



Interview:

Claire Mix, singer/songwriter



Local singer/songwriter Claire Mix made a hit at Kevan's Lounge on Nov. 17. San Jose's homegrown talent will be performing in Oakland at Mama Bear's on Dec. 20 and in San Francisco at the Artemis on Dec. 21. Photo by Judy Lasky

By S. Jolene Nogales

I first heard of Claire Mix earlier this year — in this newspaper (Our Paper) with her humorous comic about life in the gay bars. Then I found out through my roommate Chris that Mix is also a songwriter and singer. Multi-talented? You bet!

In late July, I caught her performance at Jonah's Wail in downtown San Jose — which I might mention was a very good show. With her performance at Kevan's Lounge on Nov. 17, I decided to do an interview and find out more about this local talent that's venturing out to the big City later this month.

At Kevan's, we find a table and start to talk: Our Paper: So just a little bit about your family — where were you born?

Claire Mix: San Jose. 24 years, born and raised. It's all I've ever known — San Jose!

OP: Family? Brothers and sisters?

CM: Well, I have seven all together — my Mom and Dad, my older sister, my brother Eric who's 29, my twin Freda who will be 25 in February, and my little brother John, 22, and we have the dogs, a tortoise, and the little mouse that lives in the roof!

OP: Aside from performing, is there some other work that you do?

CM: Yes, but not for long — I throw pizzas in a pizza joint — Straw Hat on Campbell Avenue. It's getting really sticky, tiring in there. I want to do my music! I don't want to do pizza anymore.

OP: Just the music.

CM: Just the music. It's what's most important to me in my life.

OP: Anything about the origin of women's music you want to say?

CM: Well, I'll say this about my music, ok? I don't sing specifically women's music. It's been labeled that because of my radical stuff like "Lies, Lies, Lies" — which I've become popular for, that specific song — and about coming out of the closet. And I sing, "I'm So Glad I'm A Lesbian" — those are really women-oriented songs, yet most of my music isn't like that at all — it's people-oriented. I'm basically a people-oriented person.

I believe in women's music and the cause and women-identified music, because I identify with it so much. There's different categories of music — soul, country-western. I just lock myself

wherever I feel.

OP: As far as women's music, who has been your biggest influence?

CM: Meg Christian.

OP: Is she from the Bay Area?

CM: She works for Olivia Records. Meg Christian and Margie Adam for women's music — they have been in my writing. My biggest influence — Tret Fure has been the biggest influence in the sense, she's so damn cute on stage. I want to be just like her. I think she's gorgeous.

She keeps me going because it took her so long. When she was my age, she was struggling along. She got her first album out, and for ten years she stayed behind the scenes. And then she's redeveloping herself, and it put something in me: If she can do it, I can do it.

I want to do that. She's thirty-five years old, and she's looking fantastic. She's wonderful.

OP: And your audience, how have they responded to your music here in San Jose? What have they said to you?

CM: It's all been positive. In the last two years being public, only two people have said anything against my music, and it's only because of my radical and political stuff — because of certain words, they felt offended; and as far as I'm concerned, that's tough. I'm not going to please everybody, and I don't do it to hurt anybody.

I sing my music to make people laugh. If I hurt somebody, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you, I meant to make you laugh.

OP: You can't please everybody.

CM: No, you can't. It's been only two out of so many people. My audience reaction has been phenomenal, it's been wonderful. That's why I keep doing it.

OP: The support is there...

CM: Oh, the support is unreal! Especially with my family and friends.

OP: Where do you hope to see yourself in about ten years from now?

CM: I'd like to have at least ten



FROM MOUSTACHE TO MASCARA: It seemed like old times at the recent Closet Ball held Nov. 23 at the Unitarian Church in downtown San Jose. The festivities began with the contestants parading all over the place, as macho as time would allow. After the swarming was over, they were handed over to the mercy of the creators while entertainment was provided by the Hot Chocs, Nikki Nations, the I.R.S. girls, and Dennis Andrews as emcee. Mark A. Chapa, sponsored by Liedermann, took the Closet Ball Queen title. Robert Stockman, sponsored by Silver Fox, and Ron Gilford, sponsored by Desperados, were runners-up. Sponsors also received awards. Photo by Ted Sahl

albums out by then, keep writing my music and become national.

OP: Time for a concert plug — big finish here...

CM: On Dec. 20, I'll be at Mama Bears in Oakland — it's a bookstore/coffeehouse at 6536 Telegraph Avenue. The show starts at 8:00 p.m.

OP: Tickets?

CM: No tickets, just a donation at the door. [Phone (415) 428-9684 for information.] Then on Dec. 21, I'll be at the Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia in San Francisco. Tickets are \$2.40 and you can get them through me at (408) 866-1621. The show starts at 8. I hope all of San Jose comes! □

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## Choosing Our Battles

By Vic Basile

AIDS has come out of the closet and into the classroom, among other places, and, in so doing, has provoked one of those emotional debates that offers no easy resolution.

How we in the gay community respond to the issue of whether or not school-aged AIDS victims should be allowed to attend class is well worth examining, because it is the first of many very difficult issues to come.

Most of us have been quick to leap to the defense of the Ryan Whites of the world. With little hesitation, we have decided the fear and hysteria mounting in certain segments of society is unreasonable and unfounded.

Worse, we are equally quick to trace that fear and hysteria to anti-gay roots. In one fell swoop, we discount what's going on by ascribing it to prejudice rather than to more reasonable causes.

There are risks in that kind of knee-jerk reaction. Our community is in a highly vulnerable position these days, and the manner in which we respond to that will help to determine the sort of role we will play in affecting the changes in public perception (both of AIDS and the gay community) necessary to protect us from discrimination.

It is important that we fully understand the nature of the public's reaction to AIDS in recent weeks.

First, we must recognize that calls for quarantines and other such drastic and hysterical measures are coming from a vocal, but small, minority. The majority of the public is not panicking — at least, not at the moment.

Second, we have to appreciate the fact that the threat of AIDS is relatively new for the non-gay community.

Although we have known all along that AIDS is not a "gay plague," its incidence in the non-gay community has been infrequent (and minimized) until recently.

Gays have had roughly five years to come to terms with the disease. We know AIDS patients. We've shaken their hands, hugged them, gone to their funerals. We've grown accustomed to the issue.

But for the rest of society, AIDS never had a face until Rock Hudson gave it one. The thought of coming anywhere near an AIDS patient scares most people to death. That is to be understood.

People in non-gay society need time to learn how to deal with this issue. So rather than challenging them, we have to adopt the unlikely role of educating and leading them.

Third, and perhaps most important, most of the reactions we're hearing are not about gays, they're about AIDS.

We do ourselves no good whatsoever if we look at things only in terms of how they apply to our interests as a minority. If we truly want AIDS to be seen as a national issue, then we have to stop singling ourselves out.

There are hard days ahead. Public policymakers aren't going to be tiptoeing around the ambiguous concept of victims' civil rights for very long. As far as they're concerned, there are two types of people: AIDS victims and potential AIDS victims. And whose rights supercede the other's? Take a guess.

Several things have to be seen in perspective as this community assesses its current predicament. For one thing, we have tremendous challenges and limited resources so we have to choose our battles carefully.

Unilaterally supporting the admission of every child with AIDS to public school is not an issue we can be credible about. We should make our position known, but understand that — unless we have children of our own — the public isn't going to want to listen to us.

The issue of whether or not to allow baths and similar businesses to remain open is another loser. We simply cannot allow ourselves to be trapped in a draining and clearly unwinnable debate.

These will not be easy positions for our community to take. We've spent years fighting for our civil liberties, and to begin altering our course will not sit well with some of us. But we've got larger issues to worry about, like research and health care, life insurance, mandatory blood testing and employment policies. We've got to begin prioritizing.

We, also, have got to begin seeing the silver lining in this terrible cloud. Instead of looking at this crisis as a period of loss, we must see the opportunities for advancement which exist in the midst of it all.

We are the community most at risk from this disease, yet we are the least afraid. We are the ones who have suffered the most, yet we've kept our heads.

We have gallantly moved forward: educating ourselves, caring for our friends and lovers, lobbying the government for the necessary funds. While everyone from school superintendents to restaurant owners is in a frenzy, we are calm, reasonable and rational. We are an example for the rest of the world to follow.

By continuing our leadership on this issue, we present ourselves as a responsible community, confident about ourselves and the validity of our stand. But if we continue to pounce on every action as a violation of our civil rights, we come across as defensive and selfish.

A predictable cry of "discrimination" at every turn will spread us too thin and our credibility will diminish faster than this epidemic multiplies.

Of course, discriminatory measures have been and will continue to be applied. But we have to choose our battles strategically or we'll lose every one.

There is a frightening void of leadership today where AIDS is concerned. No one has stepped forward.

Information — much of it conflicting — is coming from different sources all over the world. Policies are being made in boardrooms, classrooms, councilrooms and bedrooms. An atmosphere of "every man for himself" is developing.

But in the middle of all this is the gay community, quietly raising money, housing victims, lobbying the government for funding, educating ourselves and others about safe sex, settling down and keeping our heads.

This is our — and the best — response to this crisis, and it is this we have to emphasize.

The time has come for this community to face some very cold, hard realities. We've done it before, and we can do it again.

And when it's all over, we can be better and stronger than ever. □

## A Gay Hannukah

Congregation Ahavat Shalom invites everyone to join in the Community Candlelight Ceremony & Celebration at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at 150 Eureka St. (near 18th St.) in San Francisco to celebrate Hannukah.

Hannukah, also known as the Feast of Lights and the Festival of Dedication, was first celebrated in 164 B.C.E. commemorating the victory of the Jewish Maccabees over the Seleucids. The Seleucids had controlled Jerusalem for approximately 150 years, had desecrated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, and prohibited the Jews to worship their faith.

When the Jews overthrew their oppressors and regained their autonomy and control of the Holy Temple, their most holy place of worship, the Jews cleansed and rededicated their Holy Temple.

The legend is told that when the Maccabees went to light the Temple candelabrum (a.k.a. "Hannukiah"), only enough oil to keep it aglow for one day was found; but miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days, and therefore the holiday is kept for eight days.

Today fried foods are popular for the holiday because cooking with oil is reminiscent of the Hannukah miracle. Plenty of traditional holiday foods will be available — from potato pancakes to jelly donuts.

Admission is free, but Congregation Ahavat Shalom asks that people bring non-perishable food items for their on-going AIDS Food Box to remember those among us who are not as fortunate as ourselves. Call (415) 621-1020 for more information. □

## Affirmation-SJ

Affirmation - Gay/Lesbian Mormons officially recognized the new San Jose chapter at the organization's annual conference in October.

Russ Lane, who was elected chapter director for 1986, expressed excitement at the great opportunity to reach out to the potentially two to three thousand gay and lesbian Mormons in the Santa Clara Valley — the overwhelming majority of which are still in the closet.

Everyone is welcome, whether Mormon or not. For information, call 279-6930 or 245-1407. □

# LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

### D.A.I.R. INFORM

Since my friend was diagnosed as having AIDS, I have been dealing with the people at the Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research Foundation (D.A.I.R.) in San Francisco. They have been very helpful to me.

D.A.I.R.'s Project Inform is a gay-community run test of Ribavirin and Isoprinosine, two drugs which show some promise of being effective in the treatment of AIDS and ARC, and which are currently unavailable in this country.

I think that information about D.A.I.R. and Project Inform might be very useful to others in the San Jose Gay Community, especially those who have AIDS, ARC and their friends. [Project Inform can be contacted at (415) 928-0293 or by writing D.A.I.R., 2336 Market St., Suite 33, San Francisco, CA 94114.]

By the way, I think that the Gay press needs to examine the AIDS groups that have sprung up and that will spring up in the future. I am sure that most of these groups are run by competent and honest people who are genuinely concerned about AIDS and AIDS victims.

But I remember what happened during the Gay Rights A&B Campaign a few years back and how the San Jose Gay Community got ripped off by a San Francisco political consulting firm.

I would like to see Our Paper keep an eye on these groups. I would like to know who is running these groups and what their backgrounds is.

I would like to know how much money they are collecting and where it is being spent. Are their staffs paid? Do they publish financial reports? Maybe they could publish their financial reports in Our Paper.

How are decisions made by the organization? Are members of the organization allowed to vote or are decisions made by one person.

If these groups operate under the umbrella of the Billy DeFrank Center, how are the different funds handled? Are steps being taken to avoid loss of funds and accounting mixups?

In San Francisco, some ugly politics seems to have sprung up between the groups dealing with AIDS and AIDS victims. Some of the groups are more concerned about themselves and their standing in the community than they are about AIDS and AIDS victims.

It would be nice if we didn't have that here in San Jose. I think that press attention to the groups, their founders and their objectives can help to avoid this problem here.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Bill  
San Jose

### A FUN FILLED EVENING

To say San Jose's first Closet Ball in years was just a fun-filled evening of entertainment would be an understatement. A huge success, wonderful, marvelous, "outrageous," and totally enjoyable would be much more appropriate.

This Closet Ball, an AIDS Benefit, was put on by the Imperial AIDS Foundation to raise money to help people with AIDS.

I had never been to a Closet Ball before, so I can't compare this one to any other. I can only comment solely on this Closet Ball.

For those of you who don't know what a Closet Ball is, it is a contest where male contestants are judged on how they look as men. Then given about an hour's time, they are taken off stage and transformed into "women" by their creators.

In the meantime, while all this is going on, various types of drag numbers, singing, guitar playing, and entertainment occurred.

One of the drag numbers that really impressed me was "All That Jazz," where one of our local stars Pat (Patrice) literally turned a near-tragedy into a professional triumph.

Equally impressive is the fact that two performers came all the way from San Francisco to help out by performing in this AIDS benefit.

Thank you, Connie and Camille. Also, hats off to Kevan, his singing was great, and to Jody, her singing and guitar playing, like Jody, was dynamite.

Well, after the men came back made up as women, the first place winner for Miss Closet Ball 1985 was Mark A Chapa, sponsored by The Liedermann - A Men's Chorus.

Close to one hundred people attended this event and from all aspects had a great time.

As happens at any event some people do get overlooked on getting thanked for work they have done.

Yolanda and other members of the IAF stated, "We of the Imperial AIDS Foundation would like to thank Steve Lahey (lighting), Jesse Contrera (video), all the judges, monitors, bartenders, and waiters and especially Brad, who took care of the downstairs area. Trophies provided by James and the I.R.S. Group."

Concerning thank-yous, I really thank you, Yolanda and all the people of the IAF for a wonderful evening at the Closet Ball and commend all of you for the hard work you are doing raising money to help the people with AIDS.

Sincerely,

Al Rattee  
Editorial Assistant  
Our Paper



## A fine Chorus Line at CLO

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy

San Jose Civic Light Opera has opened its 51st season with *A Chorus Line* and the show demonstrates a professionalism and precision which is a pleasure to watch.

The 1975 Marvin Hamlisch and James Kirkwood musical portrays the grueling and uncertain path to getting cast in the chorus of a Broadway show. It also brings up the spectre of what faces a dancer if he/she is injured or just gets too old to dance anymore. It is a good blend of comedy, drama and tragedy, lots of fine dancing, and some generally adequate characterizations.

Although the dancing is mostly an ensemble effort, the singing and acting is very much a solo affair. As each character steps forward to bare his soul to the casting director, Zach, very well and sympathetically portrayed by Scott Pearson, we see a solo performance. Some are very good, some less satisfying.

Easily the most memorable character in this production is Sheila, the aloof thirty-year-old, finely played by Debbie Wilson. Wilson is a wonderful dancer and holds us mesmerized with her poise and self-assurance. Unfortunately her singing is weak, and she wisely holds back in the trio "At The Ballet" so as not to damage the harmonies.

Val, the pert little blonde who opts for a body lift to help out her career, is wonderful in her song "Dance: Ten; Looks: Three" ("Tits and Ass"). She makes the most of each line, even overcoming the CPA's poor acoustics to sell her number.

Pamm Drake, as Diana the Puerto Rican girl, gives us a nice presentation of "Nothing," but the song is outside her vocal range, and the low notes are never heard. She also has pitch and vocal control problems in "What I Did For Love."

The role of Cassie, the featured dancer who is forced to return to the chorus line, is well played by Catherine Cooper. The solo dance "The Music and the Mirror" is somewhat disappointing, but she is very convincing in her emotional dialog with Zach, her former lover.

The uplifting effect of having two openly gay characters in the show has noticeably diminished since 1975. Perhaps it is the director's fault, that one is portrayed shallow and arrogant, and the other, Paul, Matthew Inge, as weak and unstable.

I certainly remember Paul's emotional confession of his life as a drag dancer to be heart-wrenching when I first saw the show. Here it is merely a sad and superficial story.

Kevin Blair is high-kicking as Mike in "I Can Do That," and

## Crimes of Over-Acting

Theatre Review by Rick Rudy

*Crimes of the Heart* (1980) apparently won a Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, but you would never guess it from the current production which opened Nov. 22 by the Palo Alto Players.

Billed as "a family drama filled with love," this play about three weird sisters in a small Mississippi town, is more of an exercise in over-acting than in developing and explaining the relations between the three estranged sisters.

The eldest sister, Lenny, played by Sherry Calma, is a spinster at thirty, tending her dying grandfather who brought up the girls after their mother hanged herself in the basement. Calma is alternately depressed and hysterical, hurling these emotions at the audience as if we had never seen them before and couldn't catch subtle hints.

The middle sister, Meg, played by Susan Taylor-Whitmore, is an out-of-work singer, back from "debaucheries" in California, and not ashamed of her unsavory reputation. Whitmore plays her with superficial energy. Every gesture or step looks contrived, and her "sincere advice" to her big sister seems very false.

Dotti Holland plays the youngest sister, Babe, who, at twenty-four, has married the town lawyer, then tried of him, shot him in the stomach.

This assault precipitates the action of the play. Holland plays Babe as clearly insane, and so can be excused for some over-acting, but she never shows any redeeming side, and so remains completely unsympathetic.

Paula Gray is amusing as the

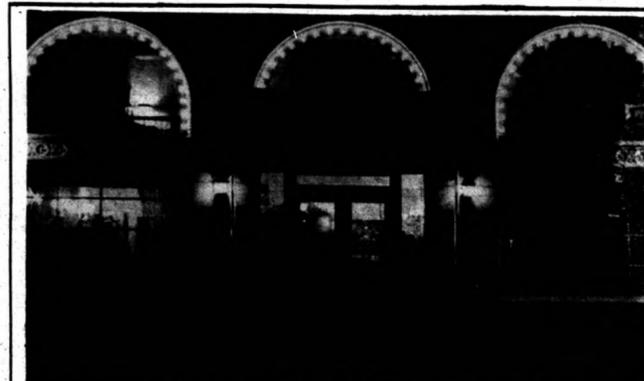
Leon Jackson a very energetic Richie.

Leslie-Anne Hallam, as Kristine the girl who can't sing on key, is a little too Carol Burnett-ish, and her rapid-fire duet with Al, Carlos Lopez, is completely unintelligible.

The finale reprise of "One" is pretty but lacks the punch expected, and the glittery gold costumes fit so poorly that the show would have been better off ending one number sooner, letting the performers take their bows in the costumes we recognize.

The ensemble work, though, is grand. The opening sequence "I Hope I Get It," and the lengthy "Hello Twelve, Hello Thirteen, Hello Love" show how a cast can come together and dance as if they have been doing it for years.

In all, this *A Chorus Line* is a fine start to a very demanding season at CLO. Watch for *Evita* in January, *Barnum* in March, and *The King and I* in April. □



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obnoxious cousin, Chick, who has no sympathy for the sister's problems. One can hardly blame her for that.

Nicholas Rempel is Barnette Lloyd, the young upstart lawyer who is to defend Babe. He is earnest but very willing to twist the truth to win his case. Rempel gets lost amid the crazies on stage.

Doc Porter, Meg's former boyfriend, left a cripple through

Meg's self-indulgent desire to brave out a hurricane in an unsafe hotel, is quite well played by Brad Whitmore.

Whitmore has country charm and warmth, and reacquaints us with unaffected acting. He is an oasis in a desert.

The direction by Sue Hale is heavy handed and lacks any subtlety. The play is a tedious two and three-quarter hours long,

and the bits of humor do little to relieve the overdone characterizations and exaggerated stage movements.

Perhaps you can select the appropriate punishment to fit these *Crimes*, which continue through Dec. 7 at the Lucie Stern Theatre, Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Coming in January is the Feydeau farce *A Flea in Her Ear*. □

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I attended the ARIS Project benefit on Dec. 2. Between the two showings of *Buddies* at Camera One, the AIDS Foundation of Santa Clara County officially went out of biz and turned its remaining assets over to ARIS. Jon Snell of *Desperados* very generously furnished the champagne for the reception so that we could "ring out the old and ring in the new" with a few nostalgic toasts.

After the Foundation's office closed, I never had a formal opportunity to thank those who donated so much time, energy, and money; so I'll sneak that "thank you" into this column. To the Board of Directors; to my predecessor Dave Steward (who, I'm sure, joins me in this thank you); to the staff (Susan, Davida, Ed, Sheila); to the volunteer nurses (Sandra, Margaret); to the gay business owners who threw fundraisers; to the representatives of the county's Health Dept. (Bernadette, Millicent, Gary, Bernie, David); to the donors, known and unknown; and, most especially, to the wonderful group of volunteers who toted and fetched and answered telephones and did all sorts of chores so willingly: a heartfelt THANK YOU!

"Love is above all the gift of oneself," it is said; you all gave of yourselves for those in our family who have been stricken with a terrible and insidious disease. For those of us — and others — who wish to continue to give that gift of love, ARIS offers a great opportunity. The organization will be holding the fourth of its Shanti trainings in January; call the numbers listed in the center-fold directory if you'd like to participate.

My mate Marilyn has an interesting personal perspective on the gay-sensitivity and caring of ARIS Project Board Chair, John Hester. John is the Roman Catholic chaplain at Stanford Hospital, where Marilyn's first mate — of twenty-one years — died of cancer. John administered Last Rites; in her grief and confusion, Marilyn forgot to thank him for his kindness and concern and always regretted that. She finally had occasion to see him again a few months ago, coincidentally at the Health Dept.'s meeting from which ARIS germinated.

So many things can happen in a matter of a couple of weeks. Perhaps you will recall I wrote an article stating that the *Boot Rack* was closing and Jack Britton would be focusing all his attention on his other establishment, *Mala Street Saloon*. A few days later Jack decided to get out of the Stockton Strip biz altogether; as of the first of January, David takes over the entire building with his restaurant, *David's*. I couldn't catch up with either David or Jack; my sources tell me that David plans to expand the restaurant by knocking out the hallway wall to the restrooms; the bar area will remain pretty much the same, except that only beer and wine will be sold.

And other changes afoot: MCC-San Jose will be looking for a new pastor come the end of January. Bob Copetake has resigned after some four years with the church. Best wishes, Brother Bob, with your future pursuits.

Speaking of MCC, you might want to take in the Christmas Eve candlelight service as a part of your holiday celebrations. The service begins at 10 p.m. on Dec. 24 in the sanctuary of Grace Baptist Church (corner of San Fernando and 10th Streets), preceded at 8 p.m. by a social hour and the munching of Christmas goodies.

*Dignity/San Jose* invites Lesbian and Gay Catholics and friends to celebrate the season with their group. It is their 3rd anniversary, and their *Come Home for Christmas* schedule of events includes two Saturdays: Liturgy & Healing Service at 6 p.m. on Dec. 14; Liturgy, Potluck & guest speaker Michael Lopes, O.P. on AIDS Ministry, beginning at 6 p.m. on Dec. 21 (or just come at 7 p.m. with your favorite dish for the potluck). Midnight Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 24, preceded by candlelit Christmas music at 11:30 p.m. All events held at the Campus Christian Center, 10th and San Carlos, downtown San Jose. For more info, call Joan at (408) 298-0204 or Michael (408) 225-9607.

The Rev. Randy Hill of Holy Trinity Community Church sez his congregation is also planning a Christmas Eve service at the Billy DeFrank Community Center. The service begins at 10 p.m. followed by a midnight potluck.

Don't forget the "Toy Mountain Benefit Performance" at the Interlude on Dec. 14. The show begins at 8 p.m.; your admission ticket is a toy or cash donation for "Toys for Tots." I erred in my last column; recording artist Don TiBeaux is the featured performer for this evening.

Yet another error (a columnist's life is fraught with deadline-induced mistakes): Jennifer's Kitchen in Santa Clara has not as yet opened and is still in a holding pattern.

A note from my "I-wish-straight-people-would-grow-up" file: I have this weird job at the moment, the latest in a seemingly endless procession of odd jobs while I've been trying to make a career switch. Anyway, I'm the graveyard "Dorm Mother" for about 75 young women who are trying to make something of their lives on a second-chance basis, having sorta botched the attempt the first time around. And, of course, there're gay youngsters in residence just as there are gay people in any population. One of the other residence advisors was talking about her 3-hour marathon "counseling" session with a couple of young lesbians (read that as "prurient fascination with the perverts"), after which another advisor exclaimed, "Ugh! Were they kissing each other in front of you? If I'da been there, I'da vomited."

I got stuck working over the Thanksgiving holiday — even a couple of double shifts. Only some 16 kids were left in the dormitory, having no place to call home — the place, according to Robert Frost, "where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." Marilyn and I put together some of our leftovers from Turkey Day and took them into the dorm one eve for a "midnight snack."

No, we did not kiss each other in front of anyone, but I am poised on the brink of coming out to the kids, which I have already done with my supervisors; so I figured it wouldn't hurt the kids to meet my mate and learn that gay people are pretty much just folks like everyone else.

For next time: I'll be doing a round-up of the New Year's Eve activities so you'll know "where it's at" on that last opportunity for festivities in the Year 1985.



Imperial AIDS Foundation Board of Directors. Closet Ball 1985

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## Feminist Lesbians & Older Lesbians

The Feminist Lesbian Social Group monthly potluck is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at Suzanne's house in Mountain View. Call 415/961-1781 for directions.

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S.O.L. discussion topics are as follows:

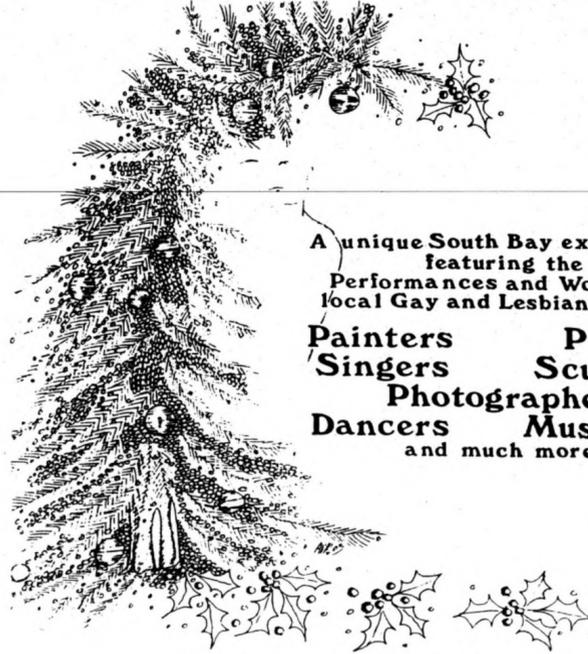
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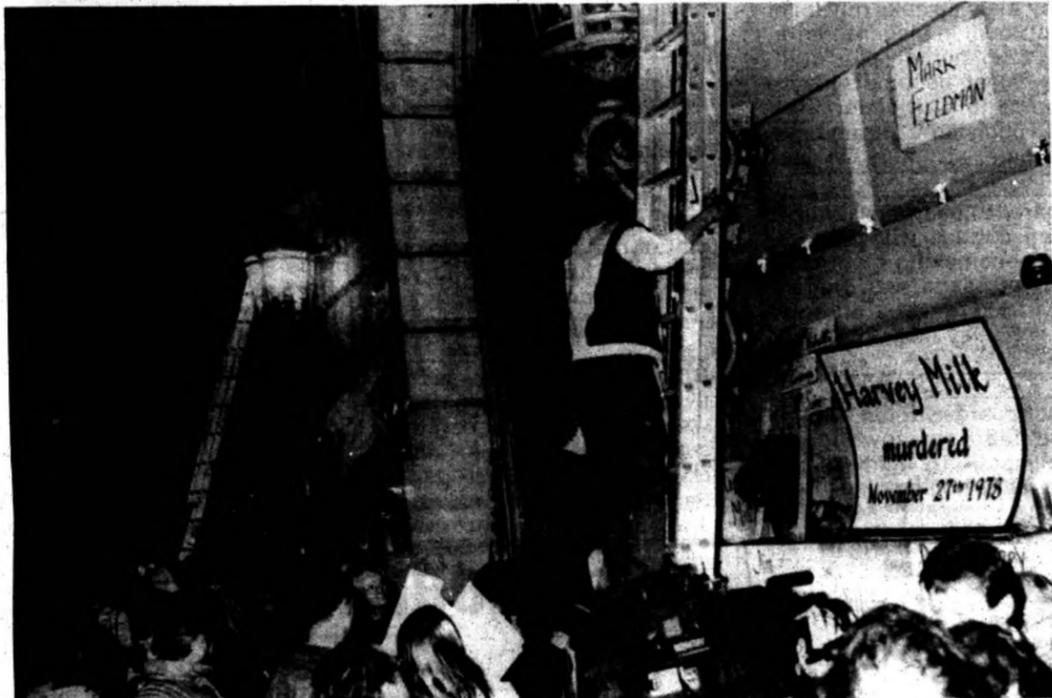
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## IGHC baths will regulate sex in common areas of health clubs

**Indianapolis** — The Independent Gay Health Clubs of America (IGHC) has adopted a position paper stating that its members "will regulate promiscuous, anonymous, unsafe sexual activity that might occur in areas" not leased to individual patrons.

The new policy statement, drafted by founder and current president Stan Berg, was passed unanimously by the IGHC board of directors in November.

IGHC vice-president Sal Accardi, general manager of San Jose's Watergarden, noted, however, that "club owners do not possess the legal power to regulate activity that occurs behind the closed doors of private rooms."

The IGHC also made it clear that it would follow any course necessary to prevent unreasonable governmental interference in the operation of its member clubs.

In a letter to its members, the IGHC board noted that club owners who did not sign a pledge and enforce the new policy would face automatic expulsion from IGHC membership.

The letter gave owners six months in which to modernize their facilities or face expulsion.

Non-member gay health clubs were also sent the position paper and requested to sign and return the pledge. The IGHC is compiling a list of clubs supporting the new policy.

Clubs endorsing the position paper will be supported by the IGHC in the event governmental authorities attempt to interfere with their legitimate operation, but "no substandard clubs will be allowed to join" the IGHC.

Accardi stated that he "will not support those few clubs which do not meet the high standards required by the IGHC."

The IGHC expects to "more than double its current membership," according to Berg, "because the gay community is becoming more cognizant of the safety inherent in attending IGHC member clubs."

Early support for the IGHC position paper has come from Jack Campbell, founder of the Club Body Centre chain, and from Gerry Goulet, founder of the Southern California Bathhouse Owners Association. □

## FORTUNES

By Tycho

**ARIES (March 21 - April 20)** The lesson to be learned is the limitation of generosity; and rather than reacting negatively, you are able to view what needs to be done as an intelligent way of taking care of yourself, while doing your best for others. Good for you, Ram.

**TAURUS (April 21 - May 20)** You and your partner definitely need to work things out. The problem is primarily one of who's responsible for what, who gets, who gives, and so on. That's no news for you; the importance of resolving it should be. Unless partner is a Leo or a Capricorn, it should be easy.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)** A bit of the old schizo Gemini rears its double head. You just can't believe your good fortune, can you? You start questioning things that you have to invent questions for! No wonder none of the answers sound right. Ask a Sagittarian for some advice.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 22)** Your wide-eyed approach to life is not without danger. There's scheming or deception in your world, and you need to narrow your focus a bit in order to confront or deflect it. A man with seemingly good intentions may not be as good as he seems — intentionally.

**LEO (July 23 - August 22)** Home is where you want to be, and if you aren't there, you should be working on a way to get there. If in any relationships in your life there is any kind of separation, now is the time for reconciliation. Home is where the heart is; mend the broken ones and come together.

**VIRGO (August 23 - September 22)** Good fortune on the financial front could lead to some strange results in other areas. Maybe you'll broaden your world by buying something you never considered before; maybe you'll combine your money with someone new on a venturesome venture. Interesting!

**LIBRA (September 23 - October 22)** Look who's the leader of the pack! Your executive qualities come to the fore now, and are recognized by those who need and admire you. Advice and aid can be found in many different areas. You've got the know-how that's needed.

**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21)** You are entering into a period of deep understanding — just the kind of understanding you deep Scorpios love. Your life comes into a crystal clear focus that makes you realize the need for some basic changes. You'll know what they are without question.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21)** You'll receive an answer that you've been waiting for. It may come in an unexpected way or from an unlikely source, so keep those bright eyes and keen ears open. Let yourself be surprised, amazed, delighted; this could be the start of something big.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19)** Based on what you've recently retrieved or learned about your past, your equipment is now complete for making concrete plans about the future. The world of responsibility and decision is no longer terrifying territory; you have a road map to lead you.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18)** That new person in your life is making a terrific impact. Your self-image and the way you see others are deeply affected by him or her. There's much to be learned and enjoyed when sharing new ways of seeing. Together, you can do wonders.

**PISCES (February 19 - March 20)** Someone older or younger than you enters your life demanding your time and knowledge. Your first reaction may be altogether negative. Try to see the value of the interchange, and allow yourself to be persuaded. Be a teacher and a student at the same time. □

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## PAT NORMAN

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AIDS," she said. "That information was not being released — that in fact Hepatitis was causing people to die from blood transfusions..."

Because the gay community on a national level demanded safe blood for everyone, the HTLV-III blood test was developed, Norman asserted. "It would never have happened unless the gay community had pushed for it."

"We now have this whole rift that is being created to target and identify gay people," Norman said. "What are you doing, why is it you are focused again on targeting people, isolating and quarantining people, when you should be putting your time and energy into finding a way to stop the virus?"

"If you're going to spend \$15 million, then why wouldn't you spend \$15 or \$115 or \$1000

million to protect all people from getting this disease, instead of trying to use outmoded techniques to isolate and quarantine and scapegoat a whole group of people?"

"You must punish these people: that's the underlying message," Norman concluded, "Let's punish those people!"

Following Pat Norman's speech, she answered questions from the audience. One individual took over the question-and-answer period and tried to turn it into a private debate with Norman.

This writer recognized him as being a member of Lyndon LaRouche's National Democratic Policy Committee.

It was Mike Raijo, the same person who was camped out in front of the Campbell Post Office with "Spread Panic, Not AIDS" material last month. □

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