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Dan White's New Prison: Fear

By Dion B. Sanders
Via GPA Wire Service

San Francisco — On a chilly day in November 1933, an out-of-control mob, siezed with an unquenchable thirst for revenge following the brutal murder of the highly-popular son of a prominent local businessman, stormed a San Jose jail, dragged out two men who had confessed to the crime and hanged them from two trees in St. James Park — with the tacit approval of the local newspaper, the old San Jose News.

Fifty years later, a similar mood of extracting the ultimate revenge against the convicted killer of the highly-popular mayor of San Francisco and a member of the city's Board of Supervisors who was a hero to the city's large and politically powerful gay community has been on the minds of many residents of this city some 35 miles north of San Jose, but in a manner far different than that used back then.

On January 6, the object of the current outpouring of public outrage, Dan White, became a free man after five-and-a-half years behind bars — his penalty for killing Mayor George Moscone and openly gay city Supervisor Harvey Milk — seen here by many as an insult for two brutal murders.

Somewhere amid the seven million people who live and work in Los Angeles is Dan White, a free man in the eyes of the law.

But in the eyes of San Franciscans — especially gay San Franciscans, White only ended one prison sentence and began another — this one to last the rest of his life.

The prison this time is fear. Fear that one day the killer will himself become the target of a killer.

That fear has been uppermost on the minds of state correctional officials, who rejected White's request to return to San Francisco, where public outrage — especially by gays — over White's short prison sentence still runs high.

In two rallies here last Friday to protest White's release, more than 13,000 San Franciscans — 4,000 downtown and 9,000 in the gay Castro Street district — sent an ominous message to White: that he is forgiven by the state but

If mob violence could ever be justified it would be in a case like this, and we believe the general public will agree with us. There was never a more fiendish crime committed anywhere in the United States, and we are of the belief that unless these two prisoners are kept safely away from San Jose, there is likely to be a hanging without waiting for the courts of justice.

To read the confessions of both of these criminals — told to officers in a cold-blooded manner, makes one feel like he wanted to go out and be part of that mob.

—Front Page Editorial, San Jose News
Brooke Hart murder case, November 1933

forever damned by the people of his hometown — and he'd be wise to never come back.

Sister Boom-Boom, the most prominent member of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and an unsuccessful 1982 candidate for the Board of Supervisors, said out loud what many of the protesters thought privately when he said, "The Bible says that we should forgive the sinner, even for the most horrible, vicious, disgusting crime."

"But I am not stupid," Boom-Boom continued, "Somebody is going to (try to) kill Dan White, and when it happens, I will be back here to beg you for love, compassion and forgiveness," to the roar of the crowd, some of whom let fly with shouts of "Off White!"

Boom-Boom, whose real name is Jack Fertig, known for his high-camp humor, said with dead-seriousness, "Today, Dan White starts a life sentence, and I'm sorry to say it won't be a very long one."

After his speech, Boom-Boom told reporters that he genuinely fears for White's life — especially after learning that White had been released in Los Angeles, whose gay community is believed to be the second-largest in the nation behind New York.

Attorney Mary Dunlap, sensing a very strong mood among the throng for revenge against White, denounced any thought of "an eye for an eye" in the White case, saying that, "We demean our movement and our lives and our values and everything for which we stand if we join in the chain of his violence and we call for (White's) blood."

"We demean ourselves and we become our own enemy when we expect to avenge his wrong by killing the killer," Dunlap, a lesbian, told the crowd.

But at the Castro Street rally, entertainer Blackberri, singing a ballad he wrote especially for the occasion, crooned:

Oh, Danny Boy! Where're ya gonna go?

Someone's gonna find ya, wherever ya go!

But while many gay San Franciscans may harbor feelings of ill will toward White, many gay Los Angelenos, while infuriated over White being released in their city, are not as highly-charged over White as their fellow gays up north are, according to the Los Angeles Times.

"Because we weren't there and didn't know Moscone and Milk as intimately, the anger is here, but the deep emotion isn't here," Stephen Smith, a local gay activist and deputy to California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, was quoted by the Times as saying.

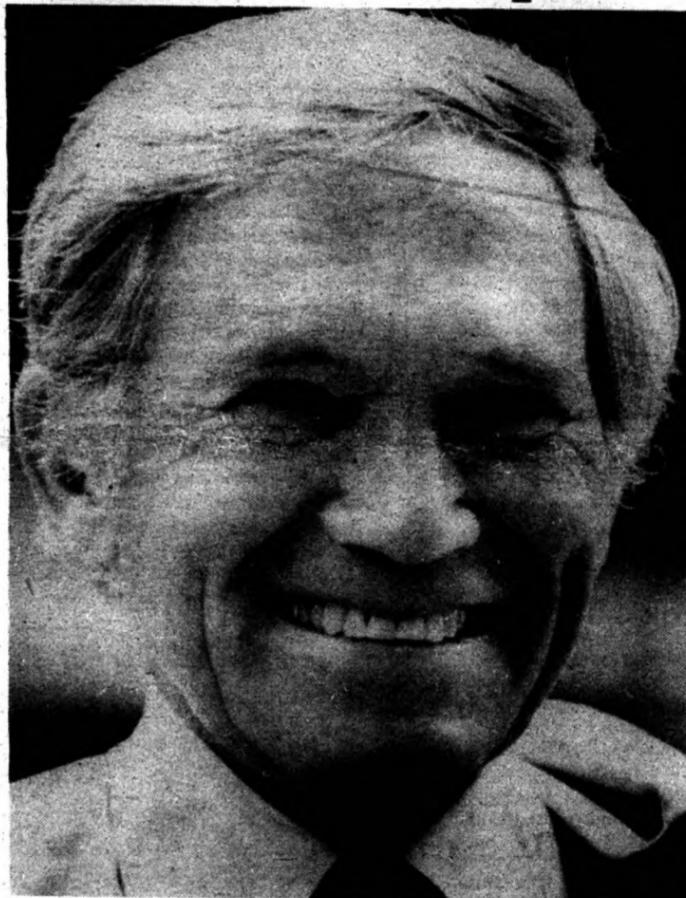
The fact that Los Angeles is so spread out — seven million people living within 4,000 square miles — was the chief reason prison officials chose it to place White for his one-year parole term.

But because Los Angeles is the media capital of the West Coast — and is home to more celebrities than any other city in the world — officials admit that it will be almost impossible to keep White out of the public eye for very long.

L.A. City Councilmember Joel Wachs, whose district includes predominantly-gay West Hollywood, told the Times that White "will pay a price simply by trying to live in Los Angeles."

"If you think about it, the greatest punishment for Dan White may be that he's out of the protection of prison and has to walk the streets of Southern California, and hope that's where it ends," Wachs continued. ■

Rep. Don Edwards talks to Our Paper



Congressman Don Edwards (D-San Jose) has for many years represented the 10th District, including San Jose, Milpitas, Fremont, Newark, and Union City. Edwards serves on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Committee on Judiciary, and is chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. A third generation San Josean, he attended local public schools, Stanford University and Stanford Law School. Before enlisting in the Navy and fighting in World War II, he was an FBI agent. In 1951, he started his own business in San Jose, where he raised five sons before his election to Congress. A co-sponsor of the federal gay civil rights bill, Rep. Don Edwards is interviewed in this issue of Our Paper beginning on Page 2.

Gay Activist Attorney Robert Schwab Dies of AIDS

By Robert Hyde
Montrose Voice
Via GPA Wire Service

Morton Robert Schwab, noted Texas Civil Rights Activist and chief strategist in the landmark "21.06" (Texas Sodomy Statute) repeal case died Dec. 15 in Houston of AIDS complications.

It had been announced about a year ago that Schwab had been diagnosed with AIDS.

Born in Chicago 36 years ago, Schwab obtained a Ph.D. and went on to become a noted civil rights attorney who was the chief strategist behind the landmark case of Baker vs. Wade, which resulted in section 21.06 (the "sodomy statute" of the Texas

Penal Code) being ruled unconstitutional in August 1982.

Don Baker, plaintiff in the case and close friend of Schwab, said, "I personally join hundreds of thousands of gay men and women in Texas to mourn the loss of one of our state's foremost gay rights leaders."

"Robert and I were comrades-in-arms over the years, something that solidified a deep sense of respect and camaraderie when we were caught in the trenches together."

Baker said that Schwab became a close friend of his in 1976. "We worked together for so long," he said, near tears.

"His loss extends to the en-

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INTERVIEW: Congressman Don Edwards

clare" war really means. The Federalist Papers say that over and over again — that we cannot trust the Commander-in-Chief to have the decision-making power about making war.

So up until the 20th century, all presidents respected that. Abraham Lincoln — even when the South started the war — went before Congress to get permission to go into the Civil War.

President Jefferson did not attack the Barbary Pirates without going to Congress. The Mexican War, the War of 1812, all of those wars were started by Congress, with the President going to Congress and asking for a majority vote.

It started with Theodore Roosevelt and Central America, Cuba, Nicaragua, all of those Central American countries in the 20th century and it's been Katie-bar-the-door ever since.

There is an impeachment resolution that has already been filed by Ted Weiss of New York — who incidentally is one of the chief authors of the gay Bill of Rights — after Bella [Abzug], he took Bella's seat.

They only have seven co-sponsors. I'm not one of them, because I would be handling the impeachment resolution if it ever got enough support. It is an impeachable offense, as far as I'm concerned, when the President violates the Constitution and goes to war without Congressional consent. But we don't have the votes for it.

OP: How far do you think he's going to go before the votes are there to stop him?

DE: Nobody knows. Nixon didn't get impeached until Watergate accelerated and accelerated until there was national outrage. There's no indication of national outrage now at what the President is doing. I'm outraged, and many are outraged at Grenada, and Nicaragua, Lebanon, but

OP: When were you first elected to Congress, and what led you to go into politics?
DE: I got into politics in the first place because I was able to. My business was in such shape that I could.

After the re-districting of 1960, eight new seats opened in California.

I was a United World Federalist. I left the Republican party because they red-baited me when I was president of the Young Republicans in 1950. They said, you can't support the UN and do what the Republicans do and say. I think I ran because of the nuclear threat.

I was in the war and I knew about the German missiles and I knew about the atom bomb, of course. I joined the United World Federalists right after



World War II, and since that time, that has really been the number one issue — that is, whether or not we're all going to be irrelevant because we're going to blow ourselves up.

People are just about crazy enough to do it. And this President is a very frightening man insofar as world peace is concerned.

OP: On the issue of the President and world peace: When I went to school, I was taught that Congress had the power to declare war . . .

DE: And make war, authorize the making of war, yes.

OP: How can far can the President go with these so-called "actions," that are not wars.

DE: But they are wars.

OP: Certainly, but they don't call them wars.

DE: Well, I've gone into this because I'm so upset about it, as many are. It's very explicit in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution that only Congress can make war — that's what "de-



Medicare — we've made some progress.

OP: Together with Republican Congressman Pete McCloskey, you did radio spots supporting the local Gay Rights Measures A & B in 1980. In spite of their defeat by the voters, you have continued to co-sponsor similar civil rights legislation for gay citizens at the federal level. Aren't you afraid of repercussions when you run for reelection?

DE: I feel I have to do what I think is right, regardless of any possibility of repercussions, otherwise I'd get out of politics. And I'm happy to say that so far, my constituents have given me running room for controversial issues.

OP: Don't you wish there was a pill we could give people so that they could stand on their own two feet and vote right?

DE: (Laughter) Of course, you have to remember that some people don't have quite the running room that I have. Now, Larry McDonald had a lot of running room — he could have been a moderate or even a liberal, because the guy that took his place voted for the ERA.

OP: Do you think HR-2624, the gay rights bill, has any chance of passage next year?

DE: No. But it will pass someday, as things move along progressively. We're getting better all the time.

OP: I don't think any civil rights legislation will ever pass in a presidential election year.

DE: Not with this President, no.

OP: What impact do you think national organizations such as the National Gay Rights Lobby (NGRL), the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), and the National Organization for Women (NOW) have had on federal civil rights legislation for gay/lesbian citizens?

DE: Substantial influence. The issue is becoming more acceptable all the time, and polls indicate this. People understand that there is going to be some premarital sex, for example, and they shouldn't get too excited about it. And that's the same thing that's going to happen with people over sexual preference.

OP: Anti-feminist groups have always used the issue of gay rights — "The Lavender Menace" — to militate against equal rights for women. Recently, Phyllis Schlafly, speaking before your Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, actually used the AIDS medical crisis as an argument against passage of the ERA. Do you have any comment on what she said at those hearings, or on the attempt of the New Right in general to use the AIDS crisis to their political advantage?

DE: She didn't have much impact. After all, we got almost

two-thirds of the House of Representatives, we only missed by six votes.

Of course, she has such a laundry list of things that would happen in the United States if the ERA was passed, that by her inclusion of all of these horror stories, this particular horror story lost its impact — and it didn't have any to start with. She's not quite The Bible in Washington.

OP: There's been considerable controversy in both the gay and non-gay press about whether the federal government acted promptly enough to prioritize and appropriate funds for the AIDS emergency. Some in the gay community felt that homophobia played a role in delaying the kind of action that was taken for Legionnaire's disease, for example. What is your opinion?

DE: I think that the federal government was delinquent in moving, but that is sort of the pattern in Washington.

With Agent Orange, we had the same thing with our young men from Vietnam, and the Veterans Administration dragged its feet on that.

Also, the federal responsibility is not as defined as with Legionnaire's disease or with Agent Orange. It's more of a state and local matter until we get around to the National Institute of Health — that's where it should have gone — that's one of the few federally financed research institutions, and I'm glad that it finally got there.

But yes, we were derelict in not moving faster. It's so bizarre, the whole thing is so bizarre, people couldn't understand it.

Maybe ten years ago or five years ago, it wouldn't have gotten any federal attention. I think your movement is coming along rather nicely.

Bella had a lot of guts, she was wonderful, she was great, we miss her. She would get right out there and was not the least bit scared of the issue. As a matter of fact, I think she was the first.

And then Ted Weiss. There are a lot of supporters — especially the New Yorkers. It's an urban New York and urban California movement, some Chicago, Philadelphia — those are the pockets of liberalism in this country.

And the Bay Area's great — we've got the best group of members of Congress from the Bay Area. Even Ed Zschau — he's about as good a Republican as we could get.

OP: According to the National Gay Task Force, a health commissioner from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints — the Mormons — was recently appointed as director of the Centers for Disease Control — the agency which monitors AIDS cases. Considering the antagonism against gays exhibited by the

Gleanings from the Non-Gay Press

By Jim Kepner
Via GPA Wire Service

Shortly before Robert Sullivan's electrocution in Florida Nov. 30 for the murder of a Howard Johnson assistant manager, both gay and non-gay papers gave wide circulation to a "gay alibi." According to Reginald Stuart in the Dec. 10 N.Y. Times, Sullivan, a Catholic, who'd spent 10 years on death row, became acquainted with local Bishops already involved in protests against capital punishment. On Thanksgiving day, a Jacksonville paper reported that a Boston man "may have confessed information to his priest" that he had been with Sullivan in a gay bar at the time of the holdup and fatal beating. Associated Press gave the alibi story worldwide circulation and later printings dropped the "may have" part. There seems to be no evidence that such a confession took place. Sullivan was executed despite protests by the Pope and by Fr. Daniel Berrigan and other death penalty opponents. Several papers completely avoided mentioning the gay bar alibi.

Pope John Paul was less generous in his Dec. 1 pamphlet, "Educational Guidance in Human Love," which urged the courts to protect the young from pornography, called all non-marital sex selfish, and urged that gays be counseled with understanding for their "disorder." The N.Y. Times report on this, Dec. 2, was the most thorough.

The same day, the S.F. Chronicle gave the fullest account of the conviction and dismissal in Norfolk, of Navy Commander Gerald Vandewer on testimony by an enlisted man that they'd gone to gay bars and a nude beach and had sex together. The sentence is subject to review by the commander of the Atlantic Fleet. Vandewer's wife continued to defend him. A sidebar to the Chronicle account reported Air Force investigations of 56 enlisted men suspected of homosexuality and drug abuse at the Pentagon and at Andrews and Bolling AF bases.

On Dec. 10, the S.F. Chronicle, Examiner and L.A. Times each gave fair accounts of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision deploring the Army's refusal to let Sgt. Perry Watkins re-enlist but upholding the army's right to make that decision. Watkins' re-enlistment was nixed this time despite his exemplary service record, solely on grounds of his gayness — which had been known to the Army throughout his 14-year service career. Judge Wm. Norris, formerly an L.A. Police Commissioner, noted that "As a consequence, our nation has lost a fine soldier, and Sergeant Watkins has suffered a manifest injustice. . . . To me, the Army's current bias against homosexuals is no less repugnant than was its long-standing prejudice against minority servicemen." Watkins, who said he'd

oversight through Congress. That's what we've made up our mind to do.

OP: Do you think that Dan White should have been prosecuted under federal charges for violating the civil rights of George Moscone and Harvey Milk?

DE: Yes, in addition. Don't you?

OP: Who are you supporting for the Democratic nomination for President?

DE: Alan Cranston. I grew up with him.

I think that Mondale will get it, and I'm going to support him. He worked all day on the ERA a couple of weeks ago. He came over to the house, sat in a room and made phone calls for us all day long.

OP: What do you think of the candidacy of Jesse Jackson?

DE: I think it's a healthy thing. I don't know how he stands on your issue — although you have a lot of issues, but I mean the gay rights issue — I don't know.

But I like the way he's registering black people, because most of them are going to vote Democratic.

And I like the pizzaz he's got, he's good on war and peace, he's good on older people and poor people. I'm happy with what he's doing.

Unless we have things like Jesse Jackson and the gender gap and the gay rights people and a few other coalitions, we're going to be done in. And if we're done in next November, we're done in.

I'm going to spend all of 1984 trying to beat Reagan.

OP: Is there anything you wish we would have asked, but didn't?

DE: No. I want you to keep working, that's the main thing. You're part of an important group of people, and these are desperate times. I thought, watching Reagan in New York making that speech with all the military bands and flags, I was so depressed to think that he's militarized our society and to hear the people cheer Grenada and Nicaragua.

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Mormon Church, this appointment makes us a little nervous. Can you tell us how such appointments are made, and what input gay citizens can have into future appointments and CDC policy?

DE: Appointments come out of the White House, and President Reagan's views on all of the subjects — abortion, pornography, gay rights — are consistent with Jerry Falwell's and the Moral Majority.

He's going to keep appointing people like that — the Marriotts of Salt Lake City — he's going to keep appointing Dr. Koop, who's the Surgeon General, and there's nothing we can do about it.

We've got to defeat him, that's all.

OP: On the subject of CDC, we cannot find out the true statistics on AIDS in Santa Clara County. People who have tried keep getting closed doors, including an aide in your office. While the cases are reported through San Francisco, there should be a breakdown as to where people reside in other Bay Area counties.

DE: Well, you ought to insist that we keep working on that and also in other offices — Norm Mineta, Al Alquist, Vasconcellos.

OP: On the subject of appointments, what is the current status of the Civil Rights Commission? We were appalled at the President's nomination of John Bunzel. Aside from his record on women and ethnic minorities, Bunzel has not been a friend of civil rights for gay people.

DE: Well, it's a disaster. The Civil Rights Commission is now in the hands of Ronald Reagan. They broke their word with us. Reagan got all three — Abrams, Bunzel and Destro, he got them all — and from now on, the Civil Rights Commission is irrelevant. It is a captive, political vehicle for Ronald Reagan and we're going to have to do our civil rights work

known he was gay since age 13, had told an investigator that in 1968. In 1971, the hunky black soldier began performing before troops as a female impersonator, with his commander's permission.

CONTRARY OPINIONS

Reporting a poll of 1,000 young people, TeenAge magazine for December said that 46% regarded homosexuality as unnatural, 42% socially unacceptable (23% acceptable), 34% weird, but 55% felt that gays should be able to teach, be parents or hold public office. 35 knew of gay students in their schools — 36% did not. 34% said they'd be uncomfortable to find a friend was gay.

Under the title, "Not NOW," columnist Gay Wright in the S.F. Examiner, Dec. 7, opined that "It's just as well that Congress didn't let the Equal Rights Amendment out of the bird cage again." With slaps at "the high priestesses of NOW," he argued that the ERA would win far fewer states now than before, not because of political perfidy, but "because of the feminists' own mistakes — . . . trying to excise 'man' from the language," suing to get on the football team, supporting abortion and lesbian acceptance and demanding that standardized women be hired as firemen and prison guards over more qualified men.

The right-wing weekly, Human Events shows homophobia in every issue. On Nov. 26, one column argued that amendments to ERA, which House Speaker Tip O'Neill prevented by pushing a fast and fatal vote, would have made exceptions regarding abortion and the draft. "Last week's dramatic rejection," Human Events crowed, "may have put the final nail in the ERA's coffin."

Another Nov. 26 column reported Human Events contributing editor Stanton Evans introducing a resolution in the American Conservative Union "opposing efforts to legitimize homosexual conduct as an 'alternate lifestyle' and to give such conduct specially protected status as a civil right. . . and disassociates itself, in the strongest possible terms, from efforts of former ACU Chairman Robert Bauman to promote the passage of such legislation." The column also built up anti-feminist, anti-abortionist, anti-gay Beverly LaHaye, whose husband wrote "The Unhappy Gays."

Conservative Digest for November featured heavy excerpts from "The Establishment vs The People," by Richard Viguerie, whose right-wing computer mail service spearheads most ultra-right causes. Not surprisingly, he said, "I strongly oppose 'gay' rights legislation. I feel we should have the right not to hire, work with, rent to, or live next to a homosexual, or an adulterer, or a sexually promiscuous heterosexual if we so choose." He also opposed pornography. Also featured were articles by the Rev. Don Wildmon and others of the Moral Majority.

PROBLEMS AND PROGRESS

The Nov. 17 S.F. Examiner reported the Community College District governing board moving to set up a District Office of Gay and Lesbian Educational Concerns, over protests by Senior board member John Riordan, who called the idea "cuckoo." Funds were sought to create "linkages between members of the lesbian and gay community" and to "foster sensitivity to gay and lesbian lifestyles among district employees."

N.Y. Gov. Mario Cuomo's Nov. 18 executive ban on anti-gay discrimination was covered better in S.F. than N.Y., where the Times gave more space on Nov. 28 to Cuomo's Cathedral of St John the Divine sermon, quoting a letter he received: ". . . how can you claim to be a Christian when you go out of your way to proclaim the right of people to be what is an abomination in the sight of God?" Cuomo asked: "Am I obliged to seek to legislate my particular morality. . . ?"

Seattle Times Nov. 18, Nov. 20, reported massive protests by hymn-singing anti-abortionists in front of the Bellingham, Wash. Feminist Women's Health Center. The protests had been going on

Gay Press meets in Phoenix

By Roy Reini
Via GPA Wire Service

The importance of a strong national gay/lesbian press and the role the Gay Press Association (GPA) assumes in developing such a media form were the focus of the Second Annual Conference of the GPA held in Phoenix in December.

The Phoenix-based newspaper Western Express hosted the convention and the more than 40 representatives of the gay/lesbian press from throughout the western states.

Those in attendance represented eight gay/lesbian owned and operated newspapers, the publishers of numerous directories, and freelance writers.

New Mexico and Common Bond were represented by Common Bond Ink's editor Roy Reini, advertising manager Russell Gray, and Gay Rights National Lobby field editor, Adrienne Edwards. Edwards was also in attendance in her capacity as editor for the new political voice of New Mexico, the Proud * Out * Loud (P.O.L.) newsletter, and as such was the only purely political paper represented.

The conference, sponsored by the GPA, served as a forum to exchange ideas on such subjects as how the Association's computer wire news service may help disseminate news throughout the country, advertising, women's issues, copyright procedures, how to attract new writers, and ethical reporting.

According to Mike Rutherford, executive director of the GPA, it is "through such regional conferences that the gay and lesbian press may learn from each other and expand their vision of what they can offer their readers."

It seems to be the year for Gay stamps. For women who felt left out by the Postal Service's Alger issue, there is a commemorative featuring Dr. Mary Walker.

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Your Opinions

HATS-OFF TO JEFF BARBER

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to your December 21, 1983 article on the \$3500 IBM grant given to your local AIDS Foundation. I am in awe of the courage of IBM's employee, Jeff Barber, who wrote the proposal for the grant.

I applaud his willingness to stand up for gay people and his obvious desire to make a difference in the world.

People like Jeff Barber inspire me. He is willing to do what is necessary, while many of us hide behind our fear that we have nothing to offer. There is much to be done. We are all needed.

Sincerely,
Doug McLaughy
Guerneville

A FOND FAREWELL

To the Publishers, Staff, and Readers of OUR PAPER:

It is with deep regret that I must submit my resignation as Entertainment Editor of OUR PAPER effective immediately. My reasons are purely personal. I wish you much continued success in your efforts to bring quality journalism to the Gay and Lesbian community of Santa Clara County, both in the area of news and the arts.

Respectfully,
David A. DeLong

an organization in which to fight for justice, democracy and self-determination. AMES now has representation in Canada, France, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Mexico, El Salvador and Chicago, New York and San Francisco.

As the violence in El Salvador increases, more Salvadoran families are escaping the violence and seeking refuge in Nicaragua. Many of the refugee children suffer emotional instability as a result of their experiences of the war in El Salvador. The childcare center provides emotional love and support as well as physical care.

Unfortunately, it is presently overcrowded and lacks basic supplies such as clothing, furniture, games and tools, etc. The money we are able to raise will greatly increase its ability to meet the many requests for care of Salvadoran refugee children.

If you wish further information or wish to help, please contact the AMES office at (415) 824-7606. Thank you for your efforts!

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BENEFIT CONCERT

Dear Friends,

AMES (Asociacion de Mujeres de El Salvador) is having a Women's Cultural Concert on January 21 at the Berkeley Community Theater at 8:00 p.m. The funds raised will go to benefit the AMES childcare center for Salvadoran refugee children in Managua, Nicaragua.

The name of the childcare center is Luz Dilian Arevalo. Performing at the concert will be Holly Near, Chevere, Wallflower Order, Zohar.

In order to make this concert successful, we are seeking your support in publicizing this event.

AMES is a broad and democratic socio-political organization composed exclusively of women. It facilitates day care centers, agricultural production collectives and life skills workshops in El Salvador and Central America for Salvadoran women.

AMES was formed in 1978 in El Salvador to provide women from various backgrounds with

GAY PRISONER

Dear Editor,

I am a youthful offender in the California Department of Corrections and I am so very lonely.

I used to read your publication when I was in the free world, and I thought if I wrote to you, perhaps you would be so kind as to help me to find someone to correspond with.

You see, sir, I do not receive any mail at all from the outside world. My family and what friends I once had have long forgotten me.

I have been in total isolation for my own protection since I was gang raped and beaten when I wouldn't let anyone in here use me.

Most times the memory isn't as frightening as the loneliness of this isolation cell. It is almost more than I can bear just to stay alive. I have no one to talk with or relate to and I've almost given

up on life.

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Federal AIDS Research Hampered

By Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Speaker, California State Assembly

Once again we are faced with blatantly inaccurate information coming from the Reagan Administration. While the Administration has been insisting that federal agencies had all the money they needed to conduct AIDS research, we now have proof that officials of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have been pleading for financial assistance to do their job.

According to documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by the San Francisco Chronicle, federal health officials warned as early as last spring that there was not enough federal money available to conduct vital AIDS research.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta has been forced to divert millions of dollars from other health projects because the Reagan Administration has not made AIDS funds available.

The Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives has issued a report criticizing the Reagan

Administration for jeopardizing the "lives of countless Americans" by overriding reports by medical experts in allocating funds for the fight against AIDS.

The Congressional Study reports that researchers and physicians of the Public Health Department were "subjected to severe political and fiscal restraints, especially in times of shrinking federal budgets for public health programs."

Clearly the Administration is willing to risk lives in order to perpetuate its claims that additional AIDS research money is not necessary.

It is time that these people face the reality of the AIDS crisis. I am proud that I was able to obtain an additional \$2.9 million for the University of California budget for AIDS research. It is most appropriate that the State of California help provide a vehicle for research into this dread disease which has been called the most serious health threat since the plague. But the State cannot do the job alone.

The Federal Government has moved very slowly with regards to AIDS research and funding. The Reagan Administration has

sent out a smokescreen designed to hide its lack of dedication and effort to solve the AIDS puzzle and bring this deadly disease under control.

As the Congressional Report concludes, "Unfortunately, the lives of countless Americans may be jeopardized when the scope of AIDS research and surveillance is dictated by budget considerations rather than the professional judgments of public health and medical experts."

The House panel recommended three steps to improve the Government's handling of the AIDS epidemic and other health emergencies: a contingency fund for research in health crises; development of procedures at the National Institutes of Health to expedite research grants in an emergency; and creation of an independent research panel to review, research and develop a strategy and budget to fight AIDS.

I urge you to contact your representatives in Washington and express your support for these proposals which will help to bring an end to the Reagan Administration's life threatening charade.

SEPARATISM/NATIONALISM

Dear Editors:

The first National Lesbians of Color Conference, September 8-11, in Malibu, CA, brought together lesbians of color from all over the country.

There were some excellent workshops and individual discussions which addressed the survival needs of lesbians of color. This gathering, which the conference organizers worked hard to bring about, was another step in building a national movement of lesbians of color.

However, crucial issues and serious problems arose which were not fully discussed or resolved, with no adequate time for debate, plenaries or resolutions.

During the conference, some women criticized straight women of color for being workshop presenters, for relating to men "the enemy" and for not being

autonomous conference for lesbians of color only, but if straight women of color are invited, they shouldn't be attacked. We hope at future LOC conferences, participants will respect all women of color who actively fight for lesbian and gay rights, and that we will affirm our solidarity with the struggles of all women of color, regardless of skin pigmentation or sexuality.

On October 15, over a hundred lesbians of color gathered in Berkeley at the Pacific Center. There was a discussion of the LOC Conference, and a beginning of tentative plans for the next.

We talked of the need to continue the unresolved discussions concerning the inter- and intra-group racism, nationalism, lesbian separatism, and how to build connections among us.

This is an exciting and positive continuation of what began at the Lesbians of Color Conference in Malibu.

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by Ted Sahl

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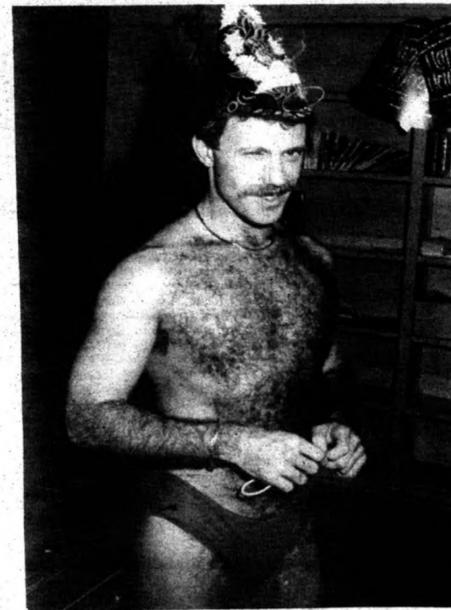
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The Real Estate Advisor

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As the "escrow" flies

By Paul A. Wysocki

Long before I got involved in Real Estate, friends of mine bought a house. I asked how the purchase was going, and they told me the house was in "escrow." I had thought the house was in Los Gatos, but not wishing to show my ignorance, I said nothing. Much later, of course, I discovered that "escrow" was not a location, but rather, a part of a transaction.

The point is, real estate transactions are rather complex functions that affect many of us, some of whom don't want to admit they don't understand how the process works. Let's look at some of the details.

Peter Sellers decides it's time to sell his house; he's been thinking about moving to San Francisco, and one week-end he spots a one-bedroom townhouse that's perfect for him. Like any smart consumer, he asks friends and neighbors for the names of realtors they may have dealt with, and he contacts three of them to see about listing his San Jose home for sale. He has them prepare a market analysis (a survey of comparable homes that have sold in the area) and arranges for them to inspect his home.

In each case, a discussion of the market value of the home is usually followed by negotiation of the broker's fee. (Contrary to popular belief, there is no fixed rate of commission that a broker may collect for services.)

After considering all options, Seller may decide to employ one of the brokers through means of a listing agreement, in which a broker promises to use "due diligence" to procure a buyer for the property, and the seller promises to pay a commission if certain conditions are met.

So Broker Adams lists Seller's property with the Santa Clara County Multiple Listing Service, puts a for sale sign on the front lawn, and begins a vigorous marketing campaign.

Broker Jones spots the listing of Seller's home in the listing index, and calls to make an appointment to see the house. Jones has been working with a buyer recently who may find Seller's house desirable. Upon inspection, Jones makes another appointment to show the house to Barbara Buyer.

Buyer takes one look and decides this is the place. She instructs Jones to prepare an offer to purchase the property. Jones does so, and presents the offer to Seller and Broker Adams.

Among other things, Adams prepares a net sheet, estimating how much cash Seller can expect to receive at the close of the sale. This is where the brokers earn their fee: rarely does an offer to purchase match the price and terms the seller has listed.

Someone has to compromise on something, and the diplomacy involved might make one think Jeanne Kirkpatrick was discussing the U.N. with Andrew Young.

For the sake of example, let's assume that Seller accepts Buyer's offer. A deposit check for \$1000 accompanies the offer, and, the following day Broker Adams contacts Tremendous Title Company to "open escrow." Escrow simply means a neutral party (title company, bank, attorney, or another real estate broker) who collects all monies and documents necessary



to complete the transaction, than dispose all proceeds at the close of escrow.

It's not unlike a mutual friend who holds the money when two people make a bet; this guarantees the money goes to the winner. In this area, most title companies perform both title and escrow functions—they issue a policy of title insurance that protects both buyer and seller. They accept deposit money from the buyer and hold it in trust until the end of the transaction. A typical escrow period for a residential sale lasts from 30 to 60 days, especially if the buyer is obtaining a new loan to purchase the house. Presumably, an all-cash transaction could be closed in a few days. (Anyone out there with \$100,000 care to pay cash for a house?)

During the escrow period, any number of events occur: At the buyer's request, a "termite inspection" (as well as roof, plumbing, or electrical inspections) may be performed. Any work

necessary to correct defects may be completed and billed to escrow, to be paid out of proceeds at the close. In addition, a title search is conducted: this insures that Seller actually owns the property he is selling, and that Buyer is getting "clear" title to the property, with no unlisted liens against it. If a new loan is involved, documents and requirements of the lender are forwarded to escrow. A myriad of minor, and not-so-minor details are examined and resolved.

Finally, the long-awaited time arrives: the close of escrow. The documents are assembled, the money is collected, and both Buyer and Seller journey to the title company to "sign off." Seller signs a grant deed conveying title to Buyer, and reviews and approves other appropriate papers. Buyer signs notes and deeds of trust (if any) promising to repay any lenders who have forwarded funds for the purchase, and also reads and approves documents. When all is signed, the title company arranges for the grant deed to be recorded on the next business day at the County Recorder's Office. This makes it official: the house now belongs to Barbara Buyer, and Peter Seller has the money to purchase the San Francisco townhouse. Broker Jones delivers the keys to Buyer, and all that's left now is the housewarming party.

Of course, this little scenario is rather smooth compared to reality. Little molehills have a way of becoming mountains, and keeping a transaction together can be an emotionally exhausting experience for all involved. A knowledge of the process is helpful in taking away some of the mystery, and makes for more rational, intelligent decisions by consumers—one of which is choosing a competent broker to guide the transaction.

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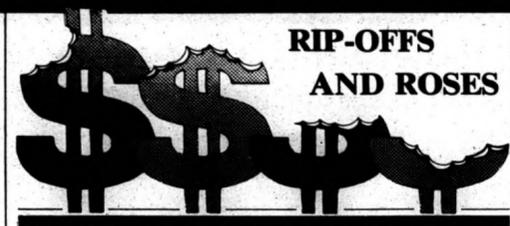
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Pretty Figures And Good Forms

by The Stonewall Staff

Just about now, you've either gotten or will be getting your least favorite piece of mail for the year. Your friends at the Internal Revenue Service have sent you your yearly reminder that Uncle Sam wants you—to pay him some money.

Certainly, taxes are no fun. Even if you're getting a nice little refund for the government, you'll have to go through some paperwork in order to get it. And those folks at the IRS have very little sense of humor. They want their pages filled out neatly, accurately, and truthfully.

So, the best thing to do is get it over with as quickly as possible, so that you don't have to deal with it again. But if your tax return isn't properly done, you'll have a real headache; an IRS audit can be at least demoralizing, and at worst, a heavy experience that may cost you extra taxes—with perhaps penalties added.

To get around this worrisome paperwork, many people employ either accountants or tax consultants; that's a great idea, if they really are professionals at the game, but for many others of us, it can be an expensive proposition, even of the costs are a deduction—on your taxes for next year.

So, when problems arise, it seems reasonable to go to one of the little offices that spring up in towns all over America, loudly proclaiming cheap, cheap, cheap, help for all your tax needs. Is it a good idea? Maybe so, maybe not.

Recently, an Eastern chain of tax offices was closed, and the IRS audited all the returns of all the clients of the firm. Seems that the enterprise was listing deductions for its clients that did not exist, and using tax breaks that did not apply to their circumstances. Another recent tax scandal involved several big name personalities on the West coast, who

were presented with bills for huge amounts of cash that should have been paid earlier.

If you're an ordinary American taxpayer, you want to pay the government exactly what you owe it—no less, and certainly no more. You're probably confused about how to do that, so you want to go to a professional for help. That's the first key, right there. Many of the fly-by-night offices you will see are staffed by people much like you who have crammed a course in taxes, and are only a step ahead of you in really knowing what's going on.

Another consideration, one of particular concern to gay people, is that your professional tax-preparer will have in his or her hands a great deal of personal information on your life. Reputable tax-preparers should be like a lawyer or a doctor; accustomed to handling and keeping secrets. Not only will this person know your salary and financial condition, but your living arrangements, the costs of your legal fees, and what they covered, where and how you spend your money.

In or out of the closet, you have personal information that should not be carelessly divulged. Can you entrust this data to an unknown person at the storefront down the street? Do you even want a friend who's "good" at taxes to have it?

That leads up to several rules to remember when you're getting ready to tell all to the IRS. Keep cool and steady, and consider what you're doing.

First, how necessary is it for you to file a long form with all the trouble that involves? Check the first pages of the tax booklet to see what the limits are for reporting on the short form, an easy tax return you can prepare yourself. Did you make less money than the limit for it? If so,

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Squids is a relatively new restaurant with at least three things going for it:

1) The location is a convenient walking distance to the Opera, Ballet, Symphony, the Geary, Orpheum and Golden Gate theatres.

2) The food, described by Penelope (one of the owners) as "fast food gourmet."

3) The clientele and decor are both very interesting; the clientele being a maturing of everything from punk rockers to businessmen in suits.

The restaurant is centered by a horseshoe shaped bar where food is also served. Three beers are offered by the glass or pitcher as well as a selection of imported beer, fresh squeezed and canned juices and the hard stuff. Several wines are available by the glass.

The Squidlian service staff (out of the I-Beam or Tool and Die) contribute informality and unstructuredness, yet an air of politeness permeates the atmosphere.

Have a seat at the bar or if in-

terested in more serious dining, a seat in one of the booths. Order a glass or bottle of wine and immerse yourself in the menu. Keep in mind a quotation I saw recently by Oscar Wilde, "I hate people who are not serious about meals. It is so shallow of them." Wine and Wilde produce the jocular seriousness endemic to Squids.

Appetizers are called "starters;" Onion Torte, cold mussels, fried garlic or squid salad with herbs strike your fancy? I had the fried garlic accompanied by a tumbrel of mayonnaise and fingers of melba toast. I also had mussels. The starter is a plate of 12 to 15 poached, cold mussels, on the half shell with mayonnaise for dunking. Then I tried the squid salad. Cilantro, one of my favorite herbs, green pepper and olives were tossed in oil with squid rounds and tentacles. The portion was more than ample and went well with the unheated sourdough bread.

Next, I tried the deep fried squid, served with a mild and

yellow creamy burre blanc sauce and homemade marinara sauce. Then came the sausage andwich, homemade sausage, delightfully juicy and flavorful served on a slightly toasted buttered baguette with a cupette of marinara sauce.

My favorite entree was the saute of Bluefin Tuna. Another entree available but untried by me is the Cioppino Lagomarsino, a shellfish, squid and fish stew.; the Italian version of bouillabaise.

It was difficult to choose among the desserts, all homemade. Plagued by indecision, I opted for Rieve de Saba (Queen of Sheba), rich and dark chocolate, creamy, flavored with almond and studded with slivered almonds.

Finally, if you're in the area somewhere between 4 and 6 pm. you may want to stop in for "happy hour" to try the corn chips and "the world's greatest salsa."

Happy New Year and Bon Appetit!

Rating: (5 A's being best)
Ambiance AA ½
Food AAA ½
Wine List AAA ½
Service AAA ½

The basic recipe remains the same, but you can experiment with your own variations. For the alcohol, use 90 proof vodka, or an inexpensive rum or brandy, or a mixture of any of these spirits. If you prefer a little less sweetness, use karo syrup in place of the simple syrup. If you like the flavor of honey, you may use it in place of sugar, but remember that honey is a great deal sweeter cup for dup. You'll have to adjust your amount of honey to your own taste.

Do you like coffee liqueur? Try this one! Combine 1½ cups packed brown sugar, 1 cup white sugar, 2 cups water and bring to a boil. Stir in ½ cup good instant coffee powder, then cool. Pour into a large jar, and mix with 3 cups vodka. Let stand in that old cool dark place for as long as you can manage to wait, then scarf it up.

I have several possible variations on this one. To begin with, when I add the instant coffee powder, I also add the rind of one lemon and a pinch of cardamom. Fish out the rind before you add the alcohol; it adds just a hint of zip to the liqueur. If you want a smoother taste, use half brandy and half vodka; if you want something closer to Tia Maria or Kahlua, use rum for the alcohol base. In any case, the ad-

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A Person's Place Is In The Kitchen



Cordially Yours

by Pat Wayne

Tired of entertaining, holiday parties, big crowds of people? So am I at this time of the year. Wallet thinner than it could be? If only calories would disappear as easily as money does!

There is one way to save a bit of cash for your holiday entertaining next year, though, and it's something you can begin doing right now. Around my house, one of the most popular things to share by the fireside is a little pony glass of tangerine liqueur, or a bit of Kahlua over ice. As nice a gesture as offering those small treats is, over the course of a few weeks of entertaining, it can run into money.

Years ago, I discovered that I could do it myself! Now, I make many of the liqueurs that I serve at home for a fraction of the cost of the expensive brands, and with far better taste than the cheap imitations that are available. One of my secrets of success is to begin right now, at the first of the year; the longer these mixtures sit, the more the taste mellows.

With a good head start, you can be ready for next Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's with a cabinet full of remarkably good things to drink.

The basic idea of all these after-dinner specialties is a sweet fruit or vegetable flavoring mixed into an alcohol base. The problem is that alcohol does not mix very well with granulated sugar, so you'll have to make a syrup to bind the flavor to the spirits.

Here's a basic recipe to begin with; you can prepare a fruit liqueur with peaches, apricots, or cherries in this way. Choose about one pound of full-flavored fruit—it doesn't have to be sweet, but choose a variety that has lots of taste—then clean and pit it.

Alcoholism

The holiday season, one of the most difficult times for recovering alcoholics, is now behind us. It has been interesting to watch the mood and attitudes of people this past holiday season.

I don't know if it can be attributed to the local avoid the 13 campaign or if people have more awareness in general to the dangers of alcohol and driving, but drunkenness and rowdiness seemed to be in evidence to a much lesser degree than in the past.

In talking with some local business owners, the New Years eve crowds were up, while alcoholic beverage sales were down.

It's important for all of us to remember that when we get behind the wheel of car in-

toxicated, we are not only endangering our lives, but lives of other innocent individuals.

I would like to commend those of you that exercised care and caution.

Visiting some of the local businesses the past couple of weeks, I noticed Main Street has posted a listing of non-alcoholic drinks available. Even though this business is oriented around the selling of liquor, it made me feel welcome and relaxed as a non-drinker.

I want to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. For those of you that have alcohol or drug dependency problems, I hope you will make the decision this year to seek the help necessary to conquer these problems.

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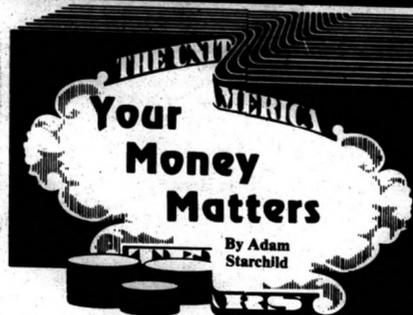
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If your long-distance telephone bills mount to more than \$30 per month, you might be able to save substantial amounts by switching to one of American Telephone and Telegraph's competitors, who will sell you long-distance service at a savings of 25-50%.

There are limitations, though. Before you look into competitive service, you'll have to check out two things.

These services employ a push-button phone unit, and some sections of the country aren't yet wired to use those phones.

If you have push-button capability, but no push-button phone, you can either rent or buy an adapter (which costs about \$40) for your present phone. Or, you can rent or buy a new push-button unit from your local telephone company, or simply buy one from an electronics supplier for around \$60.

Another point to consider is the pattern of your calls. If you most frequently call your mother, down on the farm, or your very good friend at a small-town college, remember that though all longline companies serve most major metropolitan areas, none of them reaches the entire United States. Small towns and rural areas are rarely hooked up.

For example, MCI, the largest of these companies, is not wired into many small Florida communities. If most of your calls are to that area, you may do better with City-Call, another of Ma Bell's rivals.

Don't forget, too, that if you make regular toll calls to communities served by your local phone company, Ma Bell will make you a deal on a fixed number of calls. That might be as

cheap or cheaper than contacting another phone company.

Your best bet is to contact the four companies listed below and ask for a list of the areas they service and the rates they charge. Then you can compare to see which one offers you the best deal.

At present, there are four major companies offering low-cost alternative long-distance phone calls. They are City-Call, MCI, MetroFone, and Sprint.

Each gives you a personal code number. When you want to make a long-distance call, you punch in the local phone number for that company, then your personal identification number (usually five digits), and finally the number you want to call.

Your call goes over the long-distance network of the alternative company instead of the Bell System, but in every other respect the phone service is identical — except for price.

Sometimes, there is a slight difference in the sound quality of the calls, depending on the method used for transmission. Some companies still use lines, some use microwave relays, and a New England company is experimenting with laser transmission by fiberglass "wires."

Costs and services of the four majors — and other smaller companies — vary. Typically, there is no sign-up fee, and you are not obligated to buy the service for any particular period.

You can drop it any time — at once or at short notice — without any problem if you don't find it useful.

Usually, a monthly fee is charged of \$5-10, and you are billed for any calls you make in

SJ Rep creates "Miracle" on stage

By Rosalie Nichols

The San Jose Repertory Company is creating a "miracle" on stage this month with their production of William Gibson's moving play, *The Miracle Worker*.

A review of the performance will appear in our next issue, but for now, I want to urge readers to see this production before it closes on Jan. 22.

The true story of the deaf-blind Helen Keller and her persevering teacher Annie Sullivan provides the material for the play's plot — but the play's real significance lies in its superb illustration of the crucial importance to a person's life of the ability to form abstractions — that is, to think.

Trapped by her handicap into relying entirely on the senses of taste, touch and smell for infor-



mation about the world around her, the young Keller (played by Laurel Moglen) throws angry tantrums each time she feels thwarted and seeks the safety and softness of her mother (played by Judith Miller).

Sullivan (played by Christianne Hauber) stubbornly tries over and over to help Keller achieve what for most of us comes without any conscious effort.

Repeatedly using finger-signs to spell out a word in the child's palm and then handing her the corresponding object, Sullivan attempts to make Keller grasp that the set of letters stands for the object.

Without this crucial connection, as Sullivan realizes only too well, the bright, active youngster will be doomed to a less-than-human existence — trapped inside a consciousness that is blind to thought, as well as sunlight.

Keller's overly protective mother, her stern father (played by Julian Lopez-Morillas) and her prematurely cynical brother (played by Patrick Lawlor) do lit-

tle to help and much to hinder.

The Irish-tempered Sullivan, while determined to make Keller learn, has problems of her own to overcome. In a series of flashbacks while trying to train the half-wild Keller child, Sullivan relives some of her own poignant experiences as an abandoned child in a Massachusetts almshouse.

Having thoroughly enjoyed the Anne Bancroft-Patty Duke film of this play, I attended a preview performance of the SJ Rep production with some trepidation. Not only was I not disappointed, but I can only entuse over the excellence of the two lead actresses. The 13-year-old Laurel Moglen, who plays Helen Keller, must have an outstanding career ahead of her.

But enough — this is not a review — go see *The Miracle Worker*, directed by Tom Ramirez, at the Montgomery Theatre in downtown San Jose. Judge for yourself — and read our review in the next issue. ■

Rhino review

by Davyd

Hungry (for dramatic art, that is)? Don't miss Theatre Rhino's latest successful hit, *Crystal Blaze*. *Blaze* opened January 5th to a full audience who guffawed their way through the fast paced two act winner.

Set in the back room of a Lower West Side Manhattan drag show bar, *Crystal Blaze* shows a side of life overlooked by the producers of *Dynasty* and *Dallas*.

The plot, rather thin and elusive at times, focuses on the trials and tribulations of *Crystal Blaze* (Chris), the bar's star per-

former in coming to terms with himself. Chris's past coping mechanisms had included sex, alcohol, drugs and romance; none of which worked to satiate his hunger for self-esteem.

Act one opens with the arrival of Chris' sister Karen, played by Wana Powell and ex-lover Allen, played by Ed Kotula. Their intentions are to pry Chris away from the Midway Box. They entice him with the idea of involving him in their new venture, the opening of a restaurant. This act is a woven medley of biting cynicism, hilarious repartee, and melancholic despair. The dialogue moves as fast as a pin ball and keeps you on your toes

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FORTUNES

By Tycho

Aries (March 21 - April 20) Changes in your love life and in any work projects in progress keep you from a fresh start on the New Year, and with your "do it NOW" attitude, that could present problems. Try some new approaches to old matters, and don't make any big resolutions until February.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20) Too much of this and that adds up to too little of anything. But, while physical exhaustion may hang around for awhile, once you've settled down, you should have the mental energy to solve that problem, and any others that are in your way. Think!

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) When you feel romantic and a bit lazy at the same time, there's one thing to do. Get lazy with the object of your romantic intentions. Be like that lucky old sun and roll around heaven all day. '83 was quite a year for you. Now, just lay back.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Most people find comfort in their homes. None more so than Cancer, and for Cancer, rarely more than now. You may feel you have little direction over the course of your life now, so the safety and comfort of your own abode offers the place you can be inside yourself, outside all the rest.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Keep on dancing! Many of the other signs are quieting down, now, but not Leo. Your energy seems inexhaustible. If there's fun to be had, you'll have it, with no post-holiday blues. All this dancing and singing: it might as well be spring.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) You're the one to make New Year's resolutions, and make them stick. Any bouts of indecisiveness are over. Plans laid, decisions made, you're right on target. With an intelligence that can verge on true wisdom, you can make the moves that make 1984 a year of triumph.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) Don't even try to figure out how it will happen, because you won't directly have anything to do with it; but a nice money surprise could be coming your way! In fact, stop trying to figure everything out. Let things happen to you now, and they will.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) A January bride? Well, something old is going to end and something new is about to begin. Something borrowed has to do with brother and sister (bridesmaids and ushers) and something blue is up to you. Start working on your trousseau!

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) How many faces and sides you have to you Sagittarius! Starting now, and throughout the year, you're going to be expressing and exploring many of those facets. Everyone shares this constant process, but for you the possibilities are more exciting and almost endless.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Responsibility. It starts now, gains momentum as the year gets going, and for many will be the theme for 1984. It doesn't have to be the kind that weighs you down; in fact, it can be the kind that raises you up to quite an exalted place. Take hold of the reins and go.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Two very important things are happening now that will continue for most of the year. New avenues of creativity open up, giving you kinds of expression you had never explored. At the same time, serious relations will be seriously tested. What lasts may be forever.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) The idealism that has carried you through much of your life is making important contributions to a group effort. The group will in turn sustain you and give you much in return. Isolation is over. Join in. ■
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to keep up with the cast. Jackie, one of Chris's fellow entertainers, a vampish role played by Danny Lee Sparks, Shirley, the hard, bossy owner with a soft spot played by Sandra Cannon rounded out the cast in the first act. These characters exchange lines of dialogue that expanded on the tragicomic happenstances that make up their lives.

The pivotal character is Crystal Blaze, played by Diane Cooper. The first half of the play does little to reveal the depth or strength of the role; but as we move into the second act, the author brilliantly takes us to a new realm of understanding of this complicated, tormented individual, Crystal Blaze.

Crystal's real dilemma and its resolution provide the most revelatory component in the play. Without revealing if Crystal leaves the bar or not, I feel that the resolution of the situation is poignantly unfolded in the dialogue and the outcome produces a positive affirmation in the audience as to the correctness of the decision.

Bravos to Richard Benner, both writer and director of Crystal Blaze for creating this highly entertaining dramatic gem.

Call (415) 861-5079 for reservations and ticket information.

The emperor Titus, who preferred hairless bodies, kept a group of eunuchs for his sexual pleasure.

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since August. Protesters had dug into clinic garbage hoping to find fetuses to use. Clinic supporters mounted counter-protests, but when the center later burned, authorities did nothing.

L.A. Times editorial, Nov. 16: "The time has come for the federal government to reassess its out-of-date policy against granting security clearances to homosexuals.... The injustice in the government policy was never more apparent than in the case of John W. Green who says that he never hid his sexual preference and yet held a special clearance while managing a top-secret project at TRW Inc until 1981.... It is time for the government to drop a prohibition that is no longer valid...."

L.A. Times Nov. 26: Reuters bit on British Home Secretary studying allegations of a "homosexual vice ring" at Buckingham Palace, the queen's residence. Charge made by a member of Parliament carrying on a private crusade against the *Pedophile Information Exchange*. The Dec. 13 L.A. Times had 8 lines on writer, onetime prisoner *Jean Genet's* receiving France's Grand Prix in literature.

The Nov. 18 L.A. Times ran a fine Patrick Goldstein story on visual music expert *William Moritz*, experimental film maker, poet, composer and "Believe It Or Not" show researcher. Radical fairy Bill, who's written for the gay press, is the chief historian of visual music, now booming in musical videodiscs. Working with L.A.'s Visual Music Alliance, Bill says the ancient Greeks used magic lantern projections in theatre and Leonardo's star pupil Archiboldi designed a graphic harpsichord in the 1560's. A French Jesuit priest in the 1740's coordinated musical notes with candles to project light units onto a screen.

Early in December, *Hawley Atkinson*, Maricopa County, Az. chairman of the Board of Supervisors was quoted in the Phoenix Gazette in opposition to selling stray animals to scientists as saying, "Why don't they bring in the homosexuals and lesbians from San Francisco and let's experiment on them." It took a week of protests from Arizona gays for the story to make the Arizona Republic. It made the S.F. Chronicle and USA Today next day (12-9). Leading Phoenix Republican *Atkinson* later said his remark was facetious, that he'd just meant "research, which is a hell of a lot different from experiments." He refused to apologize, and gay groups said an apology wouldn't be enough, "He should resign."

Judy Hill in the Dec. 4 Arizona Republic reviewed how poorly the American press reported dramatic changes in women's roles during the 70's (based on a George Washington University study), with a half-page sidebar criticizing the Republic's inadequate, inaccurate and secondhand coverage of such events as the National Women's Conference in Houston.

On Dec. 13 the L.A. Times and L.A. Daily News reported the break-thru decision of the California Worker's Compensation Appeals Board to award \$25,000 death benefits to gay activist (*Duncan*) *Earl Donovan*, a dependent since 1949 of deputy D.A. *Thomas Finnerty*, who took his own life in '76. Finnerty's death was judged to be job-related, due to threats to his life made by persons he'd prosecuted.

The Nov. 15 Kansas City Times ran a moving story on the K.C. AIDS Project hotline, run by *Eddie Liedtke*, who has suffered from AIDS for two years. Missouri so far has had 3 AIDS deaths, Kansas none. The Project was about to fold two months before when Liedtke stepped in, though he often feels weak and sore for the job.

FUSS AND FUSTIAN

The composites who run the Olympics Organizing Committee aren't noted for perspicacity, but only one columnist, the N.Y. Times' *Carl Cahill*, Dec. 10, noted the idiocy of their declaring *Twinkies* (of *Dan White* fame) an official Games sponsor. How about *Kool-Aid* as official drink? Actually, any (non-gay) company, one to each category, can become an Olympics sponsor (official drink, official fruit juice, official charge card, etc.) by just forking up \$4 million. But while the Olympics push the Greek ideal of a sound mind in a sound body, such junk food seems a dumb choice.

The Dec. 14 L.A. Times reported would-be president *John Glenn's* angry meeting with eight N.Y. gay activists after a day of confrontation with gays following his assertion he would not back a gay rights bill, even at the risk of losing his N.Y. campaign manager. The best he'd say is that he wouldn't "harass anyone who has that as their lifestyle." He'd had to eat crow earlier when he remarked that feminists had loafed while ERA went down to defeat.

Several papers, especially in S.F., reported tension mounting there as assassin *Dan White's* Jan 6 parole date neared. The Nov. 29 S.F. Examiner reported thousands marching from Castro to City hall in a candlelight vigil in memory of Mayor Moscone and Supervisor *Harvey Milk*. Frustration focused awhile on hopes for federal prosecution of *White*, but that passed when the D.A. said: "insufficient grounds." Rumored that *White* may be paroled to San Diego. The Dec. 12 Examiner gave an uneven review to *Prof. A. K. Bierman's* "talky" play about a professor whose friends try to talk him out of trying to avenge the *Milk/Moscone* assassination.

From his desk at the National Gay Archives in Los Angeles, Curator Jim Kepner has been reviewing the press, clipping and filing articles of interest to gay and lesbians for 42 years. He urges gay and lesbian people everywhere to contribute to the gathering of our history by clipping relevant articles from their local papers and sending them to the National Gay Archives, 1654 N. Hudson Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028.

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your next step is to sit down and try to figure what deductions you can make. Add up the ones you can easily identify; interest payments, state taxes, local taxes, sales taxes, contributions to charity, union dues, subscriptions to professional journals, expenses related to your work, some of your medical fees, and so on. You'll find a list of some of those kinds of deductions in your tax packet.

After adding them up, do they total at least the amount of the standard exemption the government allows? If you have more, or nearly enough, you may want to try the long form yourself; or, you may choose to go to a tax preparer.

Before you consult any of them, choose a selection of names you have seen and consult the Better Business Bureau about them. Avoid any who have complaints filed for their practices. Next, shop around.

Consult each of them, asking

how long they have been in business - you want someone with experience, not a neophyte that will learn on your time. Ask if only one person will prepare your statement, or if it will be checked by another member of the staff. That's a safeguard some offices provide to avoid annoying mistakes.

By all means, make sure that the company will agree to accompany you to any audit that may arise from your return. If you found the form too difficult to fill out, you'll certainly be no match for an auditor who will question you about it. You've come for help, and that help should be guaranteed until your return is clear.

Make sure that whoever prepares your return signs it at the proper line. That shows the IRS that someone else helped you, and that any mistakes may not be intentional on your part.

Above all, provide your tax consultant with all the data needed. Your legitimate deductions must be backed up by documents, and he will not be able to do as well as you want

without the paperwork. Beware flat-rate offers! Your return is your personal document, and will very likely require some personal attention. Investigate just what is included on a "\$49 Tax Special." It may not cover your needs adequately.

No, you may not claim your lover as your dependent. No, you may not file a joint return with your lover, either. However, if you share a house, there may be ways to set one of you up as an owner and the other as a renter in order to qualify your home as a business write off. That kind of consideration demands a tax preparer with an open mind and an understanding of the special problems of gay people, another reason to check around for help.

It's not going to be any more fun this year that it ever was. But if you are as careful with your taxes as you are with your body and your legal questions, you should find a professional that can at least make it easier for you. Make sure that whoever you choose makes it safe and secure for you, too.

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Kitchen

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dition of 2 tablespoons vanilla is a good one.

My favorite (and most delicious) speciality is a tangerine liqueur that requires a bit more patience. Peel six tangerines, saving the rind. Scrape as much of the white fibers from the rind as you can, and place on a cookie sheet. Preheat oven to 250 degrees, put the rind in the oven, and turn off the heat. Let the peel stay in the oven overnight to dry.

Combine 2 1/4 cups sugar with 1 cup water and heat, stirring constantly, until the sugar dissolves. Let this cool, and stir in a pint of vodka and a pint of brandy. Place peel in a large container, then stir in the sugar-alcohol mix. The sugar will tend to crystallize out, so you'll have to shake this from time to time. Seal the top, and let stand for at least three months! I guarantee it will be worth the wait if you like any of the citrus liqueurs.

If you're the impatient type, here's something you can drink right away. Irish cream seems to

be an "in" drink, and it's relatively easy to make. It won't keep long, though! Place it in the refrigerator right after you make it!

Beat together three whole eggs, one can of condensed (not evaporated) milk, 1/2 pint heavy cream, 1/2 cup milk, three tablespoons shredded coconut, and one pint of Irish whisky. (A blender makes a smoother mixture, by the way) That's it! You can vary the recipe by using any other alcohol, of course, and you may even want to add some Hershey's syrup, if you're a chocolate freak - but no more than three tablespoonfuls, please!

That should give you a head-start on next year. Try these recipes out; you'll have fun, and your friendly neighborhood liquor store owner will wonder why you smile so much when you shop with him. He'll also wonder how you manage to cut your expenses so much.

After a little experimentation, you may even come up with your own secret recipes. Gay liqueurs? Drambuie? Benedyktine? Who knows?

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"84 and Counting"

Our Paper has joined the nationwide Gay Voter registration Drive announced by the National Gay Task Force.

Readers may obtain a Santa Clara County voter registration form by sending in the coupon printed below or by stopping in the newspaper office at 973 Park Avenue, San Jose.

Names of readers responding to Our Paper's voter registration drive will be forwarded on request to the National Gay Task Force and will be maintained on the newspaper's mailing list for future information about elections and candidates.

Gay rights supporters are invited to participate, regardless of their sexual orientation. Gay rights is a human rights issue which should concern us all.

Partial List of Participating Groups

Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Student Association
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Presidential Candidate Questionnaire on Gay Issues

New York — A questionnaire and briefing paper for Presidential candidates has been released by a coalition of five major gay/lesbian political organizations as part of the national voter registration drive, "84 and Counting."

The documents outline the gay/lesbian community's positions on a range of issues and raise specific policy questions for candidates in the 1984 Presidential campaign.

The organizations issuing the documents were the National Gay Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Coalition of Black Gays, the Gay Rights National Lobby, and the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs.

Among the issues and questions raised are whether the candidates will support passage of the gay/lesbian civil rights bill; whether as President they will eliminate exclusion of gays from military service; whether they will oppose discrimination based on sexual orientation in immigration; how they will use the Presidency to support the Equal Rights Amendment; and what level of funding for AIDS research they will support.

Candidates are also asked to pledge that they will provide equal opportunity for gay men and lesbian women in govern-

ment programs as well as for those seeking posts at all levels of the Executive Branch.

The questionnaire reflects a wide range of concerns, demonstrating, according to the coalition's briefing paper, that "the direction of our efforts has shifted beyond seeking acceptance by the rest of society to a clear demand that we as American citizens must be involved in the decisions that affect our lives... In this Presidential campaign, our agenda includes not only protection against anti-gay/lesbian bias in the public and private sectors, but also the broader questions of access to the government that represents us, inclusion in the government's decision-making process, and responsiveness to the larger concerns we face as a minority group and as a community."

"84 and Counting, the lesbian and gay community's national voter registration drive, is being conducted in conjunction with local nonpartisan, Democratic, Republican, political, social, and religious groups around the country.

Its chief goal is to register one million new gay and lesbian voters by Election Day 1984. Another of its aims is to provide educational material on the positions and records of candidates in the 1984 races. ■

Lesbian Rights Conference

By Kathy Tepes
Via GPA Wire Service

On the weekend of January 20-22, 1984, the National Organization for Women will sponsor its first nationwide leadership conference on lesbian rights in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The conference on "Lesbian Rights: Power and Politics in '84," will set the stage for a historic political year.

Proposed at the 1982 NOW National Conference, this conference will provide a forum for discussion, strategy development, and skills-building for activists.

Workshops on topics ranging from "Lesbian and Gay Campaigns and Candidates" to "Using NOW's Political Power for Lesbian Rights" to "Fundraising for Lesbian Rights" will be presented.

There will also be opportunities for NOW activists to caucus with members of gay and lesbian political clubs and others.

In addition to workshops, there will be several general sessions, featuring President of the National Organization for Women (NOW) Judy Goldsmith and Vice President Mary Jean Collins.

Other speakers who have been invited include leaders from the lesbian and gay community and Wisconsin public officials.

An ongoing audio-visual program will run throughout the conference. Saturday evening will be highlighted by a dinner.

Ms. Collins emphasized the importance of the conference for NOW national, state, and chapter leaders: "This conference will be a unique opportunity for NOW leadership to plan the organization's activities on one of our key issues.

"The conference is not only for those already active on the issue of lesbian rights, but for everyone committed to NOW's

policy on lesbian rights.

"We are especially pleased to be holding this conference in Wisconsin, the only state in the United States that currently protects the rights of lesbians and gay men by law.

"This will give us an opportunity to more fully explore the experience in the state and, on the basis of that experience, to plan for future activities."

The conference will also kick off a new NOW program on lesbian rights — "Lesbian and Gay Rights '84." — aimed at the passage of state level legislation to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in targeted states.

Passage of such legislation is an essential first step in changing public attitudes about and achieving equal rights for lesbians and gay men.

Because of NOW's experience in past campaigns, its resources can be effective in efforts to pass lesbian and gay rights legislation, particularly at the state level.

In addition to NOW leaders and activists, there will be some limited registration for representatives of lesbian and gay political groups.

The registration fee for the conference is \$30. In addition, there is a \$10 fee for the dinner, which is optional. Scholarships are available for NOW members.

NOW Chapters and state organizations are encouraged to sponsor attendance of their representatives.

Additional information is available from: 1984 NOW Lesbian Rights Conference, P.O. Box 7813, Washington, D.C. 20044.

The November issue of the National NOW Times reported, without an explanation, the resignation of Barbara Timmer, Executive Vice President. Ms. Timmer and Kathy Webb, Secretary, were "out" lesbians and

NOW officers.

NOW president Judy Goldsmith received the 1983 "Human Rights Award" from the Human Rights Campaign Fund in recognition of her and NOW's dedicated and longtime support of lesbian and gay rights. The award was presented at a September 22 Boston fundraiser for the national Gay PAC (political action committee).

In her acceptance speech, Ms. Goldsmith reaffirmed NOW's commitment to lesbian and gay issues.

She stated, "If today we abandon lesbian and gay rights because it is perceived as too radical, then tomorrow we'll be advised to abandon reproductive rights, and so on until we finally stand for nothing." ■

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Alive! in concert

The all woman jazz quintet, Alive! celebrates the release of their third album, CITY LIFE, in a concert Saturday, January 28th at the Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco. The album release concert features Alive! with special guests Stacy Rowles on trumpet and flugelhorn and Mary Fetting saxophonist.

Alive! will present selections from the album plus materials that reflect the band's new directions. The event also heralds the emergence of their own label: Alive! Records.

Following the 8:30 performance, a celebratory champagne reception will be held, attendees will receive a copy of the new album.

The band includes: Rhiannon, vocals; Barbara Borden, drums; Carolyn Brandy, congas and percussion; Janet Small, keyboards; and Susanne Vincenza, acoustic and electric bass.

A reduction of one dollar in concert ticket price is available to Bay Area Jazz Society members. For more information: (415) 550-8627. ■

Colonial Connecticut required unmarried men to obtain legal permission to live alone; without it, they were subject to a fine of one pound a week.

ROBERT SCHWAB

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tirety of the state, because he's worked with so many of us," he continued. "I'm saddened by the fact that we've lost one of the pillars of our movement, as well as a deep personal friend."

Schwab, founder of the Texas Human Rights Foundation and co-founder of Houston's Gay Political Caucus, was also known nationally as a co-founder of the National Education Foundation for Individual Rights, the Gay Rights National Lobby and the American Bar Association Committee of Gay Rights.

Former Houston GPC President Lee Harrington stated: "Al-

most all social change and progress begins with the court system. Robert chose this avenue in his endeavor to remove the so-called sodomy statute from the Texas Penal Code. Oppressive and unjust, it affected heterosexual as well as homosexual citizens."

"His efforts were tireless and successful; the gays, in particular, will miss him very much."

Schwab is survived by his mother, Mrs. Esther Schwab of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and his sister, Mrs. Charlene Touby of Miami.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Texas Human Rights Foundation, 3128 Lemmon Ave. East No. 304, Dallas, TX 75204. ■

Gay activist resumes tour

Los Angeles, CA — Gay activist Dan Siminoski was in Phoenix in early December for a speaking engagement. He returned from an evening appointment to find that the automobile of his host was broken into.

The only item stolen, however, was Siminoski's briefcase containing several thousand dollars worth of plane tickets, travelers checks and the documents concerning a controversial suit by Siminoski against the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The briefcase was returned by the police several days later, still containing the valuable plane tickets and travelers' checks.

Curiously, the only things missing were the FBI documents, crucial to Siminoski's ongoing attempt to force the release of documents of alleged illegal spying sorties against the gay and lesbian activists and organizations.

The break-in caused an abrupt cancellation to Siminoski's nationwide tour. However, he announced this week, he will now resume the tour with dates scheduled for New York, New Orleans, Minneapolis and other

American cities.

The ACLU Foundation of Southern California filed suit late last year in federal court in Los Angeles on Siminoski's behalf. The suit, filed under the federal Freedom of Information Act, seeks to compel the FBI to release documents concerning unlawful FBI surveillance of gay and lesbian activists and organizations since 1950. The suit also seeks an injunction to force the FBI to grant Siminoski's request for a fee waiver.

Siminoski, who holds a doctorate degree in political science, is in the midst of researching a book on the impact of gay and lesbian politics on the 1984 national elections. Several of his speaking engagements will be co-sponsored by the local ACLU affiliates. ■

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Coming out workshops

Billy DeFrank Community Center and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at San Jose State will co-sponsor a coming-out workshop on Saturday, January 21, from 10 am till 5 pm at the Women's Center on campus (building U, 5th and East San Carlos).

There will be refreshments, a slide presentation, speakers and discussion of coming out issues. A \$5 - \$10 donation is requested.

Workshops have also been scheduled for April, July and October. For information call 293-AGAY or 293-4525. ■