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CAPITOL BUILDING BOMBED

By Walter Crankshaft

Washington in the grip of fear as the President sleeps. Monday evening, a terrorist bomb rocked the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Several Senatorial offices were damaged.

Only one week prior, legislators discussed the fear of possible demonstrations in the gallery could cause damage below in the Senatorial Chambers.

Meanwhile, U.S. Marines have cordoned off the Capitol Building itself, as anti-tank personnel carriers have set up road blocks throughout the city.

Traffic is snarled in all directions, for miles, as checkpoints are used to search each vehicle for suspects.

Also, authorities are carrying out house to house searches in the area.

Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberg has called a special meeting of the Strategic Air Command to discuss possible air attacks.

As this is being done Black Beret commandos patrol the streets for signs of unusual movement.

Children of color must open their lunch bags for inspection on demand by the commandos, and women are individually being searched...



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Meanwhile, a complete press blackout is in progress as I write. We have been assured it is only temporary.

The American people have responded to this emergency as never before seen in history.

General Haig has volunteered for active duty again. (Casper Weinberg declined the offer.)

Reports of midget Cuban submarines being reported in the White House pool have spurred action by the U.S. Navy, as

Washington fears an invasion is imminent.

Citizens in the Los Angeles area are reporting seeing Cuban submarine periscopes in their beer glasses, while watching the Rams play football.

Also, the National Rifle Association has volunteered its

picketing Lawrence Nuclear Radiation Laboratory in Livermore, CA earlier this year.

Don't forget the honorable James Watts who volunteered to cut down every tree in the U.S.A. to prevent the culprits from hiding, and he would do it by hand, folks, protecting the en-

Opinion:

In my opinion, the news media presented the Capitol bombing like oh, it was "a nuthin' kind of story." Congress continued with business as usual in spite of a thirty-foot hole blown out by the bomb blast.

I believe given the insanity of the times — Lebanon — Grenada — Nicaragua — there might be an element of "paranoid schizophrenia delusion of democracy" running rampant throughout the administration. So much so that one (myself) believes the story presented just might be the way some members of the government would have liked to have seen the scenario actually happen.

Whether the story is a paranoid schizophrenia delusion of my mind could be anyone's opinion — maybe.

—Ted Sahl

services in this crucial emergency.

Everywhere Americans are responding as patriots would do — in the night — with a light — from above.

Gerry Falwell has donated one of his candy-striped circus tents to the government so lawmakers can continue with the business of the country while repairs are being done. Gerry was quick to point out the same tent was used at Santa Rita Prison to hold anti-nuclear activists when arrested

vironment.

Sources claim Pennsylvania Ave. has been blocked off to traffic and Skip O'Neill, speaker of the House, was overheard saying, "We have a lot to tell the President when he wakes up!"

And that is the news this day, Nov. 4, 1983 — and this is Walter Crankshaft saying Good night, Ladies and Gentlemen!

[Thanx to Ted Sahl for the foregoing imaginative report of the Capitol bombing. —Editor]

McGovern on the Campaign Trail — Again



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By Ted Sahl

George McGovern, keynote speaker at a San Jose State University conference on the Quality of Urban Life Nov. 5, spoke before 100 people at a luncheon at McCabe Hall.

The former U.S. Senator was a presidential candidate in 1972, defeated by Richard Nixon.

Being the true politician that he is, McGovern shook hands with each person in the hall, including the waiters, waitresses, and the kitchen help.

As soon as dinner was over, the Senator began his speech, which turned out to be his platform as a presidential candidate, a ten-point plan:

- 1) Immediately terminate all military action in Central America.
- 2) Withdraw all Marines from Lebanon, this is a religious war — replace U.S. and French troops with neutral countries — Australian or Indian troops.
- 3) An immediate nuclear freeze — stop the production of the B1 bomber, the MX and missiles planned for Europe.
- 4) Institute a public works project — U.S. has been the last, in his opinion, of 100% employment — obtain funds by decreasing military budget.
- 5) Restore the American Dream of home ownership — a one time loan, low interest at 10% or less offered by the government, high income people not eligible, only young people buying for the first time.
- 6) Cancel complicated loopholes in 1981 tax laws.
- 7) Reinstate the G.I. Bill of World War II, allowing veterans

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Important Meeting in Hayward

An important meeting of residents in State Senatorial District 10 will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Democratic Central Committee Headquarters, 22540 Main Street, Hayward.

District 10 includes all of Alameda County south of Oakland, including Fremont, Newark, Union City, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, and San Leandro.

Purpose of the meeting is to organize support for the passage of AB-1, the statewide lesbian/gay employment rights bill. Speakers at the forum include Lisa Katz, lobbyist for the National Organization for Women, and Cleve Jones, administrative assistant to Assemblyman Art Agnos, author of the bill.

District 10 is represented in the Senate by Sen. Bill Lockyer (D), who supported AB-1 when he was in the Assembly. Now that he is a state senator, he is "undecided," according to gay lobbyists. Lockyer's vote is believed to be of critical importance to the fate of AB-1 when the Senate re-convenes in January.

"We need to show Senator Lockyer that there is a substantial amount of support in his district for a bill that would guarantee basic civil rights to gay and lesbian citizens," said Armand Boulay of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, organizers of the Hayward meeting.

Residents of District 10 are being urged to attend and to bring supportive friends and relatives. For further information, contact (415) 849-3983 or 843-2459.

Santa Clara County AB-1 Supporters

Staff members of Our Paper have requested local State Senators Al Alquist and Dan McCorquodale to co-sponsor a public forum on AB-1. At press time, there had been no response to the request. As the Senate re-convenes in January, a meeting needs to be scheduled soon.

—Editor

Santa Cruz elects its first Gay mayor

By Dion B. Sanders
Via GPA Wire Service

Santa Cruz, Calif. — In a unanimous vote, the city council Nov. 15 elected John Laird mayor of this seaside resort town — the first openly gay mayor in its history.

The 33-year-old Laird, an administrator for the Santa Cruz County affirmative action program, had been vice mayor for a year.

In Santa Cruz each year, the city council elects one of its members as mayor on a rotating basis. Following tradition, it was Laird's turn to be chosen.

The 7-0 vote marked the first time in six years that the council had elected a mayor unanimously.

Council member Mardi Wormhoudt was elected by a 4-3 vote to succeed Laird as vice mayor.

Laird was ecstatic over his election, but reminded the more

than 200 people who packed into the council chambers at City Hall to witness the vote that, "not only am I the first gay mayor, I am also the first lifelong (Chicago) Cubs fan, the first graduate of (the University of California at) Santa Cruz, and the second southpaw (left-handed) in a row to become mayor."

Laird had never made his gayness an issue in his campaigns for public office in Santa Cruz, and it had not been raised as an issue by anyone else — until the time came for his election as mayor. Laird raised it himself in an interview with the Santa Cruz Sentinel published the day before the vote.

"Yes, it's true what was in the paper," Laird told the crowd. "I am gay. I felt it best to be honest about it."

Laird expressed hope that "the use of labels will diminish over the next few years. I don't want to be constantly referred to as

'the homosexual mayor' or 'the gay mayor' of this city."

And he served notice that when he heads council meetings, "I will not tolerate personal attacks. Anyone who yells out, 'Faggot!' or 'Commie!' or 'Fascist!' at me or any of my fellow council members will be thrown out of the chamber."

Laird took note of municipal elections completed the week before in which two liberals and two conservatives were elected to the council, calling it, "a mandate to cooperate. A mandate to get along and work together."

Bruce Van Allen, the outgoing mayor and an avowed socialist who was defeated in a bid for re-election, had nothing but praise for Laird and each of his council colleagues — including his conservative foes — and even jokingly referred to his council ally and fellow socialist Michael Rotkin as "Comrade Rotkin."

Laird called for an end to the bitter ideological feuding that had plagued the council in the past several years, pitting liberals against conservatives, and was joined by newly-elected conserva-

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Municipal Court Judge Mary Morgan — the first open lesbian appointed to the California judiciary — spoke to gay men and lesbian women at University of Santa Clara on Nov. 3. Morgan was appointed to the bench by Governor Jerry Brown in 1981. A graduate of New York University, she moved to California in 1972 and opened a practice in San Francisco, where she specialized in family and community law. A question and answer period followed her delivery of a strong lecture at USC. Expressing her enjoyment of the evening, she remarked that it was great being in San Jose and "not another cocktail party in San Francisco." Morgan's appearance was sponsored by USC Gay Law Students Association and endorsed by the Santa Clara Public Interest Law Foundation. ©Photo by Ted Sahl

Key West Elects Nation's Third Gay Mayor

By Ernie Potvin
Via GPA Wire Service

Key West, Florida, has had the distinction of being one of America's gayest resort towns for a number of years, but now it can also boast of being one of America's few towns with an openly gay mayor.

That happened on Nov. 1

when Richard Heyman, an art dealer, won out over Richard Kerr, a contractor and former city commissioner, who was accused of mounting an anti-homosexual campaign.

Unofficial returns showed Heyman with 3,605 votes to 3,169 for Kerr.

Although Heyman said he

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Gay-baiting backlashes against gubernatorial candidate in Mississippi

By Ernie Potvin
Via GPA Wire Service

The 1983 gubernatorial election in Mississippi was called the dirtiest, sleaziest, mud-slinging race the state has ever seen. It was an opinion expressed not only by journalists throughout Mississippi, but also by the outgoing Governor William Winter, who was unable to succeed himself.

The Democratic candidate Bill Allain, currently the state's Attorney General, was accused of having had repeated sexual contacts with three black transvestite prostitutes, and a group of his opponent's supporters went to great lengths to try to prove it.

Allain, who is white, divorced, and a Catholic in a Baptist state, denied he was gay or that the incidents ever happened.

His denial, however, was distressing to gay people in that his choice of words was denigrating. He said, "I'm no deviate, and Bramlett knows it."

Nonetheless, he survived several weeks of vicious, personal attack to win handily at the polls by a comfortable margin.

At first, Allain was regarded as an easy winner in what was looked at as a dull race, until several financial backers of Republican challenger Leon Bramlett issued their statement on October 25, accusing Bill Allain of being homosexual.

The story, which appeared only two weeks prior to the election, got national attention and didn't leave the front pages of Mississippi dailies until the voters came back from the polls.

Other issues were virtually lost

in the campaign. Populist Allain opposed the high utility rates, the legislative "old guard," and the storage of nuclear waste in South Mississippi salt domes.

Bramlett, a boxer and Naval Academy football star, hadn't held public office, but was state Democratic chairman a decade ago when he switched to Reagan.

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Robert Sullivan: Gay Man on Death Row

By John Kyper
Via GPA Wire Service

Robert Austin Sullivan is used to waiting. For a decade — longer than any other prisoner in the United States — he has been waiting on death row at Florida State Prison and fighting for his life. He stands convicted of a 1973 murder, a murder he says he didn't commit.

His wait almost ended in 1979. He came within two days of the electric chair.

He probably would be dead today were it not for the energetic support of a volunteer attorney and a few hundred people who have contributed to a defense fund.

Do you remember April 8, 1973?

It all began on Sunday night, April 8, 1973 when Donald Schmidt, the night manager of Howard Johnson's Restaurant in Homestead, Fla., disappeared with \$2,700 of the restaurant's money after locking up for the evening.

His body was found two days later at a target range 19 miles away. Two shotgun blasts to the head, said the coroner.

His wrist watch was missing, and so was his wallet and Mastercard. The card was used in the next few days, and police soon tracked down the user: Robert Sullivan, a former manager of the restaurant who resigned the previous year after an embezzlement investigation.

Sullivan contends he was set up for the murder rap and that he blundered into it.

He had just arrived back in Miami after a trip to New England and was staying in a motel with a traveling companion named Reid McLaughlin, whom he had met at a gay bar in Boston.

Relations between the two deteriorated, however, when a messy triangle developed with John Luchek, a former employee at Howard Johnson's. Things got even worse when Gilbert Jackson, whom both Sullivan and McLaughlin knew in Boston, flew in to spend the Easter vacation.

One day, McLaughlin showed Sullivan a Mastercard issued to a Donald Schmidt and said that Sullivan could use the card to repay expenses. McLaughlin said he had been going out with Schmidt, and had borrowed the card.

So Sullivan took the card and bought clothing. He also took a watch that McLaughlin lent him because his own watch was in for repair. Those were the worst mistakes he ever made.

The following day Sullivan saw an account of the robbery-abduction-murder in the Miami News. Angrily he confronted McLaughlin, who finally confessed.

Among his versions, McLaughlin claimed that he had committed the crime with Luchek. They had borrowed the shotgun and shot Schmidt twice. He was later to tell various cellmates that Jackson was the actual murderer.

What the police found

Sullivan and McLaughlin were arrested on April 16 while driving home from a bar in Broward county. The car was searched even before they were read their rights, revealing a shotgun in the trunk and a pistol in the glove compartment.

Police also found the Mastercard and what they claimed was the victim's watch on Sullivan. His protests of innocence and repeated requests to call an attorney, whom he had left only moments before at the bar, were ignored.

Police grilled Sullivan for more than eight hours before booking him, and he confessed.

Meanwhile, McLaughlin signed a statement that named Sullivan as the killer. Gilbert Jackson was released at the arrest scene after a brief questioning, and never brought to the police station or called as a witness.

Sullivan was pitifully naive, believing that his confession would be thrown out in court and that he would get a fair trial. But his father, a surgeon, refused to hire a lawyer.

A slipshod defense

Instead Sullivan ended up with a public defender, Denis Dean, who never contacted five people who Sullivan said could testify that he was forty miles away, at the Broward County bar at the time of the crime.

After his arrest, Sullivan had deliberately stated that he had beat Schmidt in the head with a tire iron and shot him four times, knowing that these statements would be contradicted by the autopsy report.

Sullivan says Dean neither contacted any of the alibi witnesses nor exposed contradictions in the confession and in police testimony. He failed to note that the defendant's feet were larger than the footprints found at the scene.

Dean says he tried to contact witnesses, but admitted to a Rolling Stone reporter that his enthusiasm was dampened by the belief that he was defending a guilty man who had failed a lie detector

test. In court papers, Dean has been accused of providing an inadequate defense.

At his trial, Sullivan was portrayed as a cold-blooded killer wanting to commit the perfect crime. Then why, one wonders, would he have used the credit card of someone he had just murdered?

He was quoted as saying during the interrogation, "I always wanted to commit a murder" — a remark he denies he ever made.

One of those testifying against him was McLaughlin, who slipped during cross examination and admitted, "My sentence will

from the case in October 1976, leaving Sullivan without representation. Friends, shocked by the realization that Sullivan was being left to face a severe predicament alone, formed a defense fund.

Through the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, an organization that represents indigent death-row clients regardless of race, he met Roy Black of Miami, the first attorney to take an active interest in his case.

Black is volunteering as lead counsel, assisted by Anthony Amsterdam of New York University Law School, the nation's

Sullivan scheduled to be executed Nov. 29

by Chris Church/Nite Scene
Via GPA Wire Service

Tallahassee — Florida authorities, in response to a second death warrant signed by Gov. Bob Graham, have scheduled the execution of condemned killer Robert A. Sullivan, 36, for 7 a.m. Nov. 29.

Sullivan, who has spent a record 10 years on death row for the shooting of a Dade County (Miami) restaurant manager, received a stay of execution from a federal court in 1979. He presently has an appeal pending in Miami circuit court.

depend on my testimony." (He received life with the possibility of early parole and was released in March 1981.)

Dean did not pursue the slip, asking few questions of the state witnesses. He also neglected to reveal that McLaughlin had failed four out of seven lie detector questions.

The police, prosecutor, judge and jury all knew of Sullivan's homosexuality; and the prosecutor made repeated comparisons to Leopold and Loeb. But there was no Clarence Darrow to get him off. He was found guilty and sentenced to die.

Ten years on death row

Robert Sullivan was the seventh person sentenced under Florida's new law. He has lived on death row since November 14, 1973.

His first appeal, automatically granted by the statute, was to the state supreme court, where his death sentence was the first one to be upheld, by a 4-2 vote.

In 1976, during the week of the Bicentennial, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled death penalty laws in Florida, Texas and Georgia constitutional; and shortly thereafter declined to hear Sullivan's direct appeal.

Denis Dean officially withdrew

foremost authority on capital punishment.

Black wants to get a new trial for Sullivan, but his most urgent task has been to keep him alive. Sullivan's case was presented to a clemency board in 1977. The ruling was negative, and Gov. Robert Graham signed a death warrant on June 19, 1979.

Roy Black left his sickbed to argue for a stay of execution before the Florida Supreme Court. A stay was refused, by a four-to-three vote.

In a bitter blow, Justice Boyd, who had voted for Sullivan in his 1974 appeal, had switched his vote. Yet Chief Justice Arthur England's vigorous dissent was adopted by U.S. District Judge Jose Gonzalez three days later, when he granted an indefinite stay, 38 hours before Sullivan was to die.

Sullivan had survived the week with the support of many friends who wrote him, and a few who visited him every day.

"It was not easy to preserve the balance between having hope, and yet also preparing for the worst," he wrote just after his stay had been granted. Cardinal Humberto Medeiros of Boston and a number of other bishops sent telegrams on his behalf to the Governor.

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S.F. Gay Media Changes

By Dion B. Sanders
Via GPA Wire Service

San Francisco — A major change in this city's gay media scene is set to take place at the end of this month.

Two biweekly newspapers are merging into one, a third is up for sale, and a gay radio show is being forced off the air by a change in ownership of the station that airs it.

On December 1, the California Voice and its sister newspaper, the San Francisco Vector, will be consolidated into a single weekly newspaper under the name The Vector-Voice, publisher Paul Hardman announced November 10.

The merged paper will compete

directly against the Bay Area Reporter, the city's oldest and largest gay newspaper, which itself switched from biweekly publication two years ago.

A fourth gay newspaper, the biweekly Sentinel, has been put up for sale by its publisher, William Beardemphl — two years after it temporarily suspended publication following a bankruptcy.

The 1981 bankruptcy by then-Sentinel publisher Charles Morris caused the paper to shut down for two months — during which time the Bay Area Reporter went weekly and has been the dominant gay paper here ever since.

The merged Vector-Voice will provide the Bay Area Reporter

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"Spies in the Closet, Part II"

By Dan Siminoski, PhD

In last month's column, I summarized some of the evidence indicating that the FBI has infiltrated and surveilled Lesbian and Gay groups since at least 1950.

It appears the FBI acted for a number of reasons: the linkage of homosexuals and "subversives" in the early McCarthy era; the implementation of obscure federal laws regulating sexual "misconduct" by federal employees; and outright Bureau prejudice against sexual and other minorities.

In response to a Freedom of Information Act search I filed a year ago, the FBI admits surveillance of an unspecified number of groups, including the Mattachine Society, One, Inc., the Daughters of Bilitis, the Gay Activists Alliance and the National Gay Task Force.

Bureau statements to me and to the Justice Department acknowledge thousands of pages of records. However, other FBI-related lawsuits suggest that the Bureau now holds (or has illegally destroyed) tens of thousands of pages of pertinent records.

This basic discrepancy, and the FBI's improper denial of a "waiver" of costs for providing me documents, have caused me to appeal the FBI's ruling to the Justice Department.

However, after eight months of delays and missed timetables, Justice still has not ruled in my case. Therefore, as this column appears, I have filed suit in the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles to force the FBI to release all pertinent records.

I will be represented in court by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California; many Gay and non-Gay groups are supporting the case in a variety of ways.

The coming legal struggle will benefit the national Gay Rights movement on several fronts. Of course, I want to review the records we expect to receive from the litigation, and I certainly want them to be available to other researchers.

Accordingly, I have arranged to have all records (including my personal notes and diaries) deposited in the National Gay Archives in Los Angeles. Those records should help to reconstruct a significant portion of our history, unquestionably an important outcome of the case.

But my purposes are primarily political, not academic. I am a political organizer, not a scholar or researcher.

My first concern is for the long-term legal and political goals of the Gay community.

At least three of these goals might be affected by the case: increased cohesion of our local communities; increased strength of national organizations without depletion of resources; and improvement of connections with non-Gay communities who share similar needs and goals.

Let's consider each of these issues separately.

Local Cohesion

I read somewhere that Lesbians and Gays are the only truly "Americanized" minority, since we come from all social, political, and religious groups, sharing only sexual preference in

common. That fact is readily apparent when one travels extensively throughout the country, as I have in recent months. We are remarkably diverse as a national community.

However, one side effect of that diversity is to make union and common purpose difficult to accomplish.

The national community tends to unite in times of external threat (Anita Bryant, The Family Protection Act), but even in those moments of power, we have found it hard to present a cohesive image of ourselves to potential allies, policy makers, and the media.

That diversity has even made communication among ourselves difficult.

Our groups tend to be organized by function, by race, by locality.

In many locales, we are still struggling to lower barriers between Lesbians and Gay men, between social classes, between races. Our organizations are similarly fragmented.

What we need are issues that touch all of us, that unite us and can be used as a tool to help others understand our problems and goals.

This case will demonstrate FBI surveillance of Gay organizations of all types. It will demonstrate a pattern of spying similar to that experienced by Black, Hispanic, anti-war, and other activist movements.

As the AIDS crisis tragically and ironically shows, we can come together when the need is great. I hope that an effective media campaign around this case will help build even more unity.

National Organizations

Our national associations, beset by the effects of recession and the urgent, but unplanned needs of AIDS research and information, are struggling for fiscal stability.

As Gay involvement in American politics broadens, so does its need for funds. I believe it would be a mistake for me to seek financial help for media and travel support from our national organizations.

Legal costs are being borne by the ACLU, and I hope to raise money from businesses, individuals and personal lecture and writing fees.

As I have travelled around the country, media coverage of this particular issue has given me an opportunity to generalize from my case to the broader issues of the Gay Rights movement.

Indeed, one of my principal purposes in this litigation is to create a forum for the discussion of Gay issues with the general public.

This case will graphically illustrate a scandalous history of interference with the rights of millions of "invisible Americans" whose only crimes are their sexual identities.

It is worth noting that the ACLU sees this scandal not as a sexual, but as a civil liberties issue.

Public perception of "Gay Rights" as "Civil Rights" makes Gay/non-Gay dialog far more

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CASA XMAS PROGRAM

It is that time of the year to start gathering our forces together to provide for the less fortunate during the 1983 holiday season.

Casa has long been involved in doing charitable work within and for the Gay Community. Again this year we will be distributing Christmas baskets and toys to the needy.

In order to meet the needs of the program this year, Casa is extending invitations to all groups, organizations, and businesses within the community to support us both financially and by attending our annual Christmas Ball to be held Dec. 2, 1983. All proceeds go to the program.

Emperor Nevan and Empress Lisa will be hosting the Ball at the Letterman's Club, 425 N. Fourth St., San Jose. Admission is \$7 with a canned good, or \$8 without. Included will be a buffet supper and an evening of entertainment. A no-host bar will be provided.

If you wish to make a monetary contribution to the program, you may send a tax-deductible donation to Casa de San Jose, P.O. Box 8287, San Jose, CA 95155. Specify on your check that the donation is for the

Christmas program. Non-perishable food items and toys may be donated at the Billy DeFrank Community Center or at any of the local bars.

If you are aware of a needy family in our community that could benefit from a Christmas basket, send their names and addresses to Casa at the above address.

In the spirit of love and unity, I wish to thank you in advance for your support.

RICHARD KENDALL
President
Casa de San Jose
(408) 984-8994

STOP HARASSMENT

To the San Jose Metropolitan Community:

Once again it is time to let everyone in the Santa Clara Valley know that Gay people are here to stay. We are a positive influence on the emerging metropolitan area and our voices will speak loudly.

To that end, the philosophy of our local Gay establishments is designed to affirm our sexuality. More importantly, it is time for every Gay individual to affirm his or her own personal worth as creative, caring individuals sharing a common goal, the betterment of our lives.

Therefore, we demand our legitimate rights to be protected by our local law enforcement agencies, and not the victims of their harassment.

Furthermore, we expect our rights as citizens to be recognized by the political interests that we have supported and helped to elect. Moreover, we expect no less than the open recognition by those political interests.

And finally, members of the Gay Community must be officially invited to participate actively and to work closely with our elected officials in order to serve the entire valley.

LESBIAN COLLECTIONS

Dear Friends,

Thirty years ago many of us thought that we were the only lesbians. We don't want any lesbian today to feel that same isolation, to endure that "conspiracy of silence." Together with the West Coast Lesbian Collections you can make certain this doesn't happen. That's why we're writing to you to become a member of the Collections.

The West Coast Lesbian Collections, a non-profit community archives and cultural center, specializes in the collection and preservation of our lesbian heritage. Who could have imagined that in the 1980s we would have our own library filled with the many materials by, about and for lesbians... that we could go to one place and find hundreds of books and magazines without having to ask for a special key or being stared at by nearly everyone in the building.

The Collections invokes a very special feeling for us. As co-founders of the Daughters of Bilitis, the first lesbian

organization, we take great pride that the Collections exists here in the Bay Area where the lesbian movement began. The WCLC ensures that the pioneering work of D.O.B. in the 1950s and organizations of the 1980s will be remembered and recognized as central to our development as a community. The record of all our efforts will be forever there as a basis for networking, research, education, political organizing and personal growth.

Your annual membership will enable the Collections to meet the rising costs of maintaining the archives and its growing collections, as well as to support special programs and ongoing services to the community.

Rental Fund: The WCLC is rapidly approaching the capacity of its present building and must move to a larger, accessible location.

Library Fund: Most WCLC books are donated, however, a small fund is needed for purchasing rare books and first editions.

Tape Collection: A growing number of on-the-spot recordings of community events and forums

requires special equipment and technical processing.

In The Life: The WCLC newsletter introduces new members to the Collections and features special articles about lesbian research and archiving. The newsletter is published twice a year.

The movement has made us feel better about ourselves as strong women, as lesbians. The Collections reminds us of how important it is to look back and see that there are a lot of strong and important women who have preceded us — and who will succeed us. The West Coast Lesbian Collections gives each one of us the opportunity to contribute to our culture and herstory.

Let's not forget all we've accomplished. That's why we're members and we ask that you join us in supporting this vital project.

Sincerely,
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AIDS & AB-1

Dear Friends:

Despite intensive efforts by Ab-1 activists throughout California, we were unable to secure the necessary 21 votes in the Senate by the close of the legislative session on September 16, 1983.

It was disappointing, but we remain closer than ever to a major victory for human rights. On January 3, 1984, the Legislature reconvenes and AB-1 will again be before the Senate floor.

I need your help and I need it now.

In most districts the mail received by legislators is running ten to one, and sometimes one hundred to one against AB-1. The opposition, led by Senator H.L. Richardson and Reverend Timberlake, has launched a

massive campaign to defeat AB-1. This campaign is the most vicious political attack I have witnessed in my entire career.

Exploiting the public fears and misunderstandings that surround the AIDS epidemic, Senator Richardson and his allies are shamelessly using a public health tragedy in an attempt to deny the basic civil rights of millions of Californians.

Senator Richardson's approach is as simple as it is hateful: "Homosexuals are unbelievably promiscuous and are now the prime carriers of a new deadly disease... Can food be a carrier of AIDS? Can one who handles food transmit the disease? Salad in San Francisco anyone?"

The above paragraph is from one of Senator Richardson's columns, which are printed in newspapers statewide.

The AIDS epidemic, and the willingness of demagogues like Senator Richardson to exploit it, has changed the face of gay politics forever.

In the past, some gay people, especially those high enough on the social ladder, have chosen to remain hidden and uninvolved. They said they wanted their privacy; that what they did in bed did not affect them politically.

That is no longer an option. AIDS is opening every closet door.

The message should be very clear to all gay people. They cannot escape from the political implications of their sexual orientation.

The leaders of the New Right have chosen to use the AIDS epidemic in a renewed attack on the civil rights and humanity of lesbians and gay men. The threat

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is very real and our opponents are gaining momentum.

With your help, I am confident that we can stop the followers of Senator Richardson as we stopped Senator Briggs in 1978.

The same statewide effort that was organized to defeat the Briggs Initiative — Proposition 6 — must now be mobilized for an intensive three-month campaign to put Ab-1 over the top.

This letter is different from most political appeals in one major way. I'm not asking you for money... I'm asking you for a great deal more.

Write letters. Write to your State Senators and Governor Deukmejian today. Keep writing. Get your families, friends and co-workers to write. Make your letter personal — describe discrimination you have experienced or witnessed. If you are afraid to sign your name, send the letter unsigned and explain why.

Ask your community leaders for help. Request letters of support for AB-1 from your clergy, faculty, labor leaders, professional and business people. Everyone belongs to some kind of organization; has your endorsed AB-1 yet?

Get local government to support us. Request that friendly city council members and county supervisors introduce resolutions supporting AB-1. Get similar resolutions passed by your local human rights and fair-employment commissions.

Educate the media. If your local media haven't yet endorsed AB-1, find out why. Send letters supporting AB-1 to the opinion section. Respond to all anti-AB-1 letters and homophobic articles. Organize community delegations to visit TV, radio, and newspaper editors. Complete information packets on AB-1 are available from my office.

Build the AB-1 Network. Because it is often difficult to predict when crucial votes will occur, I need to be able to reach as many AB-1 supporters as possible on short notice. Please circulate sign-up sheets for the AB-1 telephone tree and return them to me. [Forms are available

at the Our Paper office. —Ed.] In the past year approximately 10,000 Californians have actively supported AB-1 by writing letters, visiting their legislators, signing petitions and organizing local support.

In the next three months we need to double that number.

We are now within a handful of votes of passing AB-1. But even some of our strongest supporters are receiving more mail against AB-1 than for it. So, regardless of who your Senator is, write to him or her today. I have enclosed a copy of the Senate roster for your use. If you are uncertain of who your Senator is, please call my office.

You and the thousands of people like you are the backbone of this campaign. I know it gets discouraging to keep cranking out those letters and making those telephone calls; it's been a very long struggle. But don't give up.

We're going to win.

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THANKS FOR SUPPORT

Dear Friends:
As you may know by now, on September 30th Governor Deukmejian signed Senate Bill 910. The bill will become law on January 1, 1984.

SB910 establishes an AIDS advisory Committee, which will advise and assist the state in addressing the public health issues associated with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The committee will work with the State Department of Health Services in statewide efforts to promote primary prevention, public education and the advancement of knowledge regarding AIDS.

Because of the serious impact of AIDS in California, and because of pressure placed on the Department of Health Services by the Legislature, the state has already begun programs to address some of the problems and issues associated with AIDS.

During September, thirty-six agencies submitted requests for

state funding for educational and outreach programs. The total amount requested was over \$2 million. As the Legislature, through Senator Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), was only able to provide \$500,000 for these programs this year, many excellent proposals could not be funded.

Fifteen agencies did receive partial funding for their proposals. The educational and outreach programs were contracted to begin November 1st. Funding will continue through the end of this fiscal year, which is June 30, 1984.

Efforts to obtain additional funding for these efforts, as well as to evaluate additional programs and ideas are already under way. I am working closely with the Department of Health Services, public and private agencies that are providing AIDS-related services, and concerned individuals throughout the state to continue to fight AIDS.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time

to contact me and other legislators to express concern about AIDS. Your letters and phone calls were very effective. Each of you must continue your efforts to express your concern and to educate your elected representatives about AIDS.

The networking, communication and cooperation that is beginning to take place by public and private agencies and different levels of government is significant. Health departments, health professionals and the AIDS-related groups realize we will be dealing with AIDS for some time to come. The Legislature must acknowledge that also. I intend to take an active role in this effort.

If you have additional concerns you wish to express about AIDS, or other matters, please feel free to contact my office at any time.

Sincerely,
DAVID ROBERTI
President Pro Tempore
California State Senate

PROSECUTE DAN WHITE

The Hon. Wm. French Smith
Attorney General
U.S. Dept. of Justice
10th St. & Constitution Avenue
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Atty. General Smith:
San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk were murdered Nov. 27, 1978. Dan White, a former Supervisor and well known to both his victims, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to six years in prison, from which he is scheduled to be released in January 1984.

I recently spoke to Stephen Trott and urged that the Federal Government take action to commence Federal proceedings against Dan White. I am urging you to review the circumstances

of the case, and consider the possibility of criminal prosecution, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 245, of Dan White.

Section 245 states that an individual who willfully injures a person for the purpose of interfering with that person's candidacy for political office is guilty of a federal offense punishable by imprisonment for life if death results from the injury. Both Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Milk were prospective candidates for re-election at the time of their deaths. Of course Mr. White's action interfered with their ability to qualify and to campaign for re-election.

The State case has been tried, but the Federal has never been filed. There is no legal impediment to a second trial on the

same facts, because of the separate sovereignty of State and Federal governments. If the Federal case had been first prosecuted, and had resulted in a nominal sentence, the San Francisco District Attorney could still prosecute the charges.

The anniversary of the death of George Moscone and Harvey Milk approaches. It would be ironic and, in my opinion, a gross miscarriage of justice if the anniversary were celebrated by the release, after a few short years, of the person who killed them. You have the power and the authority to see that justice is done and I strongly urge you to take such action.

Sincerely yours,
MILTON MARKS
California State Senator

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Midge Costanza at SJSU



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By Ted Sahl

Midge Costanza, former aide to President Jimmy Carter and a strong advocate of women's rights and gay rights, was a featured speaker at a San Jose State University conference on the Quality of Urban Life on Nov. 4.

Ms. Costanza began her speech by describing how she entered politics:

In 1973, my county chairman came to me and said, "Honey, we're gonna let you run for city council."

I thought it was an eternity before I could get up off my knees in gratitude for this wonderful opportunity that was about to fall on me.

And I said, "That's great!" And he said, "Well, you're not married, you're ethnic, and you're a woman. You know all these women are screaming for a woman candidate, so we're gonna let you run. We know you're not gonna win, so get in there and give it all you got, kid."

Well, I did it, and I won by more votes than any candidate ever won in the city of Rochester, New York.

I'm disappointed in all the people who are too tired to vote. I'm disappointed, after 25 years of working in government, I'm still a second-class citizen, as a woman.

Speaking on the Equal Rights Amendment, women ask only for human dignity and the right to make our own choices.

Costanza lambasted President Reagan and his co-conspirators, the right-wing extremists such as Jerry Falwell, who want to be able to make decisions for women. "We won't stand for it!" she said.

She spoke of the plight of the elderly, who daily are deprived of human dignity, living in a society that doesn't want them, shuts them off in lonely rooms, forgotten — the sham of the minority groups in this country lacking food and housing — the handicapped person who asks only for a ramp to get out and take care of business.

Ms. Costanza asked her audience, "What are our priorities? Look around you, it's not hard to see. You see it every day."

Nicaragua, El Salvador, Philippines, Lebanon, Korea, Grenada, [raising her voice] — we're tough! We are so macho!

We can't afford jobs. We can't afford housing. We can't afford peace, equality, justice.

I do not want a government that tells me what to do!

I want a government that listens to the people and does what they want.

I had to laugh talking about all the presidential candidates and all males. No women.

Someone said, "We'll have to find a qualified woman for Vice President."

And I said, "Why? We never select a President that way."

When it comes to a woman,

she has to be qualified.

When it comes to a black, they have to be qualified.

When it comes to a white male, as we have seen from past examples, obviously THEY don't have to be qualified!

In 1977, the National Gay Task Force came to the White House.

It was a simple issue — not asking the President to approve homosexuality, but simply stating to the President and people of the nation, "Hey! We helped select this government, we helped pay for it, and we don't want this government collectively discriminating against us. We demand the right to love whomever — human dignity."

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This is no time to be tired. This is the time to acknowledge your political and personal power.

This is the time to begin feeling again love and compassion for each other.

There are those who do not care, some of them are elected to political office.

My answer to Jerry Falwell: Yes, I admit to being a humanist. I'm a human being and I want the human race to survive.

And I'm so self-centered, I even want to help make this a better, fairer and more peaceful world, where we use our brains

and our strength and our resources to make sure people have enough to eat — a place to live — a chance to work — and a chance to learn and love whomever they wish, and enjoy being alive."

Twenty-five years ago in my life, I decided to live my life.

Coming here today, enjoying this day with you, is a step further toward that goal.

I'm glad you came here today. I'm glad you like yourself.

I'm glad you think you're important.

I'm glad I could be here to touch your life, and I'm glad you were here to touch mine.

Santa Cruz

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tive councilmember Katy Sears-Williams for "A new era of cooperation."

Laird becomes California's second openly gay municipal chief executive. Robert Gentry was elected mayor of Laguna Beach — in conservative Orange County — last spring. In a congratulatory telephone call to Laird, Gentry said that having gays in prominent political positions "helps to demystify what gays and lesbians are all about."

One Santa Cruz council member, who requested anonymity, said that with gay mayors in Santa Cruz, Laguna Beach, Key West and a small town in Arkansas, and with an openly gay member of Congress (Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass.), "When is San Francisco going to catch up?"

"They're supposed to be the gay capital of America, yet they've got only one gay member of their council (Supervisor Harry Britt). How come they don't have more?"

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McGovern

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to return to school for education. 8) Stop paying farmers not to grow food — assure a fair price for their labor using production to do away with hunger in this country as well as the world.

9) The government should take over the welfare program — take it away from state and local government, allowing states to fund educational needs and medical care.

10) The next president's first priority should be full protection of equal rights for all, especially that vast majority which happens to be women.

McGovern returned to item three, the 1981 tax laws. He claimed \$125 billion is lost annually from the treasury, going into the pockets of corporations,

and gave Occidental Petroleum as an example, which earned last year \$722 million and did not pay one cent in taxes. The same year, General Electric earned \$1.6 billion and paid no taxes, he said.

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Review

Forbidden Broadway

By Steve Warren

Broadway today is largely composed of rerererevivals, for which stars are recruited from wax museums, and high tech-taculars with mammoth machinery masking a total lack of substance.

At \$45 a ticket it's hard to laugh at the joke Broadway has become, so an alternative has arisen. *Forbidden Broadway* opened almost two years ago at Palsson's Supper Club, where it threatens to run longer than the original Broadway. It also has — or soon will have companies running in Toronto, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia.

In San Francisco *Forbidden Broadway* has settled into the Plush Room of the Hotel York, and joins *Beach Blanket Babylon* on the must see list of natives and visitors alike. This 75-minute shish-kebab neatly skewers all the stars, shows and trends of the last 35 years of musical theatre.

It pretends to be "inside" humor, and maybe one line in 500 will go over the heads of those not involved in New York theatre, maybe one in 50 will baffle you if you don't know the song, show or star being parodied. Mostly, though, it's a slightly milder version of Joan Rivers' bitchy wit directed at such easy targets as Richard Burton's drinking, Kevin Kline's vanity, Jennifer Holliday's temperament and the dependence of several stars on their annuity roles — the ones they can always repeat when they need the money.

Young actors joke about unemployment at the beginning and the end, but it is a joke when "Julie Andrews" sings of almost needing a sex change to revive her career, and instant has-been "Patti Lupone" laments the probability of Barbara Streisand landing the movie of *Evita*?

The San Francisco cast is the usual energetic cabaret quartet — a handsome baritone leading man, a blonde ingenue and a comic couple of second leads — except in this case they're all funny. The super-standout is Gaille Heidmann, who must get tired of being compared to Bernadette Peters but it's inevitable. She's dynamite as "Raquel Welch," "Jennifer Holliday" and "Annie," among others; but her weak "Carol Channing" is saved by the material, makeup and male dancers.

Lance Phillips (I thought the name was a joke) is hilarious as "Kevin Kline," "Richard Burton" and a typical aspiring actor. His "Yul Brynner" represents *Forbidden Broadway's* one unfortunate descent into Las Vegas doubleknit humor; but we could hardly have expected someone to grease his head and sit on it — it's not that kind of a show.

Mary Jo McConnell proves repeatedly that she's funnier than she looks — as "Patti Lupone," "Lauren Bacall" revealing her vocal secret and "Ethel Merman" upstaging poor "Mary Martin" in a duet. (What can you do with Mary Martin? But it wouldn't have been right to leave her out.) When her "Ann Miller" entered in red, white and blue, I thought she was Mayor Feinstein dressed for the Democratic convention.

Jim Alden is the weakest member of the quartet, but he's still amusing as "Amadeus," "Rex Harrison" and one of the "Cats." Pianist Scott Singer supports the show admirably and executes his vocal solo well.

Jeff Martin's direction is fast and funny. Chet Ferris' costumes are perfect cheap reproductions of the ones they're imitating.

The concept and lyrics of Gerard Alessandrini are the sort of thing I might have come up with, but do I envy him his success? In the words of a song from one of the few shows he's left alone, "You bet your pretty neck I do!"

Rick Rudy

In Review

"Yeomen" falls under GSSSJ Axe

Where *The Mikado* and *Pirates of Penzance* are bright frothy satires with off-hummed tunes, Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Yeomen of the Guard* is a dark and sorrowful comedy. The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of San Jose (GSSSJ) has managed to locate and exercise the comedy and leave us with a drab and empty shell.

The operetta is set in the Tower Green if the famed Tower of London in the 16th Century. The plot concerns the handsome Colonel Fairfax who is imprisoned unfairly (for practicing alchemy) and the Sergeant of the Guard who arranges his escape. A strolling jester Jack Point, and singer, Elsie Maynard, become enmeshed in the escape, and many people must end up marrying the wrong person to keep Fairfax alive.

The only outstanding performance is given by Bill Neely as Sergeant Meryll. Neely has a beautiful voice and Meryll's warmth and courage are clearly and sympathetically portrayed.

The Sergeant's daughter Pheobe is played by Willa Anderson with energy and an abundance of facial expressions. Her voice is pleasant, and her "Were I Thy Bride" number one of the few

moments of relief from the general stupor.

John Hiestand appears as Colonel Fairfax but sings flat in his solos and worse in the multi-voiced numbers. Even his ludicrous false beard and moustache failed to distract us from noticing that he (and many others) sang their songs straight out to the audience as if they were alone on stage.

The jester Jack Point is the pivotal role in the show and Kevin Vermilion was universally unequal to the task. His singing was hoarse and his line delivery devoid of flair or style. The role demands maturity in the perception of humor and pathos, and it was played by a young man entirely without depth or understanding.

Barbara Heroux as Elsie Maynard was graceful and pleasing with a very pretty voice, but her "Tis Done, I Am a Bride" lacked the emotional charge it deserves.

Roger Hooper as Wilfred Sahdbolt was a satisfactorily coarse jailer, while Mercedes Smith as Dame Carruthers was bland, not grim and domineering as expected. Leo Moerner as Leonard Meryll and Glenn Holmes as Lt. Cholmondeley both seemed ill at



Photo by Katherine Kahr

A Late Snow in the City

Theatre Rhinoceros proudly presents the second production of its 1983-84 season: Jane Chamber's *A Late Snow*, directed by Kris Gannon. *A Late Snow* will open on Wednesday, November 16, 1983. There will be two low-priced matinees on Sunday, December 4 and Sunday, December 18 at 3 pm. Regular performances will run Wednesday through Sunday at 8:30 pm until December 18.

A Late Snow, by the author of *My Blue Heaven* and *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*, is a pajama party of confrontations. The central character, a college professor has asked a new business acquaintance to her cabin for a quiet weekend. When all of her past lovers appear, it turns into an overnight of old memories and present pain.

Kris Gannon, the director, is the administrative director of Theatre Rhinoceros. She has performed across the country as a singer and had recorded her own album, *Kris Gannon: Strong Again*. In the midst, she directed *The Three Penny Opera*, *Old Times*, and *The Twelfth Night*. *A Late Snow* is her Bay Area directional debut.

Ticket information is available by calling (415) 861-5079.

ease and self conscious. The orchestra headed by James Campbell was quite good most of the time, but the brass erred more often than expected. The chorus had trouble with their entrances and cut offs, and lacked depth of tone, although their consonants were clear.

The set was a plain box-like affair and took little account of sightlines. A large pyramid of platforms topped by the headsmen's block was inconveniently located dead center. Traffic jams ensued when the ensemble attempted to go around or the characters had to awkwardly climb over. Some even used the headsmen's block as a casual seat!

The direction by Barbara Murray was at best unimaginative and at worst inappropriate. The "Strange Adventure" quartet curiously became a *gavotte*, and the usually energetic "A Private Buffoon" became listless. Small details grated: commoners don't lay their hands familiarly on the shoulders of Lords and "English" accents were not thoroughly drilled.

Yoeman is not an easy show to do well. The music is more difficult than most of the G & S operas and the script less frivolous and hence more demanding. It can actually be a most beautiful and touching show, with genuine tears of sorrow at its tragic ending. This production unfortunately followed Jack Point's bitter advice "to dwindle, perish, starve, pine and die."

The Yeomen of the Guard played at the Montgomery Theatre through November 12.



The New Dance Company San Jose under the artistic direction of Cliff Keuter added a new jewel to the growing crown of performing arts that graces our fair city. The Santa Clara Valley has an enthusiastic and talented troupe with superb direction in Mr. Keuter's choreography. The above duo, Kenneth Delmar and Alessandra di Perro, danced the world premiere of "Serpent" at

Directors

by David A. DeLong

CONGRATULATIONS to William H. Lipil and Dennis J. McShane, both attending physicians at Stanford University Hospital. They have successfully completed their medical boards and are currently establishing a private practice in Redwood City. According to Dennis they are "particularly interested in the health concerns of the Gay and Lesbian community in the South Bay." For the present, their office hours are by appointment only. To arrange a visit, simply call Dr. Lipil or Dr. McShane at (415) 369-1985.

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SHHH! THIS IS TOP SECRET information. Donna DeBenedetto, House Manager for San Jose Repertory Company, is looking for a few good men and women to usher for the theatre's opening production of The Dining Room now playing through December 11. Call Donna—I know, I know—more phone numbers! If you'd like to usher, call her at (408) 298-2419 or 294-7572.

SAN JOSE CIVIC LIGHT OPERA's production of My Fair Lady opens on Saturday, November 26 and will star Noel Harrison. If you're tired of dialing, drop in the CLO box office at 18 Paseo de San Antonio in Downtown San Jose.

UNTIL NEXT ISSUE—have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday! Write or call your loved ones, especially the members of your Gay family who may be far away from home. . . that goes especially to you, Lou and Leon!

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Established in 1974 as a take out restaurant, Hobe's has subsequently grown into two specialty restaurants, one in Palo Alto and one in Mountain View. Both have similar menus and atmosphere.

I visited the Palo Alto Hobe's for lunch; arriving around 11:30 am, I found the restaurant filling rapidly.

Hobe's clientele is essentially male/female couples and 80 percent or thereabouts are repeats known by name by the young, energetic service staff.

Gays are welcome to feel right at home, in fact the Palo Alto restaurant has a gay businessman's luncheon the second Thursday of each month called the wild lunch bunch.

Those interested need not make reservations (none are taken anyway); just arrive shortly before noon and ask to be seated in the wine room, where the wild lunch bunch meets.

Hobe's while not opulent or overly chi chi, is cozy, airy, well lit, with wooden tables and chairs spaced so as to avoid crowding. Intimate conversations can be held without disturbing one's neighbors.

Hobe's serves lunch and breakfast only. Breakfast is served during all open hours and most luncheon menu items are available anytime. The salad bar isn't assembled until 9 am however.

Hobe's prices are very reasonable. Omelettes are \$4.25 and come with either toast or homemade coffee cake. Other egg breakfast dishes range from \$2.75 for "the best d. . . breakfast in town" (two eggs any style, cottage fries and coffee cake) to \$3.95 for sauteed vegetables and eggs.

When you enter Hobe's check out the black board for the wines of the month specials. The day I visited, the offerings were a 1981 Rutherford Hill Gewurztraminer and a 1982 Cassayre-Forni Dry Chenin Blanc. House wine is available as is Stanford Champagne by the glass. The Gewurztraminer was garnished with a

pineapple wedge, whose aroma nicely complimented the wine's bouquet.

The meal started with a taste of the black bean chili. The chili is homemade and vegetarian, high in protein due to the black beans nicely cooked to a soft consistency. The broth was nicely black, thick and served piping hot with grated cheddar, swiss and monterey jack cheeses sprinkled on top. The chili is served over brown rice pilaf and accompanied with sour cream. The inclusion of a trip to the salad bar makes the \$4.95 price very reasonable.

One of the signature food items is the homemade cinnamon streusal coffee cake, often served with in-season fresh fruit. The coffee cake is a generous portion served piping hot with butter melting on top and comes with the breakfast entrees. Extremely delicious, the coffee cake was garnished with fresh apple and orange slices. Try some a la carte at 75¢ a slice.

Hobe's menu is nicely balanced between vegetarian and meat selections. Healthy, quality food is the goal of the management.

The soups are all homemade and vary from day to day. I tried both the navy bean (a really thick white bean soup) made with a vegetable stock base; chunks of ham giving it a smoky flavor and an excellent New England styled clam chowder. The milky white chowder abounded in clam flavor, chunks of potatoes, and large pieces of clams. The consistency of the soup was as close to perfection as I've tasted.

Next came a trip to the salad bar. Of the five homemade dressings to choose from, I tried the tofu blue cheese (which I found too salty) and the avocado, a delicious blend of sour cream, vinegar, lemon, mayonnaise, seasoning salt, and avocado.

The salad bar had numerous ingredients to choose from; attractively arrayed and nicely chilled. Each day a special salad is featured. On my visit, a wonderful jicama-raisin salad in a

creamed curry dressing was offered. The crunchy jicama was texturally counterpointed by plump mushy soft sweet raisins.

Another signature item is Hobe's own homemade cinnamon orange tea, served either iced or hot. The tea was sweet without the addition of sugar and the cinnamon overwhelmed the orange flavor but nonetheless, can be quite pleasant on a cold, rainy day.

Next came the piece de resistance, the Seven Vegetable Sautee \$4.95. Vegetables are lightly sauteed in vegetable oil; vegetables vary from time to time depending upon availability. My plate consisted of snow-peas, mushrooms, carrots, broccoli, yellow and green zucchini, fresh red peppers and cauliflower all cooked al dente with cubes of tofu marinated in teriyaki added to the mixture. The vegetables are served with either a teriyaki or basil tomato sauce over a brown rice pilaf, which is chewy, nut like and delicious.

Check the blackboard or ask your waitperson for the daily specials. Trout was offered the day of my visit, but was sold out before I could try it. At \$4.95, the trout, served with soup or salad bar, brown rice pilaf and green beans was very reasonably priced.

Ten sandwiches are on the menu priced between \$3.25 and \$3.95 as well as both beef and tofu burgers.

Some of the desserts are homemade. The fresh fruit trifle sounds exciting but conventional (cake sprinkled with Sherry, vanilla pudding, fresh fruit, covered with whipped cream). Also on hand was the fresh pear crisp comprised of fresh pear, granola, brown sugar and butter. I opted for the tofu chocolate torte, a disappointment as the texture was rather chalky and the flavor, somewhat bland. Oh me, to think I could've had the pumpkin cheesecake or pumpkin spice cake, both offered for the

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FORTUNES

By Tycho

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Changing careers in mid-stream could be what you're thinking of. And it could work. You'll probably be getting some kind of offer that will seem hard to turn down. Think long and hard on this one; retreat from the hustle and bustle and consider the facts.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Joining your life to that of someone else takes care, but it can be as simple or as complicated as you choose. Now that the flames burn brightly instead of roaring, you can look to the future and use forethought. "What are we doing?" doesn't have to be a confusing question.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) If you're not a student, you should be. If you're not involved in some concrete application of what you know, you're missing the boat. Don't be lazy with your intelligence. Tap in on your mental resources and use them. Be smart.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) Obstacles may pile up in your path and block your exit. It's going to take a combination of practical knowhow and whimsy to remove them so that you can get started so that you can get away. Your yearning for adventure is strong. Make it happen.

Aries (March 21 - April 21) The fire of Aries is an electrical kind of fire, and this energy is as strong now as it has been in a long time. Creative sparks are flying, and this energy that's been so strong for a few weeks is having a powerful effect on others. Zap! You're a fine conductor.

Taurus (April 22 - May 21) With some outside help in your relationship problem, things are definitely taking shape and direction. Hazy and dangling problems fall away under the shadow of the form your life is taking. Maturity come in stages, all through your life.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) Sex comes home, and you're glad of it. Looking for it in strange places was a drain on you, and you're happier to be on an even keel again. Bright and alert is how you're feeling, glad to wake up in the morning to see who's beside you.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) "Let me entertain you" is your theme song. Who do you think you are, a Leo? You've got this urge to perform, to really show others what you can do. Quite a change for the homebody of the Zodiac! Take center stage, and have a great time doing it!

Leo (July 23 - August 22) After feeling scattered and a bit thrown around, you return to looking to yourself for answers. And it's likely that you'll find the ones you're searching for. You won't be the life of the party for a while, but you'll be back to being yourself again.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Somebody could trick you into believing the unbelievable. This trick from a possible trick will not turn in to a treat, so take heed! Practical advice from someone who's older or who has more experience in these matters could prove very valuable.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) What looked like a light romance or a short affair may become more serious. It may even change your idea of who you are and what it's all about. There's something of a mystery involved that you may not have yet recognized. When you do, you'll be intrigued.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) Looking in the mirror and seeing someone you don't recognize? Older and wiser, perhaps, but there's something else, too, that you're just beginning to understand. Your image reflects your mind, filled these days with new and fascinating ideas.

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Interview

Parker aids AIDS effort

"Everyone who knew Patrick and worked with him is trying to be influenced by him and what he left us." Paul Parker, Megatone recording star, is talking about the late Patrick Cowley. His jaw tightens as he continues, "His death was really tragic, especially for all of our friends who knew Patrick. We don't have the person as a friend; we don't have the man as a producer and a studio source."

"His invaluable knowledge will be missed in the industry. Patrick was an excellent engineer, producer and keyboard player. He knew what worked on a dance floor. He did practically everything."

"My album, 'Shot in the Night,' is basically Patrick Cowley background tracks with an added guitar player and saxophone in a few places."

Parker wipes beads of perspiration from his face. His soaked shirt clings to his muscular frame. Paul has just finished his first show in Fort Lauderdale's Backstreet to a hugely appreciative crowd. The din of the disco pounds on outside his dressing room as he pulls on a dry shirt and tells about his early days.

"I was a singer in San Francisco, working in bars and restaurants and living in Sonoma County—not making any money, but trying to learn how to get my career going. This was the early 70's. For about six years, I was in a little local band. We sometimes sang for five dollars a night and a three drink minimum. We had a good time." A nostalgic grin punctuates the story.

"Then I met Patrick, who became my producer. Originally Jo-Lo (The Patrick Cowley Singers) and I were demo singers for Patrick. We actually used to appear and sing 'Too Much Too Dream' when it was a demo. That was about two years ago."

Cowley's influence on Parker has been immeasurable. "Patrick helped me get started as a songwriter. 'Shot in the Dark' I wrote myself, and 'Baby, You

Can Have My Lovin' Anytime' I co-wrote with him. Everything that I know about production I learned from him. Even so, I didn't learn how to totally produce myself. I don't play keyboards, which you need for good dance music. I help people work on their music and get some of my own done in the process."

Parker doesn't foresee performing his own work exclusively, because he wants to remain diverse. His studio at home sets the mood for his songwriting sprints, but as he says, "Some weeks it gets crazy because I'm doing a project of mine and they're doing one of theirs—sometimes we have three things going at once. But I don't regret it; it's always fun."

Paul has a method for maintaining his positive disposition that ties into his travel schedule.

"I try to block my travelling into specific weeks, usually in two or three week segments. Then, I loop through an area, say the South, then through the Midwest or the Northeast. It's the only way to prevent the travel from getting you down."

His travels have been far more than club appearances. Besides discos and lounges, Paul has put together two commercials, one for American Bell, and one for Hershey's Canada, to the tune of "Right on Target." Other ambitions?

"Yes! I'd do movies, who wouldn't if the offer was right? I'm inexperienced as far as any kind of filming goes, but then last year I was inexperienced at going to clubs."

He certainly is not inexperienced with clubs now, and much of his effort has been concentrated on benefiting AIDS research. He participated in Megatone Records' new 12" cut that is dedicated to the memory of Patrick Cowley. 100 percent of the profits from Megamedley will go to the AIDS Research Foundation. Parker's work is included in "Liftoff" on that record.

Paul's attitude towards AIDS benefit performances can be

Lavendar News goes bi-weekly

The Lavendar News, covering exclusively gay/lesbian issues, and produced by an all gay/lesbian team of journalists, has gone bi-weekly as of Wednesday, November 16th.

According to Wetzel, the additional time slot will make the newscast more accessible to more people.

"People can tune in now as they're getting off their shifts at work on Thursday, or else they can listen to the late-night Wednesday edition just before the 11 o'clock news." The newscasts will run on Wednesdays at 10:45 pm and on Thursdays at 4:45 pm.

The expansion in the year old Lavendar News format came as a negotiated settlement in an agreement with Pacifica Network af-

filiate KPFA radio. The station, broadcasting at 94.1 FM, is based in Berkeley.

Broadcast on two transmitters, one with a 90 mile radius, and one in Fresno with a 75 mile radius, the service can be heard across the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys from Yuba City to Bakerville, and on the coast from Cloverdale down to Salinas, including Santa Rosa, San Rafael, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Stockton, Modesto, Sacramento, Placerville, Auburn, Marysville, and Napa.

According to the terms of the new agreement, Lavendar News will double its air play, and both Lavendar News and the KPFA News Department will gain access to the national wire service run by

the Gay Press Association.

The San Francisco-based National Gay Network, another radio news network began operating a telephone line in the summer of 1982, and began broadcasting on a Sonoma County radio station early in 1983. NGN now also broadcasts in Pittsburg, San Francisco, Berkeley, Los Angeles, Canberra and Sidney Australia, and operates an exchange program with radio Netherlands.

The two radio newscasts have between them recorded sound on some of the most crucial issues affecting the lives of lesbians and gays in the Bay Area, including the 1980 gay rights campaign in Santa Clara County.

described as fundamental. "I just did one for the AIDS Project L.A., a local organization. I'll be doing one in San Francisco at a South of Market Association fundraiser. I do them whenever I can, and particularly when it's going to bring attention to the problem and money into an organization that helps people who are victims."

"It is a problem that has not been dealt with as it should. And just as the ads have read, 'AIDS plays no favorites.' It kills randomly, without logic. Patrick left us with a backlog of music to still work with, but it's not the same as Patrick in person."

Paul eases back into his chair and takes a long sip from a 7-Up. He closes his eyes for a moment of silent reflection, then psychs up for the next performance. The Backstreet crowd screams approval as Paul Parker moves on stage.

-- Jack Sturdy

(Editors Note: Megamedley, the record whose sales benefit AIDS research is available from Megatone Records, 470 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.)

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Tom Ramirez (seated) returns to the San Jose Repertory Company's ensemble in A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room" previewing on Wednesday, November 23 and Friday, November 25. The fourth season for the area's only professional theatre officially opens at 8 p.m. Saturday November 26 at the Montgomery Theatre. Performances continue through December 11. Tickets may be reserved by calling (408) 294-7572.

Double Bill at Rhino

Studio Rhino is now presenting two one act plays by Lanford Wilson, *The Madness of Lady Bright* and *The Great Nebula in Orion*.

Lady Bright is the tragic story of a drag queen, Leslie Bright, gone mad. Viewers experience Leslie's disintegration as a boy and girl drive him to madness.

The Great Nebula is a charming reunion between two college roommates who have not seen each other in over a decade. By the author of *5th of July* and *The Hot L Baltimore*, these early works exemplify Wilson's gift as an exceptional American playwright.

Larry Russell, director of the two short plays, has worked with many of the Bay Area's prominent theatre companies; he also teaches voice and speech at A.C.T. He has directed productions of *The Three Sisters*, *The Diviners*, and *The Long Christmas Dinner*.

For ticket information, call (415) 861-5079.



Victorian Home Tour

A holiday tour of three private homes located in Santa Clara's "Old Quad" area will take place on Friday evening, December 9 from 4 till 8 p.m.

This special Christmas fund raiser for the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara will feature the historic Franck Mansion, a lovely Queen Anne cottage dating from the 1880's and a charming, two-story craftsman bungalow built in 1907.

Each of these homes will be festively decorated for the holiday season. The Franck Mansion, with its extensively restored interiors, featuring beautiful English wool carpets, period furniture, and authentic Scottish lace curtains will be a special treat for any history buff.

The 1880 Queen Anne cottage is particularly interesting, as several rooms have been authentically restored with beautiful rag-rolled walls as well as historic hand-screened wallpaper.

The charming two-story bungalow features a rustic, redwood interior, country kitchen and a delightful garden with spa. In addition, there will be a boutique featuring holiday sale items and refreshments served on the porch of the well-known Morse Mansion, across the street from the Franck House.

For ticket information call (408) 243-2484.



The Late Snow ensemble in rehearsal at Theatre Rhinoceros. Photo by Mark I. Chester

Restaurant

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holiday season.

The coffee was excellent, brewed for strong coffee lovers, not the almost transparent brew you find in too many places these days. And it was Vienna roast!

Although no dinners are served, Hobe's does prepare evening banquet fare for those interested and also provides

catering. Both wine tasting and cooking classes are offered through Foothill College some evenings on the premises. If interested in enrolling, make inquiries through the college.

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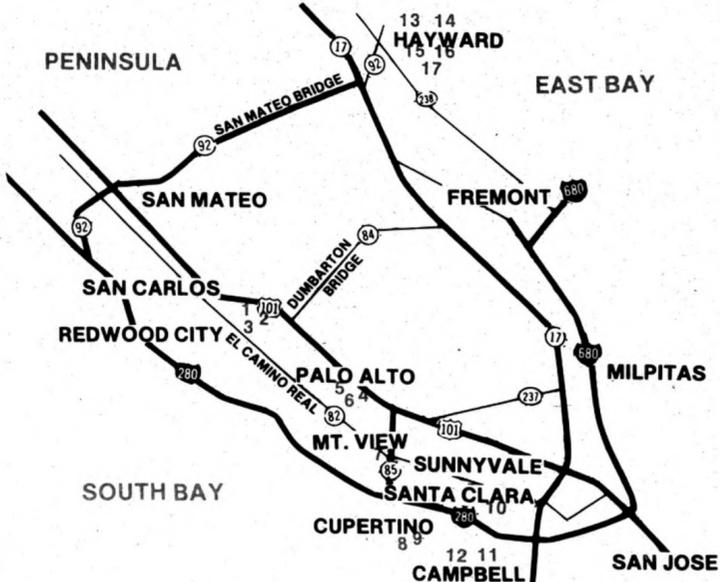
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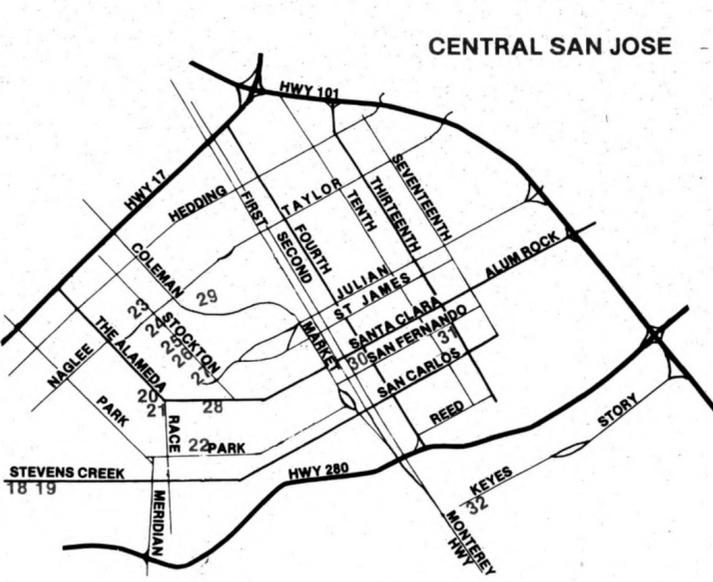
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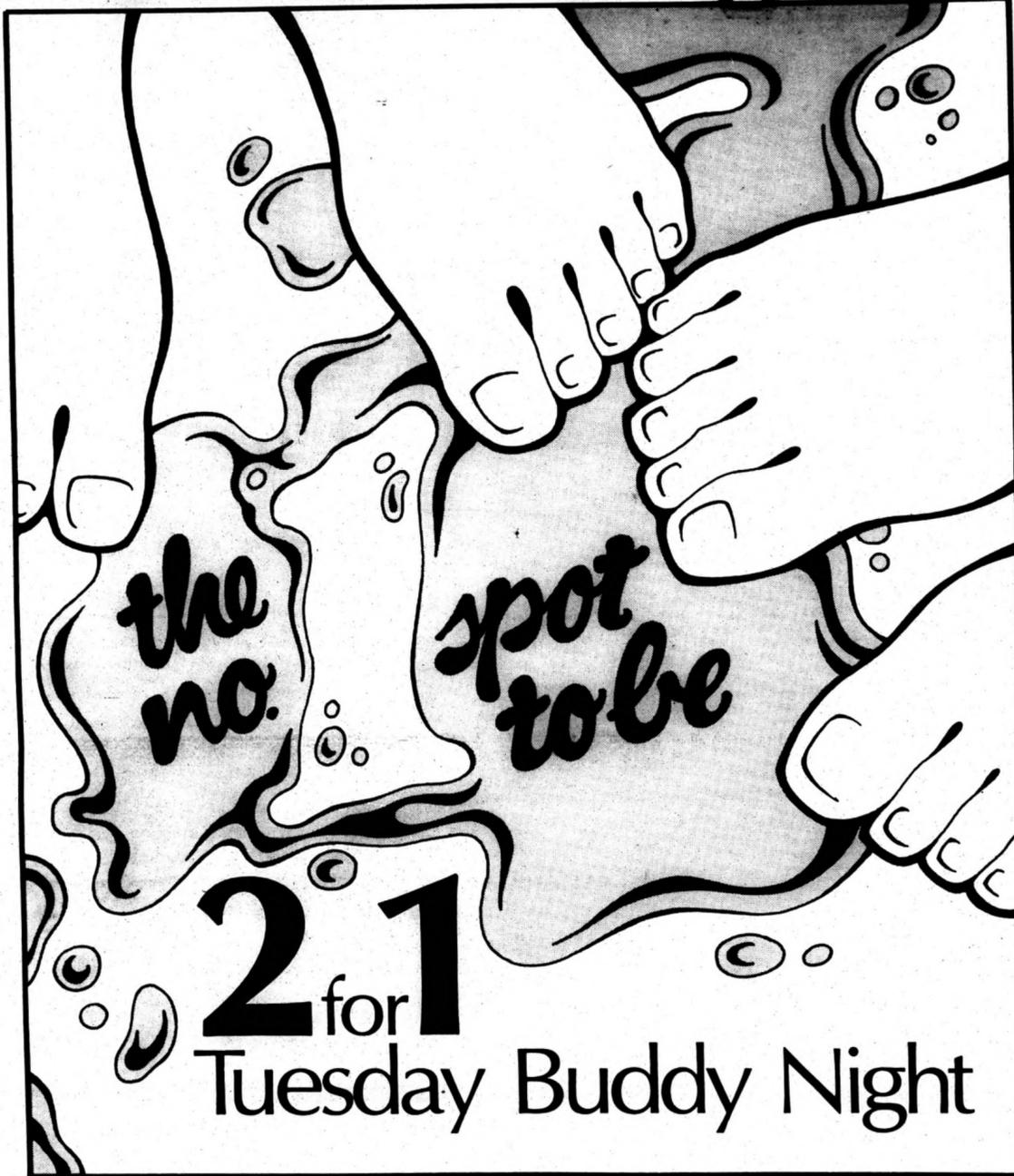
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ON THE STRIP

The Holy Eucharist A service of Thanksgiving

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By Richard Calmbacher

It is that time of year again, when we are reminded to pause and be thankful for all the good things we have.

In the past, I've always thought of it as another holiday. This year, I've taken that moment to remember.

As a Gay person, I have many things to be thankful for in America. Even though there are some who would deny us our basic rights, we can lead full lives.

We can share our ideas publicly and in print. We can gather in our own meeting places.

We can participate in the political system and even exert some influence over major issues important to us as well as others.

However, we must not become complacent. To keep those freedoms, we must be active and vigilant. If we lose those freedoms, it could be due to our own apathy.

To some, Thanksgiving is traditionally a family's holiday.

But I have always felt I was part of a bigger family. Being Gay was not just a sexual experience to me. My friends are my family. On that day, remember your Gay brothers and sisters, for they are your family, too.

Bits & Pieces

November 15 was the second

meeting of the newly formed San Jose Bar Association, made up of owners and managers from the 641, Boot Rack, Buck's, Mac's Club, Main St. Saloon, Renegades, and Toyon.

I attended this meeting and can proudly say that the rapport and communication were good.

There are plans for joint advertising and events. Look for a Valentine's Day celebration with events planned at each of the member bars and an Hawaiian Holiday as a Grand Prize.

On the same day, I attended a council meeting presided over by the new Mayor of Stockton Strip.

This new group is planning a joint venture with Casa. Watch for posters by Thanksgiving in Stockton Strip bars for a canned food and toy drive to help needy families have an enjoyable Christmas. Supporting bars will have special events to help bring in Xmas gifts for the needy. We ask for your support.

The Toyon will be celebrating Nevan's birthday, December 4 at 5 p.m. There will be dancing and hors d'oeuvres.

Remodeling of David's at Main St. has begun and should be completed soon.

On Thanksgiving day, Dale will put on his annual Turkey feed for all Stockton Strip "orphans."

I just wanted to say to all of you, Thanks.

EBL/GDC elects new officers & celebrates

Election of officers, an address by Assemblyperson Johan Klehs, and a birthday party highlighted the November meeting of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club.

Johan Klehs, Democrat from the 14th Assembly District (San Leandro), spoke to the club about his experiences in the legislature, his bill, AB 621, which would prohibit employers from questioning job applicants about their personal lives or engagement in lawful activities; and about the prospects for AB 1.

AB 1 would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Bill has passed the Assembly, and the Senate Judiciary Committee, and awaits a vote by the full Senate when it reconvenes in January.

Klehs felt that the prospects were good for its passage. He also gave advice on how best to lobby recalcitrant legislators.

Tom Brougham, PAC Chair, gave an update on the club's efforts to facilitate South County support for AB 1.

A meeting, co-sponsored by the EBL/GDC and a number of South County residents, will be held Tuesday evening, November 28 at 7:00 p.m., at the Democratic Headquarters, 22540 Main Street, Hayward, to help generate support for this essential bill.

Senator Bill Lockyer, who represents the 10th Senatorial District (southern Alameda County) was a past supporter of AB 1 when he was in the Assembly.

Now that he is a new Senator, he is "undecided." Club leaders say that it is of the utmost importance to demonstrate to him that there is significant support for AB 1 in his district. (Lockyer's address is: 22300 Foothill Blvd., #415, Hayward, CA 94541.)

Club members elected new officers for the upcoming year. Those chosen were: President, Armand Boulay; Vice President, Mary Ann Brownstein; Recording Secretary, Eric Hsu; Corresponding Secretary, Suzy Ganz; Treasurer, Joe Acanfora; PAC Chair, Tom Brougham; and Finance Chair, Kerry Woodward.

The meeting concluded with a surprise birthday party for club founder and President, Armand Boulay. The party was also attended by Berkeley City Council member Andrea Washburn, School Board President Steve Lustig, BCA Chair Ann Chandler, and Hayward City Council Candidate Barbara Bradley.

"Armand's upcoming birthday was a convenient excuse for us to express how much we appreciate all he's done for the club and for the East Bay Lesbian and Gay community as a whole," said party organizers Woodward and Brownstein.

The next meeting of the EBL/GDC will be a Holiday Party on Saturday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m., at 2916 Martin Luther King Way (formerly Grove Street) in Berkeley, half a block from the Ashby BART station. The party is free, and all are welcome.



By Ted Sahl

For Morgan MacDonald, it must have been like a ride in the horror house; wheeled out of the hospital and put on a plane that took him to San Francisco.

Shocked by the handling of MacDonald, literally dumping him on the doorsteps of the city, Dr. Silverman, head of the San Francisco Health Department, denounced Florida officials for their lack of sensitivity.

Morgan MacDonald, a critically ill patient with AIDS arrived in San Francisco on October 4th, sixteen days later, he died.

Bishop William E. Swing, Episcopal Bishop of California together with the Dean and staff

of Grace Cathedral took the initiative and offered the services of the Cathedral as a sign of solidarity with the city and the lesbian/gay community at a memorial service held November 2, 1983. The service was conducted by Rev. John Williams, a co-founder of The Parsonage; the preacher was Kevin Gordon, Director of The Consultation on Homosexuality, Social Justice, and Roman Catholic theology, and of the gay/lesbian Task Force that published the controversial report, *Homosexuality and Social Justice*.

Bill O'Connor (who helped in the service) said that MacDonald had step-parents living in

Oakland who were invited to the service. Members of the AIDS Foundation and Shanti Project attended as well as friends of MacDonald.

In his sermon, Rev. Williams spoke of the health crisis of AIDS and deplored those who compared it with "the plague." Ending with a prayer thanking the mayor, the hospital, the local government and all the agencies for their help; and suggesting that we must be proud, let the word go out, we will stand together in the churches and the synagogues.

Alone in life, Morgan MacDonald triumphed in death. He was not forgotten in San Francisco.



De Anza College campus was the scene of a women's convocation to end war. On Nov. 4-6, 2500 women from 24 states came together, convinced that a new way of thinking is needed to resolve conflict. They will form a nucleus of a movement dedicated to communicating that war is obsolete. "Nuclear war — terrifying — never knew an action I could take," said Robyn, a young woman from San Francisco. Added

Jenny, "It is important that our perspective should be global — no more wars!" Hundreds of women on their way to Flint Center — many women of color — were very nicely dressed, middle America. The convocation was sponsored by Creative Initiative, a non-profit, educational foundation based in Palo Alto.

SF leaders react to ethnic data on AIDS

By Dion B. Sanders
GPA Wire Service

San Francisco — City officials, health-care professionals and leaders of the Gay and minority communities here reacted this week with shock — and in some cases, anger — to the disclosure that up to 40 percent of the more than 2,500 AIDS cases in the United States are ethnic minorities.

Gay newspapers around the country last week carried a copyrighted story revealing data from

the National Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta that showed that more than 25 percent of all AIDS cases nationwide are black — including Haitians — and that an additional 14 percent are Hispanic.

Amazingly, less than one percent are Asians and Native Americans, according to the CDC statistics, which were as of October 19, 1983.

The high percentage of non-white AIDS patients sharply challenges a widely-held belief by the general public — and especially

by minority communities — that AIDS is a "white gay man's disease." — a belief that stems from a perception of the Gay community as being exclusively white.

Harry Britt, the only openly gay member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Monday, told GPA that he wasn't surprised by the year-long period between the first dissemination of the AIDS ethnic data by the CDC and the reporting of it by the news media.

"Gay triggers into the American consciousness a certain image — a white image," he said, adding that "the general slowness of the press in dealing with (the gay community) except in the stereotype of the white male," is

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gedly tricked with Allain on numerous occasions. In great detail they explained their cruising techniques and how they had performed oral sex on Allain and how Allain had performed the same on one of them in a motel.

The three men, who worked downtown Jackson's streets in drag, were identified as David "Devia" Holiday, Grady "Nicole Toy" Arrington, and Donald "Donna" Johnson.

Most of the sex took place in Allain's car, they said, while he would drive along the streets. The going rate was \$20, they said, but once he paid \$40.

The next day, following the release of the statements, several Mississippi reporters interviewed the three in a Louisiana motel and found discrepancies in their stories.

For four weeks, since giving testimony to the private investigators, they were being chaperoned, kept in hiding, and moved around the South by Pendleton detective Ron Allen.

In the earlier sworn statements, Holiday said he first met Attorney General Bill Allain in December '82, and Arrington said he met Allain as far back as July '81. But at the Louisiana motel, Arrington gave the reporters a detailed description of how he was first introduced to Allain by Holiday.

The statements didn't match, and it was reported in local Mississippi papers.

Then another article appeared quoting "Donna" Johnson's mother Betty who said, "My son is a drug addict and would do anything for money, and I know he would lie at every opportunity."

Undaunted, Bramlett's backers pressed on. They took out ads in Mississippi dailies which quoted the testimony of Allain's wife in her 1970 divorce proceedings. "He persisted in living as a single person while married," the ad stated, "staying away from home for long periods of time, unexplained, and refusing to conduct himself as a husband, and ceased to have normal marital relations for five years."

The not-so-subtle ads were paid for by a group called Concerned Citizens For Responsible Government and were sprinkled liberally with biblical quotations.

Some carried photos of the three men in drag, and others carried the statements of Jackson police officers who had reported seeing Allain cruising the neighborhood where the prostitutes hung out. They had been authorized to file reports on Allain by the mayor of Jackson, and by the police chief.

One police sergeant reported stopping Allain, flashing his blue light, and advising him to leave the area for his own protection. Statements were also released from two maintenance men who entered Allain's apartment and claimed to have found homosexual magazines depicting transvestites.

Pressure was building, and the Meridian, Mississippi Star called for the elections to be postponed until all the charges could be sorted out.

In an attempt to counter the daily attacks on his personal character, Allain's lawyer arranged to have him take a lie detector test in neutral New Orleans, the results of which were announced just four days before the election.

He passed, but Bramlett had objections. The Republican candidate then offered to withdraw from the race if Allain would submit to and pass three independent polygraph tests, this time to be administered in Mississippi.

Allain refused saying, "I don't want you out of this campaign,

you need to know what the people think of your campaign tactics."

Attorney Spell then took a polygraph himself to see whether he had set it all up, or paid the prostitutes to give their testimony. It had been reported in the papers that he paid another transvestite named Madam Francine \$300 to locate others who might have had sex with Allain.

Each of the three TV's were also given \$100 "to get out of town" and were receiving \$50 a day while in the custody of the Pendleton Detective out of state. That money was explained as a form of compensation for their lost income in having come forward with their testimony.

Spell apparently denied those allegations and also passed his polygraph test. Meanwhile Spell's son, himself a lawyer, quit his father's law firm in disgust saying, "I voted for Allain in the primary, and I'm going to vote for him again."

Spell senior, Smith and others in the Bramlett support group traveled the state holding press conferences on the charges against Allain.

In Hattiesburg, a Bramlett supporter got into a heated argument with a local newspaper writer for under-reporting the attendance at one of the meetings. The reporter said there were 80 in attendance, when the Bramlett man insisted there were 91.

No television station would run the Smith/Spell group's TV spots because they didn't include a Bramlett endorsement, which

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didn't think the question of sexual preference was important to most voters. Kerr tried to make an issue of it with an advertising campaign that stressed the value of family ties.

Key West is a city of 22,000 people that swells to 30,000 at the height of the tourist season. It sits on a small island at the Southernmost tip of Florida only 90 miles from Cuba.

It's a city with sunsets, beaches, crystal clear waters, gingerbread houses, palm studded lanes, a half dozen gay bars and at least twice as many gay hotels.

It also has one of the highest rates of AIDS cases in the nation and a very active community

Gay voter impact felt in municipal elections

By Ernie Potvin
via GPA Wire Service

In November's municipal elections across the country, the impact of the gay and lesbian vote was felt in several cities.

Also noteworthy was the fact that many of the mayoralty winners were liberal women and blacks who sought and received the support of the gay community.

Big city gay political clubs supported and helped re-elect mayors Dianne Feinstein in San Francisco, and Kathy Whitmire in Houston. They were also deeply involved in the election of Philadelphia's first black mayor Wilson Goode.

Yet another interesting story was taking place in much smaller cities where younger gay political groups were making an impact.

In Sacramento, the gay community's six-month-old River City Democratic Club was the city's only political organization to support Anne Rudin for mayor in the primaries where she won a second place run-off spot.

was necessary for the stations to avoid libel charges.

Another TV spot was aired, however, featuring Allain's ex-wife Doris Rush, in which she defended him against charges of sexual impropriety, and praised him as a husband.

It wasn't easy to know what the people of Mississippi were thinking. Few would say how they planned to vote.

In a state where political signs are outlawed except on personal property, many Bramlett, but very few Allain signs appeared on people's front lawns. They weren't willing to subject themselves to possible ridicule.

Meanwhile a number of gay-Allain jokes were reported sweeping the state.

One told of the new Bill Allain designer jeans with front and back zippers.

Another said the first thing Governor Allain will do is eliminate the capitol pages, and bring in aids (sic).

It was the Mississippi voters, however, who delivered the best punch line when they voted in Bill Allain for governor in a heavy turnout on November 8.

He had won with 55% of the vote to 39% for Bramlett and 6% to three other candidates. His strongest support came from precincts which were predominantly black.

In a jubilant victory party with his supporters, Allain said, "This victory is proof that Mississippians feel stronger about dirty politics than religious preferences and marital status."

group of medical leaders meeting the challenge. Key West's total of reported cases is 12.

The first openly gay mayor in America was elected several years ago in a small town of 1,000 in central Missouri.

The second was Robert Gentry, of Laguna Beach, who was elected to the office last Spring. Several weeks ago Gentry was addressing a gathering at the Christopher Street West awards banquet and remarked, "If we wanted to have a caucus meeting of gay mayors, we could hold it in a telephone booth."

Now, with the election of Heyman in Key West [and the election of a gay mayor in Santa Cruz], the telephone booth may be starting to get a little crowded.

They supported her again, along with the local gay press, in the Nov. 8 general election where she narrowly won the city hall race by less than a thousand votes.

Her opponent Ross Relles did take the opportunity to do some gay-baiting during the last days of the campaign.

He published a widely distributed flyer which did not receive prior approval from the election board, and included a brief, edited and misleading list of her backers. It was limited almost exclusively to gay, feminist and environmentalist endorsements.

The River City Democratic Club, for example, was listed as the River City Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, and her only press endorsement on the list was shown as "Mom Guess What (a gay newspaper)."

In the Sacramento Bee, the city's major daily, Rudin said, "Ross Relles' list of endorsements is woefully incomplete, and purposefully so. They were intended to get knee-jerk reac-

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the chief reason why the AIDS ethnic data had not previously been reported in the media — mainstream, Gay, or minority.

Supervisor Willie Kennedy said Tuesday that she had not read the report in full and would withhold formal comment until she issued a statement.

However, after taking a quick glance at a copy of a gay newspaper which carried the story locally, Kennedy, who is Black, did say — with a touch of anger in her voice — that the disclosure "was long overdue."

Doris Ward, the city's other black supervisor, could not be reached for comment. A source close to Ward said, however, that she was "absolutely livid" that the AIDS ethnic data had not been publicized by the news media sooner, for she had known

about it "for months."

Dr. Carlton Goodlett, publisher of The Sun-Reporter, the city's primary black-community newspaper, was stunned when he was told Nov. 2 about the AIDS ethnic data, which reported that nationwide, 765 blacks — including 117 Haitians — had AIDS. Another 354 were Hispanics. Eight were Asian and three were Native Americans.

"I'm flabbergasted," he said. "This is the first (time) I've heard of it."

Goodlett, who had just returned to San Francisco from an out-of-town business trip, asked that a copy of the story be sent to his office.

The Sun-Reporter ran a story on AIDS a month ago under the headline, "Blacks Have Avoided AIDS." That story cited figures compiled by the San Francisco Department of Public Health that showed only four percent of AIDS patients in San Francisco

were black, 14 out of 288 cases locally. 11 were Hispanics and three each were among Asians and Native Americans.

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, the city's public health director, told GPA that the reporting on the ethnic backgrounds of AIDS patients "hasn't been an issue one way or the other, as far as this department is concerned. We've been looking at it (AIDS) as a public health problem, and a problem predominantly in San Francisco of Gays."

Silverman added that "It's my feeling that people know that Gays in San Francisco are made up of all ethnic groups, that it (the Gay community) isn't isolated into whites, or Blacks or Hispanics. . . . We certainly don't see it as a 'white man's disease' or any man's disease."

At a meeting in Oakland Nov. 2 of the local chapter of Black and White Men Together, chap-

ter chairman Edgar Rakestraw told GPA that the newly-disclosed information "shows that this disease is neither less nor more prevalent in any ethnic group."

However, taking note of the fact that the proportion of minorities with AIDS is nearly double the proportion of minorities in the U.S. population, Rakestraw, who is black, asked a disturbing question: "Are various members of certain ethnic groups more susceptible to this disease than others?"

When Ed Power, assistant director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, was asked by GPA whether the foundation had distributed educational information on AIDS to minority communities, he admitted that the foundation had not made a major outreach. "At this point, because the process of developing our master plan to do the outreach didn't come through."

He added, however, that "we have to make sure that the educa-

tional material that goes out about AIDS does not in any way reinforce the misconception that AIDS is a disease that Third World people don't have to be concerned about."

Lyn Paleo, volunteer coordinator at the foundation, raised another issue: the lack of public information on AIDS and women. "I know a lot of women are asking me the kinds of questions (about AIDS) that there aren't a lot of answers for."

Paleo added that there is a large percentage of women with AIDS "whom they put into an unknown or other category, that we now know to be its own category — sexual partners of IV drug users, sexual partners of bisexual men — but that yet hasn't been categorized on its own; it's just been recorded as 'other.'"

"I think that it should clear up the statistics when someone gets around to tracking down those figures," she said. "There's a lot of fear. . . ."

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tions from voters." Democrat Harvey Gantt said he would work to add sexual orientation to Charlotte's non-discrimination ordinance, while his Republican opponent, Ed Peacock, felt it was not needed. Also appearing were eight candidates for eleven city council seats.

Don King, of the caucus, said it was the best turnout Lambda Political Caucus ever had in their three-year history.

Electing a liberal black mayor in a state that has become increasingly conservative in the last twenty years is no easy feat, especially in a city like Charlotte, where whites outnumber blacks by three to one.

The Lambda Caucus met early with Gantt at a breakfast strategy meeting; they did widespread leafletting for him during both the primary and general election;

AIDS Note

The National Institute of Mental Health, a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has funded three grants totalling \$210,720 for the study of psychological factors that may influence the onset, severity, or consequences of the condition.

Dr. Jimmie Holland, of Sloane-Kettering Hospital in New York City, will study three groups of Gay men; a group of people with AIDS, a group of people at high risk for AIDS, and a control group of healthy subjects. The study will attempt to measure or determine the effects of distress on the syndrome, and whether anxiety in the course of treatment affects response.

Dr. Jill Joseph, of the University of Michigan, will study behavioral and psychological indications that could possibly identify traits that make their possessors particularly vulnerable to AIDS.

Dr. Lydia Temoshock, of the University of California, San Francisco, will study the consequences of those suspected or diagnosed for AIDS in order to develop service and educational programs. Her findings will be translated into guidelines for health care providers and service programs for people with AIDS and their families.

Seven of the 17 members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources have sent a letter to Chairman Orrin Hatch requesting hearings on AIDS. Joining the committee members were eight other senators, including Kennedy, Tsongas, Glenn, Cranston, Moynihan, Hatfield, and Weicker.

The purpose of the hearings, according to the letter, would be to "provide a national forum to alleviate unrestricted public fear

and finally they set up a telephone bank to make a thousand calls to potential gay supporters and their friends.

Gantt, a Democrat, won by 4,000 votes out of 80,000 cast. It can be safely assumed that many of them were gay people. He had been the first North Carolina candidate to take his campaign into a gay disco, and discuss gay issues.

In Charlotte, as in many smaller cities in the nation, some candidates are afraid to go after gay and lesbian endorsements, believing it could harm them, but that attitude has already begun to change.

There appeared to be a lot of cross-over voting in Charlotte on Nov. 8, for not only did liberal Gantt win, but a good number of the city council seats were won by conservative Republicans.

of the disease, and to obtain a more comprehensive understanding of what the Federal government is doing. . . ."

The letter is careful to emphasize that the hearings would focus on "health concerns" rather than "a moral dispute." It cites a new figure from the Center for Disease Control: as of October 19, 1983, 2,513 cases of AIDS have been reported, and 1,048 people have died from it.

Though a number of Federal grants are being made for AIDS research and treatment, the brunt of the expense is on the communi-

ties that see the greatest number of people with AIDS: New York, San Francisco, and Miami, among others. It is estimated that hospital and treatment costs for each person with AIDS reaches in excess of \$100,000; AIDS sufferers whose insurance is inadequate or non-existent are general treated at municipal facilities at municipal expense

A group of nationally-known scientists and medical investigators has set up a new organization, the AIDS Medical Foundation.

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gedly tricked with Allain on numerous occasions. In great detail they explained their cruising techniques and how they had performed oral sex on Allain and how Allain had performed the same on one of them in a motel.

The three men, who worked downtown Jackson's streets in drag, were identified as David "Devia" Holiday, Grady "Nicole Toy" Arrington, and Donald "Donna" Johnson.

Most of the sex took place in Allain's car, they said, while he would drive along the streets. The going rate was \$20, they said, but once he paid \$40.

The next day, following the release of the statements, several Mississippi reporters interviewed the three in a Louisiana motel and found discrepancies in their stories.

For four weeks, since giving testimony to the private investigators, they were being chaperoned, kept in hiding, and moved around the South by Pendleton Detective Ron Allen.

In the earlier sworn statements, Holiday said he first met Attorney General Bill Allain in December '82, and Arrington said he met Allain as far back as July '81. But at the Louisiana motel, Arrington gave the reporters a detailed description of how he was first introduced to Allain by Holiday. The statements didn't match, and it was reported in local Mississippi papers.

Then another article appeared quoting "Donna" Johnson's mother Betty who said, "My son is a drug addict and would do anything for money, and I know he would lie at every opportunity."

Undaunted, Bramlett's backers pressed on. They took out ads in Mississippi dailies which quoted the testimony of Allain's wife in her 1970 divorce proceedings. "He persisted in living as a single person while married," the ad stated, "staying away from home for long periods of time, unexplained, and refusing to conduct himself as a husband, and ceased to have normal marital relations for five years."

The not-so-subtle ads were paid for by a group called Concerned Citizens For Responsible Government and were sprinkled liberally with biblical quotations.

Some carried photos of the three men in drag, and others carried the statements of Jackson police officers who had reported seeing Allain cruising the neighborhood where the prostitutes hung out. They had been authorized to file reports on Allain by the mayor of Jackson, and by the police chief.

One police sergeant reported stopping Allain, flashing his blue light, and advising him to leave the area for his own protection. Statements were also released from two maintenance men who entered Allain's apartment and claimed to have found homosexual magazines depicting transvestites.

Pressure was building, and the Meridian, Mississippi Star called the elections to be postponed until all the charges could be sorted out.

In an attempt to counter the early attacks on his personal character, Allain's lawyer arranged to have him take a lie detector test in neutral New Orleans, the results of which were announced just four days before the election.

He passed, but Bramlett had objections. The Republican candidate then offered to withdraw from the race if Allain would submit to and pass three independent polygraph tests, this time to be administered in Mississippi.

Allain refused saying, "I don't want you out of this campaign,

you need to know what the people think of your campaign tactics."

Attorney Spell then took a polygraph himself to see whether he had set it all up, or paid the prostitutes to give their testimony. It had been reported in the papers that he paid another transvestite named Madam Francine \$300 to locate others who might have had sex with Allain.

Each of the three TV's were also given \$100 "to get out of town" and were receiving \$50 a day while in the custody of the Pendleton Detective out of state. That money was explained as a form of compensation for their lost income in having come forward with their testimony.

Spell apparently denied those allegations and also passed his polygraph test. Meanwhile Spell's son, himself a lawyer, quit his father's law firm in disgust saying, "I voted for Allain in the primary, and I'm going to vote for him again."

Spell senior, Smith and others in the Bramlett support group traveled the state holding press conferences on the charges against Allain.

In Hattiesburg, a Bramlett supporter got into a heated argument with a local newspaper writer for under-reporting the attendance at one of the meetings. The reporter said there were 80 in attendance, when the Bramlett man insisted there were 91.

No television station would run the Smith/Spell group's TV spots because they didn't include a Bramlett endorsement, which

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didn't think the question of sexual preference was important to most voters. Kerr tried to make an issue of it with an advertising campaign that stressed the value of family ties.

Key West is a city of 22,000 people that swells to 30,000 at the height of the tourist season. It sits on a small island at the Southernmost tip of Florida only 90 miles from Cuba.

It's a city with sunswept beaches, crystal clear waters, gingerbread houses, palm studded lanes, a half dozen gay bars and at least twice as many gay hotels.

It also has one of the highest rates of AIDS cases in the nation and a very active community

Gay voter impact felt in municipal elections

By Ernie Potvin
via GPA Wire Service

In November's municipal elections across the country, the impact of the gay and lesbian vote was felt in several cities.

Also noteworthy was the fact that many of the mayoralty winners were liberal women and blacks who sought and received the support of the gay community.

Big city gay political clubs supported and helped re-elect mayors Dianne Feinstein in San Francisco, and Kathy Whitmire in Houston. They were also deeply involved in the election of Philadelphia's first black mayor Wilson Goode.

Yet another interesting story was taking place in much smaller cities where younger gay political groups were making an impact.

In Sacramento, the gay community's six-month-old River City Democratic Club was the city's only political organization to support Anne Rudin for mayor in the primaries where she won a second place run-off spot.

was necessary for the stations to avoid libel charges.

Another TV spot was aired, however, featuring Allain's ex-wife Doris Rush, in which she defended him against charges of sexual impropriety, and praised him as a husband.

It wasn't easy to know what the people of Mississippi were thinking. Few would say how they planned to vote.

In a state where political signs are outlawed except on personal property, many Bramlett, but very few Allain signs appeared on people's front lawns. They weren't willing to subject themselves to possible ridicule.

Meanwhile a number of gay-Allain jokes were reported sweeping the state.

One told of the new Bill Allain designer jeans with front and back zippers.

Another said the first thing Governor Allain will do is eliminate the capitol pages, and bring in aids (sic).

It was the Mississippi voters, however, who delivered the best punch line when they voted in Bill Allain for governor in a heavy turnout on November 8.

He had won with 55% of the vote to 39% for Bramlett and 6% to three other candidates. His strongest support came from precincts which were predominantly black.

In a jubilant victory party with his supporters, Allain said, "This victory is proof that Mississippians feel stronger about dirty politics than religious preferences and marital status."

group of medical leaders meeting the challenge. Key West's total of reported cases is 12.

The first openly gay mayor in America was elected several years ago in a small town of 1,000 in central Missouri.

The second was Robert Gentry, of Laguna Beach, who was elected to the office last Spring. Several weeks ago Gentry was addressing a gathering at the Christopher Street West awards banquet and remarked, "If we wanted to have a caucus meeting of gay mayors, we could hold it in a telephone booth."

Now, with the election of Heyman in Key West [and the election of a gay mayor in Santa Cruz], the telephone booth may be starting to get a little crowded, crowded.

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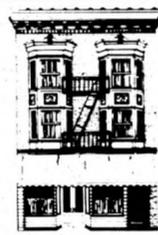
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the chief reason why the AIDS ethnic data had not previously been reported in the media — mainstream, Gay, or minority.

Supervisor Willie Kennedy said Tuesday that she had not read the report in full and would withhold formal comment until she issued a statement.

However, after taking a preliminary look at the report, Kennedy said she was "absolutely livid" that the AIDS ethnic data had not been publicized by the news media sooner, for she had known

Doris Ward, the city's first black supervisor, could not be reached for comment. A source close to Ward said, however, that she was "absolutely livid" that the AIDS ethnic data had not been publicized by the news media sooner, for she had known

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tions from voters."

Prior to the issuance of the controversial flyer, Relles was believed to be leading in the race. Whatever its effect, Anne Rudin would not have won the mayor's seat without the strong support she received from the lesbian and gay community.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, a city of 300,000 the small but influential Lambda Political Caucus helped elect Harvey Gantt, that city's first black mayor.

The Lambda Caucus, which boasts less than twelve members, staged three candidate nights before a larger gay men's social/educational group called Acceptance. Each mayoralty candidate appeared separately to answer questions and state his posi-

AIDS Note

The National Institute of Mental Health, a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has funded three grants totalling \$210,720 for the study of psychological factors that may influence the onset, severity, or consequences of the condition.

Dr. Jimmie Holland, of Sloane-Kettering Hospital in New York City, will study three groups of Gay men; a group of people with AIDS, a group of people at high risk for AIDS, and a control group of healthy subjects. The study will attempt to measure or determine the effects of distress on the syndrome, and whether anxiety in the course of treatment affects response.

Dr. Jill Joseph, of the University of Michigan, will study behavioral and psychological indications that could possibly identify traits that make their possessors particularly vulnerable to AIDS.

Dr. Lydia Temoshock, of the University of California, San Francisco, will study the consequences of those suspected or diagnosed for AIDS in order to develop service and educational programs. Her findings will be translated into guidelines for health care providers and service programs for people with AIDS and their families.

Seven of the 17 members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources have sent a letter to Chairman Orrin Hatch requesting hearings on AIDS. Joining the committee members were eight other senators, including Kennedy, Tsongas, Glenn, Cranston, Moynihan, Hatfield, and Weicker.

The purpose of the hearings, according to the letter, would be to "provide a national forum to alleviate unrestricted public fear

about it "for months."

Dr. Carlton Goodlett, publisher of The Sun-Reporter, the city's primary black community newspaper, was stunned when he was told Nov. 2 about the AIDS ethnic data, which reported that nationwide, 765 blacks — including 117 Haitians — had AIDS. Another 354 were Hispanics. Eight were Asian and three were Native Americans.

"I'm flabbergasted," he said. "This is the first time I've heard anything like this."

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were black, 14 out of 288 cases locally. 11 were Hispanics and three each were among Asians and Native Americans.

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, the city's public health director, told GPA that the reporting on the ethnic backgrounds of AIDS patients "hasn't been an issue one way or the other, as far as this department is concerned. We've been looking at it (AIDS) as a public health problem, and a problem predominantly in San Francisco."

However, taking note of the fact that the proportion of minorities with AIDS is nearly double the proportion of minorities in the U.S. population, Rakestraw, who is black, asked a disturbing question: "Are various members of certain ethnic groups more susceptible to this disease than others?"

He added, however, that "we have to make sure that the educa-

tion on lesbian and gay civil rights.

Democrat Harvey Gantt said he would work to add sexual orientation to Charlotte's non-discrimination ordinance, while his Republican opponent, Ed Peacock, felt it was not needed. Also appearing were eight candidates for eleven city council seats.

Don King, of the caucus, said it was the best turnout Lambda Political Caucus ever had in their three-year history.

Electing a liberal black mayor in a state that has become increasingly conservative in the last twenty years is no easy feat, especially in a city like Charlotte, where whites outnumber blacks by three to one.

The Lambda Caucus met early with Gantt at a breakfast strategy meeting; they did widespread leafletting for him during both the primary and general election;

and finally they set up a telephone bank to make a thousand calls to potential gay supporters and their friends.

Gantt, a Democrat, won by 4,000 votes out of 80,000 cast. It can be safely assumed that many of them were gay people. He had been the first North Carolina candidate to take his campaign into a gay disco, and discuss gay issues.

In Charlotte, as in many smaller cities in the nation, some candidates are afraid to go after gay and lesbian endorsements, believing it could harm them, but that attitude has already begun to change.

There appeared to be a lot of cross-over voting in Charlotte on Nov. 8, for not only did liberal Gantt win, but a good number of the city council seats were won by conservative Republicans.

A group of nationally-known scientists and medical investigators has set up a new organization, the AIDS Medical Foundation.

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Seattle archbishop under attack from Rome

He's Too Anti-Nuke and Too Friendly With Gays

By Jim Kepner
via GPA Wire Service

Roman Catholic Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle, who recently extended a warm welcome to the Sixth biennial convention of Dignity, the national gay Catholic organization, was ordered by the Vatican to undergo an investigation on the basis of complaints from his critics.

His critics, including a vocal minority of priests and some conservative lay groups, have objected to the Archbishop's forthright statements regarding the nuclear arms race, sanctuaries for illegal aliens, the role of women in the church and other moral questions.

At the time when Hunthausen had planned to welcome the Dignity convention, he was summoned to Rome, and his welcoming address was delivered by videotape instead.

The summons to Rome to be lectured by the Pope on the clergy's duty to hold the line on the Church's teachings on morals is something that the 300 American bishops each have experienced or are scheduled to experience this year.

This has led to conjectures in Catholic periodicals as to whether the Pope has it in for the American hierarchy. John Paul has told the bishops, a few at a time, that they must be more effective in proclaiming teachings on sexuality which many American Catholics simply no longer follow.

Investigations or purges of seminaries and of the religious orders have been threatened by Rome, and John Paul has made no secret of his desire to tilt the balance of the American hierarchy when he fills the vacancies this year in New York and Boston, and in Philadelphia and Los Angeles after Cardinals Krol and Manning retire.

The areas of sharp papal concern include birth control, abortion, divorce and remarriage, premarital sex and involvement by clergy in liberal political issues, such as community organizing or outspoken opposition to nuclear armaments.

He has emphatically forbidden any advocacy of ordaining women, and the relaxed attitudes of several archdioceses to gay Catholics has also caused distress in the Vatican.

Some American bishops, such as Archbishop Roach of St. Paul/Minneapolis see this, not as "getting slapped down," but as a helpful challenge, showing that the Pope "wants to work with us."

Others were less sanguine. And if most bishops were anxious or worried, most women in the church were clearly threatened by papal orders — and were in no mood to return to the old cloisters.

Theologian Rosemary Reuther, a National Catholic Reporter columnist, said in NCR, Oct. 21, "Give Women a Chance or They'll Go Elsewhere." She and other women theologians have increasingly criticized patriarchalism in the Church structure, liturgy, and doctrines, and skate constantly on the brink of excommunication.

"Catholicism," she wrote, "stands to lose thousands of theologically trained women as a result of its current posture of

relentless hostility to their vocations."

Archbishop James A. Hickey of Washington, D.C., was dispatched by Pope John Paul II to evaluate the criticisms of Hunthausen.

Hickey was expected to spend the first week of November consulting with Hunthausen and his critics. A Vatican official said that the visit was merely fact-finding, not punitive.

While the American bishops had collectively opposed the nuclear arms race and opposed American aggression in Latin America, Hunthausen has been especially outspoken.

His welcoming of the Dignity Convention and his grant of permission for a special Mass in the cathedral were a part of the inspiration that made the recent Seattle convention a high point in the history of the 15-year-old gay Catholic group.

Hunthausen's welcome included: "... It gives me great pleasure ... to extend a word of warm welcome to you while I'm not able to be with you in person ... I'm surely with you in spirit and in prayer ...

"I pray that your presence here amongst us will be a blessing. I'm confident it will be, if you are guided by the Lord Jesus and by the spirit of His Gospel of Love.

"You know as well as I do, of course, that to some, your presence here is a source of wonderment and confusion — even anger and resentment. They find it difficult if not impossible to understand why the Church should engage in a special ministry to persons of homosexual orientation.

"They are confused and perplexed by the statements of the Church Leaders, such as the one made several years ago by the American Bishops, when they called for understanding and compassion on the part of the church community and encouraged homosexual persons to play an active role in this community.

"Perhaps your first duty in love during your days here will be toward those very people who find it so difficult to understand you ... This past week, I had occasion to write to all the people of this Archdiocese, inviting them to take part in the Jubilee Year of Redemption, proclaimed by our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II ...

"I called all of our people and I call each one of you here tonight, first of all to a renewal of faith in the God who loves you and has made you the unique and precious persons you are ...

"You have my support, my prayers, and my heartfelt love and blessing as you go about this sacred task."

The liberal National Catholic Reporter, Oct. 21, said that "American Bishops are experiencing unprecedented anxiety and tension as reports circulate of a major Vatican effort to bring the U.S. church into line ... 'We're being pulled in two directions,' said one bishop, 'by our loyalty to the pope and by our pastoral concern for our people. It's a very difficult situation in some dioceses.'"

It will be especially difficult for Catholic women and for gay Catholics in the face of a very conservative papacy if new and hard-line rules come down.

Council of Churches rejects UFMCC

By Ernie Potvin
Via GPA Wire Service

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, in Hartford, Connecticut, the governing board of the National Council of Churches voted not to follow the recommendations of its membership committee and refused membership to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

The move followed two years of investigation and debate over the denomination's lesbian and gay ministry.

Faced with a threatened pull-out from nine orthodox denominations if UFMCC was admitted, the National Council voted 116 to 94 to postpone indefinitely further consideration of UFMCC membership.

But this was viewed as a victory of sorts by UFMCC's elders, as they could have rejected the denomination outright, but chose rather to continue dialog.

UFMCC founder Reverend Troy Perry said, "We who are part of the religious gay and lesbian community accept the resolution of the board as a victory in our continuing dialog with the National Council.

"Despite the threat from the orthodox bishops, the governing board voted to develop a process whereby the National Council and the UFMCC can remain in dialog.

"This is history making. Time is on our side. We will continue to educate, enlighten, and witness to member denominations on the Council as to the lifestyles of gay and lesbian Christians."

The rejection of MCC's membership was treated as major news by all the TV networks and large daily papers including the N.Y. Times, Washington Post, and Chicago Tribune.

The decision did not come as a shock to the MCC delegation in Hartford. They were prepared for the possibility, and understood the difficult position their supporters on the NCC governing board had to face.

Several weeks ago UFMCC was contacted by the National Council's president, James Armstrong, offering the denomination observer status instead. The MCC Fellowship rejected the proposal, preferring the NCC to continue with its membership eligibility process.

Many observers believe it would have passed handily if the Greek and Armenian orthodox churches had not announced their decision to quit.

The membership question will not be taken up again unless UFMCC decides to renew the application procedure.

Reverend Perry had told the governing board, "Take as much time as you need, we are prepared to wait."

His executive assistant, Frank Zerelli, told GPA, "It could take us five or ten more years, and that's okay. We just appreciate being able to dialog with them. The more they know us, the more they love us."

That was certainly the case at another NCC convention in San Francisco earlier this year.

MCC San Francisco invited National Council delegates to join them in a religious service and, for the first time ever at a National Council convention, a communion was celebrated in which the diverse delegates felt they were able to partake.

UFMCC first applied for membership in 1981. Last month they celebrated their fifteenth year since founding. Today the Fellowship of MCC's includes some 140 congregations and nearly 28,000 members.

The denomination had six delegates with observer status participating in the NCC conference.

Also present were a number of supporters from MCC churches in the Northeast, including members of MCC Hartford, which was celebrating its own tenth anniversary last week.

The responsibility of saying "no" was left to NCC president Armstrong, who is also a United Methodist Bishop. It was the first time that the generally liberal council has turned down an applicant church.

By all the standards of eligibility, in Christian theology and practice, UFMCC is believed to have qualified without question.

The stumbling factor, and the irritant for the orthodox denominations, was the fact that 85% of UFMCC's ministers and churchmembers are self-acknowledged lesbians and gay men. This, the orthodox bishops

could not reconcile with their beliefs about Christianity.

Ravi Verma, the director of administration at UFMCC headquarters, said, "If the orthodox churches had pulled out that would hardly be a victory for anyone. We would not have wanted that. It would have been a hollow victory."

The UFMCC Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson said, the denomination may decide to reapply in the future if the application process is opened up again.

Rev. Wilson said she is encouraged by the language in the rejection statement which authorized the NCC to "remain in study and conversation together" with the Fellowship of MCC's.

Immediately following the Hartford meeting, UFMCC's governing board of elders met in Los Angeles to discuss their plans for future relations and dialog with the National Council.

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by Kurt Erichsen



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Gleanings from the Non-Gay Press

By Jim Kepner
Via GPA Wire Service

In a scattering of local elections which saw pro-gay candidates elected in several cities (and homophobe Kathy MacDonald defeated in Georgia by a 3-2 majority), the N.Y. Times ran a 10/8 feature: "Increasing Political Influence of Homosexual Citizens Is Sensed Across U.S." A quarter of the half-page story dealt with Rich Eychaner, Republican candidate for Iowa's fourth Congressional seat, including Des Moines. Eychaner, challenging a solid Democratic incumbent, calls himself "a qualified person who happens to be gay." He is a Methodist Sunday School teacher, owner of the state's largest moving van company, a baseball team officer, a TV talk show host — and popular in state GOP circles.

The Times article, by Dudley Clendinen, traced the close relationship between the gay community and Washington D.C.'s Mayor Barry, Houston's Mayor Whitmire (re-elected this week) and other officeholders in Sacramento, Boston, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Key West, where businessman Richard Heyman this month became the third openly gay mayor to be elected in the U.S., joining mayors of Bunce town, Missouri and Laguna Beach, Calif.

The article (clamped by the Times' refusal to use the word gay except in quotations) discussed how often gay voters support black candidates and spoke of the growing "rainbow coalition." It noted former gaybaiters who now court gay votes and discussed victories and plans of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democrats and the National Gay Task Force. Granting that homosexual efforts to assert their political influence proceeds "by fits and starts," the article rounded off on college instructor David Scondras's race for the Boston City Council. Said Scondras, "The age of bigotry is eclipsing, and the age of coalition-building is beginning."

The gay-baiting of Bill Allain, Mississippi's Democratic gubernatorial candidate was labelled "dirty politics" in many newspapers and in Newsweek — and by the son of William Spell, one of the lawyers who charged Bill Allain's sexual activity with at least three black male prostitutes. Allain denied the "damnable" charges, taking a lie detector test — and won election handily, proving again that gay-baiting is no sure-fire tactic.

But gay political clout was nosed out in Massachusetts by a 19-18 Senate vote sending the Gay Rights bill to the state Supreme Court for an opinion — unlikely to be delivered before the legislature adjourns. The only attention this got outside the state was 10 lines in

USA Today, 11/3.

The Quincy, Mass. Patriot Ledger 10/27, quoted Rep Gerry Studds saying that being a closet gay is living hell: "I've been in public life ten years, having to deal with everything from hysteria to irrationality to hatred and plain ugliness ... having to live most of your adult life as a closet gay person necessitates developing a very tough skin, or you'd ... go stark, raving mad." Several papers picked up bits of this interview.

UPI on 11/5 reported a Univ. of California/Davis study showing that 14% of the women surveyed had been sexually harassed, mostly by male faculty members. 1.1% of the men surveyed reported having been sexually harassed on campus. The study didn't say by whom. TIME on 11/14 reported a more damning study released at Harvard. The L.A. Times reported on 11/8 that four prisoners in three days had died in local jail facilities, reportedly by suicide or heart attacks. Three were in on sex charges.

Gay news is rare in the newspaper business sections, but the Securities Exchange & Commission's action suspending trading of shares of Gay International for 10 days, an S.F. based company that publishes the Gay Areas Directory and owns several gay hotels, was reported by the S.F. Examiner and L.A. Times on 11/1. The SEC questioned the firm's financial stability and the accuracy of publicly disseminated information. Gay International went public in April and took over the S.F. based telephone directory. Their stock has since climbed from 35c to 83. Company officials claimed harassment. They own extensive Utah and Hawaii real estate and are seeking to acquire property in Idaho and California.

Edward Guthmann turned in a fine retrospective on poet, avant-garde film maker, incredibly elfin performer and radical fairy James Broughton for the S.F. Chronicle, 11/6. A third-generation Californian, Broughton at 80 remains vigorous, witty and committed to shocking his audiences, as he had early tried to shock his conservative stepfather. Seven days earlier Guthmann did a fine piece on gay Russ filmmaker Serge Eisenstein whose documentary "Que Viva Mexico," left unedited at some 50 hours, and slashed up by socialist "producer" Upton Sinclair, who objected to the filmmaker's erotic treatment of Mexican youth, just as Lenin had objected to the homoeroticism of Eisenstein's early revolutionary film, "Strike." Two assemblages were later released, "Thunder Over Mexico," which produced international protests at the travesty, "A Time In The Sun," and an official Russian version.

The L.A. Daily News, 10/26, ran a small bit on the Placerville D.A.'s dropping plans to prosecute California's ex-state Senator John Briggs (remember him?) for brandishing a gun at a process server. Briggs had been acquitted last month of battery charges.

(From his desk at the National Gay Archives, Curator Jim Kepner has been reviewing the press, clipping and filing articles of interest to gay and lesbians for 42 years.)

Rollerskating new key to AIDS chapter fundraising

The AIDS Foundation of Santa Clara County has set the fundraising wheels in motion for a Gay Rollerskating Party on Dec. 5 to benefit the organization's community education and outreach services.

Inspiration for the rollerskating night — to be held from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Cal Skate in Milpitas — came from board member Bob Wilson, who related his enthusiastic reaction to a similar event which he had attended in San Leandro.

Rollerskating continues to be a popular recreation for a number of young, active Gay people.

Programs supported by donations to the AIDS Foundation include an AIDS Hotline (open from noon to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday — 408/298-AIDS), Physician Referral Service, professional Speakers Bureau, Group Counseling, and a Peer Support Group called "Living with AIDS," meeting weekly in private homes.

Funds for the AIDS Foundation have so far been donated from fundraising events put on by local individuals and Gay businesses. Some business — The Watergarden and Main St.

Poster Contest Pat Norman At Maud's

A graphics competition to produce a fundraising poster has been announced by the AIDS Foundation of Santa Clara County.

The limited-edition, full-color winning poster will be produced by Colorscan of Mt. View.

Photographic and illustrative images celebrating the Gay lifestyle will be the first phase of the competition. The second phase will focus on graphic designers designing the winning image into a poster format.

Anyone interested in helping with publicity for the contest, selecting judges, and selling prints of the winning poster is invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the Billy De Frank Community Center, 86 Keyes Street, San Jose. For further information, contact (408) 298-AIDS.

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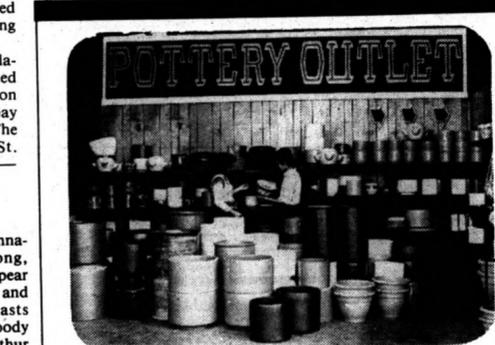
"Old Friends...New Friends" is the theme of a party for community leader Pat Norman, scheduled for Wednesday, December 7 (8:30-10:30 p.m.) at Maud's bar in San Francisco. Maud's is located at 937 Cole Street. There is no cover for this event.

Pat Norman, Coordinator of Lesbian/Gay Health Services for the City of San Francisco, earlier this year declared her intention to run for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1984.

For further information, contact Kate Ullman at (415)641-8781. Showtime is 8 p.m. at Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia, San Francisco. For reservations, call (415) 863-3863.

Pat Bond Benefit for Gay Veterans

Pat Bond, a performer and activist nationally known for her one-woman shows "Gerty Gerty Stein Is Back Back Back" and "Murder in the WAC" and for her appearance in the landmark film "Word Is Out," performs on Tuesday, Nov. 29 in a benefit for the recently formed Gay and Lesbian Veterans group. Showtime is 8 p.m. at Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia, San Francisco. For reservations, call (415) 863-3863.



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Nov 23, 30, Dec 7, 14: Lesbian Rap: Discussion/support group for Lesbians of all ages. 7 pm. Call Billy DeFrank Center, 293-AGAY

Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: AIDS/KS Foundation Support Group: For persons with AIDS & their significant others. 7:30 pm. Call 298-AIDS.

Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Men's Support Group: An informal support and social group. 7 pm. Call Billy DeFrank Center, 293-AGAY

Nov 25, Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Womyn's Coffeehouse: A social hour for women of all ages. Potluck, 11/25, 8 pm. Call Billy DeFrank Center, 293-AGAY

Nov 25, Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Younger Lesbian Rap/Support Group: For Lesbians under 21. Berkeley. Call (415)548-8283

Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Young Gay Men's Support Group: For Gay men under 21. Berkeley. Call (415)548-8283

Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18: Alcoholics Anonymous: Open to men and women. 10:30 am.

Call Billy DeFrank Center, 293-AGAY or Alcoholics Anonymous, 297-3555

Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18: Gay/Lesbian Young Adults: Informal support group for 25 and under. 1-3:30 pm. Call Billy DeFrank Center, 293-AGAY

Nov 28: Center Board Meeting: 7 pm. Call Billy DeFrank Center, 293-AGAY

Nov 29: Global Feminism: With Ellen Boneparth. 4:00 pm. Call Women's Center, 277-0247

Nov 29: No Euroshmas! Slides of the German Peace Movement with Susan Smith. 7:30. Call Women's Center, 277-0247

Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 27: Slightly Older Lesbians: Social/discussion group for women over 30. 7 pm. Call Billy DeFrank Center, 293-AGAY

Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 27: Worried Well: Support group for those concerned about AIDS. Call 298-AIDS

Dec 5, 19: Black & White Men Together: An informal support and social group. 7 pm. Call 356-6932 or Billy DeFrank Center, 293-AGAY

Dec 11: High Tech Gays: Regular monthly meeting. Call Denny at 292-6475.

Special Events

Nov 24: Thanksgiving Dinner: Dinner will be served from 5 to 9 pm for \$4.50 per person. Reservations optional. 446-0948. Savoy, 20469 Silverado, Cupertino.

Nov 25-27, Dec 3-4: Holiday Faire and Christmas Lane Show: Large selection of commercial and non-commercial gift items, handcrafted decorations, craft demonstrations. 11-7 pm. 295-3050. Santa Clara County Exposition Center, 344 Tully Rd., San Jose.

Nov 26: Moscone/Milk Thanksgiving Memorial: Ecumenical memorial service. Music by the Pacific Lesbian & Gay Singers. 7 pm. For info call Tom Tull at (415)921-7970, evenings. Grace Cathedral, 1051 Taylor, San Francisco.

Nov 27: Birthday Party: For November birthdays, and drawing for Birthday Person of the Month. 6 pm. (415) 366-4955. The Cruiser, 2651 El Camino RI, Redwood City.

Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 26: Bayrick Monday Rock: Women's Rock groups perform. 9 pm. (415)431-8334. Bayrick Inn, 1190 Folsom, San Francisco.

Dec 2: Celebrity Forum: Ed Asner, TV star and political activist is lecture speaker. Limited tickets may be available at the door. 8 pm. (415)948-8590, x349. Flint Center, DeAnza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino.

Dec 2, 3: Anheuser Busch Women's Basketball Classic: Teams from four universities: San Jose State, Hawaii, Nevada-Reno, and Montana State compete in this tournament. Games at 6 & 8 pm. 277-3241. Spartan Gym, 4th & San Carlos, San Jose.

Dec 2-4: Grand Opening: The Connection announces its Grand Opening. Live bands and Sunday Brunch Buffet are featured. 283-5253. The Connection, 610 Coleman Av., San Jose.

Dec 3: Christmas Party: A get-together with High Tech Gays and BWMT. Call Bill at 277-0644 for information.

Dec 10: San Jose Poetry Center: Chana Bloch and Stephen Mitchell present their poetry. 8 pm. 277-2834 or 277-2817. 8 pm. San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market, San Jose.

Dec 28: Young Gays of Today: A conference to address the issues surrounding Gay youth. Social Needs vs Community Involvement will be the main theme. For Gay & Lesbian youth. Pre-registration advisable. Call (415)552-5025. 4-6:30 pm. Main Library, Commissioner's Room, 3rd floor, Larkin & McAllister, San Francisco.

A Night in Old Vienna conducted by Willi Boskovsky. 8 pm, 12/29. 257-9555 or 996-4816. Flint Center, DeAnza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino.

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Nov 30, Dec 5-29: Flint Center: Wind Ensemble, 11/30; Jazz Ensemble, 12/5; Los Angeles Philharmonic with Carlo Maria Giulini conducting; Schola Cantorum's *A Renaissance Christmas*, 12/10; Christmas Concert, 12/11; all at 8 pm. Messiah Sing, 12/12, 7:30 pm. *Nutcracker* presented by the San Francisco Ballet. 8 pm, 12/17-20; 1:30 & 5:30 pm, 12/18.

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Gay and Lesbian/Feminist Radio/TV

Nov 23, 30, Dec 7, 14, 21, 28: Breaking Glass: A blend of heart and soul featuring women artists. 9 am, KZSC 88.1 FM.

Nov 24, Dec 7, 14, 21, 28: Fruit Punch: 10-11 pm, KPFA 94.1 FM.

Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Women's Waves: Women's music, interviews & live broadcasts. 4 pm, KUSP 89 FM.

Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: KPFA Majority Report: Part VI-VIII of an 8 part series, 11/24, 12/1, 8. *Grandma Was An Activist*, origins, activities & achievements of radical women in the '30's. 8 pm, KPFA, 94.1 FM.

Nov 25, Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Esencia: A Women's Radio perspective: 1 pm, KSJS, 91 FM.

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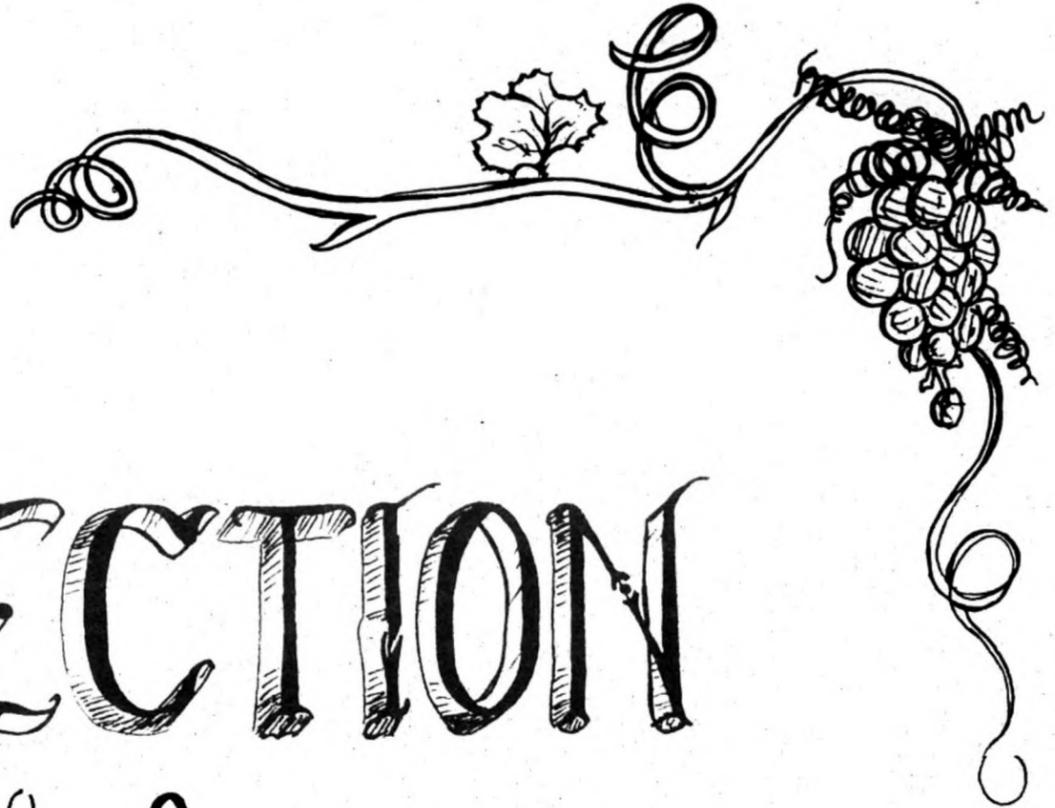
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