at the Pacific Medical Center. He pointed out that Stoll hopes to soon have a part-time paid assistant so that the many waiting cases can be handled.

Chairperson Ron Ross stated that Operation Concern will open their fund raising drive on April 1st, as they need \$15,000 for this next fiscal year, due to the expansion of the first ever, gay mental health program.

Circus-Circus will be held as usual in July, with Hector Navarro as the chairperson of that event, and before that, Ross said that other types of fundraisers will be held and that auctions will not be held until September and only if needed. Last year Operation Concern had a month of fund raising auctions in July in addition to Circus-Circus.

B.A.R.'s Camp Awards Show will be held as usual this summer and the proceeds from that event will go to Operation Concern, according to B.A.R. editor Bob Ross and Operation Concern's Ron Ross (they are totally unrelated).

The CRUSADER urges all gay people to support this gay mental health program, Operation Concern.

Background on B.A.G.L.....

A LITTLE SOMETHING YOU ALL OUGHTA KNOW

Bay Area Gay Liberation (BAGL), a newly formed group which has more non-gay causes than gay ones, has a couple of interesting people running the show, or should I say, helping to lead or guide the show.

One is Claude Wynne, formerly of New York City. This person joined the GAA (Gay Activists Alliance) of that City a couple of years or so ago, and proceeded to become quite big in the Third World Caucus, which is right on. Except that a serious split concerning racism occurred, and while most of the proud blacks and other Third Worlders walked out of GAA, refusing to be "oreos" or "uncle toms," Claude chose to stay on.

Claude Wynne worked with John O'Brien, a very well known member of the communist group, the SWP (Socialist Workers Party).

GAA proceeded to become very heavy laden with SWPers, and YSAers (Young Socialist Alliance which is the youth of the SWP), and now, after Morty Manford, a very weak president, led GAA into chaos, the SWP and YSA people took full control of the GAA today in New York City.

The other person in BAGL you should know about, who wields considerable influence, is the highly personable Howard Wallace, who ran for the Board of Supervisors on the SWP coalition back in 1973. Howard is highly articulate and an excellent speaker. Howard claims that he is no longer a member of the Socialist Workers Party.

Then another Trotsky communist group, the I.S. (International Socialists) have members in BAGL as well. And together, perhaps this is one of the reasons why BAGL spends so much time concerning itself with non-gay causes. Just a little something you all oughta know.

Flash Storm II

Homosexuals Massacred in Chile...

DECLARATION OF THE HOMOSEXUAL LIBERATION FRONT IN ARGENTINA.

It is not enough that, in the wave of terror unleashed by the military junta in Chile after September 11, 1973, thousands of workers, students, and patriots have been murdered for dissenting politically from the sinister projects of General Pinochet. It has affected all those who in their daily or social lives are not in agreement with the "order" which he intends to impose, "order" traced in the image of the Holy Inquisition. Thus, the homosexual community in Chile, like the rest of the population, has been repressed in the cruelest possible way. A known homosexual from Santiago (32 years of age and of Uruguayan nationality) called "Lola Pinales," was raped, tortured, castrated and killed with bullets by a group of soldiers. Dozens of homosexuals have come to the same tragic end. Acts such as these are now habitual in Chile. The corpses are left for several days in the street in order to intimidate the population and plant terror. To have a beard or long hair, to wear red or use a miniskirt are causes for arrest. To the Chilean military, these are subversive acts.

If, indeed, Pinochet's coup has no precedent in the "democratic" history of this country for its massive measures of repression, the murder of homosexuals in Chile is not new. The same methods were used by the government of General Ibanez in the fifties: hundreds of homosexuals were cast into the sea tied to stones. A boat full of homosexuals was sunk in the Pacific. Common knowledge, in which these events remain alive, affirms that afterwards Ibanez had a son who was a homosexual.

Without doubt, the only flower which grows in the garden of Fascism is the flower of death and terror. We homosexuals are subversive; we love life, we cultivate the imagination, we detest authoritarianism, we believe in the unity of man, we desire a system founded on freedom which is the only one in which we will be respected, we reject "order" because it is a synonym for oppression. Pinochetism is a sea of blind, well-ordered worms.

We are called to repudiate the bloody coup in Chile and to work to help the refugees, prisoners and combatants. We call upon the homosexuals of Chile to take an active part in the resistance, together with the others who are repressed, and upon Latin American homosexuals and homosexuals throughout the world to give every possible aid. The death of "Lola Pinales" points out to us once again that to be a homosexual is a manifestation of human affirmation and dignity which the fascists cannot tolerate. The most daring flower of Santiago has been scattered in his own blood. Yesterday: grace, happiness, coquettishness. Today: each oppressed person can recognize himself in that unrecognizable body. Today: a promise, a sorrow which staunches our tears and makes us determined to struggle toward victory. Lola, your body, pecked by the hideous fowl of the Pinochetistas held a butterfly of dreams and kisses with a silver ribbon that they could not find. We know it. Your shroud shall be our banner.

("Thanx to SOMOS, Bob Roth & translator...taken from Gay Post")



Lee Raymond named Grand Duchess II of San Francisco

Because of Gene Carter's failure to uphold the duties of the title of Grand Duchess II, he has been relieved of the title and privileges.

Lee Raymond, the runnerup in the contest, who was named Royal Princess to the Grand Duchess, now will be elevated to the post of Grand Duchess II so as to fulfill the duties until the next contest this fall.

Lee said he will have a small court, consisting of people he knows he can count on to work with him for the various community functions.

The title, Grand Duchess, is a camp title and is used by the holder to create good will, and to hold functions to help organizations and individuals in need.

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National Gay Task Force

(NGTF) STILL NOT VERY NATIONAL AND STILL DOESN'T SPEAK FOR SAN FRANCISCO GAY PEOPLE.....HOW LONG WILL THE NATIONAL MEDIA BE BLIND TO THIS FACT, OR IS THE NATIONAL MEDIA JUST PLAIN STUPID? A.B.C. NETWORK WINS AWARD FOR THE YEAR!

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) is not the least bit national in membership or leadership, and it doesn't even keep in contact with 5% of the gay groups in America. The NGTF is the biggest shuck since P.T. Barnum was around, and recently the NGTF made a super-ass of themselves and an even bigger ass of the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) Television network, with that "homo-special" with David Frost, who really should go back to England.

Ron Gold and Bruce Voeller have been snowing the New York national media outlets with claims of being so big, so broad, when in reality they are but a handful of people who are making dollars \$\$\$\$\$\$ with their NGTF "trip."

Ron Gold, a super-huckster type out of New York, with his Nu-Yawk accent, and all his phoney bazzazz has really snowed some of the media people, but when Gold came to San Francisco, he flopped flat on his face, for he only impressed the likes of Elmer Wilhelm and Paul Hardman. Others, who have deep perception could see right through this huckster, and didn't buy anything he had to "sell," so he went back to New York with nothing.

And now, militant women's supremist have moved in on NGTF and are bullying Gold and the other men around, which is far out! It was only a matter of time before this happened. So, now anything that NGTF does will be with a 90% women's view, and to hell with the gay male.

Not one of the San Francisco organizations has joined the ngtf and let us hope it stays that way.

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EUGENE "GENE" PRAT, 36, candidate for Sheriff of San Francisco, is well prepared educationally and through his work as an administrator, educator and planner to bring improvements to the San Francisco Sheriff's Department.

A native San Franciscan, Prat is a proud product of our local system of public education. He holds advanced degrees in Organization Theory and Management with an emphasis in university and college administration. He has had lengthy administrative and teaching experience at the secondary and university levels.

His major interests have been directed toward the education of young adults and other age groups who have not acquired the skills and abilities required to function productively in modern day society.

Among his accomplishments is his tenure as administrator and teacher with Peace Corps training programs designed for Chad, Niger, Nigeria and Venezuela.

Prat, who worked directly with Dr. S.I. Hayakawa at San Francisco State University, is seeking the office of Sheriff on the basis of his administrative and educational qualifications. It is his intention to change many of the present practices of the incumbent sheriff. His programs call for a drastic curtailment in the rate of recidivism (turnstile incarceration) wherein inmates are released, commit additional crimes and then are re-imprisoned. Prat proposes programs funded through Foundation grants that will prepare prisoners to function productively when released to civilian life.

When elected, Gene Prat proposes to conduct the duties of Sheriff in a systematically effective, pragmatic and humane manner, without seeking additional financial support from the taxpayers of San Francisco.

Harvey Milk To Run For Board Of Supervisors

Harvey Milk, well known gay activist, has announced his candidacy for the Board of Supervisors election to be held in November.

Harvey sought that post in 1973 and made quite a respectable showing. Since that time, Harvey Milk has become an activist in many areas of the City's political scenes. He has built considerable political ties, and many friends in various communities of the City.

Several people, both gay and straight are going to be involved in Harvey's bid for the Board of Supervisors this year, and it appears that Harvey Milk stands an excellent chance of winning this time around.

If you are interested in Harvey Milk's campaign, please contact him at Castro Camera.

Willie Brown's "Consenting Adults" Sex Bill Passes Easily Without Pimping and Pandering Section.

Assemblymember Willie Brown of San Francisco, who has been trying for ages to have his "gay rights" bill passed, finally got it through with the assistance of Assemblymember John Foran. Several legislators in Sacramento told the CRUSADER, that if Foran had not been in favor of the bill and spoke in favor of it as he did, they would never have voted for it.

So it is obvious that Brown, who dislikes Foran politically, owed much to Foran for the passage of his bill which he will take full credit for. The Brown legislation has been Willie's "free ride" into Sacramento each year, as the gay people in his district have voted strongly for him with the exception of the 1974 election when many gay people chose to vote for his Republican opposition as a protest vote.

The count was 45 votes yes, and 26 no votes. Assemblymember John Foran told the CRUSADER that he voted for the bill because the time was right, and that the bill had been altered to the satisfaction of some of his constituents. But Foran was attacked by Assemblyman Robert Burke, a Republican from Huntington Beach who denounced all legislators voting for the bill as helping to end civilization. Burke is one of those who favors sterilization of "welfare mothers" and such other "civilized" acts, it has been reported to us.

Foran, in an exclusive interview with the CRUSADER on Friday after the passage of the bill, had this to say, "I was quite pleased to be of assistance to the passage of this important legislation, and I will continue to work for sex law reform."

Assemblyman Foran has AB 633 pending, which would end employment discrimination legally, statewide, if it is passed. The Assemblyman urged all to please write letters to the various legislators urging the passage of the bill.

In addition, the Assemblyman is working on a reform of the sex registration law, 290, which many gay activists have been calling for. Tens of thousands of gay people are forced to register as sex offenders, even though they were never found guilty of the offense. Such as 647a is a sex registration offense, which is solicitation for lewd acts, etc., as well as 288a and 286a.

Acme Man Steve Edwards - Using Every Single Minute Of His Life To Help Build A Better World.

Seldom has this writer met a person as deeply moving as Steve Edwards, winner of the Acme Man contest. Steve, who just turned thirty, stands five foot seven inches high and weighs one-hundred and sixty pounds. His hazel-green eyes twinkle with a great deal of light, and he radiates light and happiness. Such warmth and compassion is seldom found in an individual. And to find it in a person as nice looking as Steve is truly a treat.

Steve just celebrated his thirtieth birthday on the eleventh of March, being born in Oakland and raised in Berkeley. Before coming here to live in San Francisco, he attended the Arts and Crafts College in Oakland for a year and Laney College for a year. And what is quite interesting about Steve is his hobbies, painting and drawing, which is not too unusual, but, his study of Eastern Philosophy is.

Steve's belief in himself, which he came to attain while studying Zen Buddhism (which he was introduced to by Rio Dante), saved his life in 1971. For Steve and his lover and a friend were driving southward to Panama, and while driving this most perilous journey, Steve was afflicted with a fever. And after having left their friend in Guatemala, Steve and love continued on to Panama, where Steve had to be hospitalized, having dropped in weight to a mere one hundred pounds. The fever was from sugar diabetes, and Steve was only minutes away from death. When his condition bettered, he was flown back to the United States.

After a year, he recovered enough to begin to move around, and to adjust to insulin shots, and Steve expressed to me his disdain for needles, and I concur with him one hundred percent. But, he impressed me with his tremendous courage and deep inner strength which have helped him to overcome this dread affliction of sugar diabetes. And Steve, after much mental and physical

exercise, decided to build his body even stronger, and that is when he started to work out at the Apollo Body Building Gym. And you all can see the results now. A perfect example of what you can do if you have your mind in the right place.

Steve's exploration of the "self" is quite evident upon talking with the man for even a few minutes. He impresses you with this deep inner peace and deep inner strength. This has come from much meditation and deep self-analysis.

Steve feels that the innermost self is divine, and when you realize this, you realize who God really is. And he stresses that you must project a positive image of yourself, to not allow what others say to cause you to become negative. Steve Edwards is the perfect picture of what one can do to overcome physical disability, and if others would hold the same inner confidence and compassion that he has, there is no limit to what heights one could soar.

One of the low parts of Steve's life was when he was in the United States Army, and after two full years, and just about a year to go, they discharged him for being a homosexual. But, this is overcome also.

Yes, Steve Edwards is a real humanist, a total being, which we could all learn from. He has come along way from back in 1968 when he worked at the old Sound of Music bar as the boy in the guildded cage....how many can remember him then, and compare the boy in the guildded cage to the person they see now?

Steve likes the community of Downtown-North of Market, for he feels that the people in that area are "real," that they don't play "games" that gay people in other areas of the city do. And the people of Downtown-North of Market like Steve Edwards too, for he is the most real person to come along in a very long time.

Congratulations to Steve for winning the Acme Man Contest, and thank you to Dave Monroe and the fine people he works for, who made it possible for a person such as Steve Edwards to be placed in such a position, that a really fine person can give forth such a fine image of our communities.



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mark mulleian

His present work has been inspired by pressuring financial circumstances and he has been producing works with obvious differences by comparison of past renderings.

One of his recent drawings titled, "Knowing the Not Knowing," characterizes Mark's inability to relate to equations and mathematical termination and rationalization. It is Symbolized by a howling, exhausted, agony filled face, with eyes looking upward toward a compass, a triangle, the number zero itself and a ruler which is numbered with twelve zeros rather than the numbers one through twelve. All these objects are draped with cobwebs as they appear to float outwardly. A silver spoon representing the bourgeois feeding and nourishment of the mind waves notionally to the drawings left trailing a smookey appearing form of applied ink connecting face and spoon in a mystifying exposure. Mark's signature, (a work of art in itself) is sketched on the lower left hand side of the drawing.

Mark is more than just an artist as he is philosophically imaginative and interested in the progressive future of talented artists who are seeking ultimate self perfection in the development of their work. As a gay he seeks total liberation and moral equalization of all people regardless of their preference for sexual gender. Mark someday hopes to be able to offer something to the Artist as an Artist and to people in general as a sexual liberator and humanitarian.

Mark Mulleian's future has strong possibilities for greater success than he has known in the past. With a growing following of people and a developing surrounding source of intellectual, hopefully Artistic Liberation and people Liberation can be accomplished and stabilized in our time.

Mark is also a writer when properly inspired, although the most critical of viewers have found it difficult, if not impossible to sufficiently observe, dissect, and understand Mark's incomparable talent for combining his unusual realistic yet abstract awareness of ideology and self-created thought, is it not unusual that the following poem should reflect the same profound character.

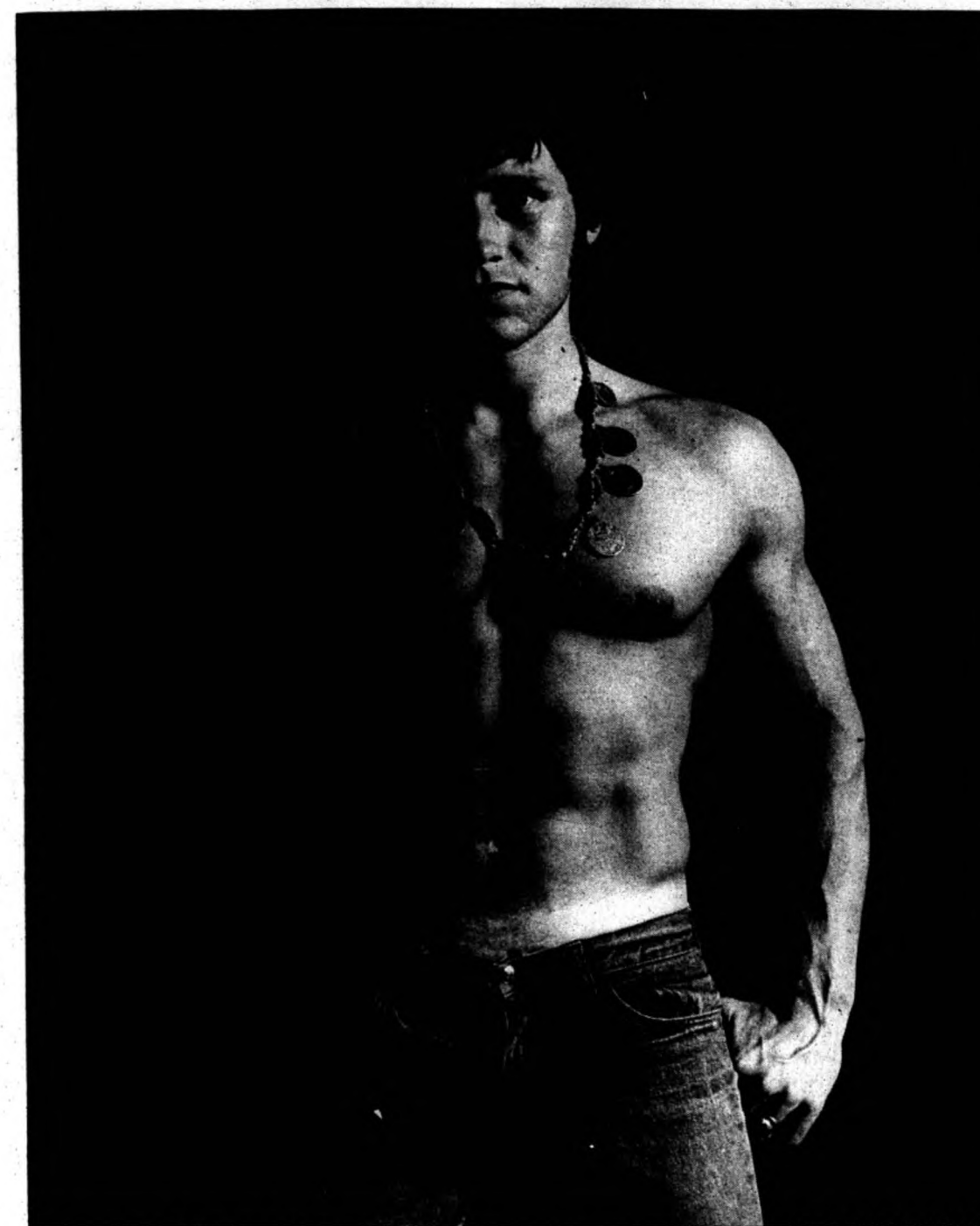
"What are you thinking about? Those eyes so there like early morning mist, barely embraced inside by a low burning light. Chilling Warmth I feel as I bare my eyes upon yours. Piercing words of spears breaking through, seeking to know. With words I ask, 'What are you thinking about?' My heart beats fast. Cold, chill chilling draft upon my back. Finger tips welded warm by wax and smouldering charred wick that beholds that of which I asked. Those thoughts that are no more. I shall never know, those thoughts that passed."

Mark's writing is somewhat fragmented obviously, however, that is not an accidental style of writing. Feeling is Mark's goal and if that means the butchering of the English language for self-satisfaction, he will with only the slightest indication of hesitation.

As an obvious non-conformist, Mark's nature dictates the simple will that he is nothing other than himself. Mark's greatest frustration is knowing when he is not thinking his own, originally constructed idealic entities, when speaking from a collective form of Non-physical status.

If understanding Mark's poetry is difficult, perhaps a relief of your own frustration could be possible by the understanding of the following simple, yet mystifying philosophical sayings. The first being, "Sorrow is but a passing shadow that I bare behind me when I am passing in the way of light," and the second being, "The kiss of light upon the wisper of the inner, while the outer sleeps." Again some defiance of conforming to the "proper" is evident.

Meeting Mark is simple. Almost every weekend he spends some time at the Rendezvous. Dancing is Mark's way of releasing excess energy he builds up during the week. He can usually be identified by a red ruby sewn on the upper thigh of his Levi pants and his Moroccan coin necklace. He is friendly and willing to talk to most anyone. Don't be surprised if he gets into a heavy conversation. Given a subject of controversial nature, he can carry on without losing his own interest or the interest to the people he speaks with.



Mark Mulleian

by Dean Glassbrook, Jr.

There are few people in our times who stand out as symbolic beings of genius. Misled competitive energies and the practicing of individual political strategies have forced the strength and intellectual powers of personalities of talent and constructive offerings to be suppressed into depressing, empty non-progrssiveness. Genius has been lost to the creation of polluting spiritual greed and defiance of intellect itself.

This short writing deals with the genius and beauty of an Artist who has had the fortune of overcoming the obstacles of the circumstantial environment I have described in the preceding paragraph. His name is Mark Mulleian and he has accomplished his feat without commercialism, yet his talent has been recognized and is respected by people throughout the Northwestern hemisphere. His media coverage has been wide spread throughout the United States and at times reaches as far as Europe and Canada.

At the present time, however, Mark is confronted with financial difficulty although he is confident that soon this will be overcome. Recently Mark sat four days and nights on the corner of 17th and Douglass here in San Francisco, with his 8 by 12 foot painting of the Crucifixion titled, "Spring Crossing," and a 9 by 13 foot painting called, "Revelation." The occurrence took place when Mark and overextended storage of a graciously loaned garage space. After being turned down by several Universities, Churches and Museums and with pressure to remove the painting the only alternative was to temporarily move the paintings where exposure would hopefully work for itself and after three days and nights of cold weather, news coverage brought responsive interests from as far as Boulder Creek and soon Mark accepted storage space in a nearby garage, although he would prefer they be shown publicly.

Extreme complexity is evident in Mark's paintings when one studies them from all artistic spectrums. Techniques of texture, color, form, and the super-imposing and application of mystical imagery, illusions and religious conceptions for which no other artist of recent or past history can boast of accomplishing are incorporated into some of the most profound and estranged painting of

modern times. Many critical viewers have found it difficult if not impossible to sufficiently observe and understand Mark's incomparable talent for combining his unusual realistic, yet abstract awareness of ideology and self-created compositions.

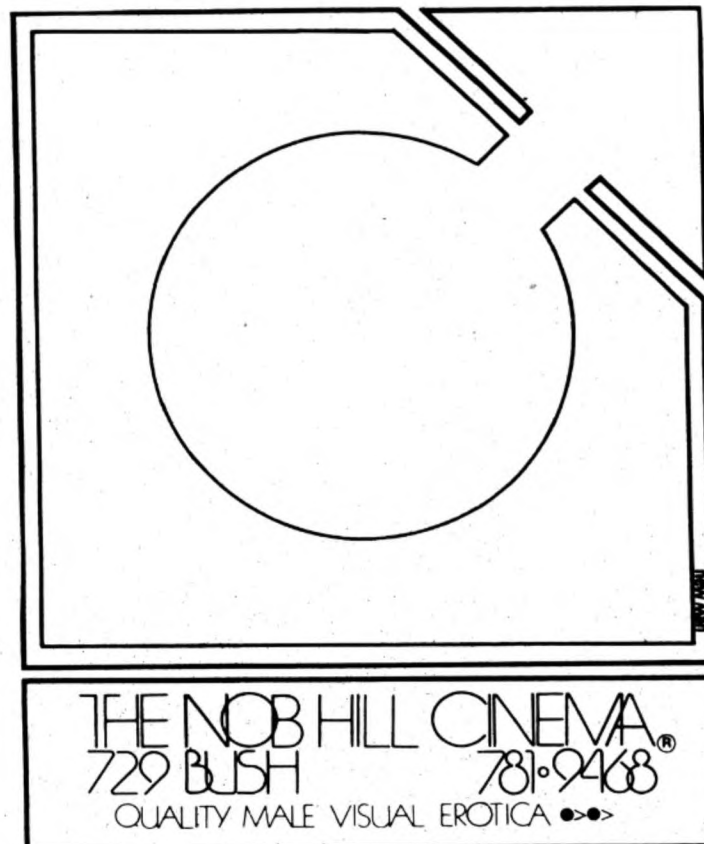
Collectors of his Art have found it necessary to come back time and again so Mark could explain his works. People who are familiar with his painting and ink renderings most likely understand the statements I have thus so far made.

Mark has sold paintings to Elton John, Thomas Szasz and Representative Boggs of Texas, and other collectors throughout the United States. Shirley Temple Black, Janis Joplin, William Ball & Vincent Price have visited Mark at Frank Gallery where he had been living with his lover Ron Raz for the last five years.

During the past two months of the new year, Mark has been devoting most of his time to the creating of some of his most unusual pieces ever.



Photo by F. BARBANTE, Jr.



SEXISM

by Tim Michaels

The many many different factions within the San Francisco Bay Area gay communities need some strong examination. Long has it been held that we must have "unity," meaning, one mind, one soul, one direction, one group, and one leader. To this, most everyone has said "hell no, we won't go," at least that road. Then we have had the broad coalitionists, who have tried to bring groups into a coalition body, this too has been rejected due to the emotionally weak gays fearing that the stronger-willed gays would dominate, and in the few cases it has been tried, true enough this came to pass, witness the old Gay Coalition of 1971 of Gay Sunshine Collective, Emmaus House, Gay Liberation Front (old GAA), Community of St. John the Beloved (Rev. Bob Richards' old group), Community of the Love of Christ (Bishop Michael Ikin), and a few other scattered groups. Try as they may, the paranoid filled weak groups let paranoia run away with them and the coalition died, but only after having done one positive act, that of jointly picketing the now infamous S.I.R. Law Reform Dinner for Willie Brown, thus ending the reign of S.I.R. as the "Big daddy" gay group, and the beginning of the end of Browns "snow machine."

Even S.I.R., and others of the elitist groups tried to work in coalition, but it was always an uneasy truce at best. And with advent of the Goodstein-machine, it ended, in complete division, with Tavern Guild withdrawing from the Center run by S.I.R., and financial disaster for S.I.R. under Goodstein-influence of anti-drag shows, brought S.I.R. to its knees in financial ruin, which was later changed after the ouster of the Goodsteinites from S.I.R. (Foster, Fitch, Duke) etc.

Splits within coalitions are common, for personality is the real issue and not the problems at hand. Most everyone is deathly afraid that someone might get more publicity than they will out of any joint venture. Alas, the tremendous ego-mania of the elitists, and also within the radical gayliberationist ranks as well.

The women are mourned by many for their absence in the gay community activities which are dominated by the activism of the gay males. This could be topped and doubled if gay women were inclined towards activism, but the simple truth, a truth which the gay women refuse to own up to, is that damn few women want to be involved in anything except their own private lives. Oh yes, I can hear it now from some of the women, the screaming the wailing and gnashing of the teeth denouncing this truth, but to hell with it, it is the truth. Daughters of Bilitis is just one large closet, as the women refuse to go out and do battle with the pig-males who are running things. And then when other men who sincerely desire to help or cooperate with D.O.B. try to, they are met by the same old tired story, "We don't want to get involved with the men, as we are against drag-queens, we are against the 'royalty trip' we are against male dominated organizations, etc. etc. etc. and etc!" The same old worn record is playing on the D.O.B. record player.

If the groups are male dominated, or male oriented, it is because the women don't participate. That is a fact also. So, if you don't participate, then a person forfeits their right to complain. But, then on the side of that coin, there is the woman who knocks herself out and really gets in there and

tries to work in male dominated organizations and is swamped by the male-sexist dominating attitudes. Now, in this case what does the sister do, does she stay and take more of their supremacist crap, or does she drop out or go out and get it together with another? On that, I am at a loss, for myself, I would go and get a new group together, one which would work to raise the feminist consciousness of our gay brothers, but, I would continue to keep close contact with the male groups and work in coalition with them on projects of mutual concern. But never do what D.O.B. has done, go off into a "huge closet" of women's supremacy, for that is no better than the male elitists do.

The gay woman has to look at her own prejudices with gay men. Like the attacks, always the attacks upon men doing "drag," the transvestite and transsexual who are forever being vilified by unthinking sisters. Are they in drag? Well, if they are then so is the sister who is wearing what is called male apparel! That's right, if the gay male is sexist and mocking women as is the claim of the D.O.B.ers and their alike thinkers, then so is the gay woman a sexist and mocking men by the wearing of what is known as male clothing! Think that one over very carefully before you arrive at any final conclusions.....let she or he who is without sin throw the first stone!

Sexism is something which we have to deal with in the gay community if it splits and differences are ever to be resolved. And, we cannot resolve our differences by excluding others who are not like us or who are not "proper," we must communicate as Mister Marcus always cries, and then does just the opposite.

To develop communication is not the easiest thing in the world to do either. Some of us are too caught up in our own little petty games to communicate with one another. Like the brother who is offended by the outrageous and radical and bizarre behavior of a Ray Broshears. He offends me constantly, but yet, he is doing a tremendous work for all of us, even tho I am at a loss to understand just what he is doing and why he is doing, but he is doing. I have learned to communicate with him and have had several productive talks with him and even more non-productive talks with him. I communicate with Broshears because he knows what is going on, and if he doesn't know, he tries to find out. I don't like him, but, I like what he stands for, and that is independence, gaypride personified. A person who while wearing that damn white collar will slug someone when they put down a sister or brother in a violent way. He at least stands for something!

Conferences on what is wrong with the gay community are not going to solve anything except feed the egos of people who want to say they have done something towards unity, yet will not do anything in a positive direct way to end sexism and racism within the gay community.

Just as there is a need for more discussion amongst ourselves to end male supremacist attitudes, there is also a need to discuss the female supremacist attitudes which are nearly as bad as the male supremacist trip.

The college gaypersons, they are on a supremacist trip in many ways, as they feel they are head and shoulders above the street-people, and look down upon street-people's work, just as the bar-queens look down upon the works of the gay civil-righters, and how the closet-high-life queen looks down upon them all as trash. Yes, supremacy runs rampant throughout the gayworld, and it is not going to be solved overnight, but we can begin to work to end classism and sexism now, in our daily lives, by getting our own act together, each of us!

Tim Michaels

Letters

To Rev. Ray of Helping Hands Center and all readers of the Crusader (and non-readers):

This is an open letter to whom it may concern: My thanks and love to Rev. Ray Broshears and all staff members of the Crusader and Helping Hands Center for helping me while in San Francisco. I enjoyed my stay but now its time for me to move on. Good luck in everything you do for you do it in the interest of all the gay people in California.

I have heard a lot of bad things about the Rev. Broshears but I've seen a lot of good. I only believe what I see, never what I hear. When I first came to San Francisco Rev. Ray found me a job and I am thankful for that. It was hard at first and now its even harder for me to say good-bye to all the people who helped me when I needed it. Thank you, Rev. Raymond Broshears, Jim Boyd-Robertson and all who are with Helping Hands and the Crusader. Thank you again and good-bye—may God stay with you always in everything you do.

Love you
Pat Miller

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Auction at Naked Grape Brings Out The Stars, But Little Money, Yet All Had A Ball

The February fundraiser at the Naked Grape brought in but \$131.00 for the Helping Hands Center, but that total lifted to \$231.00 after Bob Ross purchased all the remaining items on the table at then end of the auction, for the B.A.R., the largest gay publication in the bay area.

Hector Navarro, Mike Carlingi, both rumored to be planning to seek the post of Emperor IV, were guest auctioneers, as was the editor of KALENDAR, Dennis Charles, known to millions as, Vera Charles. La Kish, as beautiful as ever, assisted as did many others.

Preent were: Doug DeYoung, president of S.I.R.; Gardner the Good Fairy; H.L. Perry, Dowager Grand Duchess; Tammy Lynn, Miss Gay San Francisco; Ron Ross, chairperson of Operation Concern; Bond Shands, former officer of SIR; Don O'Brien, producer of the 40-40's Revue; Naomi; Rev. Bob Humphries and Jerry Salazar.

It was a truly fun evening to help bring to an end the long history of the Naked Grape, which has closed and the bar re-opened as the Tool Box.

Dial-A-Model? Or Dial-A-Prostitute? Which Is It?

Sexism...sexploitation runs rampant within San Francisco's gay community, and one of the most evil trips we have is the "Pimps," those who have "catalogs" of "boys" for long standing "clients" or even new ones. A pimp, according to Captain Jeremiah Taylor at a recent executive board meeting of the Police Community Relations Councils, "is one of the lowest people on earth," when the subject of prostitution was brought up.

A few years ago, there were many, many "male model" agencies, and most all of them are out of business now, with an exception or two, as the police busted them all.

some, like the still operating "Dial A Model" Agency, which is operated by Alan Stanford, recording secretary of the Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee, which meets oft times at the home of the parade Chairperson, William Edward Beardemphl at 12 Sharon Street, claims that he was arrested for prostitution back in those days, but was found innocent. Stanford now claims that his male model agency, Dial-A-Model is operating strictly legitimate, but, some of the ads sound a bit enticing.

Agencies like UNIVERSAL MODELS, which were busted, were nothing but big pimps, sexploiting young males who needed money and were willing to do anything to get it, including paying their pimps rather large percentages. A recent bust on lower Nob Hill resulted in a "male model agency" being broken up by the arrests, and the "male madam" - a young blackperson, charged the models more than half their "fee" for their "modeling services."

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

Who knows just what the answer to the sexploits is. But, with the growing unemployment rate, it appears that the agencies are growing too. It has been suggested that if any of the men wish to use their body in this way or that way, they do it individually and for themselves, and knock these culture-like male model agency owners or go to work. Maybe even open a collection agency for a parade committee.

City-Wide Police and Gay Community Seminar To Be Held

At the February meeting of the Executive Board meeting of the civilian arm of the Police Community Relations unit, Dr. Ludwigsen appointed Mrs. Mary Jane Scharff, the coordinator of the civilian unit, to be the chairperson of the Seminar.

Mrs. Scharff, at the request of Rev. Ray Broshears, member of the Executive Board, has sent questionnaires to all gay groups and influential individuals in the gay community, asking them how they felt the Seminar should be conducted.

SISAK & STACK HONORED PCR HONORS SFPD

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS CIVILIAN UNIT HONORS SFPD LINE-OFFICERS

In a change of pace action, an award was presented to Sgt. William Sisak and Sgt. Thomas Stack for their over twenty-five years of loyal dedicated service to the citizens of San Francisco.

Both Sgt. Sisak and Sgt. Stack have had little but bad news and brickbats thrown at them the past few months as a result of the star-chamber Federal Grand Jury hearings and trial. The method of operation of the Grand Jury system has been under fire from all quarters, as a person being questioned by the investigating attorney and jury, is NOT ALLOWED to have an attorney with them. And as a result, many people have been railroaded to jail with little or no real evidence being presented against them, and oft times just the word of other people against them. Such was the case of Sgt. Sisak who was convicted by the words, no evidence, of two well-known convicted felons, who said he took a couple of cases of booze as a "bribe." Thusly, their word, with no evidence, brought about a perjury conviction against the Sgt. Sisak, and twenty-five years of meritorious service as a policeman goes down the drain.

The civilian arm of the Police Community Relations Unit in executive meeting, passed a resolution commending the two officers, after having been requested to do so by the Rev. Raymond Broshears who is chairperson of the Downtown-North of Market PCR Coalition. All present with the exception of a representative from the Northern Station district voted in favor of the commendations. Several people spoke and said that our Line-officers, the one on the beat, deserved our fullest support for their service.

It was noted that no charges were brought against Sgt. Stack, who now is assigned to headquarters company, which is the Hall of Justice.

Nob Hill Theater Gives A Big Helping Hand to Helping Hands Center

Cliff Newman, owner of the Nob Hill Theater, longtime supporter of the Helping Hands Center, came to the aid of the ever financially troubled Center with a large donation back in January just at the end of the month.

The CRUSADER commends the Nob Hill Theater owner for his generosity, and his humankindness. Just as this act of charity happened, the director of the Center had fallen ill, and managed to help put together the last issue of the CRUSADER, and then fell critically ill, and was not able to thank Cliff Newman personally. As many know, the director, who is also the editor of our paper, nearly died from a most serious throat infection, which closed off his throat and he could not even drink water, let alone eat. After several injections of penicillin, he finally recovered after three and a half weeks. The Center had to close for three days just before he returned due to their inability to operate for a prolonged period without Ray. Ray lost well over 40 pounds, and was quite weak upon returning to the Center. But, we, like Ray, thank Cliff Newman for his generosity and thoughts.

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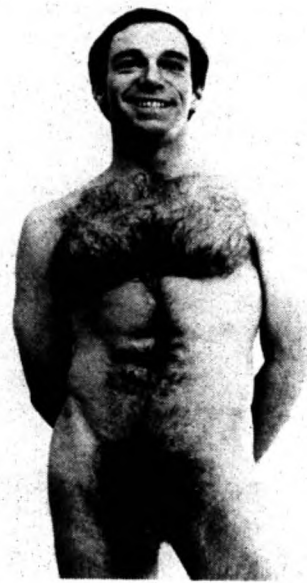
Editor named

HOUSTON — Howard Erickson of Minneapolis has been appointed editor of CONTACT, effective Feb. 1, Publisher Henry Parker announced.

Erickson is the veteran of 12 years in newspaper journalism, most recently with the *Minneapolis Tribune*, from 1967 until 1974.

Parker described the new editor as one of the country's most experienced professionals in gay journalism.

Parker said the naming of Erickson is the latest in a series of expansion moves at CONTACT, which Parker said has experienced rapid growth since its founding 13 months ago. "We are already No. 2 in circulation among gay newspapers, and our goal is to become No. 1 in the quality and depth of our news coverage," the publisher said.



"Peter Brandon, exactly as he was when he was arrested, at the conclusion of a performance of 'And Puppy Dog Tails', in Atlanta."

Gay Play raided

Friday, Jan. 31st, found nude men being taken from the Metropolitan Community Theater on North Highland Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia. They were cast members and the director of the gay play *And Puppy Dogs Tails* which has played in San Francisco, Chicago and New York, before coming to Atlanta.

This performance was a benefit for the M.C.C. (Metropolitan Community Church) of Atlanta, and the Theater is in the Church building, which the Atlanta Police Department's Vice Squad came into to watch the entire play (hope they learned something), and at the end, arrested director Michael Deveraux and the star, Peter Brandon.

Playwright, David Gaard was agast at the incident, pointing out that the play had run in Chicago and New York with no incidents whatsoever. Gaard said that the ACLU was going to represent them in the matter, as this was a constitutional issue.

In the meantime, the play has moved to Los Angeles, where it is playing at the After Dark Cabaret down in Chief Davis-land. Gaard said that the play has improved considerably since it first appeared in San Francisco in 1969 and that the play would most likely be moving to the gay mecca in early springtime.

The play was the first major theatrical work to use homosexuality as a dramatic device, rather than as a tract to state the misery and unhappiness of the gay world. Donn Teal, in his book *The Gay Militants* stated that *And Puppy Dog Tails* is a fine show that should be enjoyed by anyone who has ever loved.

Jose's "Tosca" A Smash Hit at the "Royal Palace."

The first Empress of San Francisco, Dowager Empress I Jose, a San Francisco institution, produced and starred in his own version of the great opera *Tosca* on Sunday March 2nd, and brought the house down. If the author of *Tosca* were alive today, he would, as does the star of the opera, *Tosca*, do himself in.

This colorful and entertaining performance complete with nice sets and scenery was performed after the Sunday afternoon brunch. Jose told the CRUSADER that he would be performing operas such as this on a scheduled basis, and that you should call the ROYAL PALACE, formerly the 1001 Nights, for dates and times. They will always be on Sundays.

If you have not been to the Royal Palace since Jose became the manager, you should, for it has really perked up, and the delicious dinners they serve there daily, are a real feast, and at very reasonable prices. The chef is Bill Plath, well known cook, and former owner of the Orpheum Circus and Opera Club. Bill now serves as vice-president of S.I.R. If you want to have a good time and really enjoy yourself, I strongly recommend the ROYAL PALACE, 335 Jones Street. Tell Jose the Mockingbird sent you!

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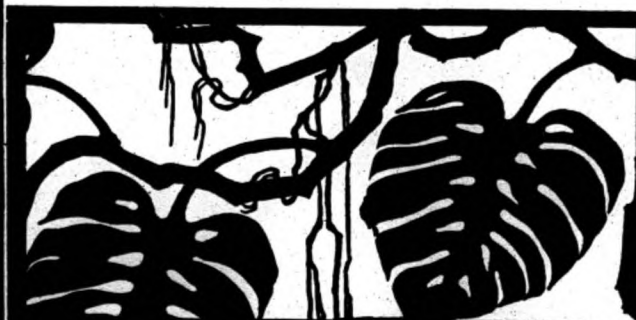
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1971-1975...Four Years of Unfulfilled Promises By Sheriff Richard Hongisto

In 1971, Richard Hongisto, a former cop in the San Francisco Police Community Relations Unit, came forth to the gay community, i.e., Larry Littlejohn, Jim Foster, Bill Beardemphl, and made all sorts of promises to help gay people if they helped him to become sheriff of San Francisco County. Hongisto played upon his longtime relationship with Sgt. Elliot Blackstone to gain support from gay people. All sorts of vague promises were made by Hongisto about appointments of known gay people to positions under the Sheriff's control. Hongisto, widely identified with the radical leftist element in San Francisco, even used red, white and blue as his campaign colors, so as to cover over this tie, as moderate and conservative gay people would never buy the Hongisto of the Haight-Ashbury days, and peace marches and demonstrations.

HONGISTO'S BIG LIE

The newly elected sheriff promised to meet with all San Francisco people, he promised to communicate with all gay groups. The sheriff promised much particularly to such groups as Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club, which was headed by Jim Foster. The sheriff became a "hack" for the Foster-Toklas group, and the sheriff took the non-partisan sheriff's job out of non-partisanship and placed it squarely in the Democratic party camp by the many appearances he made for Democrats.

Hongisto refused to answer letters from gay groups which did not see "eye-to-eye" with the Foster-Toklas group. Hongisto refused to meet with any gay person or group which did not have the "blessing" of the Foster-Toklas group. Hongisto refused to act upon letters of complaint about male rape at San Bruno. Hongisto refused to respond to letters telling of inmates going into San Bruno non-drug addicts and coming out hooked on heroin. Hongisto, in plain words refused to keep any of the campaign promises made to the gay community with the exception of the Foster-Toklas group, which, although of homosexual-orientation, are not concerned about gay people generally.

WHY NO GAY APPOINTMENTS?

This is an excellent question, just why hasn't Sheriff Richard Hongisto ever appointed an up-front homosexual to a PAY POSITION in his administration? The sheriff of course does not answer his mail, except to the Foster-Toklas group, so the rest of the gay community will probably never know why Hongisto has not kept this promise.

Oh, the sheriff will say, "I have gay people working as volunteers in my department!" Big deal! But, why not put some, like several on the payroll? Perhaps the sheriff is really just what he has appeared to be the past few years, one big walking case of homophobia.

Sure, he courts gay votes, for votes, regardless of who the person is, is still a vote, and puts the person in office if he or she gets enough of them. So, Richard Hongisto has buried his homophobia long enough to smile, say nice words, look concerned when answering questions, and laugh at jokes. Even going into gay bars and shaking hands, and having people like Jim Foster, Duke Smith and Frank Fitch, hang around to give him his token gay representation.

WILL GAY SAN FRANCISCO BUY THE "HONGISTO SMILE" AGAIN?

This is something which cannot be answered by a flat yes or no, but it does appear that he has lost a great deal of his gay supporters by his messing up of the jails, and by his failure to communicate with the gay community in general as he did before he became sheriff. Many people have seen through the Hongisto "bull-larkly" line, and will reject him.

WHO WILL GAY SAN FRANCISCANS AND SAN FRANCISCO IN GENERAL HAVE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO HONGISTO?

Well, one thing, Inspector Bill Bigarani of the San Francisco Police Department's Sex Detail, who traditionally runs for sheriff wearing his bright blue suit and white shoes, is not going to be elected to anything. The Inspector is a nice guy, but, the sheriff's job does not call for a law enforcement person. The



Gene Prat

sheriff's department has nothing to do with law enforcement. The post of Sheriff of San Francisco should be filled by a person of high intelligence and with a good deal of administrative experience. The sheriff must be an administrator, not a cop! And that is why this year 1975 will find people contesting for the post of Sheriff who have administrative experience, and who have college degrees; this is what the post of Sheriff calls for. For the Sheriff must know how to deal with budgets, must have an understanding of how to prepare a line-item budget himself, and not have others do it for him.

The sheriff must have studied psychology so that he can deal with the problems of the inmates of the jail at San Bruno, and to have proper facilities established to deal with the various situations that arise at such a facility. And a person of administrative experience would be able to deal with the Board of Supervisors and would know how to secure funds outside of City Government, thus not burdening the taxpayer even more.

And an administrator would not be like an ex-cop, he would have programs established which would help the person in the county jail, to better themselves so that they would not be returning to jail. An administrator would see to it that the proper personnel are placed in the proper places.

WHO IS SUCH A PERSON?

The person who comes to mind, is Gene Prat, who was the former administrative assistant to the former president of San Francisco State University, Dr. Hayakawa. Gene Prat is 36 years old, has considerable experience which could only benefit the post of Sheriff. He knows the problems of the post of Sheriff, inside and out. As he has done considerable study on the post of sheriff for the past year, and Gene Prat impresses all who meet him as the man who has the answers. He most certainly will not be abrasive to the Board of Supervisors as has Hongisto. You don't attack the people who vote the money, you work with them to "iron out" problems.

Gene Prat, who looks far younger than his age of 36, has the knowledge of many years beyond. And, most of all, for us a gay people, Gene Prat understands the situations which we as gay people face in jail situations, and Gene Prat would not be a Hongisto, and be a politician. Gene Prat would be a sheriff, and an administrator.

WOULD HE APPOINT GAY PEOPLE TO ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS?

In an interview with Gene Prat, he did not give us the namby-pamby answers that Moscone gives out with, he flatly said, that he would appoint any qualified gay person with administrative experience to posts in the sheriff's department, and that he knew of several right now. So, it appears that Gene Prat is the person we as gay people have been looking for, for a real non-political sheriff.

And more importantly, he is the person that all the people of San Francisco have been looking for, for a hell of a long time to be Sheriff of San Francisco County.

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Arrested Gay Asks For Witness

SAN FRANCISCO— Arthur Evans, a Gay activist recently arrested for leafleting, is asking for community support in his attempt to have a section of the city's municipal code declared unconstitutional.

Evans was arrested in the Haight-Ashbury district on February 17th for posting leaflets for Bay Area Gay Liberation. The leaflet was entitled "Are you tired of being pushed around by the police?" and called for a demonstration at City Hall in protest against police harassment of Gays and other minorities.

Evans was arrested by Sergeant Frank Watts of the Park Precinct and charged under section 675 of the municipal code, which outlaws leafleting by posting leaflets on public poles. Evans claims that the law is unconstitutional, saying, "So many people post leaflets, it's impossible for the cops to enforce this law evenly. Instead, what they do is bust people who put up leaflets they don't like. They were very upset about my leaflet since it was aimed at them. This law is being used to suppress free speech."

Evans wants to prove in court that a discriminatory pattern exists in the enforcement of this law. He is urging people to come forth as witnesses who have seen police observe people putting up non-controversial leaflets without arresting them. He also wants to get in touch with anybody who's been harassed by the cops for putting up political leaflets.



at BOOT CAMP

This is a photo of David Evans, 24 years old, and born in Tacoma, Washington, who is a bartender. Bill, a former U.S. Navy man, is our choice for "Bartender of the Month." If you run into David, tell him you saw his photo in the CRUSADER.

City V.D. Clinic Still "Harasses" Accused Persons...Ouster of Dr. Braff and Staff Urged.

The City V.D. Clinic at 250 Fourth Street, near Folsom Street, still is harassing and threatening persons accused by infected persons as having had contact with them sexually. This evil practice was quite bad several years ago, and in recent weeks it has resumed once more. Staffers of the City V.D. Clinic will send out cards and make phone calls to whomever one of the V.D. infected-clients accuses of having had sex with. Certain mentally ill and mentally defective individuals will list the names and addresses of persons they have a hate or dislike for, knowing that the V.D. workers will harass the hell out of them until they come into the Clinic and have an examination. And that method of examination itself is quite degrading.

The cry goes back years about this most unethical practice, which does not really do anything to help control V.D., but turns many people off of having examinations, for after all, why should you let a City agency, the Public Health Department know who you are having sex with and where they live or work. It is none of the City's damn business. But, it is the individual's responsibility to let anyone they have had sex with, know about the fact that they have come down with V.D.

The demand for the ouster of Braff and his entire staff of rude-crude people grows, and with a new Mayor coming up this fall, the chances for the ouster of Braff are excellent. For this is little chance that Braff will ever change the method of operation of the City V.D. Clinic, and little chance that warm, concerned qualified medical personnel will ever be hired to work under Braff.

Thoughts At Large.....

by Randy Johnson, columnist

I would like to get a few things off my mind...so if you could care less...please finish here! But if you are interested...here it goes.

I am writing in this newspaper because, (and I don't know whether to thank or kill him) Ray Broshears, along with good friend Lenni Lynn (who started me in the field of emceeing) have been encouraging to me over the years. I have written columns in various publications, and I cannot forget how I got into writing columns, for one day when I was working at the defunct Grubstake I, Ray Broshears came in the door and greeted me with "How'd ja like to write a column?"

Thinking he was kidding, I jokingly said "sure," and here I still am! And I really enjoy this method of communication, and if I didn't, I wouldn't be doing it, really!

At times we all get disappointed, but, who doesn't?...also, we get a little (?) ego, and a little carried away and we all say too much sometimes, and not enough other times. But, as they say (who is/are they?) "that's life!!!!!!"

The times in San Francisco are plentiful, for whatever first come into your mind. The bars, baths, sex, fun, and getting involved! Whatever you want, you have got it here. But once you are involved, watch it!...it's a small town we have here, and by getting involved, if you do have a creditable job, you have only just begun, and hopefully I have. Remember, we are all in this together.

This would mean, bringing to the minds of the society at large, bisexual, heterosexual, all races, colors and creeds, and you yourself, as a homosexual, that we gay people are not "dirty ole men" or "men wanting to be women" (although there are those, and in New York State now, welfare has to pay for the sex changes according to the court ruling). We are proud people, warm people, real people, and a viable part of San Francisco.

We have proven time and time again that we can tackle difficult jobs and overcome. Look at within our own community, at the many difficult jobs tackled and have been well done, such as by S.I.R., Tavern Guild, Helping Hands, Pride Foundation and the various switchboards around town. These jobs well done and still being done all add to the credibility of the gay community as a whole. It's also proven by the jobs some of our people hold, and that some will finally get at places that would not usually hire gay people. That's good! I wish to point out that I just luv dirty ole men as I'll be getting there soon [editor's note: o really? Just what makes you think you aren't

'Downtown San Francisco's Unique Gay Community is a Real Community.

When one thinks of downtown San Francisco, they think of many things and some not too nice. But, downtown is a really nice place to live and to work in, and most certainly to visit, to go to a bar, theater or dine at one of the nice places.

Hall Call of the Cinemattachine-Adonis stated recently that our downtown was something like Casper, Wyoming; it is small and everyone seems to know everyone and you see to run into someone you know, endlessly, and you know, he is so right.

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one already Randy dear??], and I most certainly have nothing against men wearing dresses or wanting to be a woman, as I get in a dress, but I am most happy to be the way I am and keep what I have got, all of it!

Everyday there are things to do. Sometimes there are so many things to do that I am doing four or six things at once. That is if you follow all the bar functions and community activities. For if you want to be involved, there are so many things to become involved in. You can't make all of them, by by heaven you seem to, and then you know why you have to call our landlord and say, "my rent will be a bit late." For being involved takes money. Who ever said money was the root of all evil was right on!

But enuff of that. The times are a bit ruf for us all, but we will make it through! Friends are plentiful, health fine, and I have no complaints, even if it sounded like I did. I was just thinking outloud in this column, not complaining. I am more than happy with the way things are, and are going to be.

I've been running for an office or title so much that I have to sigh a breath of relief that I didn't get them, when you look at the work the people are having to do who won.

But, I enjoyed the posts that I ran for, and I have proven that I am capable of seeking the posts and running a good race. And I may just be seeking some new post or even title soon, and will keep on doing so until I succeed, and really prove myself. Failure breeds success.

Thanks to all of you who came out and were so generous with your time and money at the Tavern Guild Community Center Building Fund auction at the Nickelodeon several nights ago. Enjoyed seeing you all and had a great time.

Thanks for your time, and see you around soon!

Randy Johnson

Dining at the Royal Palace is a super treat, with excellent food by Bill Plath and fine entertainment by an organist or by the fabulous Jose. And at the Royal Palace, you will run into "star" and "star" or celebrity. From big gay business owners of all types to empresses, gay liberationists. The Royal Palace is a treat.

Down on Turk Street is the Landmark, near the "meat-rack" so one can run in to have a cool-one while cruising. Further up on Turk you will find the Club Turkish Baths, located next to the Blue and Gold with it's fine country music and friendly people. While further west on Turk, one can stop in at the Helping Hands Center and see just what is going on in San Francisco and chat with the Flying Nun, if he isn't too busy. Then a hop down, one can stop by David Schuyler's *Plants and Things* for respite, and enjoy the lovely plants he has on sale and perhaps buy one and take it home to make it a lot nicer. Also, you can take a plant to Sweetlips who is just a half-block away on Turk at Leavenworth, at the world famous Kokpit and join the PPM Club.

You can skip a block away to the Red Lantern and watch Perry Spink, and Rose Buckely in action. You can enjoy some nice films and books at the Cinemattachine at 384 Ellis, just three blocks away on Ellis, and look at Jim if nothing else. Then run on down and dance your "buns" off at the Nickelodeon on Mason, between Ellis and Eddy. Then pop on downtown and say hi to Lincoln and Bobby Allison at the old Trapp. It is a trippy trip.

If you want to see more films, run inot the Powell Theater, near Eddy on Powell and afterwards, you can stop by the King's Court Barber Shop and Bob Cramer, Emperor III, will "clip" you nicely.

A visit, when downtown, to the Wind-jammer, on Geary near Jones is a must. Such nice boys, Ron, Jim and the April Fools's Day boy, Rick. Then you can skip down and say hi-lo to Sheila at the Roadrunner, after having stopped in at the Hob Nob. And visit the Horny Owl nearby for leather and chains.

If you are still in the mood for dancing, drop into the Bojangles at Eddy and Larkin, and afterwards for some quiet and nice people, flip into Toties and have one, with VooDoo.

Yes, Downtown San Francisco's gay community is much like Casper, Wyoming, for it seems that you always see someone every half block or so that you know.

You can have the Castro, the Polkstrasse, for if you want warmth and community, visit, work, live or patronize the Downtown Gay Community. It is real, it is honest.

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IN TUNE WITH GAY AMERICA

Check out the new Lavender U catalog, probably the best looking catalog of theirs so far. A good way to meet people outside of the bars.

What's with Achvah-Jewish Gay Union? A group I formed 2 1/2 years ago, has gotten to be super closely with their non-involvement in gay political issues. Well, a number of political gay Jewish men have suggested I reform Chutzpah, as a political gay Jewish group, and if you are Jewish and gay, freaked out by certain South of Market happenings, then give a call. I also have good contacts with the local JDL (Jewish Defense League).

And finally, if you are bored with all this city garbage, and long for the peace and tranquility of the country life, a good life, peace and sunshine, you might want to subscribe to a beautiful publication for gay rural men (and gay women wanting to move to a rural scene), then contact R.F.D., P.O. Box 161, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. 4 issues for \$2.

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STEVE GINSBURG Reports

It's 1975, 5 1/2 years after the advent of Gay Liberation at the Stonewall gay riots in New York City in June 1969. This year our freedom and our gay power seem assured by the statements and actions of two new (?) movement happenings, one an organization, the second a publication. Unfortunately I (we) have seen and heard all this garbage before, and bluntly I don't put much stock in or hold much hope for either of them due to their actions, etc., since their birth. Its the same tired re-runs with a few new names and pretty faces. The two are BAGL (Bay Area Gay Liberation) and the new (?) Advocate.

I went to the first BAGL meeting, was turned on by the energy of the 200 plus gay men (mostly from the Castro area) and the numbers of gay women there. But the meeting bogged down in the usual semantics and rhetoric, sprinkled with heavy doses of socialism. And now after a few more meetings, they are involved in supporting a number of non-gay causes, including the Inez Garcia, the Farmworkers & Gallo (though Chavez is notoriously anti-gay) and that woman in North Carolina. The gay actions so far seem to be nothingness; a demonstration against the SFPD about brutality in the Castro last Labor Day (6 months ago); plus trying to unionize gay restaurant workers. The demonstration only had about a dozen gays in it, another 100 people were there from the Haight and the White Panther Party doing their own trip. BAGL won't endorse candidates for office, even though they seem to have the most number of people at any meeting, and they've blasted all the other groups as worthless (which may be true, but....). Well, maybe they need some more time to get it together...?

And then there's the new Goodstein Advocate. Yuch!! It appears to be 75% advertising, much entertainment shit (a la BAR & Kalendar & Sentinel) little activist news, a long obituary on Howard Brown (who had only been out of his closet for a year). Will there be any news on radical gay happenings, about demonstrations, or anything that hurts the new gay Goodstein image of gays in suits and ties, with pissy jobs in pissy houses and lots of money (see their recent questionnaire)? It appears that Goodstein is moving the paper to super right wing conservative San Mateo County (worse than Orange County). Rotsa ruck.

Our two new saviors....about as tasty as recycled beer!!

If you are unemployed now, bored with booze and balling and want to do something worthwhile, still keep your mouth in action and your rear in a comfortable position, then volunteer your time on either of our two gay switchboards; they both desperately need volunteers to man their switchboards day and night. Shifts are 12 noon to 6 pm, or 6 pm to 10 pm. In SF call the Helping Hands Switchboard at 771-3366 and in Berkeley call Pacific Center (formerly East Bay Gay) at 841-6224. NOW!!!

I'm a bit confused. I got a KKK (Ku Klux Klan) mailing and it has the same type face as the Sentinel does. An answer please Bill....

It blows my mind away that the Naked Grape has changed its name to the TOOL BOX. No bar, no leather bar can ever equal the superiority of the old Tool Box at 4th and Harrison. The name should have been copy righted and no bar should be able to use the name or use the value of the name. And is there anyplace near the new Tool Box where you can park a car or motorcycle?

The new parade committee doesn't seem to be very new, except for one face. The committee is composed so far of the same people from last year, three which work on the Sentinel - Beardemphl & Thayer & Johns; plus Charlotte of the Mint ("Those drunken lesbians," again, Bill?), Richard Boxer of Pacific Center (whose East Bay fair is usually the best event of the entire week) and Alan Stanford.

You know "Miss Stanford" don't you? Her first name is Sally. Sally Alan Stanford, the madam of the oldest male whorehouse in San Francisco. A rightwinger like Thomas Edwards (and no, I wouldn't vote for either for Dog Catcher). We wonder what kind of deal Alan worked out with the SFPD when they supported him for office in the Eureka Valley PCR. I've heard it before, "You help us, we will help you." Alan's whorehouse was busted at least twice, but he didn't go to jail. Hmhmhmhm. Watch this one, he can throw shit twice as far as anyone, as he will also roll up in it.

Yes, and Harvey, your last BAR article on the gay groupies was right-on. How true. Already persons like Jim Foster are out promising the gay vote to certain politicians, even though they have never delivered before. Lets give Alice B. Toklas a good shove off the Golden Gate Bridge, we are sick and tired of the same old Foster shit with politicians. Lets get the statements and promises in writing this time.

Congrats to Steve Edwards, Mr. Acme. At long last, a contest winner with a beautiful body and a beautiful Head. However, 5 years ago Grenier wouldn't touch the gay community here with a ten foot pole and now they offer us a dildo in exchange for our booze money.

With 6 or 7 publications available at bars already, (Crusader, BAR, Kalendar, Sentinel, Vector, Advocate and Gay Sunshine) do we need the Data Boy [Fata Goy] gossip rag, with such noted columnists as Fat Shirley (all 300 pounds of her (it) and aging queen Harold Louisa Perry (in fact, I'd like to nominate Perry for the Guinness Book of World Records - "The World's Tittle Creator").

Another ripoff on the community is continually given us by most of our leather stores, their employees are paid \$2 per hour to stitch, sew and tailor leather clothing and leather toys, which are then sold to gay customers at highly inflationary prices. There is probably at least 75% profit on leather goods, and over 100% profit on rubber toys and their poor quality nose drops.

Speaking of leather, which means also speaking of S&M, there are raps every Thursday nite on S&M, etc. sponsored by Pacific Center. The 1st and 3rd Thursdays, the raps are at the Pride Foundation, 22 Russ, SF and 2nd and 4th, at Pacific Center, 2329 San Pablo, Berkeley. 7:30 pm.

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