Domestic Partner Benefits Approved by Berkeley City Commission

The Human Relations and Welfare Commission of the City of Berkeley on June 14 voted approval of a plan to extend benefits commonly called "domestic partners" to city employees. By a vote of 5 to 1, the Commission recommended adoption by the City Council of whatever legislation may become the first such legislation in the country.

The plan would provide that:
- A domestic partnership shall exist between two persons regardless of their gender, and each of
- them shall be the domestic partner of the other if they both complete, sign, and cause to be filed with the designated City Department an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership attesting to the following:
  a. The two parties reside together and share the common necessities of life;
  b. The two parties are not married to anyone, are 18 years of age or older, not related by blood or by marriage in the State of California, and are mentally competent to consent to contract;
  c. The two parties declare that they are each other's sole domestic partner, and are responsible for their domestic welfare;
  d. The two parties agree to notify the City if there is a change in the circumstances attested to in the affidavit;
  e. The two parties, under penalty of perjury, affirm that the assertions in the affidavit are true.

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Domestic Partnership attesting to the following:

By Rosalie Nichols

Gay and social activists are angered that the Moral Majority and other conservative groups plan to hold an anti-gay "pro-family" conference in San Francisco on the eve of the Democratic National Convention, according to a story by Alan Garrison in the San Francisco Chronicle.

The Family Forum III meeting, featuring Rev. Jerry Falwell, anti-feminist Phyllis Schlafly, and Free Congress director Paul Weyrich, is scheduled for July 12-13 at the Holiday Inn on Union Square.

The National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights is scheduled for July 15, three days later, on July 15.

The "pro-family" conference 13-point position paper comprises stands against gay rights legislation, abortion, pornography and euthanasia, according to Garrison's article, including the following statements against gay rights:

"Society should not succumb to pressure that would provide homosexuals with special recognition and privileges under the law. We affirm the right of parents to raise their children in an environment free from the depravity of the homosexual sub-culture."

Members of the All-Peoples Coalition and Action Coalition, an alliance of San Francisco religious and community groups, predict that thousands will turn out for a three-hour protest against Family Forum III, the evening of July 12 in Union Square, with the theme We are all family.

Christian fundamentalists define family in the narrow, traditional sense of a heterosexual union between a man and a female for the purpose of procreating the species.

"They're saying everyone should be this way or they're not family," Michael Wray of the All Family Coalition told the San Francisco Chronicle.

"It's an outrage for them to come into this city with the intention of fostering violence and war on those who stand against their hatred and war," Preston Wood, spokesperson for the All Peoples' Convention, was quoted.

"We feel that more than anything, this is an attack on the gay and lesbian community of San Francisco," he said.

"(The protesters) don't believe in freedom of speech, do they? They just want their freedom," responded Rev. Marvin Rickard, pastor of Los Gatos Christian Church.

The National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights scheduled for July 15 sent telegrams to the three Democratic Presidential candidates asking them to repudiate Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell.

At press time, none of the candidates had replied to the telegrams, which were followed up with phone calls to high-ranking campaign officials.

"We intend in 1984 to speak out against the oppression of our people in a manner the world must note by bringing tens of thousands of people from Castro Street to the convention site the day before the opening of the Democratic National Convention," said Gay labor activist Howard Wallace.

"We ask that those who believe Jerry Falwell and his anti-homosexual rhetoric should be rebuked march with us," Wallace continued. "We ask that those non-Gay people who support equality for our people march with us also."

The National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights has been endorsed by such national organizations as the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), National Organization for Women (NOW), Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC), Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL), National Federation of Parents and Friends of Gays, National Coalition of Black Gays, National Association of Business Councils, Black and White Men Together - International.

It has also been endorsed by the California Democratic Council, a statewide organization of Gay and non-Gay Democratic Clubs.

Scheduled speakers include NGTF executive director Virginia Apuzzo, longtime activist Morris Rights, AIDS persons Bobbi Campbell, and Bill Olwell, vice president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

The National March committee can be reached at 2301 Market Street, San Francisco 94114, telephone 415/663-5005.
AIDS funding in budget
Sacramento — California's new state budget contains about $50 million for AIDS-related funding. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dornan thought the figures were essential. He estimated that he would be able to reduce that to $40 million, which was $20 million less than a year ago. In addition, California and friends of AIDS-related programs, some of which are Telson (San Francisco) and the Gay community, asked for $20 million for AIDS-related projects in the Senate budget. The Governor has not yet announced his funding for the AIDS-related projects. The total for AIDS-related projects is $30 million.

State AIDS Funding in Jeopardy
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dear [name],

This country stands at a crossroads today. At this very moment, our troops are readied for combat around the world. Our nuclear arsenal is modern, with the power to end civilization in an instant. Yet, our people are not ready for the challenges that lie ahead. We must act now to ensure that our children will have a better future.

The Administration fights job training programs, vocational education, and any program that helps individuals adjust to the changes our economy is going through. While our people and communities suffer, the President tells us we are not prepared. This is a lie, and it is square with the facts. With your support, we can make the changes that are desperately needed.

The Administration is insensitive to the needs of poor and working people. Instead of long-range plans, there are program cuts and rhetoric about the importance of education. There are attacks on civil rights programs and nominees to high offices who are frequently insensitive to the public good. There must be a change.

As I write, Watergate is within a hair of winning the Democratic nomination. He is a decent, but dangerously cautious and ordinary man who, I believe, isn't the ghost of a chance of beating Ronald Reagan in November. His position papers are made of mud — old ideas promising to be fresh, though his connections and access are now transparent.

The White House crew are kicking off the 1984 campaign with the prospect of running against the record of Carter—Mondale. There is no reason to believe that the President would lose that tedious election.

If we want a change, we must vote for the candidate of either Walter Jackson or Gary Hart, the remaining Democratic candidates. Jackson, in my opinion, has a better campaign, presented better reforms, and has better understood our problems better than any candidate I have seen in recent years.

He has named the vote of the elderly, the young, and the inner-city neighborhoods, as well as the needs of the long-range trends of decades old assumptions that stagnate at the heart of our policies.

He has shown compassion and courage of the highest order. Despite threats of anti-Semitism, his commitment to the needs of all people is unimpeachable. I sincerely believe that he would have locked up the nomination long ago, were it not for the fact that Gary Hart changed the rules — "his" position papers are indeed original, and quite foolhardy in many areas.

He is honest, direct, and willing to stick his neck out on critical questions. As a result of his campaign for Gary is not as well known as that of Jackson, he has been taken by some and by that as the true friend of the American people. Yet, he has remained true to his principles and to the values of the American people.

He will win the presidency in November because he is a great campaigner with a vision to offer the American people, one of new alternatives and new solutions to inflation and economic problems. He will win because of the strong support of his coalition and the Republican political machine of the Reagan Administrations.

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But we must act decisively, be decisive, or vote for the alternatives that he represents. If we vote with politicians who sit on the fence, we will sit back and refuse to talk. If we want a change, we must act now to ensure that the Administration participates in the first time, because of the country's changing political landscape.

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Dear Friends:

My name is Marcy Dunek, and I am the President of the Tinker's Dream 13th annual picnic. I am writing to you to let you know about the picnic, and to invite you to come.

The picnic will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at 2:00 PM. The location is the Tinker's Dream Park, 1234 Main Street. We will be serving barbecued chicken with all the trimmings, as well as wine and soft drinks. We will also have a special surprise for everyone.

This picnic is for all ages, and we welcome pets. Please bring your own chair or blanket, and come and enjoy the day with us.

We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Marcy Dunek

President, Tinker's Dream 13th annual picnic
Out of the shadows... Reflections on the Rally
by Ron Schmidt

The sun at 6:30 a.m. penetrates the park with an easy tread. June 17 is just beginning. We move slowly at the base of the oak trees. Cluster of men, two or one woman, waiting, their voices unsteady under the whispers of the past like the leaves in the dawn breeze. The old, the new, the centurion, counting inward through each year’s cycle, arrived much like the sound of an ancient EKG, filtered through the shade of 10,000 men. The terror of two.

A pair of them no longer exist, the children stripped from them like the leaves from the oak. What natural galleys from which among the naked men as confused but untied. Vigilante conviction.


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The connection with violence does not end even there. Brother to John the Beloved, James, the beloved, in essence, he said he would...
Gay Games (or how to survive being booked)

by Becky O’Byrne

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The Real Estate Advisor

Goosestow Gazette

by Paul Wyczko

It's great to be back! While I was not always the walking wounded, at least I was not the walking dead! I found it was best to be honest and to be grateful for what I had instead of focusing on what I didn't. Now, back to business. We were going to talk about what happens when the couple's time together is over.

Let's look at a few possibilities:

1. The first, and most common way to split up is to sell the house.

2. If no agreement is reached, the couple must live on in close quarters with no intention of splitting up.

3. If the couple is in a shaky business relationship, they may want to split up.

4. The couple may want to split up if one should die.

In the event of a divorce, Don't forget to have an attorney help you decide what will happen to the house. In California, when a couple is considering divorce, they must divide the property equitably. If the property is sold, the proceeds will be split 50/50.

In the absence of a partnership agreement, the court will determine how to dispose of the property. If the couple owns the property, one party can force a "split-up" by bringing an equity lawsuit to divide the property. The court may order a "split-up" at any time if it is for the benefit of the other party.

In the event of a divorce, it's likely that the property will go to the surviving partner. The property may be divided into two equal shares.

There are many ways to handle the property, so be sure to discuss these options with an attorney before you decide.

In addition to splitting the property, there are other ways to settle the property. For example, if one partner wants to stay in the property, the other may buy out the property, or they may sell the property to a third party.

For couples who have a track record of cooperation and who have no problems in the relationship, the transaction can be a good and fair arrangement. It's simple, cheap to set up, and easy to handle.

Then there's the question of what to do with the money. A lot of people think they'll be able to buy a house, but in reality, you may find that you don't have enough money to buy a house, and you may end up renting.

Finally, there's the question of the property. The property is the most important asset in a marriage. If you think you'll be able to buy a house, you may be able to afford it. However, if you think you'll be able to rent, you may not be able to afford it.

In the end, it's up to you to decide what you want to do with the property.

Money Matters

Joint ownership: Clip joint?

by Ralph Miller

For many gay couples, there may be a need to discuss property from the moment they decide to live together. Regardless of whether or not there is a written contract, a verbal agreement may be just as binding. The reason for this is that the surviving partner gets the property without probate if the property is held in a name that is not the surviving partner's.

Property held in this manner may be a good idea, especially if you own a home and are planning to sell it. However, if you don't own a home, you may want to consider a living trust.

Living trusts are a way to hold property in your name while you are alive and have control over the property. However, if you are no longer alive, your estate may be subject to probate.

In the case of a joint ownership, the value of jointly owned property is taxable at the death of the first to die, but if the surviving partner is a part owner of the property, the property is subject to the state of California's inheritance tax.

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In the absence of a partnership agreement, the court will determine how to dispose of the property. If the couple owns the property, one party can force a "split-up" by bringing an equity lawsuit to divide the property. The court may order a "split-up" at any time if it is for the benefit of the other party.

In the event of a divorce, it's likely that the property will go to the surviving partner. The property may be divided into two equal shares.

There are many ways to handle the property, so be sure to discuss these options with an attorney before you decide.

In addition to splitting the property, there are other ways to settle the property. For example, if one partner wants to stay in the property, the other may buy out the property, or they may sell the property to a third party.

For couples who have a track record of cooperation and who have no problems in the relationship, the transaction can be a good and fair arrangement. It's simple, cheap to set up, and easy to handle.

Then there's the question of what to do with the money. A lot of people think they'll be able to buy a house, but in reality, you may find that you don't have enough money to buy a house, and you may end up renting.

Finally, there's the question of the property. The property is the most important asset in a marriage. If you think you'll be able to buy a house, you may be able to afford it. However, if you think you'll be able to rent, you may not be able to afford it.

In the end, it's up to you to decide what you want to do with the property.

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In The Offing...

by Ben Schmidt

Here at Ben's, the big day is done but not the job. The challenge continues. We're working on the Mountain Flats Tour (which includes Mountain View and Mountain View High School) and the Mountain View High School Alumni Association's annual picnic at the Mountain View VFW Post on Saturday, September 17, 1994.

Political Campaigns of the U.S. have been advertised in the newspaper. We have been advertising the Mountainside Tour, which includes Mountain View High School and Mountain View High School Alumni Association's annual picnic at the Mountain View VFW Post. Our efforts are ongoing.

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Your party goes on and on...
Summer Vacations

A vacation, a weekend away from home, or a business trip should be a pleasant experience for you and your family. You can make each trip more enjoyable and carefree if you take a few simple steps to reduce the possibility that your house will be burglarized or vandalized while you are gone. A vacation home can appear to be vacant — an appealing target to a burglar.

Before you leave on your vacation this summer, the San Jose Police Department recommends you do the following:

1. Arrange with a neighbor or relative to watch your house while you are gone, give them a key and let them know how you can be reached in case of an emergency. Give them a description and license number of your vehicle. Write their telephone number down so you can check with them during your trip.

2. Make arrangements to have your lawn mowed and watered while you are away. Have someone check daily to remove newspapers and circulars from your doorway and yard.

3. If you have valuables in your house, take them to your bank for storage in a safe deposit vault. Deposit extra cash in your bank account.

4. Make sure any broken windows, door locks or window locks are repaired, and are tightly secured before you leave.

5. Contact the San Jose Police Department Crime Prevention Unit for more details, or to start a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood.

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GGBA Statement on Bathhouse Issue

The Golden Gate Business Association Board of Directors has approved the following statement:

"The Golden Gate Business Association is deeply concerned with the grave crisis presented by the AIDS epidemic in communities throughout the United States.

"We urge our members to support and participate in the following activities:

(1) Efforts by both private and public agencies to educate the community as to risks, alternatives, and responsible health practices.

(2) Advocacy for increased local, state, and federal funding of research, educational efforts, and assistance and support for people with AIDS.

(3) Fund Raising for purposes of research, education, and assistance and support for people with AIDS.

"We firmly believe that education is the most positive agent for promoting continuing health in our communities. We firmly oppose any attempts to impose arbitrary regulation or closures upon bathhouses or other similar businesses. Such actions would be an unwarranted intrusion by government and pose a serious threat to civil liberties."