Anti-Gays Lose Elections

By Rosalie Nkob

Claude Fletcher, who used the defeat of local Gay rights ordinances as a springboard to catapult himself into a San Jose City Council seat in 1980, has been tumbled from office by a political newcomer.

Fletcher lost his re-election bid in District 10 (Almaden Valley) by a 3-2 margin to dentist Bob Putnam on the June 5 ballot.

Fletcher’s defeat will give local Gay men and Lesbian women something to celebrate at this year’s Gay Pride Week festivities scheduled for Sunday, June 17 in downtown San Jose.

In 1981, following his election to the City Council, Claude Fletcher and his Bible-toting colleague, Councilwoman Lu Ryden, attempted to ban the distribution of literature at the annual Gay rally.

In spite of an opinion by City Attorney Logan that gay literature is protected under the First Amendment, Fletcher and Ryden nonetheless voted against issuing a rally permit.

Prior to running for city office, Fletcher had served as county chair of a referendum petition drive in 1976 to attempt to repeal the Willie Brown Consenting Adults Law.

Also going down to defeat on the June 5 ballot was Municipal Court Judge Ed Davis, who lost his bid for a Superior Court seat by a 3-1 margin to Judge James Stewart.

Stewart’s election leaves a municipal court vacancy to be filled by Gov. Deukmejian by appointment.

Pearce, who was rebuked by the county Fair Judicial Election Practices Commission for making "misleading statements" about Stewart, was one of the signatories on a 1980 newspaper ad misrepresenting the provisions of proposed Gay Rights Measures A&B.

A minor candidate who lost out on June 5 was Shirley Hendrickson, running for county Board of Supervisors in District 5.

Hendrickson garnered only 1,635 votes, compared to 25,114 for Betsy Rechelt and 23,506 for Anne McKenna. Rechelt and McKenna will face a runoff in November.

Fletcher was active in 1979 in lobbying against Gay rights and forming a committee called "Democrats Against the Sexual Orientation Ordinances."

In Southern California, candidate Andrew Martin drew only 40,878 Democratic votes compared to 59,407 Republican votes cast for incumbent Ed Davis in the State Senate District 19 primary ballot.

Martin cited Davis’ Senate vote for Gay civil rights bill AB-1 as his reason for challenging the incumbent.

"I was shocked and surprised to find a man who has been a community leader such as Ed Davis fighting for the rights of homosexuals to serve as role models for our developing children," Martin told the press.

"These people like to call themselves gays, but I don’t consider them gays. To me, the word is sad," Martin opined. "A large part of this San Jose district is rural, and the word they use is queer."

Assemblyman Art Agnos, author of AB-1, has sent letters to California Democratic Party officials asking them to withhold their support for Martin.

Comparing Martin’s candidacy to the 1980 campaign of Democratic candidate Tom Mettger, a Ku Klux Klan leader, Agnos asked his party to repudiate Martin and withhold its financial support.

Agnos referred to the California Democratic Party 1984 Platform, which states: "The California Democratic Party reasserts its vigorous support for the addition of sexual orientation to the categories previously protected by the 1964 Civil Rights Act — sex, religion, race, and national origin — and to anti-discrimination legislation in housing, employment, the armed forces, immigration, legal services and public accommodations."

Martin and Davis will face each other on the November ballot.

San Jose Gay Pride Rally
Stars Linda Clifford

Linda Clifford, dynamic popular vocalist, will be the star attraction at the 1984 San Jose Gay Pride Rally on June 17.

Clifford has been in the popular music field for several years. Her debut LP album Linda included the national chart single "Long, Long, Winter." Her record album If My Friends Could See Me Now included the title track and "Runaway Love." The Singles earned her recognition as the top female R&B vocalist in a number of 1978 awards.

Her two latest LP’s, I’m Yours (which includes two number 1 dance records "Shoot Your Best Shot" and "Red Lights") and I’ll Keep On Loving You, demonstrate Clifford’s ability, intensity, and growth.

Linda Clifford combines beauty, style, personality, outstanding talent and versatility; and the results have brought her recognition as one of today’s top vocalists.
Stanford President attends GLAS reception

A special champagne reception honoring Stanford University President Donald Kennedy was held at the official home of William and Lillian Williams, current president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford (GLAS) on May 1, 1984. This reception was the first time a Stanford President had met with a group of gay activists since the non-discrimination policy was introduced in 1981.

Kennedy’s remarks were met with a standing ovation. GLAS subscribers joined the President of the University and members of its staff in lauding the policy as a major step forward for gay students.

"I have been pleased to see the progress that GLAS has made in recent years," said Kennedy. "I am grateful for our support our efforts, and I look forward to continuing our work together."
The use of power

by Rev. Larry Uregh

Power comes from many sources; some power comes from our educational attainments, some from family position, job responsibilities, personal appearance, the style of our communications, or some from our image of self.

A great deal of power is related to the amount of wealth one possesses. Unfortunately, a certain measure of the power we possess comes from his ability to communicate in a convincing way.

Power is, to many people, a negative term that evokes images of fraud and the possibility of abuse. The same goes for the word "powerful," which unscrupulous people use to impress others with their might.

As Gay men and Lesbian women become more powerful in our society, they occupy more positions of decision making and control more of our resources — they become more and more uncomfortable with the exercise of power.

The power that we have received from too many sources of our cultural upbringing; that power to be used, and that one who has power should not be made responsible for what he has power over.

It is very easy for him to have power to be used to the best or the worst. It is even easier for him to control others with his power.

The temptation is the power of the strength of one's power by convincing another with one's words, or to get one's own position in the society as the one to be trusted and followed.

We possess one strength to stretch our skill at fighting. You must possess these skills to maintain your power because winning is victory.

We fight so that we can win — that is to say, that we can have our way.

Victory, in our culture, consists of having one's way, and in expecting that having our way will continue as long as possible — until the end of the world.

Power is, to a great extent, the power of one's image, as long as we believe in ourselves and in the power that we have to be ourselves.

So what does work? Let me suggest an alternative. Power in itself is not bad. It is necessary for the needs of the real people around you — then, you can double your power.

Power is, to many people, a negative term that evokes images of fraud and the possibility of abuse. This discomfort comes from two basic tenets of our culture's philosophy: Power is to be used, and that one who has power has no right to be made responsible for what he has power over.

The greatest use of power is simply knowing that nothing can蕻ber done. The problem lies in the proper use of power.

Evil arises from the fact that human beings are powerless, that they do not have any real power on the one hand, while at the same time they are made to believe that they do have power on the other.

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The problem with this logic, if we think about it, and if it is logic, is that power is to be used, and that one who has power should not be made responsible for what he has power over.

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**Supreme Court refuses to hear naturalization case**

By Ted Sahl

The U.S. Supreme Court announced that it will not review a lower court decision denying a gay man the right to become an American citizen.

The decision signals the end of an eight-year struggle by Richard Longstaff, a resident of Dallas, Texas.

Longstaff is represented by National Gay Rights Advocates, the San Francisco-based public interest law firm.\(^1\) NGRA legal director, said: "By not taking this case, the Court has ducked a hard question."\(^2\)

Lower courts have ruled against Longstaff, even O'Leary, NGRA executive director, is surprised the Court has not taken up the case.\(^2\)

"It is a very important opinion," Longstaff, a British immigrant, came to the U.S. and stayed in Texas is the fall of 1965. Longstaff applied for naturalization in 1976 and has been in the courts fighting for his citizenship ever since. Lower courts have ruled against him first on the basis that he lacked good moral character and then simply because he is gay and then on the grounds that since he was gay "when he entered the country," he entered illegally.\(^2\)

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**Skating for AIDS**

By Ted Sahl

Tuxedos and pin-stripe suits, Panama hats and bow ties brought back the "fifties" at the Whiskey Gulch Saloon in Palo Alto on May 12th. This was their second annual prom night, part of a three day celebration. Pat Boone's "Love Letters in the Sand," Sam Cook, Little Richard and other fifties favorites had the dancers screaming and "twisting the night away."

Most were in couples - holding hands, and got lots of hugs from friends who had been there!\(^3\)

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**Silver Fox does it again!**

By Ted Sahl

When you're hot, you're hot! The guys and gals at the Silver Fox have a magic touch to benefit the local AIDS Foundation. The people were out of sight. Over and over again people suddenly bid on somethings to raise money to be awarded at a later date.

The evening was a great success; far surpassing the $200 they raised at the first auction. Hold on to your hats! This group bid and raised over $2500 for the AIDS Foundation.

"Can you say that?" Darlene Loo, a hospital person and one of the organizers, said. "We were the lucky winners of a pie - thrown by Donna Mauders - an event that raised $2150.00."

"What a night. You should've been there."

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**Domestic violence**

By Ted Sahl

(Boston, MA) The Lesbian Task Force of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is raising a national call for papers on Lesbian battering throughout this year.\(^4\)

In a part of our initiative, we wish to include personal experiences, the stories of battered lesbians and their mothers and discuss the papers on the conference.

- Services for battered lesbians (support groups, therapeutic issues and individual counseling, integration of heterosexual and lesbian women in shelters)
- Staff defense in battering situations
- Power dynamics in inter-relational relationships
- What about the battery?
- Conflict/mediation: Is the primary responsibility to the battered lesbian or to the community?
Empowering sounds from subtle dissenters

by Dan Schmidt

The idea of March being it for Caes in 44 B.C., and, until recently, for all of us who women ranging from their early twenties to San Jose, has Man... is a concern. The women, seven or so, were committed to the in crease of baritones and basses, as the Saw Women's chorus.

"Very nice! That's how it should sound every time we sing a phrase," Singer-meet-the-kind of... that she has been singing America's part, but clearly defines as beyond the pale of social interaction inter... as the Chorus. Now can present the center's inner chambers, drawn by the promise of that musical scale stringer into a backroom by the promise of that musical scale to the keyboard accom... ever, that's only teasers. Much of its former charm has In the evening, with the roof in S... that there is a "chicken is a quality. The chicken was seasoned with... thing) and served with fresh vegetables and herbed rice. Liver a la Dubock ("a... times, that's fine. And if a straight couple comes... is entitl... sponsored by: The management and staff of the Watergarden Recreation Center and Baths. Recycled bookstores... new & used books & records. We Buy, Sell & Trade Quality Books & Records. Phone for our buying hours. 

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A Dining Experience

Mame's Palazzo

by Dot James

The Gondola Room with its viewable roof opened to a lovely view of San Francisco city is only one of several dining areas within this lovely former Italian restaurant where I recently spent a wonderful spring afternoon teaing. Much of its former charm has been retained, such as the murals, the old world feel, the antique furniture, and the Gondola Room. The only way you are wondering, there really is a gondola in "casual" in the room). The restaurant is Mame's Palazzo is recognition of Auntie Mame's philosophy: Life is a circus, take the ride, while they dine, that's fine. Reasonable prices range from $4.50 for soup and salad to $8.50 for the "Veal Whim du'Chef." The ambience of Marne's is a gathering place for many of the many visitors who come to make over this former Italian restaurant. including a second floor for entertainment in this marvelous restaurant.

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Review

Arsenic and Old Lace or Grant and Hepburn revisited

by Mark C. Rose

The San Francisco Performing Arts League has announced that its long-running off-Broadway show in San Francisco's beautiful Palace Theatre is to be replaced by the new production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" starring Cary Grant and Judi Dench. The show, directed by George Cukor, is set to open on September 15th and will run through November 1st. The casts of the two productions will be joined by the talented performers of "The Gin Game" and "A View from the Bridge." The production promises to be a memorable one, sure to please audiences of all ages. For more information, please visit the San Francisco Performing Arts League's website or contact their box office directly.
MURPHY’S MANOR

In the offing... Out of the shadows... into the light!

In his VIP introduction to GAY AMERICAN HISTORY, Jonathan Kozol expressed his belief that the time was right for an event that would allow people to reflect on the history of the gay liberation movement and the struggle for gay rights. Kozol emphasized the importance of remembering the past in order to build a better future.

East Bay Lesbian/Gay Celebration June 17th

(berkeley) CA NAMBLA (The Nonh American Man Boy Love Association) and Lesbian separatists - a unity of people the Historician presses the idea almost everywhere. "Gay people can out of town!

The first East Bay Lesbian/Gay Celebration was held on June 17th. A wide variety of organizations, including Gay American legislators, several other groups. It's an event the presence of many Lesbian, Gay and progressive community.

Networking

There are over 80 Gay and Lesbian organizations in the San Francisco area. The South Bay Gay Fathers are planning a "Gay Pride Day" event where attendees can meet and network.

Desperados "Star" by Ted Malt

While this day is the traditional holiday, the East Bay Gay Fathers is also planning a celebration, "Gay Pride Day," at the parade site, June 24. That will be pageantry with purpose.

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Sounds

She says her head, whispering. "Keep that stinger in your pants."&nbsp;

More and more, the rally is being less about numbers and more about visibility and presence.

In June 1984, the Gay and Lesbian Liberation Movement marked its 10th anniversary with a series of events in Berkeley, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. The movement had grown in strength and visibility over the past decade, and the rally was a celebration of that progress.

In letters to the editor, some rally-goers criticized the lack of diversity and inclusiveness in the event. One wrote, "This is a gay and lesbian celebration, not a celebration of diversity."

However, others defended the event, saying that it was important to come together and celebrate.

"The rally was a way for us to come together and show our support for each other," wrote one attendee.

The rally was a time of joy and celebration, but it was also a time of struggle. The movement faced many challenges in the years to come, but it had laid the foundation for the future.
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One of the named plaintiffs in the suit, Maj. M. Vinson, a military service characterized more by her engagement in homosexual conduct in a motel off of her military base while she was off duty. The suit seeks a court order requiring the Department of Defense to recharacterize her military service as less than honorable because the military service characterized less than as honorable for conduct that did not affect performance of a duty.

Commenting on the filing, Virginia Solis, executive direc
tor of NGTF, said: "This action is one of a series of efforts by Gays to take advantage of the military; the dedication and pride with which gay men and lesbians have served and are serving their coun-

Klan marches thru Gay district

Houston — Fifty-eight Ku Klux Klansmen staged a protest march Saturday against the liberal Houston's gay district on June 9, according to an Associated Press story published in the San Jose Mercury News.

"We come in peace and pray to God. Ask his forgiveness for being a pervert. We're going to tell you to keep your mouth shut or we'll let you know what it's like," a Klan leader reportedly shouted over the loudspeaker.

Ropes at the curb and hundreds of police officers in riot gear protected the Klanmen from the estimated 2,000 spec-
tators along the parade route, ac-
cording to the AP story.

On the street, groups of Gay district businesses along the road closed down for the afternoon.

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